

December 10, 2025

Ms. Shelly Hendrix
Controller/Sr. Director of Finance
Edwards Aquifer Authority
900 E. Quincy Street
San Antonio, Texas 78215

Re: RFQ 003-25-EXE Legislative Consulting Services

Dear Ms. Hendrix:

Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP (“BHDA” or the “Firm”) is pleased to respond to the Edwards Aquifer Authority’s (“EAA”) RFQ for Legislative Consulting Services. The enclosed proposal outlines our qualifications and experience in providing legislative services to public authorities, water districts, and other types of governmental entities of all sizes across the state.

Our team is well-versed in the legislative process and has a successful history of assisting a wide range of local governments in achieving diverse legislative goals. In addition, our attorneys have extensive public law experience, and since our founding in 1980, BHDA has represented hundreds of public entities throughout Texas. As a result, our legislative team benefits from the collective experience of the entire firm to address both routine and complex issues faced by local government entities. Furthermore, our involvement in the Texas Water Association keeps us closely connected to the evolving water law and industry landscape. This engagement strengthens our strategic insight and ensures that our attorneys are consistently informed by current trends, emerging issues, and the perspectives of key stakeholders across the state.

In addition to the team members listed in our proposal, the Firm often coordinates with other Texas lobbyists to strengthen advocacy efforts for our clients. Although we are not proposing a sub-consultant for this RFQ, we welcome the opportunity to partner with EAA’s existing outside lobbyists. We have extensive experience working within multi-lobbyist teams and are confident in our ability to add value.

Our team is eminently qualified to represent EAA with its legislative needs and would be pleased to do so. Thank you for this opportunity, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claudia Russell
Partner and Registered Lobbyist

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Request for Qualifications Legislative Consulting Services RFQ No. 003-25-EXE

Proposal Submitted by:



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A. Firm Resume

Firm Overview

Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP (“BHDA” or the “Firm”) is a full-service law firm with a 45-year history of representing governmental entities and businesses in Texas. Since its founding in 1980, the Firm has placed special emphasis on representing governmental entities of all types and sizes throughout the state, including public authorities, water districts, special districts, municipalities, counties, and educational institutions. As a result, we offer a unique appreciation and deep understanding of the legislative and legal issues facing public-sector clients, as well as the expertise to provide high-quality legislative services to the Edwards Aquifer Authority (“EAA”).

As a firm, our legislative services offer longstanding relationships with legislators and their staff; proven effectiveness in the state government environment; creative perspectives and approaches to navigating the legislative landscape; and legal expertise available for consulting on a wide range of governmental issues.

The Firm has 22 attorneys and 20 support staff across four offices in Austin, El Paso, Houston, and McAllen. Among the support staff available to our attorneys are various legal assistants, many of whom have worked with their respective attorneys for years. We also employ a full-time elections specialist and a full-time GIS specialist to assist with matters involving mapping production, data gathering, and analysis.

Key Team Members

Claudia Russell, an attorney/lobbyist with BHDA and leader of its legislative practice, will have primary responsibility for administering EAA’s account and leading its legislative efforts. She will serve as the overall project manager, handling specific contacts and staff, staying engaged in legislative halls and offices, communicating with EAA leadership, and ensuring the Firm’s other team members are assigned and fulfilling their responsibilities.

In addition to Claudia’s leadership, our firm's full resources are available to EAA on an as-needed basis. While not all of our attorneys are registered lobbyists, they make significant contributions through consultation, analysis, and drafting on substantive issues. Therefore, Emily Rogers, leader of the Firm’s water practice with substantial experience in a range of water law-related issues, and Bob Heath, cofounder of the firm and a nationally known authority on open government and elections matters, will assist our legislative team when necessary. We have included below a detailed profile for Claudia Russell and brief biographies for Emily Rogers and Bob Heath. In addition, the full resumes of all attorneys included in this proposal are included as **Attachment A**.

Additionally, the Firm often works in concert with other Texas lobbyists to achieve a coordinated and more effective effort for our clients. While we are not proposing a sub-consultant for this RFQ,

we would be amenable to partnering with EAA’s existing outside lobbyists. We know that, with their long-standing representation of EAA, they have detailed knowledge of the organization’s history, preparations for the next session, and future initiatives. The Firm often works with other lobbyists to achieve the same goals and is confident that we have much to offer a team setting.

Claudia Russell – Attorney and Registered Lobbyist

Claudia Russell is an experienced attorney and government relations expert with a background that includes employment in all three branches of government and an extensive network of key legislators, decision-makers, and lobbyists in Texas. Claudia’s 25-year career associated with the Texas Legislature includes work for both Republican and Democrat legislators in the House and Senate. She is skilled at devising strategies that help clients navigate challenging political situations.

Claudia served as General Counsel to Texas State Senator Judith Zaffirini during the 79th Legislative Session. In Senator Zaffirini’s Office, Claudia helped pass bills in the Senator’s legislative agenda and briefed her on the impact of other bills related to natural resources, intergovernmental relations, business and commerce, health and human services and other policy areas. She also served as a liaison with state agencies and helped the Senator prepare for speaking engagements.

In the 78th Session, she served as Chief of Staff to Representative Tommy Merritt and aided him on the House Border and International Affairs Committee. She oversaw a team of six professionals while coordinating and developing a legislative agenda with an emphasis on transportation and oil and gas matters. During the 77th Session, Claudia worked for Speaker of the House James. E. “Pete” Laney, monitoring many committees, meeting with public and private organizations, and advising the Speaker on committee actions.

Since joining BHDA in 2006, Claudia has represented water districts, municipalities, counties, mobility authorities, college districts, and manufacturers. She works with clients to develop plans to prioritize contacts with legislative leadership, individual legislators, and agency executives. She also assists clients with the development of strategic positions and arguments related to the specific issues they face; works in concert with other interests and lobbyists to achieve a coordinated and more effective effort on her clients' behalf; and drafts statutory changes, crafts legislative agendas, and attends committee hearings.

In addition, Claudia has written articles for the September Legislative editions (in 2021, 2023, and 2025) of *The Texas Bar Journal* and presented on developments from the 88th Legislature at the Austin Bar Association’s Administrative Law CLE. Claudia is a registered lobbyist and is licensed to practice law and a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and the State Bar of Mississippi.

