

KATIE PAYNE

SHAREHOLDER

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“Public education is critical to any just and free society. Whatever I can do to help schools focus on providing the children of their community with an excellent education is extremely satisfying to me.”



Katie Payne has a history of service and dedication to public education. She currently supports school districts in the areas of labor and employment, constitutional and civil rights litigation, and general school law.

In her legal practice, Katie effectively represents clients in state and federal venues in administrative hearings, bench and jury trials, and appeals.

Prior to attending law school, Katie gained first-hand public school experience while teaching seventh grade language arts in the Houston Independent School District through the Teach for America program.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
Governance
Employment

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law (2010)
- Member of the Texas International Law Journal
- Student Attorney Ad Litem, Children's Rights Clinic
- Student Attorney, Transnational Worker Rights Clinic

Kansas State University (2005)
- B.A., Political Science and Spanish, *summa cum laude*

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

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

MEMBERSHIP

National School Boards Association
Council of School Attorneys
Texas Council of School Attorneys
State Bar of Texas, School Law Section