

## Scottie Aplin-Bio

Scottie Aplin is an attorney for the Texas General Land Office (GLO). As the oldest agency in the State of Texas, the GLO has several multifaceted missions. It serves the school children of Texas through management of vast mineral, land and royalty interests dedicated to the permanent school fund, an endowment for public education. The GLO also provides for its citizens by operating state veterans' benefit programs, through the Veterans Land Board, by rebuilding Texas communities through assistance with disaster recovery and disaster mitigation, and the preservation of Texas history, through its archives and its custodianship over the Alamo. In addition, the GLO manages 13 million acres of state-owned assets such as minerals, submerged lands, estuaries and beaches and dunes. As a steward of the State's 367-mile coastline, the GLO is responsible for responding to oil spills in the coastal environment and is a member of the state's Natural Resource Trustee Council, which is responsible for evaluating injuries caused to the Texas natural resources from spills of oil and hazardous substances, recovering damages from the responsible party, and using the recovered funds to restore those lost resources.

Scottie has over 25 years' experience in administrative and environmental law and policy, covering diverse topics such as environmental auditing; the Clean Water Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; the Toxic Substances Control Act; and the Texas Water Code, Dune Protection Act, and Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act. She has worked at three state agencies, one federal agency, and 2 private sector companies and leverages that diversity of experience to the benefit of her clients. She has worked at the General Land Office since 2012 and been advising the GLO and the Natural Resources Trustees since 2015. She is a dedicated advocate for her clients the State of Texas, the GLO, the Trustee Council, and the public, focusing on getting to yes through settlement while preserving the ability of her clients to litigate if negotiations fail. She is also an advocate for her community, historically working with faith communities to protect natural resources and enhance energy efficiency and most recently volunteering with the YMCA, zealously working with their Youth and Government Program.