

# Texas Legislative Volunteer Hollye Fisk, FAIA

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## SUMMARY

American Institute of Architects Fellow Hollye Fisk, FAIA, is a construction lawyer with Fisk & Fielder, P.C. in Dallas. Throughout his career as an attorney, he has provided legal insight and advice to the staff of the Texas Society of Architects (TSA) on state legislative issues. In 2010, Yvonne Castillo, General Counsel for TSA, recommended that Mr. Fisk receive formal recognition for his service to the Texas architecture community with a Component Excellence award. The following information briefly outlines his recent service to the organization.

## A MAN WITH A VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

As an architect and successful construction lawyer in Dallas, Hollye Fisk, FAIA has provided legal consultation to the Government Affairs Steering Committee of the Texas Society of Architects. Mr. Fisk regularly goes above and beyond the call of duty with his generous volunteer spirit. His concern for how state legal affairs will affect the daily practice of architects is invaluable.

The thoughtful and deliberate analysis Mr. Fisk has provided of proposed laws and existing laws, as well as how these issues may interact with contract documents, and how or whether to proceed forward on an issue is a valuable resource for TSA staff and architects throughout the state. During the 2009 legislative session, Mr. Fisk served as a bill analyst for TSA's Government Affairs program by analyzing and monitoring all bills filed that potentially would increase or decrease liability exposure to Texas architects. In his analysis, he not only summarized the bills and advised on negative/positive impacts on the architectural profession, but always offered alternative language or strategies to negotiate for the interests of architects.

## UNDERSTANDING LEGISLATION

As a practicing construction lawyer, Mr. Fisk is a tremendous resource for Texas architects and has been for years. The TSA Government Affairs program, without his counsel, could not operate at the sophisticated level it has for years. With his support, the program is able to participate in the legislative process armed with real working knowledge of the laws as they are applied in Texas courts on a daily basis.

During the 2009 legislative session, with Mr. Fisk's counsel, all bills that had a negative impact on the architectural profession's exposure to liability were stopped or re-written by TSA staff and lobbyists.

## RESOURCES

### More Best Practices

The following AIA Best Practices provide additional information related to this topic:

- 21.03.16 Architects and the Art of Lobbying
- 21.03.11 AIA Florida Architects Champion Important Legislation
- 21.03.13 AIA Florida Legislative Day

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- The American Institute of Architects
- AIA components
- Legislation