

**D**allas attorney Mary Alice McLarty is a staunch defender of the jury system and has made it her mission to protect what she believes are our dwindling individual rights.

**TRIAL LAWYERS ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE** "Corporate America loves to attack trial lawyers," she says, "because we are the last bastion of freedom for the little guy and the only people holding big corporations accountable. America has been built on the Founding Father's dream of freedom, but now we are at a time when more individual rights are being taken away than ever before. The contingency fee system is the only way we can insure that you don't have to be rich to get your measure of justice in this country."

McLarty is on the Board of Governors of the American Trial Lawyers Association. When not representing clients, she devotes a large share of her time and money to lobbying the state and federal legislatures on behalf of the ordinary citizen. Personal injury, medical malpractice, school violence and sexual assault are of particular interest to her.

Most people don't realize how many of their rights have been eroded recently, she explains. Caps on jury awards, waivers forcing people to give up their rights to use the jury system to sue, and attempts to undo contingency fees are all attacks on consumers, she argues.

"At almost every meeting of the state legislature and Congress, they are taking away people's rights," McLarty says. "The changes that are being made benefit big business at the expense of the citizen."

**REPRESENTING REGULAR PEOPLE** McLarty believes in caring about her clients and 'fighting like a bulldog.' She practices personal injury law, with emphasis on trucking and automobile accidents,

sexual assault, head and brain injuries, RSD injuries, hazing and assault injuries, and nursing home negligence. She is careful to maintain a case load which allows her to give optimum attention to each individual client.

## FIGHTING AGAINST THE CURRENT ASSAULT ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

McLarty is joined in her practice by Amy Bryant Lauten, who focuses on deceptive trade practices, real estate fraud, first party homeowners insurance claims, and insurance bad faith cases. In addition, Dr. Andrew Gross serves of counsel for the firm, focusing on medical negligence and credentialing cases.

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McLarty named to Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

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