Emily W. Rogers – Attorney

Emily Rogers practices in the areas of water and environmental law. She has extensive experience cultivating relationships with her water clients to resolve a broad range of issues. As special counsel to municipalities, river authorities, and water districts, Emily assists clients regarding their water supplies, water and wastewater utility systems, and solid waste disposal issues. From permitting to transactional matters, she represents clients in matters involving groundwater and surface water rights, water and wastewater service territory and rates, water quality matters, industrial and municipal solid waste, and hazardous waste cleanup and disposal. Emily is Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a longtime board member of the Texas Water Association, where she currently serves as president-elect (and will assume the role of board president in 2026). She is also the co-author of the River Authorities and Regional Water Districts chapter in *Essentials of Texas Water Resources* and previously served as a columnist for the *Texas Environmental Law Journal*. In addition, she is a frequent speaker at water law and local government conferences throughout the state.

C. Robert Heath, Attorney

Bob Heath is a co-founder of the Firm and has been practicing law for more than 50 years. He is a nationally known authority on open meetings and open records matters. He has trained newly elected officials and experienced lawyers, advised and defended important open government issues, and written numerous widely distributed analyses on open meetings and open records law addressing questions about adequacy of notice, bona fide purposes for executive sessions, what constitutes an emergency, and other frequently faced problems. Mr. Heath also represents public and private entities in complex litigation matters involving purchasing, ethics, regulatory actions, election law, open government, and school law issues. In addition, his practice involves defending governmental bodies whose election practices are challenged under the Constitution or the Voting Rights Act and representing candidates, governments, and other interested parties in election contests. Mr. Heath is a member of the original group of Texas attorneys who are Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Prior to establishing the Firm in 1980, Mr. Heath served as Chair of the Opinion Committee of the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

B. A general description of experience in legislative consulting services on matters including, but not limited to, water resources, environmental and natural resources, and local, state, and federal government issues.

BHDA's commitment to and experience in representing governmental entities have given our legislative team a unique appreciation for the multitude of legislative and legal issues that confront our water clients. As a result, we have developed a proven process to promote and educate legislative leaders on behalf of our clients. Our process includes building strategic relationships

with local legislative and regional leaders, educating and advocating to promote and protect our clients' interests, and developing a strategy to coordinate with clients' leaders and staff to deliver on those initiatives.

Many members of the Firm have long histories of governmental service and legislative involvement. They include former general counsels to major state agencies, former legislative aides, and former division chiefs from the Texas Attorney General's Office. As a group, we offer longstanding relationships with legislators and their staff; proven effectiveness in the state government environment; creative perspectives and approaches to navigating the legislative landscape; and legal expertise available for consulting on a wide range of governmental issues. Our legislative team provides two core services to best situate our clients for legislative success:

- ◆ Strategic Planning – Including assessing our clients' legislative needs; developing plans to prioritize contacts with legislative leadership, individual legislators, and agency executives; and assisting clients with the development of strategic positions and arguments related to specific issues they face.
- ◆ Legislative Consulting – Including drafting legislation; developing testimony and positions papers; tracking proposed legislation and providing status reports to clients; and analyzing legislation and conducting negotiations on critical issues.

The legislative practice group benefits from the collective experience of the entire firm — numerous attorneys, specialists, and support staff — to address any client's needs. Our clients have identified us as particularly helpful in the legislative arena due to our in-house expertise across a comprehensive range of legal areas affecting water authorities and districts, as well as other types of local and state government entities. Our practice in these areas includes:

- ◆ Regulatory: surface water law; groundwater law; environmental; and general administrative law
- ◆ Government Law: contracts and procurement; elections; general counsel; legislative; open government; public finance; state and local tax law; voting rights and redistricting
- ◆ Litigation: land use; civil litigation; employment; environmental; open government; voting rights and redistricting

In addition to our legislative work, the Firm specializes in water law, and attorneys from both practices frequently work together on matters involving these issues. BHDA is also recognized statewide as one of the leading firms in water law. Our water attorneys have decades of experience and a deep understanding of the legal complexities and challenges associated with the development and use of this limited resource. Our expertise in the areas of water rights law, strategic water planning and transactions, water utilities and rate-making requirements enables us to assist clients with the development, regulation, and distribution of their water resources, whether groundwater

or surface water, to guide them through the myriad local, state, and federal laws and regulations that affect water rights and water utilities, and to represent them in often complex and contentious administrative proceedings and litigation in state and federal court. We have extensive experience serving as general counsel or handling specialized matters for clients across Texas, including river authorities, special utility districts, water supply corporations, groundwater conservation districts, water districts, cities, counties, and school and college districts.

Below are notable examples of our work.

- ◆ We represented Central Texas Regional Water Supply Corporation (CTRWC), which was formed to acquire land for and to deliver water through a 142-mile pipeline to the City of San Antonio. The Firm's work from 2015 through June 2020 included assisting the client in preparing and adopting the necessary documents to proceed with acquisition, evaluating title documents, evaluating and correcting offer documents and procedures, preparing conveyance documents, negotiating offers, and prosecuting condemnation lawsuits when landowner agreement could not be obtained. Together with another condemnation litigation firm, BHDA represented the client in approximately 50 condemnation proceedings.
- ◆ The Firm assisted the Brazos River Authority in obtaining its System Operation Permit and related Water Management Plan, which involved appropriation of up to 450,000 acre-feet of water annually, without construction of a new reservoir or other facility. The permit authorized appropriation of return flows, transfer of water using the bed and banks of the Brazos River, and interbasin transfer, while satisfying all environmental flow standards. It has been described by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff as the most complicated water rights application ever handled by the agency.
- ◆ Another example of our expertise in water law is the Firm's representation of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA). We represented CRMWA in the purchase of groundwater rights valued at over \$100 million across a multi-county area and in the permitting of those rights before the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. This representation also included the closing of a total of 175,000 acres of groundwater rights, for which separate deeds and title work were required for each tract.

Industry/Sector Experience

We have provided a few examples of our representative experience and industry involvement below. Other sections of this proposal include even more details about our relevant services and experience.

- ◆ On the legislative front, Claudia Russell has represented many types of water entities. She joined the Firm in 2006 after working for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's water quality legal division. Since then, she has been successful in passing legislation for many water clients. For example, on behalf of the Red River Authority, she

amended legislation to allow the Authority’s purchase of groundwater rights; on behalf of Reeves County, she created the Reeves County Groundwater District; on behalf of Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, she represented the District regarding the issue of developing brackish groundwater; on behalf of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority, she passed legislation to grant economic powers to the River Authority and assisted the River Authority through the Sunset Process in 2023; and on behalf of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, she passed legislation to grant the Authority additional administrative powers.

