



**Sharon Smith** practices in the utility, economic development, regulatory, and environmental areas. She specializes in development and financing of water and wastewater, drainage, road, and recreational infrastructure. Her practice also includes special district creation, government economic development incentives, and municipal regulatory matters.

### **Representative Experience**

Representation of developers in creation of public improvement districts and related finance mechanisms, including bond issuance and other debt structures

Representation of purchasers of land in public improvement districts and special districts, and negotiation of acquisition terms relating to the district financing

Representation of client in the first public improvement district creation by a Texas county and first PID bond issuance by a Texas county

Legal counsel to clients for special district creations, including legislative authorizations and negotiation of consent agreements and development agreements

General counsel for municipal utility districts, water control and improvement districts, and other special districts

Negotiation of water and wastewater cost reimbursement agreements, and contracts for water and wastewater service

### **Prior Experience**

Provided municipal legal counsel in a variety of areas, including water and wastewater utility acquisitions, utility rate matters, public finance, special districts creation, and land use and development

Lead attorney for the first in-city municipal management district in the City of Austin



At the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and its predecessor agencies provided legal counsel in all environmental areas, including water quality permitting and enforcement, water utilities, water rights, municipal and hazardous waste permitting, low level radioactive waste, and related matters

Represented the State of Texas in its application for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System federal authorization

**Professional/Community Involvement**

State Bar of Texas

Austin Bar Association – Real Estate, Environmental, and Administrative Sections

Texas Women in Public Finance

All Saints Episcopal Church – Children's Sunday School Teacher

Texas Rowing Center

**Bar**

Texas – 1985

**Education**

Southwestern University – 1980-B.A. in International Studies, *cum laude*

Texas Tech School of Law – 1984 - J.D.