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#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Water Law

Environmental

Real Estate

Legislative & Governmental Relations

Zachariah focuses his practice on water and wastewater utilities and the representation of local governmental entities. He advises water districts, water supply corporations, and municipalities on most all matters regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. His practice area also includes open government, personnel matters, procurement, annexations, licensing and regulation of public rights-of-way, and ordinance drafting.

Zachariah also has nearly a decade of legislative experience, having served various roles for members of both parties and in both houses of the Texas Legislature. As Deputy Director of the Texas House of Representatives Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding, he provided specialized guidance and recommendations on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, working directly with state and federal legislators, executive agencies, and White House personnel to determine Recovery Act implications. He is the co-editor of *Texas Senate Practice* (2015, 2017 eds.)

Zachariah served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps from July 1998 to July 2003, during which time he was awarded multiple Certificates of Commendation and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, among others.

#### **Publications & Presentations**

- Author and Presenter, *Water Law: A Confluence of Rights and Regulation*, State Bar of Texas: Handling Your First (or Next) Environmental Law Matter: Finding Your Niche (December 6, 2019)
- Presenter, A Trip to the MUD SPA: Limitations and Additions to MUD Funding Sources Under Strategic Partnership Agreements, University of Texas, 23rd Annual Land Use Conference (April 26, 2019)
- McGinnis Lochridge Welcomes Zachariah T. Evans in Austin (January 7, 2019)
- Presenter, Municipal Procurement 101, Texas Municipal League Newly Elected City Officials Workshop (August 2017)
- Presenter, Handling PIA Requests: Practical Tips, Texas City Attorneys Association (June 2017)
- Co-editor, Texas Senate Practice (2017 edition)
- Co-editor, Texas Senate Practice (2015 edition)
- Author and Presenter, Municipal Regulation of Trademarked Signs, Texas City Attorneys Association (June 6, 2013)

## **Professional Associations & Community Involvement**

- Texas Bar Association
- Association of Water Board Directors
- Texas Rural Water Association
- Austin Symphony BATS
- Texas City Attorneys Association
- Texas Municipal League Legislative Policy Committee, Member (2017)
- Texas Municipal League Resolution Committee, Member (2017)
- Texas First Foundation Board Member (2009-2012)

### **Bar Admissions**

Texas

## **Education/Professional Background**

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2012
- Law Clerk: Judge Guy Herman, presiding judge of Travis County Probate Court
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 2006 (cum laude)