

Stephanie Kover

Stephanie's docket includes oil and gas litigation and matters before the Railroad Commission, utilities matters before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, infrastructure construction matters, trade secret protection matters, and general commercial litigation.

Before law school, Stephanie earned her undergraduate and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering. While earning her graduate degree, she was part of the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GOMRI) where her research focused on optimizing a chemical process to aid in an oil spill response, specifically a process used during the Deepwater Horizon blowout. Stephanie has also focused research on wetlands facing water scarcity, design of water treatment facilities, and the environmental fate of steroids originating from cattle feedlots.

Stephanie earned her law degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Representative Matters

Defended a Fortune 500 oil and gas operating company in multidistrict litigation and individual lawsuits brought by royalty interest holders.

Obtained multiple summary judgments dismissing multi-million dollar breach of contract claims brought against a Fortune 500 oil and gas operator.

On behalf of a city, successfully protested and prevented construction of an electric transmission line and substation across high-end commercial real estate, and thus allowed multi-million dollar development plans to move forward.

Represented a Fortune 500 transmission and distribution utility in an administrative appeal.



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RELATED PRACTICE AREAS:

- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Law Litigation
- Government, Regulatory and Legislative
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Public Utilities
- Railroad Commission Regulatory

First and second-chair responsibility in protested and unprotested hearings at the Texas Railroad Commission, including special field rules amendments, surface mining disputes, Rule 37 disputes, Rule 86 disputes, proration unit disputes, and commingling disputes.

First and second-chair responsibility in protested hearings at the Public Utility Commission, including utility rate cases, transmission line routing disputes, and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) cases.

Representation of a trade association of competitive retail electric providers in extensive rulemakings and contested proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Advisement of oil and gas operators on various legal issues including interpretation of lease provisions, regulatory compliance, salt water disposal, property boundary disputes, salt dome development, micro seismic trade secret protection, easements, surface access rights, and pooling.

Bar Admissions & Activities

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, and the U.S. District Courts for the Western, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas

Member, State Bar of Texas

Member, Texas Young Lawyers' Association

- Witness Volunteer for the 43rd Annual National Trial Competition

Member, Austin Bar Association

- Administrative Section
- Oil, Gas, and Mineral Section

Member, Austin Young Lawyers' Association

Member, Travis County Women Lawyers' Association

Education

University of Nevada, Reno, B.S. Civil Engineering, summa cum laude, 2011

University of Colorado at Boulder, M.S. Civil Engineering, 2013

University of California, Berkley, School of Law, J.D., 2016

Community and Charitable Organizations

Board Member, Austin Youth River Watch

Pro bono representation of low-income individuals through the Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

Articles & Presentations

Railroad Commission Rules 37 and 38, written and presented at the Scott Douglass & McConnico Regulatory Seminar, Austin, Texas, Fall 2018.

Texas Provider of Last Resort (POLR) Preparedness Review in Anticipation of Summer 2018, written and presented as an in-house seminar for retail electric provider clients, Spring 2018.

Surface Estate Issues Related to Texas Relinquishment Act Lands, co-authored and co-presented with Flip Whitworth at the Texas Bankers Association's Real Estate and Oil & Gas Conference, San Antonio, Texas, Spring 2017.

Photochemical Fate of Solvent Constituents of Corexit Oil Dispersants, Kover, S., Linden, K., Rosario-Ortiz, F. Water Research. Vol. 52 pp 101-111. 2014.

Occurrence of Trenbolone Acetate Metabolites in Simulated Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Runoff. Kover,

S., Webster, J., Bryson, R., Harter, T., Mansell, D., Sedlak, D., Kolodziej, E. *Environmental Science and Technology*. Vol. 46(7) pp 3803-3810. 2012.

Analysis of Trenbolone Acetate Metabolites and Melengestrol in Environmental Matrices Using Gas Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry. Kover, S., Parker, J., Webster, J., Kolodziej, E. *Talanta*. Vol. 99 pp 238-246. 2012.