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David Jason Klein, a member of the Firm's Water and Districts Practice Groups since 2006, focuses on representing water utilities, municipalities, water districts, water authorities and landowners with their water supply, water quality, and water and sewer utility service interests. Before joining the firm, David worked at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, specializing in water rights, water utility permitting, water utility rates, dam safety, and district matters. David earned his doctor of jurisprudence from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois, in 1997, where he was a published author in the John Marshall Journal of Computer and Information Law. As a member of this law review, David also acted as the Solicitation Editor. While attending law school, he also participated in the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Graduate-Student-at-Large Program. David is originally from Dallas, but for the last nine years has called Austin home.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Water
- Districts

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent clients in contested case hearings at the State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Prepare and prosecute applications at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for water rights, water quality permits (TPDES, TLAP), and water district matters
- Assist clients with drafting development agreements and water supply contracts
- Represent municipalities, districts, investor owned utilities, and developers in obtaining, amending, and decertifying water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN), and dealing with 7 U.S.C.A. § 1926(b) related issues
- Assist clients in wholesale and retail water and sewer rate change applications
- Serve as general counsel for water districts and water supply corporations
- Experienced in TCEQ rulemaking initiatives
- Assist clients with applications at Texas Water Development Board for funding under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) / American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND EDUCATION

- United States District Court- Northern District of Texas (2004)
- United States District Court- Western District of Texas (2004)
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (2003)
- J.D., The John Marshall Law School (1997)
- University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Graduate-Student-at-Large Program (1997)
- B.A., The University of Texas at Austin (1994)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Texas
 - Environmental and Natural Resource Section

- Administrative Law Section
- Austin Bar Association
 - Environmental, Natural Resource, and Water Law Section
- American Water Works Association
 - Water Conservation and Reuse Division
 - Rates and Charges Committee
- Capital Area Suburban Exchange
- Green Knot

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author and Speaker, “New Challenges in Obtaining & Decertifying Water/Wastewater Certificates of Convenience and Necessity,” Presented at the Texas Public Works Association Annual Conference, McAllen, Texas – June 17, 2011.
 - Author and Speaker, “Maximizing Water Resources – Water Reuse in Texas,” Presented at the Texas Association of Water Board Directors Summer Conference, Ft. Worth – Texas, June 11, 2011.
 - Author and Speaker, “Securing Water Utility Service: Recent Developments Regarding Certificates of Convenience and Necessity,” Presented at the Texas Bar Association’s Changing Face of Water Rights Conference, San Antonio – Texas February 24, 2011.
 - Author and Speaker, “Adopting Orders v. Resolutions: General District Governance” Presented at the TRWA Districts Conference, Horseshoe Bay, Texas – September 2, 2010.
 - Author and Speaker, “Drafting Wholesale Water Supply Contracts,” Presented at the Texas Rural Water Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas – March 24, 2010.
 - Author and Speaker, "Taking Control Over Natural Gas Gathering and Transmission Pipelines and Compressor Station Companies," Presented at the Texas City Attorneys Association 2009 Summer Conference -- June 11, 2009.
 - Author and Speaker, "Providing Retail Water and Wastewater Service to New Developments - New Challenges in Obtaining and Decertifying CCNs," Presented at Texas Water 2009 -- April 16, 2009.
 - Author and Speaker, “Biosolids Regulation and Enforcement Update,” Presented at the Biosolids Management & Odor and Corrosion Control Conference & Exposition, San Antonio, Texas -- September 6, 2007.
 - Author, “Exploring the Scope of Landowner Water Rights for Domestic and Livestock Purposes”, By David Klein and Robin Smith, Volume VII, No. 1 *Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal* (2007).
 - Author and Speaker, “Examining the HB 2876 Expedited CCN Decertification Process,” Presented at Texas Water 2007, Austin, Texas, April 11, 2007.
 - Author, “Innovative Strategies in Water Marketing on the Rio Grande,” *State Bar of Texas Environmental Law Journal*, Spring 2007, Vol. 37, No. 3.
 - Author, “Keeping Business Out of the Bedroom: Protecting Personal Privacy Interests from the Retail World,” 15 J. Marshall J. Computer & Info. L. 391 (1997).
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