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About Katherine

Katherine Pownell serves as Bracewell’s assistant general counsel with responsibility for overseeing the firm’s client relationships, from the initial RFP process through client disengagement. She assists with the negotiation of, and compliance with, engagement letters and outside counsel agreements, as well as client audits and requests for file transfers. Katherine is responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of internal procedures related to risk management, ethics and compliance issues. In addition, she manages the conflicts team tasked with identifying and resolving conflicts of interest.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Katherine worked in the general counsel’s office at another Am Law 100 firm. She also previously worked as a litigator, where she handled matters for large corporate clients in a variety of areas, including employee/benefits, environmental, construction, tax, and insurance.

Following law school, Katherine served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Pamela Rymer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Education

The UCLA School of Law, J.D.

1989

Texas A&M University, B.A.

1984 – *magna cum laude*

Noteworthy

UCLA School of Law, *UCLA Law Review*, Editor

UCLA School of Law, *UCLA National Moot Court Team*, Briefwriter

UCLA School of Law, *Order of the Coif*

UCLA School of Law, Outstanding Graduate Woman of UCLA

Thomson West, American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law, Contracts

Texas A&M University, *The Battalion*, Editorial Page Editor

Affiliations

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of California

Houston Bar Association

Texas Association of Mediators

World Affairs Council

Bar Admissions

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