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“Schools are spaces that must be designed for all learners. I am committed to working with our clients to make that happen.”



Kelly has proudly represented Texas public school districts for the entirety of her legal career, as a result of her family ties to public education. Kelly focuses her legal practice on disability rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Kelly has represented school districts in hundreds of special education due process filings and has taken more than 30 cases forward through the full hearing process. Kelly has an active federal litigation practice and handles the appeals of special education due process hearings and 504/ADA issues through the federal court system. Additionally, she participates in dispute resolution for the Office for Civil Rights and Texas Education Agency complaints and develops contracts for special education cooperatives.

Kelly is a frequent presenter who has an established presence at special education and legal conferences. She also regularly provides training for board members, special education directors, administrators, and teachers.

While in law school, Kelly interned with the Texas Supreme Court for Justice Nathan Hecht and also served as a law clerk for the Texas Association of School Boards. She joined Walsh Gallegos in 2013 and became a Shareholder in 2021.

PRACTICE AREAS

Special Education
Litigation

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law (2008)
University of Texas at Austin
Bachelor of Finance, with honors

MEMBERSHIP

Texas Council of School Attorneys
State Bar of Texas, School Law Section

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

Licensed in the State of Texas
United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals