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Attorney Overview

Kimberly Kelley practices in the areas of municipal, open government, water, and environmental law, among others. She is a frequent speaker on topics ranging many areas of public law, from compliance with open meetings/open records laws to municipal and water law topics.

In addition to her work at the Firm, Kimberly serves as the Internship Coordinator for the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Section and is involved in the Barbara Jordan American Inn of Court. She has interned for Chairman Ralph M. Hall of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; interned for Judge Reed O'Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; and served as a State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Section Intern at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Kimberly earned her J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law, where she received numerous awards and recognition for both academic performance and extracurricular involvement. Prior to attending law school, Kimberly received her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.

Organizations & Involvement

- ◆ Barbara Jordan American Inn of Court
- ◆ State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Section, Internship Coordinator
- ◆ Austin Bar Association, Austin Young Lawyers Association
- ◆ Texas Water Conservation Association
- ◆ Texas Aggie Bar Association

Practice Areas

- ◆ Cities
- ◆ Open Government
- ◆ Water Law
- ◆ Environmental

Education

- ◆ **Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D.**
 - summa cum laude
 - Order of the Coif
 - Executive Board, Symposium Editor, Texas Tech Law Review
 - Water Symposium Coordinator
 - Member, Board of Barristers—First Year Negotiations Champion
 - Distinguished Student Award—Environmental Law, Energy Law, Legal Practice, Commercial Law, American Indian Law
- ◆ **Texas A&M University, B.A.-English, magna cum laude**
 - Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
 - Hawk Rotary Citizenship Award

Publications & Presentations

- ◆ *A Refresher on the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act*, County Judges and Commissioners Association, October 2021
- ◆ *Legal Issues Panel: Federal Litigation of Interest*, 10th Annual Texas Groundwater Summit, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, September 2021
- ◆ *Case Law Update*, TRWA/TWCA Water Law Seminar, January 2021
- ◆ *Open Government Update*, 15th Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar presented by UT Law CLE, September 2020
- ◆ *2020 Case Law Update*, TWCA Virtual Mid-Year Conference, June 2020
- ◆ *Case Law Update*, 21st Annual Changing Face of Water Law Course, February 2020
- ◆ *Court of Federal Claims Finds U.S. Liable for Taking After Hurricane Harvey*, Co-author (with Emily Willms Rogers), Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Water Law Newsletter - Vol. LIII, No. 1 2020)
- ◆ *Public Engagement in Water Decisions: Requirements and Opportunities for Public Participation and Access to Information*, 10th Annual Texas Water Law Conference, September 2019
- ◆ *Trends in Open Government*, UT Law CLE—14th Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar, August 2019
- ◆ *Case Law Update*, Texas Water Conservation Association Annual Convention, March 2019
- ◆ *Common Issues Arising Under the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act*, Texas Water Conservation Association / Texas Rural Water Association Water Law Seminar, January 2019
- ◆ *Administrative Appeals of Decisions by City Officials*, International Municipal Lawyers Association Conference, October 2018
- ◆ *FAQ on the Public Information Act and Texas Open Meetings Act*, Texas Association of Groundwater Districts Groundwater Summit, September 2018
- ◆ *Converting Irrigation Rights to Industrial Rights*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Stormwater Conference, May 2018
- ◆ *Administrative Appeals of Decisions by Code Officials*, Summit for Texas Code Enforcement Attorneys and Officials, May 2018
- ◆ *Paxton v. City of Dallas: Summary of Oral Arguments*, September 2016
- ◆ "Updates on Key Water Cases," *TWCA Confluence*, October 2016

Admissions

- ◆ Supreme Court of Texas, 2016