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Attorney Overview

Kelli focuses her practice on litigation for public and private entities. Kelli advocates for clients in constitutional matters, contractual disputes, employment lawsuits, property disputes, and various tort matters. She also has experience drafting ordinances and with open government issues, including public information requests. Kelli has experience in state and federal court, where she has argued various motions, drafted dispositive and appellate briefs, and defended and taken depositions. Prior to joining BHDA, she worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the General Litigation Division, where she represented the State of Texas, its officials, institutions, and employees in numerous constitutional and employment litigation matters.

Kelli attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned both her Bachelor of Journalism and J.D. During law school, Kelli participated as a member of the trial advocacy program and interscholastic mock trial team. She also served as managing editor of the Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law and as a student attorney for low-income migrant workers in the Transnational Worker Rights Clinic. Kelli is an active member of the Austin Young Lawyers Association, the Barbara Jordan American Inn of Court, and Texas Exes.

Career Highlights

- Former Assistant Attorney General, General Litigation Division, Office of the Attorney General of Texas (2015-2017)

Organizations & Involvement

- Austin Bar Association / Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Travis County Women Lawyers Association
- Texas Exes
- Barbara Jordan American Inn of Court

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Employment
- Higher Education
- Cities
- Counties
- Open Government

Education

- University of Texas, Bachelor of Journalism (with honors)
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D.

Admissions

- Supreme Court of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas

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Recent Publications & Presentations

- *Employment Law Basics,* V.G. Young School for Tax Assessor-Collectors, 2018
- *Updating Your Right of Way Ordinance,* Texas City Attorneys Association Conference, 2018
- *Basic Employment Law for Managers,* V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts, 2018