



Kate Goodrich

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OVERVIEW

Kate Goodrich Wright is a partner in the firm's Public Policy and Law practice group. She advises companies, trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and local governments on complex legislative, regulatory, and political matters before the Texas Legislature, state agencies, and Congress. Kate helps clients develop and execute government affairs strategies, navigate high-profile policy debates, and build effective coalitions to achieve legislative and regulatory objectives.

Kate's practice spans a broad range of industries, including healthcare, energy, transportation, technology, housing, infrastructure, financial services, and local government. She has developed particular experience representing clients in emerging industries, including data centers, healthcare, and autonomous vehicle policy, where evolving regulatory frameworks require close coordination among lawmakers, agencies, and industry stakeholders.

Drawing on her experience in both state and federal government, Kate provides strategic counsel throughout the policymaking process, from drafting legislation and preparing committee testimony to advising on appropriations, rulemaking, procurement, and engagement with executive agencies. She also counsels clients on campaign finance, ethics, public records, and political law issues that affect interactions with government officials.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Kate served as deputy general counsel and policy advisor to the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, where she advised House leadership and all 150 members on legislative procedure, ethics, campaign finance, open records, bill drafting, and complex legal questions arising during the legislative session. She previously served as deputy general counsel and Deputy Director for the Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee, a budget analyst for the Senate Finance Committee, and a policy analyst for the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee, giving her extensive experience with the legislative process, state budgeting, and committee operations.

Earlier in her career, Kate worked as a federally registered lobbyist in Washington, DC, where she represented clients before Congress and federal agencies on transportation and infrastructure policy, providing her with firsthand experience navigating both federal and state government affairs.

Kate was previously recognized by *Chambers USA* as a Nationwide Associate to Watch in Government Relations, reflecting her ability to help clients solve complex public policy challenges through practical, bipartisan advocacy.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* as an Associate to Watch for Government Relations, USA-Nationwide, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "Inside the Process: Navigating Policy and Advocacy in Today's Landscape," National Association of Social Workers, 17 April 2026

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas at Austin, 2018
- Masters degree in Global Politics, Trinity College - Dublin, 2012
- B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2011

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 15 September 2026, Data Center Deep Dives: Texas
- 19 May 2026, People vs. Machines: Texas County Pushes Pause on Data Center Construction as Project Risks Expand Nationally Amid Public Opposition
- 15 April 2026, Navigating Nuclear: Historic Funding Opportunities in Texas
- 10 March 2026, 2026 Texas Primary Election Results: How Texas Politics Impacts Your Market
- January 2026, 14th Annual "Under the Wire" CLE Webinar

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 January 2026, K&L Gates Grows Public Policy and Law Practice in Texas With Austin Partner Addition

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 7 August 2026, *Bloomberg Law* | Q&A: K&L Gates' Kate Goodrich

- 7 May 2026, *Texas Tribune* | Texas Republicans have a data center problem

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law

INDUSTRIES

- Energy

EMERGING ISSUES

- Data Centers and Energy Intensive Infrastructure