



Kelley M. Bentley – Partner

Kelley M. Bentley focuses her practice on elder law, estate planning, trust administration, probate, and guardianship. Kelley is **Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization**, in addition to being a **Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation**.

She is a **member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)** and has served as an officer and board member of the NAELA Texas Chapter. Kelley also serves on the Houston Bar Association Probate and Estate Planning Council, as well as the Texana Human Rights Committee.

Kelley frequently speaks to professional organizations, as well as community groups, on elder law, estate planning and probate issues. She seeks to educate and assist individuals on options for financing long-term care, as well as on estate planning techniques to mitigate tax liability.

Kelley is a native Houstonian and has been married for nearly 25 years to Karim and together they have three children: Ian (a semi-professional soccer player in Germany), Sophia (a Girl Scout and soccer player) and Charlotte (a Girl Scout and equestrian). Kelley is a proud Girl Scout troop leader for both of her daughters and is often seen at soccer fields or the barn cheering on her kids.

Practice Areas

Elder Law

Estate Planning

Trust and Estate Administration

Special Needs Planning, including Medicaid planning

Guardianship

VA Benefits Planning

Education

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas

LL.M in Taxation, 2010

South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas

Juris Doctorate, 2005

Assistant Note & Comment Editor, South Texas Law Review

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

B.A. in Music, minor in French, 2001

Certifications

Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation

Member State Bar of Texas Certified Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem

Honors and Awards

Listed, Thompson Reuters *Super Lawyer* (2019-2025)

Listed, Thompson Reuters *Super Lawyers* “Rising Stars” (2013-2018)

Up-and-Coming 100, 2017, 2018

Up-and-Coming 50 Women, 2017, 2018

Listed, *H Texas Magazine* “Top Lawyer” for Elder Law (2014, 2015)

Affiliations

Fort Bend County Bar Association, Member Board of Directors (Past Board Member)

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Texas Chapter (Vice-President)

Member, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Member, Probate, Trust and Estates Section, Houston Bar Association (Probate and Estate Planning Council, Board Member)

Member, Attorneys in Tax and Probate

Member, Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association (Past-President)

Texana, Human Rights Committee

Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas, 2005