- ◆ For 15 years, Claudia Russell provided legislative services to El Paso County and helped pass many pieces of legislation for the county during this time. Just to list a few, she has passed legislation that reformed a local emergency services district, merged county and city housing authorities, modified the Thomason Hospital Board size, clarified requirements of the El Paso County Medical Examiner, and created a County Ethics Commission. Claudia actively participated on behalf of the County in the Texas Conference of Urban Counties and often collaborated with other urban counties, including Bexar County. Claudia also attended Texas Water Development Board meetings on behalf of El Paso County and assisted the County in submitting its stormwater master plan application, which was included in TWDB’s 2020 Flood Infrastructure Use Plan.
- ◆ Many of the Firm’s attorneys also serve as general counsel to local governments and entities throughout Texas, including cities, special districts, counties, and school/college districts. In addition to our general counsel work, the Firm conducts specialty work in public finance, water law, voting rights litigation, open government litigation, and many other areas.
- ◆ The Firm’s attorneys have established strong relationships with the Texas Water Association and the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts and are frequent speakers on topics/issues affecting local governments at programs sponsored by both organizations, including their annual and semi-annual conferences and seminars.

C. A summary of the respondent’s background and experience pertaining to similar representation.

BHDA’s legislative group has extensive experience handling large-scale legislative representation as well as single-shot representation on specific issues. Over the years, the Firm (led by Claudia Russell) has been successful in helping pass legislation for many governmental entities, including (among others):

- ◆ City of New Braunfels – Passed legislation to create the Comal County Water Improvement District No. 3.

- ◆ Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District – Passed legislation to establish a desalination pilot project.
- ◆ Wise County, Texas – Passed legislation to allow for better bonding rates for counties wishing to issue bonds to finance the construction and acquisition of branch campus facilities for the purpose of leasing to a junior college district.
- ◆ Red River Authority – Passed legislation to allow for the purchase of groundwater rights.
- ◆ City of Heath – Passed legislation creating a municipal management district.
- ◆ During the 87th Regular Session, on behalf of the City of San Marcos, Claudia worked with other interested parties in the passage of HB 2071, relating to certain public facility corporations, including public facility corporations used to provide affordable housing. As a result of a special-purpose district in Austin using a tax workaround to exempt already existing apartments in San Marcos from property taxes, Claudia worked with Chairman Bettencourt and his Senate Local Government Committee staff on ways to reform this workaround. As a result of HB 2071, taking property off the tax rolls outside the boundaries of a public finance corporation is no longer allowed.

During the 88th Regular Session, on behalf of the City of San Marcos, Claudia worked on a similar issue with housing finance corporations and testified in support of HB 21. HFCs are currently operating outside the territorial jurisdiction of their sponsoring entities, allowing private developers to use HFCs as a tool to take property off the tax rolls anywhere in the state without a corresponding public benefit to local taxpayers or renters. House Bill 21 ensures that an HFC provides a public benefit to its community in the form of actual affordable housing in multifamily residential developments by establishing geographic limitations on an HFC's area of operation, establishing additional affordability requirements that must be met for favorable tax treatment, requiring an annual independent compliance audit, and establishing a distinction between an HFC and an HFC user to increase transparency around such developments.

- ◆ Claudia represented the City of Glen Rose at the Texas Legislature and at the Public Utility Commission in 2023. In addition to identifying, tracking, and reporting on state legislation affecting the city, Claudia worked on a specific problem for Glen Rose. Previously, a municipality was prohibited from annexing area in a water or sewer district unless it annexed the entire part of the district that is outside the municipality's boundaries. This is an issue for small municipalities in small counties, such as the City of Glen Rose, where the water district is the size of the entire county. While there was a certain exception that allowed for the consenting annexation of such an area, that exception was limited to an area that does not exceed a certain width, which is a problem for residential and commercial customers who wish to be annexed but whose property exceeds the width limitation. We

passed legislation to resolve this issue by allowing a municipality with a population of less than 3,000 to annex a property in a district with the district's consent (SB 1110).

- ◆ The Central Texas Regional Water Supply Corporation (“CTRWSC”) was a legislative client of Claudia’s during the 2017 Session. CTRWSC was formed to acquire land for and to deliver water through a 142-mile pipeline to the City of San Antonio. CTRWSC, like a city, has eminent domain powers. This has since been completed, and this water supply is the city’s largest non-Edwards Aquifer water supply source.
- ◆ Claudia represented El Paso County at the Texas Legislature for 15 years and helped pass many pieces of legislation for the county during this time. During this time, the group accomplished many wins for the county, which include:
 - 81(R)
 - SB 534, Relating to the El Paso County Hospital District.
 - SB 874, Relating to the exemption of certain counties from the drainage charge imposed by a municipal drainage utility system.
 - SB 1368, Relating to the creation of a county ethics commission in certain counties; providing civil and criminal penalties.
 - HB 2833, Relating to certain building code standards applicable to the unincorporated areas of certain counties; providing a penalty.
 - HB 2835, Relating to the delegation of duties of a county judge in certain counties.
 - HB 4529, Relating to court reporter service fees in certain counties.
 - 82(R)
 - SB 602, Relating to confidential information under the public information law and to procedures and deadlines under the public information law in relation to the redaction of certain confidential information by a governmental body.
 - SB 604, Relating to the execution of lawful process by county jailers.
 - SJR 28, Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County.
 - HB 2002, Relating to the county ethics commission for certain counties.
 - HB 3462, Relating to the board of hospital managers of the El Paso County Hospital District.
 - HB 3788, Relating to the authority of a county civil service commission to administer oaths and issue subpoenas; providing a penalty.
 - 83(R)
 - HB 1334, Relating to the composition of the El Paso County juvenile board.
 - HB 1970, Relating to the authority of certain municipalities and counties to regulate subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality by agreement.

- HB 2975, Relating to the merger of housing authorities in certain municipalities and counties.
- SB 332, Relating to commissioners court oversight of certain emergency services districts.
- SB 334, Relating to preliminary review of complaints filed with a county ethics commission.
- SB 336, Relating to the qualifications for appointment as a medical examiner.
- SB 457, Relating to the confidentiality of certain autopsy records.
- SB 458, Relating to certain motor vehicle records excepted from disclosure under the Public Information Act.
- 84(R)
 - SB 408, Relating to consideration of a bidder's principal place of business in awarding certain county contracts.
 - SB 873, Relating to the courts authorized to hear certain matters relating to a capias pro fine.
 - HB 995, Relating to the establishment of stormwater control and recapture planning authorities in certain counties.
 - HB 1833, Relating to agreements of certain counties to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate a toll bridge.
 - 85(R)
 - HB 2359, Relating to common nuisances.
 - HB 3165, Relating to certain pretrial procedures in criminal cases (also included HB 3637).
 - SB 799, Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.
 - SB 1246, Relating to the salary of a bailiff in El Paso County.
 - SB 1314, Relating to the regulation of substance abuse facilities and programs for juveniles.
 - 86 (R)
 - HB 145, Relating to fees for services by the offices of the sheriff and constables.
 - HB 156, Relating to the supervision by a personal bond office of individuals granted an occupational driver's license; providing for an administrative fee.
 - HB 2747, Relating to the licensing regulation of massage therapy.
 - SB 815, Relating to the creation and preservation of certain records in criminal proceedings.
 - SB 1402, Relating to regulation by certain counties of lots in platted subdivisions that have remained undeveloped.

- 87(R)
 - HB 39, Relating to protective orders.
 - HB 180, Relating to the transfer of vacation time to a sick pool.
 - HB 840, Relating to the selection of public members to serve on a county’s salary grievance committee.
 - HB 1564, Relating to the appointment of a receivership for and disposition of certain platted lots that are abandoned, unoccupied, and undeveloped in certain counties.
 - SB 230, Relating to the continuing education requirements for county commissioners.

- 88 (R)
 - HB 784, Relating to the delegation of certain authority of a county judge or commissioners court in certain counties.
 - HB 1633, Relating to certain offenses regarding parking privileges of veterans with disabilities.
 - SB 1588, Relating to variances from the Department of State Health Services rules governing the provision of emergency medical services.
 - HB 671, Relating to a veteran’s suicide prevention campaign.

D. An assessment of qualifications.

BHDA’s proposed lobbying team has extensive experience handling both large-scale legislative representation and single-shot representation on specific issues. As previously mentioned, Claudia Russell will serve as the project leader, handling specific contacts and staff, staying engaged in the legislative halls and offices, communicating with EAA’s team members, and ensuring that the Firm’s other staff are assigned and handling their responsibilities. All regular and expected activities will be scheduled each week and communicated in written and oral assignments supplemented by a weekly lobby team meeting to report on the status of all activities. A checklist of required activities will be kept by the team leader’s assistant as one of the tools to identify and address any deficiencies. In addition, Claudia will verify performance activities with BHDA staff and EAA’s project leader to ensure effective, continuous communication.

BHDA will provide a wide range of services to the EAA designed to increase the EAA’s effectiveness with key decision-makers in the legislative and executive branches and to achieve its objectives through legislative and executive branch processes. Our services are described in the list below:

- ◆ Facilitating the crafting of legislative agendas
- ◆ Monitoring and ad hoc reporting regarding legislative and executive branch activity
- ◆ Tracking legislation throughout legislative sessions

- ◆ Drafting legislation, amendments, and white papers, in conjunction with EAA and legislative agency personnel
- ◆ Direct legislative advocacy
- ◆ Placement of individual board members and staff before key legislative committees and decision makers
- ◆ Maintaining key contacts at the Texas Water Association, as well as other public and private, governmental, trade, and industry associations
- ◆ Compiling statistical data and reports
- ◆ Attending committee hearings or identifying and preparing board members and/or staff to testify before such hearings
- ◆ Developing tactics and strategies to defeat or mitigate legislation identified to be against EAA's interests
- ◆ Monitoring and participating in interim study committees
- ◆ Team and relationship building within the legislative delegation
- ◆ Delivering weekly status reports and legislative activity to the EAA

Communication and Reporting

BHDA is committed to regularly conferring with the EAA. The Firm currently uses Telicon and other resources to monitor and report on legislative committee hearings and other legislative activities germane to water districts. We are well-versed in Telicon's advanced searches and will assess legislation, including filed bills, committee amendments, committee substitutes, conference committee reports, and floor amendments for potential impact on EAA's legislative agenda. Advanced monitoring and reporting are crucial during the fast pace of a legislative session.

At the same time, knowing the actors, rules, and methods of the legislative process that affect the EAA's priorities are critical capabilities required for effective monitoring. We stress these hands-on methods as strongly as the technological.

To make communications within the firm more efficient, attorneys and staff across all our offices are networked, and we use a document management system that enables them to collaborate fully on client materials. This functionality enables quick turnaround on legal research assignments and other tasks we would handle for EAA.

PRICING NOTE: While the RFQ issued by EAA does not request pricing information, we recognize that the BidNet portal includes a pricing tab. Because the RFQ does not outline the anticipated scope of work or specific legislative objectives, we felt it would be more helpful to provide fee details once there is a clearer understanding of EAA's needs. We will gladly prepare a tailored pricing proposal upon request and as EAA's priorities for legislative representation become more defined.

The prompt provision of services to our clients is a top priority for the Firm's members composing EAA's legislative team. The Firm is dedicated to promptly returning all telephone calls and e-mail messages and will diligently provide EAA with estimated timelines for the completion of all work.

In addition, if selected, our lobby team will be available to attend all board meetings and other planning meetings as requested; and to participate in regular discussions and consult with EAA's board, administrative team, and other personnel. We will present EAA's position on legislative matters, meet regularly with members of the EAA delegation, attend committee hearings, assist in the development of testimony, and communicate EAA's policy positions to the Texas Legislature.

Summary of Qualifications

BHDA offers a combination of legal and legislative experience that few firms can match. For over forty years, we have represented governmental entities throughout Texas, giving our attorneys a nuanced understanding of the legal, policy, and operational challenges facing public bodies. This long-standing foundation enhances our legislative practice, where we bring decades of experience working with state leaders, agencies, and legislative staff from both sides of the aisle. Our bipartisan approach and collaborative working style have contributed to sustained success for our clients at every level of state government.

