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**AUSTIN ATTORNEY PATRICK KEEL ELECTED
FELLOWS SECRETARY OF THE TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION**

Patrick Keel of Austin has been elected Fellows Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bar Foundation. Keel took office June 18, 2021.

Keel, a former state district judge, is a full-time mediator and arbitrator. He is also an adjunct professor in the trial advocacy program at the University of Texas School of Law and a member of the Professional Ethics Committee for the State Bar of Texas.

After obtaining his B.A. in Economics from the University of Texas in 1986 and graduating with honors from UT Law School in 1989, Keel practiced commercial litigation for thirteen years with Baker Botts LLP, where he was a partner in the firm's trial department and hiring partner for the firm's Austin office.

Keel is a member of the Texas Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, a sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a founding life fellow of the Austin Bar Foundation, a master emeritus and former president of the Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, and a member of the Association of Attorney-Mediators. Keel is a frequent speaker on mediation, arbitration, and professional ethics.

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