



Kelly Frels

Trial Lawyer in Public & Private School Litigation, Houston Attorney, Bracewell

Kelly Frels, the firm's managing partner from 1995 through 2001 and the managing partner of the Houston office from 2001 to 2003, has been an attorney for public and private schools, community colleges, universities and other public bodies for more than 40 years. His current focus is providing counsel in governance, employment, desegregation and other civil rights issues. He also serves as a mediator in education disputes.

Education

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1970

B.S., Texas State University, 1966

Bar Admissions

Texas

Court Admissions

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 5th and 11th Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

Texas Environmental Research Consortium, Chair, Board of Directors, 2006-2013

Greater Houston Partnership, Director and Director Emeritus, 1997-present

State Bar of Texas, President, 2004-2005

Houston Bar Association, President, 1994-1995

Texas Center for Legal Ethics, Chair 2009-2010

Center for Houston's Future, Chair 2010-2012

Noteworthy

Woodward/White, Inc., *Best Lawyers*, 2008-2016

Thomson Reuters, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003-2015

National School Boards Association, Council of School Attorneys Chair 1977-1978; Recipient of the initial Chairman's Award for Lifetime Achievement, 2004

School Law Section State Bar of Texas Chair, 1977-1978; Recipient of the initial Kelly Frels Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012

Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award, 1979

Education Law Association President, 1978-1979; Recipient of the McGhehey Award for Lifetime Service, 1991