



BIOGRAPHY



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PARTNER

Karla Pascarella is a Partner in Peckar & Abramson's Austin office, where she represents a range of international and domestic corporate clients and construction professionals. Her practice is primarily concentrated on construction law, corporate compliance and governance, and commercial litigation/complex dispute resolution. Fluent in both Spanish and English, she regularly handles multi-cultural transactions and disputes, and assists corporate clients with strategic legal decisions and global business matters.

Prior to joining Peckar & Abramson, Ms. Pascarella served as General Counsel for the North American affiliate of a \$2.1 billion international engineering, procurement, and construction company. She routinely counseled senior executives and executive committees on legal strategies and the implementation of key business decisions across the globe. As General Counsel, she handled an impressive range of legal disputes on multiple high-profile projects and oversaw the company's legal approach for all lines of business, including renewable energy (wind and solar), major infrastructure works, and transmission and distribution.

An adept litigator and negotiator, Ms. Pascarella has successfully handled a diverse range of contract disputes and business-related torts at state and federal court levels. She regularly manages domestic and international transactions and negotiates complex contracts for publicly and privately financed infrastructure projects.

Born in Guatemala and a native Spanish speaker, Ms. Pascarella often serves as the go-to counsel for highly intricate international transactions and legal matters. Her strong negotiating skills and tactful appreciation of diverse cultures allow her to manage and resolve disputes across a range of industries. She has represented Fortune 500 clients in North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations and served as a Delegate of the American Bar Association's Section of International Law and Practice, International Legal Exchange Program - Central America Delegation.

Ms. Pascarella is admitted to practice in the State of Texas and is a member of the State Bar, where she serves as both a Council Member for the International Section and its Human Rights Committee and an appointed Member of the Committee on Women in the Profession. She has volunteered as an International Business Program Mentor and Judge with San Antonio's Free Trade Alliance and has been featured in *Texas Super Lawyers*, as well as *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics Magazine*. Ms. Pascarella received her B.B.A. from the University of the Incarnate Word and her J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADMISSIONS:

- State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

EDUCATION:

- University of the Incarnate Word, B.B.A.
- St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction
- Commercial Litigation
- Construlegal®
- Dispute Resolution
- Corporate Law
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Power & Industrials/EPC

MEMBERSHIPS:

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star
- Leadership San Antonio, Class XXXI
- *Texas Monthly and Law & Politics Magazine*
- Colegio de Abogados y Notarios de Guatemala, Honorary Member