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**Education**

Rice University - B.A. in History, with honors

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 2008.

**Selected Professional and Civic Affiliations and Honors**

American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, Fellow, 2019-present

Texas Super Lawyers, 2019-2021

Texas Rising Star, 2016-2018

Board Certified in Estate Planning & Probate, 2013-present

Austin Bar Association Estate Planning and Probate Section, Board Member, 2018-2020

State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section

State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course Committee Member, 2019-2020

State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning and Probate Course Committee Member, 2013-2018; Course Director 2017

State Bar of Texas Estate Planning and Probate Drafting Course Committee Member, 2018; Course Director 2019

**Speeches and Publications:**

Repaving the Road to Hell: Understanding and Conveying Client Intent, State Bar of Texas Estate Planning and Probate Drafting Course, October 2021

Attack of the Year 2020, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2021

Community Property Tips and Traps for Practitioners in Common Law States, American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel Fall Meeting, October 2020

Tips Inside the Mind of A Trustee, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2019

IRA, RMD, SNT – OMG!, University of Texas Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference, August 2018

You Signed the Forms, Now What?, State Bar of Texas Estate Planning and Probate Intermediate Course, June 2018

Dirt, Deals and Death, Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors, April 2018

Save the QTIPs for Your Ears: Drafting Alternative Marital Trusts, State Bar of Texas Estate Planning and Probate Drafting Course, October 2017; Austin Bar Association 32nd Annual Estate Planning & Probate Section All-Day CLE, May 2018

The (R)evolution of Estate Planning, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, June 2016

A Quick and Dirty Guide to Retirement Benefits, UT Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference, August 2014

Powers of the People, State Bar of Texas Intermediate Course, June 2014

Benefits for Beginners, State Bar of Texas Intermediate Course, June 2013

Can You Do It? Yes, You Can! (But Should You?), State Bar of Texas Intermediate Course, June 2012

Estate Planning Refresher, St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Houston, Texas, September 2010

A Look at Private Trust Companies, Navitas Newsletter, Spring 2010, co-author with Kent H. McMahan

**Personal**

Kat is married to Mert Akinc, a software engineer at National Instruments, and they have two sons, Evan (8 years old; loves Harry Potter and rockin’ the keyboard) and Charlie (6 years old; loves art and his giant blanket that looks like a tortilla). During the pandemic, Kat baked fresh bread every morning, knit new clothes for her family, posted dance challenges on her TikTik channel, and started lying about her new hobbies.