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Catherine Morse represents national and international clients in employment law and public affairs. She possesses deep knowledge of the legal concerns of sophisticated companies with significant community presence, having served for over 10 years as legal counsel for one of the largest national semiconductor manufacturing facilities, where she managed internal legal staff and outside counsel along with the company's relationships with trade associations, lobbyists, and public relations firms.

Professional Experience

- Served as General Counsel and Senior Director of Public Affairs at one of the largest national semiconductor manufacturing facilities
 - Managed internal legal staff and outside counsel as well as the company's relationships with trade associations, lobbyists, and public relations firms
 - Expertly guided all aspects of the company's legal affairs, litigation, environmental and trade compliance matters, commercial transactions, immigration issues, employment law concerns, real estate transactions, and preparation of corporate documents
- Advises clients in matters related to state legislative committees, Austin City Council, the Travis County Commissioners Court, and other governing bodies
- Extensively experienced in managing media relations and crisis communication

Professional & Community Activities

- State Bar of Texas
 - Labor & Employment Law Section
- Austin Bar Association
 - Labor & Employment Section
- Association of Workplace Investigators
- Skillpoint Alliance, Board of Directors, 2019–present
- Greater Austin Crime Commission, 2016–present

Practice Areas

- Business Strategy & Transactions
- Employment

Awards & Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Employment Law – Management, 2021
- Anti-Defamation League of Austin, Trailblazer Honoree, 2015
- Advance Austin Awards Luncheon, Honoree, 2014
- Open Door Preschool, Opening New Doors Award, 2013
- Girl Scouts of Central Texas, Woman of Distinction, 2012
- *Austin Business Journal*, Woman of Influence, 2011

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas
 - J.D., 1990
 - *Law Review*, Associate Editor
 - Order of the Barons
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 - B.A., Criminal Justice, 1987
 - Phi Kappa Phi
 - President, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority

- Austin Area Research Organization, 2011–present
- Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2012–2015, 2017–2019
- United Way for Greater Austin, Board of Directors and Board Chair, 2011–2016
- FBI Citizens Academy, 2015
- Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, Basic Mediation Training, 2014