



MARY K. SAHS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Licenses

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas - November 1985.

Admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas – April 1987.

Admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas – April 1997.

Registered Texas Lobbyist - 1993 to 1999.

Of Counsel, Carls, McDonald & Dalrymple LLP, Austin, Texas, February 1, 2008 to Present.

Administrative, environmental, governmental entity, and water law.

President, Sahs & Associates, P.C., Austin, Texas, September 1998 to Present.

Administrative, environmental, governmental entity, and water law.

Principal, Law Offices of Mary K. Sahs, Austin, Texas, November 1995 to September 1998.

Civil litigation, administrative, environmental, water law, and legislative practice.

Associate, Gardere & Wynne, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, September 1992 to November 1995.

Environmental and legislative practice.

Public Interest Counsel, Texas Water Commission, Austin, Texas, January to September 1992.

Environmental public advocate.

Hearings Examiner, Texas Water Commission, Austin, Texas, August 1988 - January 1992.

Water quality, water and sewer retail and wholesale rates, utility certificates of convenience and necessity, water rights, hazardous and industrial waste including air components, enforcement.

Regulatory Consultant, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas, 1987 to 1988.

Drafting Farmworker Right-to-Know regulations.

Legal Writing Lecturer, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, 1987 to 1988.

Associate, Scanlan, Buckle & Fleckman, Austin, Texas, 1985 to 1987.

Environmental law and general civil practice.

Assistant City Attorney, West Lake Hills, Jonestown, Village of Lakeway, City of Sunset Valley, Texas, 1985 to 1987.

Municipal law and city prosecutor.

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law, Austin Texas, Doctor of Jurisprudence with Honors, May 1985.
University of Texas at El Paso, Bachelor of Arts in History with High Honors, May 1974.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Air & Waste Management Association, Central Texas Chapter, Southwest Section, 1996 - present.
Program Chair, 1999 to 2002. Membership Chair, 1996 – 1999.

Austin Bar Association, Administrative Law Section, 1999 - present.

Austin Bar Association, Environmental, Natural Resource, and Water Law Section, 2006 – present.

Austin Bar Association, Solo/Small Firm Section, 1998 - present. Served as a member of the Board of Directors for several years, including as Chair Elect 2001 – 2002. Program Chair, 1999 and 2001.

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas: 1986 - present.

Member of the College of the Star Bar of Texas, 2001 – present.

Texas Water Conservation Association, 2001 – present.

Travis County Women Lawyer’s Association, 1995 – present. Served on Board of Directors, 2001 – 2002 and 2003 - 2004.

Water Environment Association of Texas, 2002 – present.

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

Awards:

Recently selected by her peers for inclusion in the 2009, 2010 and 2011 editions of “The Best Lawyers in America” in the field of water law.

Publications:

Essentials of Texas Water Resources, Managing editor of treatise on water resources and law authored by members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Published by TexasBarBooks in 2009.

West’s Texas Practice Series, Environmental Law, Co-editor of treatise on Texas environmental law authored by members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas, since first publication in 1997. Updated annually with new edition in March 2005.

Planning Committee Member for various environmental law seminars including:

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW SECTION: "Texas Environmental Superconference," 1990, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES and EDWARDS AQUIFER RESEARCH AND DATA CENTER at TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY – SAN MARCOS: "Texas Groundwater 2004: Toward Sustainability," 2004.

RIVER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE: "Flows for the Future," 2005 and "Charting the Course," 2006.

STATE BAR OF TEXAS: Changing Face of Water Rights, 2005 and 2006.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUMMIT INITIATIVE OF THE TEXAS A & M SYSTEMS: "Texas Water Summit: Focusing on Water for Agriculture and Natural Resources," 2003.

Speaker, Author, and Moderator for various seminars including:

"Administrative Law Practice Before Groundwater Conservation Districts," presented at the 2008 University of Texas School of Law, Texas Water Law Institute.

"Developing Pre-Rules and Initial Rules," speaker and author for the August 2003 Texas A&M "Groundwater Conservation District Seminar Series: Programs, Plans and Rules for Your Groundwater Conservation District."

"Fly Over: What's New in Groundwater Law" presented at the 2005 State Bar of Texas seminar: "The Changing Face of Water Rights in Texas."

"Fundamentals of Groundwater Law" presented at the State Bar of Texas seminar: "Nuts and Bolts of Texas Water Rights 2005."

"Groundwater 101," presented at the 2009 and invited for the 2010 State Bar of Texas seminar: "The Changing Face of Water Rights."

"Groundwater – Desired Future Condition: Science, Law and Policy," presented at the September 2007 CLE International Texas Water Law Conference.

"Groundwater Conservation Districts: Enforcement," presented at the July 2008 meeting of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts.

"Groundwater Conservation Districts: Oil, Gas & Minerals," speaker for the April 2007 Austin Bar Association Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section and the August 2007 Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meetings.

"Groundwater Conservation Districts: Their Role in Sales and Exports" presented at the April 2008 CLE International Texas Water Law Conference.

"Groundwater Conservation Districts: The Legislature's Preferred and Localized Method of

Regulation” presented at the 2006 State Bar of Texas seminar: “The Changing Face of Water Rights in Texas.”

“Groundwater Districts: Implementation of HB 1763 and More,” speaker for the Fall Meeting of the Texas Water Conservation Association in October 2006.

“Groundwater Management Area Joint Planning 101,” presented at the September 2008 CLE International Texas Water Law Conference.

“Groundwater Regulation in Texas,” author for a legislative briefing paper provided to Texas legislators by the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts in January 2003.

“Groundwater Regulation in Texas,” speaker and author for the January 2003 meeting of the Industry Council on the Environment; the February 2003 meeting of the Austin Industry Environmental Counsel; and for the 2003 Environmental Superconference. Regularly presents this topic at locations throughout Texas at continuing education courses sponsored by the Texas Ground Water Association.

“Groundwater in Rural Texas,” speaker and author for the May 2002 meeting of the Real Estate Section of the Travis County Bar Association; the September 2002 meeting of the Central Texas Section of the Water Environment Association of Texas meeting; and the November 2002 meeting of the San Antonio Bar Association, Environmental Law Section.

“Legislative Update on Environmental Law,” speaker and author for the September 2005 Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar.

“Open Government Requirements for Texas Groundwater Conservation Districts,” speaker and author for the January 2003 Texas Water Resources Institute of Texas A & M University seminar: “Groundwater Conservation District Seminar Series: Being an Effective Board Member.”

“Roundtable on Groundwater District Powers: Enough, Not Enough, Just Right?” panelist for the March 2003 Environmental Defense seminar: “Texas Groundwater: Yours? Mine? Ours?”

“The Role of Groundwater Conservation Districts in Sales and Exports,” speaker and author for the November 2004 seminar “Texas Groundwater 2004: Towards Sustainability;” the April, July and September 2004 Texas A&M “Landowner and Citizen Information on Groundwater Leasing, Marketing and Sales Seminar;” and the June 2004 meeting of the Travis County Bar Association, Mineral Law Section.

“Water and Sewer Services: Update on Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs),” speaker and author for the February 2006 Austin Bar Association Real Estate Section Meeting and the April 2007 Lorman Education Services Zoning, Subdivision, and Land Development Law Conference.

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