

Rene Sigman recently joined Merlin Law Group and is the Regional Litigation Manager running the firm's Texas operation.

From small disputes to complex multi-million dollar litigation, Sigman is known for her tenacity, dedication, and unbeatable work ethic in handling every case she touches. She holds her clients' best interest at heart and her passion for bringing justice to her clients has earned her many accolades and awards within her field and among her peers over the last 16 years.

The cases entrusted to her have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in recovery and settlements and she has extensive experience in handling all facets of discovery, including depositions, hearings, and trials. Sigman is one of the few attorneys that has ever tried a Hurricane lawsuit in Texas. Her trials have also included Breach of Contract, First Party Bad Faith, and UIM cases against insurance companies.

Her drive to be the best and do the best for her clients comes in part from her unconventional upbringing. Born and raised in Texas, Sigman was one of two daughters raised by her single mom, who was an immigrant and came to America to live the American dream. Through hard work, her mother became a US citizen and built and maintained her own business for 45 years. At a young age, Sigman was taught the importance of education, discipline, and hard work—It was the example that surrounded her. At the age of 11, Sigman aspired to be an advocate and her aspirations to be a top attorney brought her to South Texas College of Law for its Nationally ranked advocacy program. She graduated from law school with the top award bestowed upon an advocate, "Dean's Outstanding Advocate Award."

Over the last decade, her work ethic led to several appointments as plaintiffs' liaison counsel and steering committees in various Hurricane and Hail Storm Multi-District Litigation throughout Texas. Sigman was instrumental in establishing case management orders used by Harris County, Montgomery County, Fort Bend County, Jefferson County, and Galveston County during Hurricane Ike Litigation. She was appointed Plaintiff Liaison Counsel in those counties for purposes of negotiating, drafting, meeting, and conferring on Hurricane Ike Litigation on behalf of the Plaintiffs' bar. As liaison counsel, she met with opposing counsel and the courts to establish procedure and protocol for the handling thousands of Hurricane, Wind, and Hail lawsuits from the beginning of litigation through trial. The case management orders created during this process have been adopted and modified throughout the state of Texas. Additionally, in 2014, Sigman became licensed as an attorney in New York to assist those effected by Hurricane Sandy.

Today she is recognized as one of the best policyholder insurance lawyers in Texas and beyond. She has been named to Super Lawyers and "Texas Rising Star" lists for seven consecutive years from 2011 to present, an achievement gained through her dedication to her clients' cause and recognition among her peers for outstanding results in consumer protection and insurance.