Our involvement in the Texas Water Association further distinguishes our team. With attorney leadership roles on the TWA Board, we maintain a direct connection to statewide conversations on water policy and industry priorities. This insight allows us to anticipate issues, understand emerging trends, and offer guidance that reflects not only legal and legislative considerations but also the broader dynamics influencing water management in Texas.

E. A statement certifying that the applicant and/or his/her firm is not aware of any existing conflicts of interest with the EAA or its Board of Directors.

BHDA is not aware of any existing conflicts of interest with the EAA or its Board of Directors.

While we do not believe the following constitutes a conflict of interest, we would like to disclose our work on a prior matter in which the Edwards Aquifer Authority was a party:

In 2019, Claudia Russell worked with Chairman Tracy King on his bill, HB 1479, relating to the transfer of certain permitted irrigation water rights related to a certain portion of the Edwards Aquifer. Claudia represented the City of Uvalde, along with the Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District, concerning the conversion and transfer of base irrigation groundwater. Because of the work on the bill at the Texas Legislature, the underlying lawsuit was settled.

ATTACHMENT A: Attorney Resumes



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Attorney Overview

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Legislative Representation: Ms. Russell works with clients to develop plans to prioritize contacts with legislative leadership, individual legislators, and agency executives. She assists clients with the development of strategic positions and arguments related to the specific issues they face. She works in concert with other interests and lobbyists to achieve a coordinated and more effective effort on her clients' behalf.

Representative Experience

- ◆ *City of San Marcos:* Passed legislation designating it as Mermaid Capital of Texas
- ◆ *El Paso County:*
 - Reformed local Emergency Services Districts
 - Merged County and City Housing Authorities
 - Modified the Thomason Hospital Board size and rules
 - Clarified requirements of the El Paso Medical Examiner
 - Amended the Public Information Act
 - Created a County Ethics Commission
- ◆ *Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District:*
 - Passed legislation that granted the district additional latitude to adopt an alternative fee structure and encourage voluntary conservation
 - Passed legislation that changed district boundaries
 - Amended the Water Code to allow for a desalination pilot project

Practice Areas

- ◆ Legislative
- ◆ River Authorities & Water Districts
- ◆ Cities
- ◆ Counties
- ◆ Open Government
- ◆ Elections
- ◆ General Counsel
- ◆ Ethics

Education

- ◆ The University of Mississippi, J.D.
- ◆ Member, Mississippi Law Journal
- ◆ Mississippi State University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- ◆ Texas, 2004
- ◆ Mississippi, 1993

- ◆ *Wise County*: Passed legislation granting counties better bonding rates
- ◆ *Lavaca Navidad River Authority*: Passed legislation to grant economic powers to the river authority
- ◆ *Owens-Illinois, Inc.*: Created the Texas Container Recycling Coalition and worked to have the recycling issue placed as a 2012 interim charge for Senate Business and Commerce Committee
- ◆ *Hewlett-Packard Company*: Worked on litigation related to contracts and lease agreements

Career Highlights

- ◆ Staff Attorney, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- ◆ General Counsel to Senator Judith Zaffirini, Texas Senate
- ◆ Chief of Staff to Representative Tommy Merritt, Texas House of Representatives
- ◆ Legislative Aide to Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney, Texas House of Representatives
- ◆ Law Clerk to Chief Judge Glen H. Davidson, United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi
- ◆ Adjunct Professor, Business Law, University of Mississippi
- ◆ Staff Attorney, Office of the Mississippi State Auditor
- ◆ Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Mississippi

Organizations & Involvement

- ◆ Texas Water Conservation Association, Member
- ◆ Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, Volunteer Attorney
- ◆ Meals on Wheels Volunteer

Recent Presentations & Publications

- ◆ "The 89th Session Overview—Environmental and Water Law," Co-Author (with Emily W. Rogers), *The Texas Bar Journal* (The Legislative Update Issue), September 2025
- ◆ Developing Issues in Texas Water Supply and Demand, Speaker (with Susan M. Maxwell), Austin Bar Association Administrative Law Section CLE, April 2024
- ◆ "Overview: The 88th (Regular) Session—Environmental and Water Law," Co-Author (with Susan M. Maxwell), *The Texas Bar Journal* (The Legislative Update Issue), September 2023
- ◆ "Environmental and Water Law," Co-Author (with Susan M. Maxwell), *The Texas Bar Journal* (The Legislative Update Issue), September 2021
- ◆ "Bond Elections: Recent Legislative Changes," Co-Author (with Gregory D. Miller), *Texas County Progress* magazine, August 2020



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Attorney Overview

Emily Rogers practices in the areas of water and environmental law. From permitting to transactional matters, she represents cities, river authorities, and water districts in matters involving surface and groundwater water rights, water and wastewater utility matters, water issues, and industrial and municipal solid waste disposal. She also serves as managing partner of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta.

Born and raised in San Marcos, Texas, Emily earned her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center after completing her B.A. degree from the University of Texas and her M.A. degree from Southwest Texas State University. After law school, she worked as a staff attorney at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the predecessor agency to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, representing the agency in contested cases involving wastewater permit applications and provided legal counsel to the state's Superfund program.

Emily is a regular contributor to industry-related publications. She is a reporter for The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law's *Water Law Newsletter*, has co-authored the River Authorities and Regional Water Districts chapter in multiple editions of *Essentials of Texas Water Resources*, and was a columnist for the *Texas Environmental Law Journal*. In addition, she is frequently invited to speak on water-related topics at programs and conferences throughout the state.

An active member of the Texas Water Association (formerly Texas Water Conservation Association) for more than a decade, Emily has held multiple leadership roles and currently serves as president-elect of its board of directors. She is also a member of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization's Administrative Law Advisory Commission, and co-chairs the Water Rights Committee of the State Bar's Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section.

Career Highlights

- ◆ Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization



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
- ◆ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- ◆ U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

- ◆ Former staff attorney at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (predecessor agency to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America©, Water Law, 2024-2026
- ◆ Recipient of the 2017 President's Award, Texas Water Association (formerly Texas Water Conservation Association)
- ◆ Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Representative Experience

Emily represents cities, water districts, and private entities before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Her practice before the PUC includes filing and assisting clients with the applications for new or amended certificates of convenience and necessity, assisting clients with the sale or purchase of retail public utilities, and the transfer of CCN territory between retail and public utilities including filing sale, transfer, merger applications, and Texas Water Code § 13.248 agreements designating service territory. Emily also assists clients with expedited decertification petitions. In addition, she represents clients before the PUC in rate-making proceedings and appeals of rate changes, and service area disputes. She also advises clients with issues related to retail public utilities with federal debt, and assists the Firm's litigation team in lawsuits against both private and governmental clients involving claims under 7 U.S.C.A. § 1926(b). Emily's TCEQ practice includes representing clients in permitting and enforcement matters. She assists clients in preparing and filing applications for new or amended water rights, wastewater discharge permits, and solid waste disposal permits. If any of her clients' matters before the PUC or TCEQ are contested, she represents them in contested case hearings before SOAH.

