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PRACTICES Litigation, Media and Entertainment Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Social Media, Copyright, Trademark Litigation, Media, Entertainment and Sports

Catherine Robb is counsel in the Business Litigation Practice Group in the Austin office of Haynes Boone. Catherine represents clients in the broadcast industry. Her practice is focused on commercial and business litigation, First Amendment litigation, pre-publication review and editing, copyright and trademark litigation, general commercial litigation, open government issues and privacy concerns. She advises clients concerning media law issues for an extensive array of content providers including online and traditional newspapers, magazines, radio and broadcasters, cable television stations, production companies and music entities.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1998, *with honors*
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1992

CLERKSHIPS

- Law Clerk, Judge W. Royal Furgeson, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 1998-1999

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
 - United States Supreme Court
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Texas Court of Appeals Upholds Anti-SLAPP Dismissal of Claims Brought by Suspect in Child Pornography Case," author, Media Law Resource Center, August 2022.
 - "Hot Issues in Libel & Privacy," facilitator, ABA 26th Annual Forum on Communications Law Conference, January 27-February 2, 2021.
 - "Texas Court Grants Summary Judgment to Real Crime Show Producer in Negligent Publication Case Plaintiff Alleged Show Almost Got Him Killed," co-author, Media Law Resource Center, April 2018.
 - "Appellate Court Affirms Final Judgment Dismissing Case Against Media Defendant Under Texas's Anti-SLAPP Statute," co-author, Media Law Resource Center, April 2016.
 - "Texas Anti-SLAPP Law," co-presenter, CLE Presentation, Travis County Judiciary, October 8, 2015.
 - "Texas Broadcaster Wins Anti-SLAPP Motion," author, Media Law Resource Center, June 2014.
 - "New Laws in Texas Impacting the Media," co-author, Media Law Resource Center, July 2013.
 - "Summary Judgment for Texas Broadcaster Affirmed," author, Media Law Resource Center, December 2012.
 - "Lawsuits Over Political Ads Raise Questions Over Defamation," interviewee, KVUE News, May 2012.
 - "Beyond Thunderdome: The Internet and Social media get Political," KVUE News, May 2012.
 - "Wrongful Death Lawsuit Against A&E Dismissed on Jurisdictional Grounds," author, Media Law Resource Center, April 2012.
 - "Strategies for Efficiently and Economically Winning a Media Case," co-author, *ABA/TIPS Media Newsletter*, Spring 2011.
 - *Reporter's Privilege Compendium*, co-author, The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 2010.
 - "Local Non-Profit Threatened with Lawsuit Over Documentary Showing," Interviewee, KVUE News, April 2010.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- PBS Board of Directors, elected to Board of Directors, 2020, Board General Vice Chair, 2022
- Texas Lyceum, named to the Board, 2015
- Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM), board member
- University of Virginia Alumni, Board of Managers, 2021-present
- Austin Film Society, board member, 2006-2013, Former Board President
- Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, board member 2006-2012, Former Board Vice-Chair
- Austin Music Foundation, board member, 2004-2010
- Humanities Texas, board member, 2007-2013, Treasurer 2011-2012, Secretary 2012-2013, Current Alumni Board Co-Chair
- LBJ Library Future Forum, founder and Chair Emeritus, board member, and former chairman (2002-2013)
- Austin's PBS station, KLRU, board member and former board chair, Austin City Limits Committee member
- Mayor's Health and Fitness Council, former board member
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, board member, 2004-2011, 2015-2021
- American Heart Association (Capital Area Division), board member, 2003-2009
- State Bar of Texas, appointed member of the Judicial Relations Committee, 2001-2004 and 2008-2009

- University of Texas School of Undergraduate Studies, advisory council, 2012-2018
 - LBJ School of Public Affairs, advisory council, 2011-present
 - Texas Exes Council Member, 2012-2018
 - The University of Texas' Commission of 125 and Service to Society Committee, member, 2002-2004
 - Leadership Austin, member and 2003 Graduate
 - The First Amendment Institute's First Amendment Leadership Program graduate, 2002
 - The Seton Forum, former member
 - Reading is Fundamental of Austin, volunteer
 - Volunteer Legal Services, volunteer
 - Trinity Center, volunteer
 - Back on My Feet, volunteer
 - American Inns of Court - Lloyd Lochridge Inn of Court, member (2010-present), former President, Executive Committee, 2011-present
 - Media Law Resource Center, member, Entertainment Law Committee, member
 - American Bar Association, Forum on Communications Law, Governing Committee member, former chair of Women in Communications Law Committee
 - Texas Bar Association
 - Austin Bar Association
 - Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- *McClain v. USA Today Newspaper*, 2010 WL 2404651 (Tex. App. - Dallas 2010).
 - *Rosenfeld v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.*, 37 Med. L. Rptr. 1348 (C.D. Cal. 2009).
 - *In re BP Products North America Inc.*, 263 S.W.3d 117 (Tex. App. - Hou. [1st Dist.] 2006, no pet.).
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized as a "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation and First Amendment Law by *The Best Lawyers America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2024
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., for Litigation - First Amendment, 2020-2025
- Member, Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation