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Carolyn Ahrens practices law primarily in the areas of groundwater and surface water rights and regulation, water supply contracts, and environmental law. Throughout her legal career, Ms. Ahrens has been dedicated to obtaining and securing the water rights and uses of her clients, through both traditional and nontraditional permitting and contracting strategies. Increasingly in Texas, expanding water supply requires alternative and hybrid approaches to project development and contracting, areas in which Ms. Ahrens is accomplished. She also has extensive experience with compelled water service jurisdiction and with wholesale rate issues.

Ms. Ahrens has represented clients regarding legislative issues affecting water supply and regulation and is accustomed to working at the intersection of water and policy both individually and as part of a team. She is experienced in communicating with the public, as a participant in town hall meetings and other venues on behalf of clients.

Ms. Ahrens participates actively in professional associations focused on water resources for municipal, power, and industrial water supply. At the state level, Ms. Ahrens is honored to serve on the board of the Texas Desalination Association as well as on the board and executive committee of the Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA), the state's premier association for raw water supply and water policy. She chaired TWCA's Water Laws Committee under three association presidents and is active in the Surface Water Committee, Policy Committee, Federal Affairs Committee, and General Environmental Panel. She also served on the national Board of Directors of the WaterReuse Association and chaired its National Legislative Committee. She chaired the American Water Works Association's Water Resources Sustainability Division that encompasses national committees on Climate Change, Groundwater, Source Water Protection, Water Desalting, Water Resource Planning and Water Reuse. Ms. Ahrens was a governing Trustee of the Water Environment Federation whose mission is to preserve and enhance the global water environment.

Ms. Ahrens twice received the prestigious TWCA President's Award for "outstanding dedication, contribution and service to the water resources of the State of Texas." She received a 2012 President's Award from the WaterReuse Association for "dedication, passion and vision," the Water Environment Federation's Arthur Sidney Bedell award for "extraordinary personal service" to the Water Environment Association of Texas and two Watermark awards for raising the public's level of understanding of Texas water issues. Ms. Ahrens is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a Fellow of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, a member of the Joseph Pritchard Inn, and a Founding Fellow of the Travis County Bar Foundation. For the International Young Lawyers Association, Ms. Ahrens served on the Executive Committee as National Vice-President for the United States, the highest office for national representatives.