In addition to her regulatory work before the TCEQ and the PUC, Emily negotiates water and sewer wholesale contracts, franchise fee agreements, reclaimed water agreements, and agreements for the purchase or lease of surface water and groundwater rights. She assists clients in developing pretreatment regulations, stormwater and non-point source pollution control ordinances, and onsite septic system regulations. She also counsels her local government clients on impact fees, and assists those clients in preparing water and sewer utility rates, usage and extension requirements, as well as drought contingency and water conservation plans. Additionally, Emily counsels clients in groundwater regulatory matters and assists clients with groundwater rights permitting.

Organizations & Involvement

- ◆ Texas Water Association (formerly Texas Water Conservation Association), President-elect, 2024-present; Chair, Flood and Navigation Panel, 2022-2024; Board of Directors, 2017-present; Chair, Water Law Committee, 2015-2017
- ◆ Member, Administrative Law Advisory Commission, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2022-present
- ◆ Member, Administrative and Public Law Council, State Bar of Texas Administrative and Public Law Section, 2022-present
- ◆ Co-chair, Water Rights Committee, State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, 2023
- ◆ Co-chair, Changing Face of Water Law, 2019 and 2020

- ◆ Planning Committee, Changing Face of Water Law (formerly Changing Face of Water Rights) - 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- ◆ Planning Committee, Texas Water Law Institute's Texas Water Law CLE, 2014, 2015, and 2016
- ◆ Planning Committee, Texas Rural Water Association/Texas Water Conservation Association Water Law Seminars, 2013, 2017, and 2019
- ◆ Reporter, Water Law Developments in Texas, The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law's *Water Law Newsletter*
- ◆ Recent Developments Columnist on Water Rights, *Texas Environmental Law Journal*, 2010-2023
- ◆ State Bar of Texas (Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section; Natural Resources, Environmental, and Water Law Section)
- ◆ Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Member

Recent Presentations & Publications

- ◆ Current Issues in Groundwater, Panelist, Texas Water Association 2025 Fall Conference (October 2025)
- ◆ "The 89th Session Overview—Environmental and Water Law," Co-Author (with Claudia Russell), *The Texas Bar Journal* (The Legislative Update Issue), September 2025
- ◆ Case Law Update: *Bonin v. Sabine River Authority of Texas*, Speaker, Navigation and Flood Control Panel meeting—Texas Water Association 2025 Annual Convention (March 2025)
- ◆ "River Authorities and Regional Water Districts," Co-author (with Lyn Clancy), Chapter 9, *Essentials of Texas Water Resources*, 8th Edition (2024)
- ◆ Annexation and CCN Issues, Speaker, 2024 Texas Groundwater Summit (August 2024)
- ◆ Current Legal Issues, Panelist, 2023 Texas Groundwater Summit (August 2023)
- ◆ Overview: PUC Management of Water-Related Matters, Speaker, TexasBarCLE 24th Annual Changing Face of Water Law (February 2023)
- ◆ How to Fight a MUD and Why You Should, Speaker, 2022 Texas City Attorneys Association Summer Conference (June 2022)
- ◆ "River Authorities and Regional Water Districts," Co-author (with Lyn Clancy), Chapter 9, *Essentials of Texas Water Resources*, Mary K. Sahs and Holly Heinrich, Editors
- ◆ "North Texas Municipal Water District Wholesale Rate Appeal" Co-author (with Lyn Clancy), *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Water Law Newsletter*, Vol. LIV, No. 1 (2021)
- ◆ Public Interest Texas in Wholesale Rate Cases, Co-speaker (with Lyn Clancy), TexasBarCLE 22nd Annual Changing Face of Water Law (February 2021)
- ◆ What Water District Board Members and Managers Need to Know About Open Records, Speaker, 2020 Association of Water District Boards' Virtual Annual Conference (August 7-8, 2020)
- ◆ "Court Rules It Has Jurisdiction in Groundwater Takings Case," Author, *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Water Law Newsletter*, Vol. LIII, No. 3 (2020)



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Attorney Overview

Complex Governmental Litigation and Counseling - Drawing on a background as the chair of the Texas Attorney General's Opinion Committee, Bob has a background in significant issues involving the scope of government authority. He works with private and public entity clients on matters including open government, purchasing, ethics, regulatory actions, election law, and school law.

Election Law and Voting Rights - Based on experience from five decennial redistricting cycles (1971-2021), Bob has assisted hundreds of governmental bodies to adopt redistricting plans and obtain approval from the Department of Justice. He also defends governmental bodies whose election practices are challenged under the Constitution, or the Voting Rights Act, and represents candidates, governments, and other interested parties in election contests.

Administrative Practice - Bob represents persons and corporations in proceedings before state agencies and in appealing agency decisions in the courts.

Representative Experience

Voting Rights

- ◆ Developed an imaginative theory to permit a city election to proceed notwithstanding a Department of Justice objection to the city's redistricting plan, and successfully defended it before the district court, the Fifth Circuit, the United States Supreme Court and against a collateral attack brought by the Department of Justice in a three-judge federal district court.
- ◆ Lead counsel in the case that established the Fifth Circuit rule requiring the use of citizen-voting-age population in assessing the viability of claims brought under section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Practice Areas

- ◆ Elections
- ◆ General Administrative
- ◆ Civil Litigation
- ◆ Open Government
- ◆ Voting Rights & Redistricting
- ◆ Annexation & Land Use
- ◆ Cities
- ◆ Counties
- ◆ Higher Education
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Special Districts

Education

- ◆ The University of Texas Law School, J.D.– Friar Society
- ◆ The University of Texas at Austin, B.A

Admissions

- ◆ Supreme Court of Texas, 1972
- ◆ Supreme Court of the United States
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- ◆ United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas

- ◆ Successfully defended school population changes that undercut the basis of the plaintiffs' case. Then, defended the decision in the Fifth Circuit and persuaded the United States Supreme Court not to hear the case *despite* the United States Solicitor General's request that it do so.
- ◆ Represented clients in numerous other court cases and before the Department of Justice, both in written submissions and negotiation with the top levels of the Department's Civil Rights Division and Voting Section.

