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Tawanna Lynn Cesare began her legal career as an associate with Cantey Hanger from 2003-2007, following a summer clerkship. During that time, she focused on business and commercial litigation matters, including banking, construction, trademark infringement, insurance and personal injury defense. Drawing on her litigation skills, Ms. Cesare developed a successful family practice in the years prior to returning to Cantey Hanger.

PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Family Law

EDUCATION

- Texas Wesleyan School of Law, J.D. 2003 “Outstanding Student of the Year” Maclean & Boulware scholarship, 2003
- Northwood University, B.B.A. 2000, summa cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Ms. Cesare has extensive experience in Family Law and commercial litigation. The past eight years she has focused primarily on family law matters, including complex divorce and property settlement, representation of high net worth individuals, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, domestic and international child custody matters, terminations and adoptions, paternity establishment, child support, grandparents’ rights, modifications and collaborative law. Ms. Cesare also has a significant business litigation practice.

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed to practice law in Texas in 2003
- Admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

- Admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Recognized as a Top Attorney in Family Law by Fort Worth, Texas Magazine
- Named Top Attorney by 360 West Magazine
- Designated as a Texas Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyer Magazine
- 2027 President of the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association
- Member of the Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member of the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association and former past president
- Honorary Member and Past Chair of the Board for Family Pathfinders, Inc. of Tarrant County
- Member of Collaborative Divorce Texas

NEWS

- 16 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Honored by Peers as Top Attorneys
- Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine
- 13 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed at "Top Attorneys" in the 360West July, 2018 Publication
- Tawanna Cesare, Laura Hallmon, and David Speed have been elected Equity Partners at Cantey Hanger LLP

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Tarrant County 30th Annual Bench Bar Conference 2025: Divorcing a Pro Se
- Marriage Dissolution Institute's 46th Annual Conference 2024: Divorce a Pro Se