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Seana Willing is a 1993 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, in San Antonio, Texas. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics in 1985 from the College of Holy Cross, in Worcester, Massachusetts. She is licensed to practice law in all Texas courts, as well as before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and the United States Supreme Court. From 1993 until 1998, Ms. Willing was in private practice in San Antonio, concentrating in the area of business litigation. She left private practice to work as a prosecutor for the San Antonio Regional Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State Bar of Texas. In September 1999, she joined the State Commission on Judicial Conduct as a staff attorney, where she investigated and prosecuted disciplinary actions against Texas judges. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Willing became the agency's General Counsel. In June 2003, she was appointed Executive Director, where she served until February 2017. On February 13, 2017, Ms. Willing took over as Executive Director of the Texas Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission's primary goal is to promote public confidence in electoral and governmental processes by enforcing and administering certain laws, including campaign finance, lobby, and personal financial disclosure laws.

Ms. Willing has been a guest speaker on the topic of ethics before a variety of diverse audiences, including state and federal judges, court staff, lawyers, law students, law enforcement officers, government officials, and foreign dignitaries. She has also served as a visiting lecturer in Poland and the Republic of Georgia. In 2016, she was presented with the "Exemplary Non-Judicial Faculty Award" by the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Ms. Willing was recognized by *Texas Lawyer* as one of "30 Extraordinary Women in the Law" (2008) and an "Impact Player of the Year" (2006).

Ms. Willing is the author of the article, "Post-*Caperton* Recusal Reform in Texas: Is It Needed?," *South Texas Law Review* (Summer 2010)