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Noelle L. Garsek Winstead PC

**Tell us about your prop.**

My children, ages 4 and 1 1/2, their artwork and a chair from their little table where we spend lots of time.

Where did your first paycheck come from?

Gerland's, a grocery store in Houston. I surprised my parents when I applied for a job.

What is another profession you would like to try?

TV or film production or writing.

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Noelle Garsek joined the Dallas office of the Winstead PC law firm as an associate attorney in the firm's real estate development and investments practice group in 2001, right out of law school.

By 2009, she had been promoted to shareholder.

Garsek's legal experience includes all aspects of commercial real estate, with an emphasis on acquisitions, dispositions and development of real property, commercial leasing transactions and health care real estate.

Garsek says she has been fortunate to work with a great team at Winstead.

"Our firm takes a team-oriented approach, working together across offices and practice groups, to deliver the best service to our clients," she says. "We have a wonderful culture at Winstead, one that is pretty unique to a large law firm of our size."

Garsek received her law degree cum laude from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. She moved to Winstead's Fort Worth office in 2010 to lead the firm's commercial real estate practice in Tarrant County.

"We are very proud of Noelle's accomplishments," says Kevin Sullivan, Winstead chairman and CEO. "Her clients consistently rave about her work and attentiveness and she is a key part of our success in growing our Tarrant County presence."

Garsek has held various management roles at Winstead, including serving as the law student hiring attorney in the Dallas office for several years, participating in the firm's women's initiative, serving as a mentor for young associates and participating in Leadership Winstead, the firm's leadership development program. The mother of two takes seriously her responsibility to be a good role model, particularly for women in the legal profession.

"There are challenges we face that are unique to women, and I've realized this is not necessarily a bad thing, but presents a different set of issues we just have to deal with," Garsek says. "I am lucky to have very strong women in my family who have taught me by example the values of hard work and perseverance, and the importance of being gracious. I hope I serve as the same type of role model for my daughter and my son."

- Rob Robertson