Election Contest and Recounts

- ◆ Successfully represented clients in election contests for offices including the United States Congress, the Texas House of Representatives, and the county commissioners court. Counseled clients in recounts and was a representative at the recount for offices ranging from the United States Senate to chief justice of a court of appeals.

Administrative Proceedings

- ◆ Represented clients in numerous contested case proceedings involving certificates of need, certificates of convenience and necessity, and licenses. Commented on agency rules and challenged rules in state court, including a challenge of stringent emission requirements on behalf of the nation's airlines.

Open Government and Ethics

- ◆ Represented numerous clients before the Attorney General on open records issues. These include successfully preventing the release of private equity funds' sensitive financial information. One of these cases was in a ruling in which the Attorney General found that Bob's client was the only one of ten private equity funds covered by the decision that established its right to withhold the information from public disclosure. Represented clients in open records and open meetings cases in courts ranging from the district court to the Texas Supreme Court. Advises a multi-national corporation on ethics filing issues.

Complex Governmental Litigation

- ◆ Obtained an injunction against a federal agency to prevent it from closing a loan for a utility district when the effect of the loan would be to prevent the firm's client, a city, from providing water service to the area for the 40-year term of the loan.
- ◆ Successfully defended a state agency's decision not to license an individual. The agency's licensing decision had been overturned by the district court and the court of appeals. The firm was hired after the adverse decision in the court of appeals and persuaded the Supreme Court to take the case and unanimously to reverse the lower courts.

Career Highlights

- ◆ Former Chair, Opinion Committee, Office of the Attorney General of Texas
- ◆ Former Briefing Attorney, United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America©, Administrative/Regulatory Law, 2022-2026
- ◆ Texas Super Lawyers list, 2007-2025
- ◆ Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Publications & Presentations

- ◆ **Editor and Foreword to *Gerrymandering Texas*** by Steve Bickerstaff, ix-xiv. Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, 2020.
- ◆ **"Immigration, Citizenship and the 2020 Census,"** Chapter 1 in *America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights*, 4th Edition, Benjamin E. Griffith, Editor (2019).
- ◆ **"Using Census Data Sources to Prove Citizenship in Voting Rights Litigation,"** Chapter 4 in *America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights*, 3rd Edition, Benjamin E. Griffith, Editor (2016).
- ◆ **"The Impact of Noncitizens on Voting Rights Issues,"** Chapter 2 in *America Votes! A Guide to Modern Election Law and Voting Rights*, 2nd Edition, Benjamin E. Griffith, Editor (2012).
- ◆ **"Applying the Voting Rights Act in an Ethnically Diverse Nation,"** 85 *Miss. L.J.* 1305, Voting Rights Act Symposium (2017).
- ◆ **"Texas Cities and Redistricting,"** Houston Area Municipal Attorneys CLE Program (January 2021).
- ◆ **"Municipal Redistricting Obligations Triggered by the Upcoming Release of the 2020 Federal Census"** (Co-presenter with David Méndez), Texas City Attorneys Association Fall Virtual Conference (October 2020).
- ◆ **"Decision #1: Data,"** presented at the 2019 NCSL Capitol Forum, Phoenix, Arizona (December 2019).
- ◆ **"The Coming Voting Rights Battle After *Evenwel*,"** presented to the 2018 Fall CLE and Networking Conference, American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law, San Antonio, Texas (October 2018).
- ◆ **"Election Law: Getting on the Ballot and Staying in Office—Resigning to Run, Holdovers, and Conflicts,"** presented to the State Bar of Texas 29th Annual Advanced Government Law Course, Austin, Texas (July 2017).
- ◆ **"*Evenwel v. Abbott*: Redistricting and the Meaning of Political Representation,"** presented to the 2016 ABA Annual Meeting, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and Section of State and Local Government Law, San Francisco, California (August 2016).
- ◆ **"*Shelby County v. Holder* and the Demise of Section 5: What is Next for Voting Rights in Texas?"** presented to Texas City Attorneys Association Sixteenth Annual Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar, Austin, Texas (February 2015).
- ◆ **"What's Left of the Voting Rights Act?"** presented to Texas City Attorneys Association TML Annual Conference, Houston, Texas (October 2014).
- ◆ **"Application of Governmental Law Requirements to Public-Private Partnership Projects,"** presented at the Water Law Fundamentals and Texas Water Law Institute, Austin, Texas (November 2016).
- ◆ **"Using Census Data Sources to Prove Citizenship in Voting Rights Litigation,"** Webinar—ABA Center for Professional Development (January 2016).

- ◆ **"The New Normal in Electoral Access and Political Participation: Challenges Facing the 2016 Election Cycle,"** 2015 ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (August 2015).
- ◆ **"Applying a Bi-Racial Jurisprudence in a Tri-Ethnic World,"** American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law (August 2015)
- ◆ **City Attorneys and the Voting Rights Act,** presented to Texas City Attorneys Association Fourteenth Annual Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar, Austin, Texas (February 2013).
- ◆ **Public Information Act: E-mail and Electronic Media,** presented to the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference, Houston, Texas (October 2011).
- ◆ **Open Records Laws and the Redistricting Process,** presented to National Conference of State Legislatures National Redistricting Seminar, Austin, Texas (March 2010).
- ◆ **Thinking about Records from a Litigation Perspective,** presented at National Redistricting Seminar, National Conference of State Legislatures; Austin, Texas (March 2010).
- ◆ **The Impact of Non-Citizens on Voting Rights Issues,** presented at the Voting Rights Litigation Equal Access in a Post-Racial Nation Seminar, International Municipal Lawyers Association; Columbia, South Carolina (December 2009).
- ◆ **When Elections Are Too Close To Call** presented to the 4th Annual Advanced Texas Administrative Law Seminar, Austin, Texas (August 2009).
- ◆ **Redistricting Issues for City Attorneys** presented to the TCAA Summer Conference, South Padre Island, Texas (June 2009).
- ◆ **2009 Supreme Court Voting Rights Cases** presented to the 51st Annual County Judges and Commissioners Continuing Education Conference and Educations Exposition, V.G. Young Institute of County Government, Austin, Texas (March 2009).
- ◆ **Managing the Political Thicket: Developing Objective Standards in Voting Rights Litigation,** 21 Stetson Law Review, 819 (1992), quoted in *Holder v. Hall*, 512 U.S. 874, 889 (1994) (O'Connor, J., concurring).
- ◆ **The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress,** D. Bacon, et al., editors, New York: Simon & Schuster 1995 (author of article on *Baker v. Carr*).
- ◆ **79 National Civic Review 50** (1990): "*Thornburg v. Gingles: The Unresolved Issues*"
- ◆ **Cities & Villages,** "Surviving Redistricting Without Litigation," The Ohio Municipal League, (January 1991).
- ◆ **"The Texas Open Meetings Act,"** Presented at the Advanced Administrative Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program, Austin, Texas (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996).
- ◆ **"Evolution of Texas Public Information Law: The Early Years,"** Presented at the Advanced Administrative Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program, Austin, Texas (2005).

