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BIOGRAPHY

Dee J. Kelly Jr. is a partner at Kelly Hart & Hallman and served as the firm's managing partner from 2005-2016. He is a member of the firm's Litigation and Administrative Law practice groups and serves on its executive committee. Mr. Kelly represents corporate and individual clients in a wide variety of business litigation in state and federal courts. Mr. Kelly also provides advice and representation to clients with matters pending before governmental and administrative bodies.

U.S. News and World Reports has included Mr. Kelly on *The Best Lawyers in America*® ranking every year since 2007. From 2003 through 2018, he was named a Texas Super Lawyer which is a list published in *Texas Monthly* magazine by Thomson Reuters. Mr. Kelly was also voted by his peers as among the city's best attorneys in polls conducted by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine and *360 West*.

Mr. Kelly is a master member of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court and vice president of the Center for American International Law. He is a trustee for the University of Texas Law School Foundation and recently was appointed trustee of Texas Christian University. Mr. Kelly is also the former chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of directors for a number of nonprofit organizations, including the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, the Performing Arts Fort Worth/Bass Hall Performance Hall, the Fort Worth Symphony Association, The Gatehouse, the Fort Worth Zoological Association, the Van Cliburn Foundation, the Safe City Commission, Southeast Fort Worth, Inc., and the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.

Mr. Kelly was appointed by Senators Cornyn and Cruz to serve on the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee in 2013 and received a Presidential appointment to the United Service Organization in 2004 from President George W. Bush. Mr. Kelly was recognized as the Distinguished Citizen of Fort Worth in 2014 by the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Kelly is a lifelong resident of Fort Worth, Texas, where he resides with his wife Dana and their three daughters.

EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

Lead trial counsel in many complex litigation matters including:

- Representing major transportation company in a wide variety of matters including litigation over protection of intellectual property and online distribution rights
- Successfully defending class action suits involving public company disclosures and securities violations

- Representing public and private oil and gas companies in a variety of contractual, environmental and personal injury disputes
- Representing municipal governments and elected officials in a variety of matters;
- Representing companies in disputes over employee theft, conversion of business opportunities, and fraud claims
- Active appellate practice before local, state and administrative courts

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

AFFILIATIONS

- Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Board of Directors, 2015-2019
- Center for American and International Law, Board of Trustees, 2006-2019; Vice Chair, 2015-2019
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Court Advisory Committee, 2013-2019
- University of Texas Law School Foundation, Trustee, 2014-2019
- The University of Texas System, Chancellor's Council Executive Committee, 2012-2019
- The University of Texas, College of Liberal Arts, Dean's Advisory Committee, 2008 -2019
- Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, Former Board Member, 2008-2013, 2018-2019
- Performing Arts Fort Worth/Bass Performance Hall, Board of Directors, 2016-2019
- Fort Worth Symphony Association, Board Member, 2010-2019
- Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Board Member, 2004-2019
- Van Cliburn Foundation; Board Member, Executive Committee, 2010-2019
- Fort Worth Zoological Association Executive Committee, 1990-2019
- Safe City Commission, Board Member, 2005-2019
- Southeast Fort Worth, Inc., Board Member, 2017-2019
- Worthington National Bank, Board Member, 2007-2019
- The Gatehouse, Board Member, 2017-2019
- Exchange Club of Fort Worth, President, 2017
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Court Advisory Committee, 2013-2019
- Texas Christian University, Trustee, 2018-2019
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Former President, 2015-2016; Board Member, 2010-2017
- Streams and Valleys, Former President, 2004-2006; Board Member, 2002-2017
- All Saints Episcopal School Board of Trustees, 2006-2014; Former President, 2007-2013
- Trinity Improvement Association, Former Chairman, 2008-2012
- United Way of Tarrant County, Former Board Member, 2009-2012

HONORS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2007-2020
- Texas Super Lawyer, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2019
- Named to *The 400 by Fort Worth, Inc.* magazine, 2018-2019
- Top Attorney, *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, 2006-2019
- Top Attorney in Commercial Litigation Law and Government and Administrative Law, *360 West*, 2019
- Top Attorney in Commercial Litigation, Corporate Counsel, and Government and Administrative Law by *360 West* magazine, 2018
- Top Attorney in Civil Law and Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Government and Administrative Law by *360 West* magazine, 2017
- Named Dallas *Best Lawyers*® Administrative / Regulatory Law Lawyer of the Year, 2014
- Distinguished Citizen Award, Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 2014
- Power Attorney, *Fort Worth Business Press*, 2012

- Attorney of Excellence, *Fort Worth Business Press*

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

- United Service Organizations, Board of Governors, Appointed by President George W. Bush, 2004-2007

SENATORIAL APPOINTMENT

- Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, Appointed by U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, 2013-2018

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1985
- The University of Texas, B.A., with honors, 1982

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas, 1985
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas