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OVERVIEW

Austin McCarty is a government affairs advisor in the firm's Austin office and a member of the Public Policy and Law practice group.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Austin served as legislative consultant at the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), with primary responsibilities to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Prior to departing TAC, he contributed to the establishment of the TAC Federal Outreach team. Austin also served as director of government affairs for two of the state's leading trade associations, where he was responsible for advancing complex legislative agendas, planning and executing membership events, and managing political contributions, among other responsibilities.

Prior to joining the private sector, Austin served as a senior level staffer in the Texas Legislature, working with a variety of both Republican and Democratic members throughout their terms. He aided in the successful crafting and passage of multiple key bills in subjects including environment regulation, higher education, public safety, state tax and economics.

Austin served in the United States Naval Reserve as a Chief Petty Officer and Aircrewman with Fleet Logistics and Support Squadron Five Nine (VR-59). He has been awarded numerous citations and medals for sustained superior performance of duty.

EDUCATION

- B.A., St. Edward's University, 2006

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Legislative Responses to Recent Developments in Generative Artificial Intelligence," *The Journal of Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & Law*, March-April 2024

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law