



## Emily Willms Rogers

### MANAGING PARTNER

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### Attorney Overview

Emily focuses her practice in the areas of water and environmental law. From permitting to transactional matters, Emily has extensive experience representing cities, river authorities, and water districts in matters involving surface and groundwater rights, water and wastewater utility matters, and industrial and municipal solid waste disposal cases.

Emily also counsels clients on open meetings/open records issues and provides general counsel services to several city and water district clients. Board Certified in Administrative Law, Emily represents clients before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Public Utility Commission, and the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

### Career Highlights

- ◆ Board Certified – Administrative Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- ◆ Former Staff Attorney at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (predecessor agency to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)
- ◆ Recipient of the 2017 Texas Water Conservation Association President's Award

### Representative Experience

- ◆ Represented water district, city and private clients seeking to obtain new or amend existing surface water rights before the TCEQ and SOAH
- ◆ Represented clients in contested TPDES wastewater permitting cases
- ◆ Represented cities before the TCEQ and PUC in obtaining and amending water and sewer Certificates of Convenience and Necessity
- ◆ Represented cities before the TCEQ and PUC in the acquisition of the CCNs, facilities and customers from water supply corporations and other utilities
- ◆ Represented cities and water districts in wholesale water supply and sewer treatment contract negotiations



### Practice Areas

- ◆ General Counsel
- ◆ Cities
- ◆ Water Law
- ◆ Environmental
- ◆ River Authorities & Water Districts
- ◆ Groundwater Conservation Districts

### Education

- ◆ University of Houston Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*
- ◆ Southwest Texas State University, M.A. in History, with honors
- ◆ The University of Texas B.A. in History

### Admissions

- ◆ Supreme Court of Texas, 1997
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- ◆ Western District of Texas

- ◆ Represented cities and water districts in adopting impact fees, water and sewer extension ordinances, and pretreatment ordinances
- ◆ Defended cities' out-of-city water and sewer rates

## **Organizations & Involvement**

- ◆ President's Award (March 2017) - Texas Water Conservation Association
- ◆ Co-Chairman of the 2019 Changing Face of Water Law
- ◆ Member of the Planning Committee for the Changing Face of Water Law (formerly Changing Face of Water Rights) - 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- ◆ Member of the Planning Committee for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Texas Water Law Institute's Texas Water Law CLE
- ◆ Member of the Planning Committee for the 2013, 2017, and 2019 TRWA/TWCA Water Law Seminars
- ◆ 2015-2017 TWCA Water Law Committee Chairperson
- ◆ TWCA Board of Directors Member (2017-2020)
- ◆ Reporter on Water Law Developments in Texas for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Water Law Newsletter
- ◆ Water Quality and Water and Wastewater Utility Recent Development Columnist for the State Bar of Texas Environmental Law Journal
- ◆ State Bar of Texas (Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section and Natural Resources, Environmental, and Water Law Section)
- ◆ Houston Law Review, Articles Editor
- ◆ Texas Water Conservation Association - Member

## **Recent Publications & Presentations**

- ◆ *This is Jeopardy: Who's Who and What's What in Water*, Speaker for Texas Bar CLE 19th Annual Changing Face of Water Law (February 22-23, 2018)
- ◆ *Case Law Update*, Co-Speaker for Texas Groundwater Summit (August 29-31, 2017)
- ◆ *Legislative Wrap Up*, Speaker for TWCA Mid-Year Conference, (June 14-16, 2017)
- ◆ *Court Addresses Reuse Permitting Requirements in the Brazos River Basin*, Author for TWCA Confluence Newsletter (April 1, 2017)
- ◆ *Brazos River Authority System Operation Permit*, Speaker for TWCA 73rd Annual Convention (March 1, 2017)
- ◆ *Issues Out of BRA SysOps*, Speaker for Texas Bar CLE 18th Annual Changing Face of Water Rights (February 23-24, 2017)
- ◆ *Surface Water: Case Law Update & TWCA Surface Water Committee Legislative Preview*, Co-Author/Speaker for TWCA/TRWA Water Law Conference (January 11, 2017)
- ◆ *CCN Updates Panel: Decertification & Compensation*, Panel Moderator for TWCA/TRWA Water Law Conference (January 11, 2017)
- ◆ *Legal Issues with Permitting Amenity Ponds*, Author/Speaker for UTCLE Texas Water Law Institute (November 3, 2016)