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Practice Areas

- Business Strategy & Transactions
- Communications
- Legislative Advocacy
- Regulatory Compliance
- Regulatory Litigation
- Telecommunications

Education

- Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas
 - J.D., 1982
 - Order of the Coif
 - *Texas Tech Law Review*, Staff and Lead Articles Editor
 - Board of Barristers and Moot Court Competition Participant, Oral and Briefs
- University of Texas, Austin, Texas
 - B.A., Economics, 1979
 - University of Texas Debate Team

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Western Districts of Texas

Katherine Mudge focuses her practice on regulatory, legislative, and business issues facing providers of telecommunications, broadband, cable, wireless, and electric utility services. She advises businesses regarding government and administrative law and policy, competitive issues, right-of-way disputes, litigation at both state agency and trial court levels, and business risk management in regulated environments to help them minimize potential risk exposure. Katherine also assists business clients on a wide range of issues including formation and governance structures, commercial disputes, commercial customer and vendor contracts, and problem resolutions.

Professional Experience

- Extensively experienced in managing and assisting with mergers and acquisitions, asset purchases, and analyses of a variety of operational and business topics
- Co-founder of Texas-based law firm that focused primarily on utility regulation issues with a practice across the country in contract negotiations, arbitrations, contested case proceedings, and legislative advocacy
- Served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of a national telecommunications company where she was responsible for all legal matters, advocacy, and business strategy, including personnel policies and procedures, litigation, state and federal regulatory and legislative matters, contract negotiations, and compliance with municipal, state, and federal rules and regulations
- Served for five years as an Assistant General Counsel and an Administrative Law Judge at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, where she worked on a wide range of electric and telecommunication matters including contested cases, complaints, and rulemaking proceedings, as well as serving as an advisor to Commissioners
- Served as Senior Hearings Examiner and Assistant Special Counsel to the Commissioners at the Railroad Commission of Texas, where her responsibilities included gas utility regulation, oil and gas production, disposal well regulation, gas pipeline safety, and transportation

Professional & Community Activities

- Impact Austin
 - Board Member
 - Grant Review Co-chair
- Barbara Jordan Inn of Court – Master
- State Bar of Texas
 - Administrative & Public Law Section, Former Board Member, Officer, and Speaker
 - Computer & Technology Section
 - Legislative & Campaign Law Section
 - Litigation Section
 - Public Utility Law Section
- Austin Bar Association
- American Bar Association
 - Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Section
 - Infrastructure & Regulated Industries Section
- Federal Communications Bar Association
- Youth Sports Coach and Mentor, Round Rock
- High Five Events, Triathlete and Race/Charity Event Volunteer