

## Mary Jo Cantu

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Mary Jo Cantu is an attorney at Bressler, Amery & Ross. Mary Jo has more than twenty years of experience in trial, arbitration and appellate matters. She is licensed to practice in Texas state courts, the Southern and Northern Districts of Texas, the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to joining Bressler, Mary Jo was Senior Counsel in the appellate section of Locke Lord. She started her career in the litigation section of Gardere in Dallas, and then moved to Houston where she handled litigation and appellate matters at Hutcheson & Grundy.

Mary Jo is a 1991 graduate of The University of Texas School of Law. She received undergraduate degrees in English and Finance from Southern Methodist University in 1988. Mary Jo grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, The Houston Bar Association, and serves on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

### Awards & Accolades

- Included in the list of the *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, 2024
- Selected to the list of *Martindale-Hubbell AV*<sup>®</sup> Preeminent lawyers

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### Experience

Mary Jo has experience representing corporate clients in the securities, financial and other industries in their disputes with their customers, competitors and employees. She has handled numerous business tort disputes such as breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference with contract, and theft of trade secrets. She focuses on summary judgment and

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Commercial  
Litigation

Expungements

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions  
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Financial Institutions Internal  
Investigations

Financial Institutions Litigation  
and Arbitration

FINRA Employment  
Arbitrations

Labor & Employment Law

Retail Client Relationships

Senior & Vulnerable Investor  
Group

### EDUCATION

- The University of Texas  
School of Law, Austin,  
Texas, 1991
- Southern Methodist  
University, 1988
  - BA: English
  - BBA: Finance

appellate proceedings. Mary Jo believes in finding the most economical and practical solutions for her clients.

## News & Alerts

52 Bressler Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2024, Including 2 “Lawyer of the Year” and 16 “Ones to Watch”  
Firm News, 08.17.2023

## Professional Affiliations

- The Houston Bar Association
- Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

## Get to Know Mary Jo

Mary Jo enjoys travel, birdwatching, and cooking with wine.

## ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

U.S. District Court Southern  
District of Texas

U.S. District Court Northern  
District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals 5th  
Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court