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Keith Toler is a board-certified civil appellate specialist who helps clients and trial lawyers solve complex legal problems by identifying the issues that matter most and distilling them into clear, compelling arguments.

Prior to joining Beck Redden, Keith served for more than six years as a Staff Attorney for the First Court of Appeals of Texas, one of the busiest courts of appeals in the state. There, he reviewed hundreds of briefs and appellate records and worked closely with the court in resolving civil appeals and original proceedings. That experience gave Keith a deep understanding of what persuades appellate courts and how difficult legal questions are most effectively presented.

Before joining the court, Keith represented governmental entities in state and federal trial and appellate courts. His experience on both sides of the appellate process informs his approach to appellate litigation. He works closely with clients and trial teams to refine legal arguments, develop effective strategies, and position cases for success at every stage of litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Staff Attorney at the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas

- High-volume docket involving complex civil appeals: jury charge error, commercial law, statutory and contract interpretation, summary judgments, pleas to the jurisdiction, expert reports, supersedeas

Assistant County Attorney at the Harris County Attorney's Office

- Lead counsel in state and federal civil appeals: constitutional law claims, governmental and official immunity, employment discrimination

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- A Conversation with Appellate Court Staff Attorneys (Houston Bar Association Appellate Section, January 2026)
- Texas Supreme Court Update (Brazoria County Bar Association, 2024)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Adjunct Professor, University of Houston Law Center (Fall 2026)
- The Houston Lawyer, Editorial Board
- State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Judicial History Committee, Team Leader (2025 – Current)
- Houston Bar Association Appellate Section, Member
- Garland Walker American Inn of Court, Member

PRACTICES

Appellate

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

- Honorable David Gunn, First Court of Appeals of Texas (2024–2026)
- Honorable April Farris, First Court of Appeals of Texas (2021–2024)
- Honorable Evelyn Keyes, First Court of Appeals of Texas (2019–2021)

EDUCATION

J.D., Rutgers Law School, 2013

- Business Editor, *Rutgers Law Journal* (2012–2013)
- American Constitution Society, Executive Vice President (2011–2013)

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2006

- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Texas Bar College, Member