- ◆ **"Voting Rights: Defendant's Perspective,"** presented at Suing and Defending Governmental Entities and Officials, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program, Dallas and San Antonio, Texas (February 1990).
- ◆ **"Recent Developments in Voting Rights Law,"** presented at Annual Conference of National Institution of Municipal Law Officers, Seattle, Washington (October 1989).
- ◆ **"Thornburg v. Gingles: The Unresolved Issues,"** Presented to the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D.C. (March 13, 1988).
- ◆ **"Thornburg v. Gingles: The Unresolved Issues,"** presented to the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D.C. (March 13, 1988).
- ◆ **"Texas Open Meetings & Open Records Law and Recent Legal Developments,"** Appearing in Two Decades of Open Government in Texas 1967-1968, Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Media Law Conference, State Bar of Texas, Austin, Texas (November 1986).
- ◆ **"Effect of Annexation Prior to Preclearance Under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act,"** presented to the Section on Zoning, Planning and Land Development of the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, Washington, D.C. (March 16, 1986).
- ◆ **"Texas Administrative Practice and Procedure,"** Chapter R, "The Texas Open Meetings Act," State Bar of Texas (1985).
- ◆ **Limited Purpose Annexation: An Extension of Land Use Planning,** 16 Environmental Law Journal 1, State Bar of Texas (1985) (Co-author with Caroline Scott).
- ◆ **Media Law Handbook,** Chapter 5, "The Texas Open Meetings Act," State Bar of Texas (1st ed 1980; 2nd ed 1984).
- ◆ **Ethics in Government,** Chapter H, "Texas Open Records Act," State Bar of Texas (1983).

Reported Cases

- ◆ *Patino v. City of Pasadena*, 230 F.Supp.3d 667 (S.D. Tex. 2017)
- ◆ *Dacus v. Parker*, 466 S.W.3d 820 (Tex. 2015)
- ◆ *In re Williams*, 470 S.W.3d 819 (Tex. 2015)
- ◆ *Bianchi v. State*, 444 S.W.3d 231 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi-Edinburg 2015)
- ◆ *Abbott v. Dallas Area Rapid Transit*, 410 S.W.3d 876 (Tex. App.—Austin 2013)
- ◆ *Waste Management of Texas, Inc. v. Abbott*, 406 S.W.3d 626 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2013)
- ◆ *Kaufman County v. Combs*, 393 S.W.3d 336 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2012)
- ◆ *Heckman v. Williamson County*, 369 S.W.3d 137 (Tex. 2012)
- ◆ *Gattis v. Duty*, 349 S.W.3d 193 (Tex. App.—Austin 2011)
- ◆ *Morton v. City of Boerne*, 345 S.W.3d 485 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2011)

- ◆ *Lepak v. City of Irving*, 453 F. App'x 522 (5th Cir. 2011)
- ◆ *Lopez v. City of Houston*, 617 F.3d 336 (5th Cir. 2010)
- ◆ *Reyes v. City of Farmers Branch*, 586 F.3d 1019 (5th Cir., 2010)
- ◆ *Chen v. City of Houston*, 206 F.3d 502 (5th Cir., 2000)
- ◆ *Valdespino v. Alamo Heights Independent School Dist.*, 168 F.3d 848 (5th Cir., 1999)
- ◆ *Campos v. City of Houston*, 113 F.3d 544 (5th Cir., 1997)
- ◆ *Campos v. City of Houston*, 968 F.2d 446 (5th Cir., 1992)
- ◆ *In Re Holcomb*, 186 S.W. 3d 553 (Tex 2006)
- ◆ *In re City of Georgetown*, 53 S.W.3d 328 (Tex. Sup., 2001)
- ◆ *City of Pflugerville v. Capital Metropolitan Transp. Authority*, 123 S.W.3d 106 (Tex.App.-Austin, 2003)
- ◆ *Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority v. Kraft*, 77 S.W.3d 805 (Tex. 2002)
- ◆ *Board of Law Examiners of State v. Stevens*, 868 S.W.2d 773 (Tex. Sup., 1994)
- ◆ *Rodriguez v. Bexar County, Tex.*, 385 F.3d 853 (5th Cir., 2004)
- ◆ *Rodriguez v. Cuellar*, 143 S.W.3d 251 (Tex. App.-San Antonio, 2004)
- ◆ *Foreman v. Dallas County, Tex.*, 193 F.3d 314 (5th Cir., 1999)
- ◆ *Southwest Airlines Co. v. Texas High-Speed Rail Authority*, 867 S.W.2d 154 (Tex.App.-Austin, 1993)
- ◆ *U.S. v. City of Houston*, 800 F.Supp. 504 (S.D.Tex., 1992) (Three-Judge Court)
- ◆ *Salas v. Southwest Texas Jr. College Dist.*, 964 F.2d 1542 (5th Cir., 1992)
- ◆ *Save Our Springs Alliance, Inc. v. Austin Independent School Dist.*, 973 S.W.2d 378 (Tex.App.-Austin, 1998)
- ◆ *Ector County v. Hollmann*, 901 S.W.2d 687 (Tex.App.-El Paso, 1995)
- ◆ *U.S. v. Keresztury*, 293 F.3d 750 (5th Cir., 2002)
- ◆ *League of United Latin American Citizens, Council No. 4386 v. Midland Independent School Dist.*, 829 F.2d 546 (5th Cir., 1987)