

Kelly Utsinger's practice is focused on employment, insurance, nonsubscriber, trucking, and catastrophic injury litigation.



Kelly routinely represents clients in arbitrations and in federal and state trial and appellate courts. He is a member of two national, invitation-only trial lawyer organizations, the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABTA). Kelly is a Fellow of the ACTL, a widely recognized premier trial organization in North America. Membership in the ACTL is limited to highly experienced trial lawyers who are exceptional advocates and whose careers demonstrate the highest standards of ethics. He is also an Associate of the ABTA, an organization that includes lawyers who demonstrate civility and professionalism at a high level of trial advocacy.

Kelly has experience in prosecuting and defending commercial litigants, handling multi-million dollar first-party insurance disputes, serving as counsel in numerous Fair Labor Standards Act collective actions, and successfully defending over 100 nonsubscriber lawsuits.

EXPERIENCE

Briefing Attorney, Chief Justice Charles Reynolds, Texas Seventh Court of Appeals 1979-1980

AFFILIATIONS

American College of Trial Lawyers

American Board of Trial Advocates, Advisory Committee

U.S. District Courts, Northern District of Texas 2014 – 2020

Amarillo Area Bar Association, President 2008-2009

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Former Director

Texas Young Lawyers Association, Former Director

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PRACTICE AREAS

Employment

Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 1979

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas

U.S. Tax Court

EDUCATION

J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 1979

B.A., Abilene Christian College, *cum laude*, 1975



RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers® in America, Insurance Law, 2012–2026

Texas Super Lawyers, by Thomas Reuters, 2003–2024

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell



PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

"Employment Law and The Election"— Underwood Employment Law Seminar,
Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas, (2024)