

## NICOLE PERDUE



Nicole Perdue is Of Counsel to Perdue and Kidd. Nicole focuses her practice on civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on employment, appellate, and family law matters. With more than two decades of trial and appellate experience, she is known for her persuasive writing, strong negotiation skills, and clear and compelling oral advocacy and courtroom skills.

Nicole is also routinely appointed as guardian ad litem in Texas state and federal district courts. Serving in this capacity for over 20 years, she has represented the interests of minor plaintiffs in complex litigation from mediation through final resolution of the case. By carefully considering the issues and nuances of each case and thoughtfully weighing investment options for settlement funds, Nicole has earned a reputation as a skilled and tenacious advocate for minor children by the families she serves and in the legal community.

Nicole graduated with honors from Texas A&M University in 1992 and received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from South Texas College of Law in 1996.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- PERDUE AND KIDD, Of Counsel, 2004-Present
- GARDERE, WYNNE, SEWELL (now FOLEY& LARDNER LLP), Senior Associate, 1997-2004
- FIRST COURT OF APPEALS, Briefing Attorney for the Honorable Michael H. Schneider, Chief Justice, 1996-97
- SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, Briefing Clerk for the Honorable Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice, 1995

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- STATE BAR OF TEXAS
- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Labor & Employment Section
- TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION, Labor & Employment Section, Family Law Section
- HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, Labor & Employment Section
  - Former Chair, Lawyers in Public Schools
  - Former Member, Adopt an Angel Program Committee
  - Former Member, Speakers Bureau Committee
  - Former Member, Special Olympics Auction Committee
- UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Honorary Alumnae
- WOMEN'S ENERGY NETWORK, Houston, Former Member

### COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Legal Analysis & Writing Committee, 2020-Present
- Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Board of Directors, 2012-20
- Planned Parenthood Texas Action Fund, Board of Directors, 2013-20
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, Judge, 2014-19
- St. John's School, Advancement Committee, 2012-22
- River Oaks Prop. Owners Assn., Board of Directors, Pres. 2013-15, Sec. 2011-13, Member Director 2011-17
- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 55, Houston, Troop Advisor, Merit Badge Counselor, 2012-Present
- Citizens Schools, Texas Board of Advisors, Chair, 2012-16
- Chair, Citizens Schools Breaking the Boundaries Luncheon, 2012
- St. John's School, Chairman 2011-12 Annual Fund (2.9 million)
- The Beacon, Board of Directors, 2011-16
- River Oaks Area Democratic Women, Member 2006-16
- Co-Chair, Children's Museum of Houston, Annual Families Luncheon, 2007
- Advisory Board of Directors, Children's Museum of Houston, 2005-11
- Chair, SEARCH Annual Luncheon, 2007
- Board of Directors, SEARCH, 2005-07

- Fund Development Committee Member, DePelchin Children's Center, 2006
- Chair, University of Houston Law Gala, 2006
- Chairman of the Board, Children at Risk, 2003-06
- Chair, Children at Risk, Public Policy & Law Center, 2006
- Chair, Children at Risk 2002 and 2003 Accolades Luncheon
- Chair, Fireball! 2005 Annual Fundraiser for Glasstire-Fresh Arts Coalition
- Chair, Girls, Inc., 2003 Strong, Smart, and Bold Annual Luncheon
- Underwriting Chair, Girls, Inc., 2005 Strong, Smart, and Bold Annual Luncheon
- Board of Directors, Girls, Inc., 2003-05
- Advisory Board of Directors, Girls, Inc., 2005-06
- Board of Advisors, University of Houston, Moores School of Music, 2005
- Co-Chair, Houston Symphony, 2004 Magical Musical Morning
- Co-Chair, Auction Committee, 2004 TIRR Gala
- Co-Chair, Auction Committee, 2002 TIRR Gala
- Co-Chair, St. Paul's School Annual Fundraising Committee, 2004
- Committee Member, Auction Committee, 2000 Houston Ballet Ball
- Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law, 1996-2000
- Vice-President, South Texas Law Review Alumni Association, 1997-2000
- Committee Member, Lawyers in Public Schools, 2001
- Member, Chi Omega Alumni Association
- Member, Amigos de las Americas Alumni Association
- Member, Houston Symphony League, 2005
- Member, Zoo Friends, Provisional Member, 2005
- Member, The Briar Club Swim & Youth Committee, 2005
- Member, The Briar Club Membership Committee, 2005

## **EDUCATION**

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW, Houston, Texas

Doctor of Jurisprudence, *magna cum laude*, 1996

- South Texas Law Review, Chief Note & Comment Editor
- National Order of Barristers, Member
- The Order of Lytae, Member
- Moot Court National Championship, Best Brief, Best Advocate, Best Team
- Spurgeon Bell Moot Court Competition, Best Brief, Best Advocate
- William F. Starr National Moot Court Competition, Best Advocate
- AIG National Moot Court Competition, Best Advocate, Best Brief
- Texas Moot Court National Invitational, Best Advocate, Best Brief, Best Team
- F. Lee Bailey National Moot Court Competition, Best Advocate, Best Team
- ABA National Moot Court Competition, Finalist, Best Brief, Best Advocate, Best Team

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and English, Honors, 1992

- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Sigma Tau Delta (Scholastic Honor Society, English)
- Lambda Pi Eta (Scholastic Honor Society, Communications)
- Women's Cross-Country, PACE Team
- Chi Omega Fraternity, Personnel Officer, 1991

## **PERSONAL LIFE, HOBBIES, AND INTERESTS**

Married to Jim Mac Perdue, Jr.

Mother of three sons: William (22); John (20); and Charles (18)

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