

Danielle Ahlrich

Partner



Danielle is a member of the firm's State Tax Group. She focuses her practice on Texas tax matters, specializing in Texas sales and use tax and Texas franchise tax. Danielle represents taxpayers in a variety of industries—including construction, oil and gas, and tech—and assists them with all phases of Texas tax issues. While Danielle loves to help clients minimize audit exposure through front-end planning, she also maintains a robust tax controversy practice in which she represents Texas taxpayers during audit and in challenging tax assessments and pursuing tax refunds before the State Office of Administrative Hearings, in state district court, and on appeal. Danielle frequently writes and speaks on Texas tax topics, and she uses this knowledge to successfully litigate and settle client matters.

Honors and Awards

- Selected for inclusion in the Texas *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list for Tax, 2017-2019, and in the Texas *Super Lawyers* list for Tax: Business, 2020-2021
- Austin Monthly Top Lawyer in Tax, 2019-2021
- Austin Under 40 Awards, 2019 Finalist, Legal Category
- Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, Associate Member
- Austin Bar Association, Lawyer Well-Being Committee, Co-Chair
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Scholarship Committee, Board Member
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation, Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Austin Bar Association, Member

Publications

- 3 September 2021 "Texas Supreme court will decide Sirius XM apportionment case"
Reed Smith News Flashes
- 10 June 2021 "Texas Removes Obstacles to Prompt and Favorable Resolution of Taxpayer Disputes"
Reed Smith Client Alerts
- 10 May 2021 "Monday Mentors with Austin Tax Litigator Danielle Ahlrich"
Lone Star Lawyers, podcast
- 10 May 2021 "Texas Franchise Tax: A Sea Change for Sourcing Services"
Tax Notes
- 20 April 2021 "State Tax: Texas Comptroller Proposes Extensive Amendments to R&D Rules"
Reed Smith News Flashes
- 11 March 2021 "Texas Considers Legislation to Bypass Administrative Hearings for Refund Claims"
Reed Smith Client Alerts

Speaking Engagements

- 6 October 2021 The Reed Smith SALT Room: The Future of the Texas Research & Development Credit
- 28-30 July 2021 IPT Reconnect Conference, Austin, Texas
"2021 Sales Tax Hot Topics"
- 9 July 2021 UT Law CLE's 2021 LLC's, LPs, and Partnerships, virtual conference
"State Tax Considerations for Those Moving to the Lone Star State"

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Education

Baylor University School of Law, 2009,
J.D.

University of Texas at Austin, 2006, B.A.,
Government and History, with honors

Professional Admissions

Texas

- 21 April 2021 Reed Smith TEI Region IV Virtual Seminar
- 15 April 2021 Austin Bar Association Construction Law Section "Texas Sales Tax for the Construction Industry"
- 24 February 2021 Council on State Taxation (COST) Sales and Transaction Tax "Post-Wayfair Conundrum"
- 29 January 2021 Texas-sized Changes to Franchise Tax Apportionment, United States

Notable Cases

- Franchise tax: *Hegar v. Gulf Copper and Manufacturing Corporation*, 601 S.W.3d 668 (Tex. 2020).
- Sales tax: *Pointsmith Point-of-Purchase Management Services, LP v. Hegar*, No. D-1-GN-11-001514 (200th Dist. Ct., Travis County, Tex. Jan. 10, 2019).
- Franchise tax: *Hegar v. CGG Veritas Servs. (U.S.), Inc.*, 581 S.W.3d 228 (Tex. App.—Austin 2016, no pet.).
- Franchise tax: *Titan Transp., LP v. Combs*, 433 S.W.3d 625 (Tex. App.—Austin 2014, pet. denied).
- Franchise tax: *Combs v. Newpark Res., Inc.*, 422 S.W.3d 46 (Tex. App.—Austin 2013, no pet.).
- Sales tax: *Garriott v. Combs*, No. D-1-GN-12-003034 (201st Dist. Ct., Travis County, Tex. Oct. 1, 2013).

Notable Quotes

- 3 September 2021 "Texas Justices Will Hear Sirius XM \$2.5M Tax Refund Case" *Law 360*
- 5 February 2021 "Texas Gov. Proposes Banning Transaction Taxes" *Law 360*