



# Lydia González Gromatzky

## Counsel

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### SERVICES

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#### Industries

Financial Services

Energy

Hospitality

Real Estate Investment and Finance

Retail

#### Practices

Acquisitions and Dispositions

Air

Compliance

Energy

Energy Litigation

Environmental

Environmental Compliance, Litigation and Defense

Environmental Issues In Business Transactions

Regulatory

Latin America

Water

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### EDUCATION

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JD, The University of Texas School of Law, 1986

BA, American Studies, The

Lydia has a broad-based regulatory, transactional and litigation practice focused on environmental law.

With more than 25 years of legal experience in both the private and public sectors, Lydia brings an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge her client's environmental concerns.

She has represented national and international clients in a wide range of industry sectors – including energy, chemical manufacturing and electronics companies – on waste, water and air regulatory issues. Adding to her extensive experience advising clients on permitting, compliance, enforcement and remediation matters, she has also provided advice on environmental matters involving corporate, commercial and real estate transactions. In addition, she has counseled multinational companies and trade associations on compliance and regulatory issues arising under Latin American laws.

Before entering private practice, Lydia served as head of the Office of Legal Services of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In that capacity, she provided legal support on all manner of legislative and regulatory developments affecting environmental laws under the jurisdiction of TCEQ. During her tenure at the agency, she also served as lead counsel on numerous contested agency proceedings and provided legal representation on a broad scope of complex and controversial issues facing the state in all environmental media.

Lydia is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Portuguese.

#### Representative Experience

- Represented numerous clients in the successful defense of environmental enforcement actions before TCEQ and EPA.
- Represented clients in various environmental permitting proceedings that have involved, among other things, favorable resolution of EPA objections and issues related to overlapping regulatory jurisdictions of TCEQ and the Railroad Commission of Texas.
- Counseled various clients with regard to environmental audits, including obtaining benefits under state and federal audit policies and laws.
- Advised clients in various sectors with regard to remediation projects involving the TCEQ's Voluntary Cleanup Program, Innocent Owner/Operator Program and

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Texas

### Municipal Setting Designation Program.

- Assisted clients with obtaining Clean Water Act, Section 404 nationwide and individual permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers.
- Counseled oil and gas clients on Title V compliance issues including deviation reporting and compliance certifications.
- Advised clients in responding to CERCLA information requests.
- Represented a major retailer with respect to environmental issues associated with the acquisition and development of store locations.
- Represented a private-equity company in the acquisition of a metals recycling company out of bankruptcy.
- Assisted global investment company with environmental diligence matters related to real estate acquisitions.
- Represented a dairy company in the sale of its milk processing facilities, a transaction which involved a number of legacy environmental issues.
- Counseled a trustee of an estate regarding divestiture and sale of a water and wastewater company.
- Advised major oil company on regulatory advocacy related to TCEQ air quality rulemaking.
- Advised a Fortune 50 electronics company on product stewardship issues raised by its operations in Latin America.
- Tracked and reported on Latin American regulatory developments affecting electronics companies on behalf of a trade association.

### Memberships

- Member, Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Planning Committee Member, Texas Environmental & Natural Resource Law Section, Annual Texas Environmental Superconference
- Member, Austin Bar Association, Environmental Law Section and Administrative Law Section
- Member, Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT)

### Awards & Recognition

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- 2021 and 2017 *Chambers USA* Environment Law Firm of the Year
- Profiled as one of the leading Environmental lawyers in Texas, *Chambers & Partners USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, 2015-2016
- Recipient of the State / EPA Strategic Partnership Award, US EPA, 2004

### Events

- Moderator/Panelist, Keeping Produced Water in the Water Cycle: HB 2771 Explained, 8th Annual Water Reuse in Texas Conference, McAllen, Texas, May 24, 2019
- Moderator, The Winds of Change-Navigating the New Normal, 30th Annual

Texas Environmental Superconference, August 3, 2017

- Planning Committee, Renewable Energy Law Conference: Presented by the University of Texas School of Law and The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, January 31, 2017
- Moderator, 2015 State Bar of Texas – 27th Annual Texas Environmental Superconference, August 7, 2015
- Moderator, Legislative/Regulatory Program, Texas Water 2015, April 15, 2015
- International Law Presentation, The International Law Section, State Bar of Texas and The University of Texas School of Law Career Services Office, March 12, 2015

### **Publications**

- Author, Expert Analysis: Spotlight On Produced Water Management Options Intensifies, *Law360*, December 17, 2018

### **Blog Posts**

- Author, TCEQ Receives NPDES Program Authorization for Oil and Gas Discharges, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, January 28, 2021
- Author, TCEQ’s Request for NPDES Program Authorization for Oil and Gas Discharges Under Review, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, December 30, 2020
- Co-author, TCEQ’s Permian Basin “Find It and Fix It” Program Underway, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, December 8, 2020
- Author, SEC Amends Environmental Disclosure Requirements, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, September 18, 2020
- Author, EPA Issues Final Report on Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Management, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, May 26, 2020
- Co-author, Railroad Commission of Texas Votes Against Mandatory Oil Production Cuts, *PipelineLaw.com*, May 6, 2020
- Co-author, Railroad Commission of Texas Votes Against Mandatory Oil Production Cuts, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, May 6, 2020
- Co-author, Railroad Commission of Texas Delays Vote on Oil Production Cuts, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, April 22, 2020
- Co-author, Railroad Commission of Texas Considers Oil Production Cuts, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, April 15, 2020
- Co-author, Railroad Commission of Texas Considers Oil Production Cuts, *PipelineLaw.com*, April 15, 2020
- Author, TCEQ and RRC Issue COVID-19 Regulatory Guidance, *PipelineLaw.com*, March 24, 2020
- Author, TCEQ and RRC Issue COVID-19 Regulatory Guidance, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, March 24, 2020
- Co-author, Texas Policymakers Continue Focus on Produced Water Beneficial

Reuse, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, February 14, 2020

- Author, Texas Water Development Board Releases Proposed Flood Mitigation Funding Rules for Public Comment, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, November 21, 2019
- Author, Texas Moving Forward with NPDES Delegation for Produced Water Discharges, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, August 29, 2019
- Author, Expanded Produced Water Discharge Options – On the Horizon?, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, May 22, 2019
- Author, EPA Determines Revisions to Federal Regulation of E&P Wastes Unwarranted, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, May 16, 2019
- Author, Texas Legislative Session Now Underway: Key Environmental Issues of Interest, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, January 11, 2019
- Author, National Dialogue on Oil and Gas Extraction Wastes Gathering Momentum, *The Nickel Report — Energy and Environmental Law*, November 26, 2018