



## Kelly Ausley-Flores

“The reason I practice family law is that I believe I am “called” to do this type of work. I am passionate about what I do and proud to tell people I practice family law. There is nothing else in the world I would rather be doing.” — Kelly Ausley-Flores

Kelly Ausley- Flores focuses on complex family law cases involving complicated property divisions, family businesses, spousal maintenance above guideline child support, customized possession schedules when parents work irregular hours, and child issues without marriage. She recognizes that every family situation is unique and approaches each situation as an opportunity for creative problem-solving. Kelly is committed to helping individuals regain their voice and confidence so they can successfully move forward with their lives after divorce.

Kelly is a well-known and respected family law attorney in Austin who provides her clients with a wide range of options. She is an experienced litigator and is also a trained collaborative divorce lawyer and family law mediator. She utilizes her background and knowledge in delivering the full continuum of process options to help clients choose an approach that will best accomplish their goals and reduce unnecessary legal expenses. Kelly finds genuine joy in resolving cases. She offers the human touch to

### CERTIFICATION / SPECIALTIES

Board Certified in Family Law,  
Texas Board of Legal  
Specialization, 2000

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make every client feel they are important and their issues matter.

Kelly was named Best Lawyer of the year in Austin for Family Law in 2017, 2014 and 2012 and for Collaborative law in 2017 by The Best Lawyers in America – Woodward White, Inc. She is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America by Woodward White, Inc., Family Law Section since 2012. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Kelly is a volunteer and mentor for the Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas. She is a frequent speaker at family law courses and seminars, and the author of numerous family law articles.



How Standard Possession Order is Defined in Texas

## Areas of Practice

- Divorce
- Asset and Wealth Identification & Valuation
- Alimony & Spousal Maintenance
- Collaborative Divorce
- Premarital and Other Property Agreements
- Modification & Enforcement

- Child Custody & Visitation
- Property Division
- Child Support
- Mediation

## Published Works

- "Proving Significant Impairment," Advanced Family Law Seminar, State Bar of Texas, August 1-4, 2016.
- "Closing the File 101 – The Long Good-Bye," Marriage Dissolution 101 Course, State Bar of Texas, April 8, 2015
- "Closing the File 101," Marriage Dissolution 101 Course, State Bar of Texas, April 23, 2014
- "We're Done! (Or are we?) – Closing the File," Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas, December 5-6, 2013
- "Putting Agreements on Paper," Collaborative Law Course 2010, State Bar of Texas and Collaborative Law Institute of Texas, March 4-5, 2010
- "Closing the File," Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas, December 9-10, 2010
- "Traveling Light: Collaborative Law Without Paralegals or Assistants," Collaborative Law Spring Conference 2008, State Bar of Texas, February 28-29, 2008
- "Collaborative Law," Alternative Dispute Resolution Course, University of Texas Law School, Professor Cynthia Bryant, March 6th, 2008

- “Child Support (What Do Judges Do in Various Counties) Above & Below the Guidelines, the High Income Earners (Death of the Obligor),” Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas and Family Law Section, April 17-18, 2008
- “Closing the File,” Summer School – State Bar College, State Bar of Texas, July 17-19, 2008
- “Closing Documents Other than QDROs,” Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas, December 4-5, 2008
- “Effective Use of ADR in Family Law Cases,” 2005 Poverty Law Conference, Texas Lawyers Care, March 30 – April 1, 2005
- “Closing the Friendly and Unfriendly File,” Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas, December 8-9, 2005
- “Post Trial Basics & Closing the File,” Advanced Family Law Seminar – Boot Camp, State Bar of Texas, August 8, 2004
- “Closing the File,” Advanced Family Law Seminar – Boot Camp, State Bar of Texas, August 17, 2003

## Education

- Texas Tech School of Law, 1995
  - J.D., cum laude
- Texas Tech University, 1987
  - B.B.A. cum laude

## Presentations

- “Property Law Update and Legislative ‘Kid’ Update”, State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division, TAPS Seminar, 2019
- “Case Law Update: Property”, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, 2019
- “Breaking the Log Jam in Your Case”, Panelist, Collaborative Law: Avoid Breaking Bad When Breaking Up, State Bar of Texas, 2019
- “Navigating Your Family Law Matter When Someone with a Personality Disorder is Involved”, Advanced Family Law Seminar, State Bar of Texas, 2018
- “Parental Alienation – Analyzing/Reassessing the Problems and Solutions,” Advanced Family Law Seminar, State Bar of Texas, August 7-10, 2017
- “Know When to Hold ‘Em, Know When to Fold ‘Em, Accepting and Firing Clients,” The Austin Bar Family Law Section Spring CLE, May 13, 2016
- “Know When to Hold Them, Know When to Fold Them: Settlement Agreements, Rule 11 Agreements, Informal Settlement Agreements and Mediated Settlement Agreements,” Author: Jimmy Vaught, Marriage Dissolution, State Bar of Texas, April 19, 2013
- “Characterization & Tracing: An Overview,” Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, August 4, 2011
- “The Paradigm Shift,” Nuts & Bolts of the Collaborative Process Course, State Bar of Texas and the Collaborative Law Institute of Texas, March 3, 2010
- “Collaborative Law,” Travis County Family Law Section Luncheon, January 6, 2010
- “Changes in SAPCR Issues and Trends for the Future,” 35th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, August 3-6, 2009

- “Trends in Family Law,” 2009 Statewide Assistant Attorneys General Conference, Austin, Texas, July 10, 2009
- “How to Study for and Pass the Board Certification Exam,” Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, August 10, 2005
- “Closing Out Your File,” Williamson County Family Law Seminar, October 29, 2004
- “Post Trial Basics & Closing a File,” State Bar Convention – Boot Camp, June 25, 2004
- “Creative Discovery,” Family Law Essentials, Family Law Council, Nacogdoches, Texas, June 4, 2004

## Honors & Awards

- Judge Suzanne Covington Individual Pro Bono Service Award, +100 Hours, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, 2018
- Pro Bono Award, Travis County Women Lawyer’s Association, 2018
- Named the Best Lawyers© Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Austin, Woodward and White Press, 2017
- Named the Best Lawyers© Collaborative Law: Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Austin, Woodward and White Press, 2014
- Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 2012 – 2020
- Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Collaborative Law: Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 2012 – 2020
- Named the Best Lawyers© Family Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Austin, Woodward and White Press, 2012
- Selected to the Texas Rising Stars list, Thomson Reuters,

- 2004 – 2005
- Selected to the Texas Super Lawyers list, Thomson Reuters, 2010 – 2019
- Selected to the “Top 50: Central/ West Texas Super Lawyers”, Thomson Reuters, 2019
- Selected to the “Top 50: Women Texas Super Lawyers”, Thomson Reuters, 2019
- Pro Bono Award, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, 1998 and 1999

## Bar Admissions

- Texas, 1995

## Professional Associations

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
  - Fellow
  - Basic Mediation Training Instructor, 2019
- Austin Bar Association, Family Law
  - Member
- Collaborative Divorce Texas (f/k/a Collaborative Law Institute of Texas)
  - Member
- College of the State Bar of Texas

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- College of the State Bar of Texas, Pro Bono
  - Member, 1999 – present
  
- Family Law Council
  - Member, 2012 – 2017
  
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
  - Member
  
- State Bar of Texas, Family Law
  - Member
  
- Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists
  - Member
  
- Texas Bar Foundation
  - Member, 2004 – present