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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Texas Hotel & Lodging Association, Austin, Texas
General Counsel, 2008—Present

Legal Experience (highlights):

- Chief legal counsel to Texas Hotel & Lodging Association (THLA), a 501(c)(6) nonprofit state trade association.
- Manage and oversee a legal program servicing over 2,500 association members.
- Statewide expert in the fields of hotel occupancy taxation, hospitality law, contract law, building facilities standards, and employment law.
- Advise members on all legal issues affecting hospitality business operations, including issues such as ADA law, alcoholic beverages, business organizations, contracts, employment law, health and safety regulations, hotel taxes, land use, landlord-tenant law, local regulations, margins tax, premises liability, property taxation, discrimination in places of public accommodations, special local district taxation, tort liability, and more.
- Advise local communities on hotel occupancy tax law and hotel regulatory issues.
- Primary legal counsel to over ten local lodging associations across Texas.

Governmental Affairs Advocacy:

- Represent and advocate for the hotel and lodging industry before the Texas legislature, state agencies, at the federal level, and the local level.
- Formulate legislative agenda and strategy.
- Responsible for introducing and passing positive legislation and defeating or amending negative legislation.
- Advocate for the lodging industry and individual lodging properties at the municipal and county level on a diverse array of issues such as taxation and regulatory ordinances.

Communications:

- Conduct communications with 72 member statewide board of directors and association membership on public policy, legislative, and legal issues.
- Conduct statewide and regional meetings, and conduct over 30 seminars quarterly, monthly industry publication, legislative alerts, grass roots advocacy program, and other communications and outreach.
- Speak before industry and local government groups.
- Editor of THLA publications, including hotel taxation guides, legal publications, newsletters, emails, etc.
- Undergraduate hospitality law guest lecturer.

EDUCATION

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas
Juris Doctor, May 2007

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, November 2, 2007

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
B.A. in Government, 2001

CERTIFICATIONS, CIVIC, AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas
- Registered Lobbyist, State of Texas
- Notary Public
- Texas Society of Association Executives Member
- International Society of State Hotel Association Executives Member
- Texas Travel Industry Association Advisory Member
- Austin Bar Association Member
- Austin Young Lawyers Association Member
- Texas Young Lawyers Association Member

REFERENCES

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