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**Kate Smith Receives Board Certification in Family Law from the  
Texas Board of Legal Specialization**

**AUSTIN** (March 27, 2017) – Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) announced Kate Smith received Board Certification in Family Law. Kate Smith currently practices in Tarrant, Dallas, Denton, and Collin Counties where she practices family law at the Law Office of Kate Smith.

Board Certification is a voluntary designation program certifying Texas attorneys in 22 specific areas of law. Board Certified attorneys must be licensed for at least five years, devote a required percentage of practice to a specialty area for at least three years, attend continuing education seminars, pass an evaluation by fellow lawyers and judges and pass a 6-hour written examination.

“An attorney has to do something extra to get certified and then they have to continue to work and acquire knowledge in their specialty area to remain certified. You could say it is a life-long commitment,” said Hal Moorman, Chairman of the TBLS Board of Directors.

Kate Smith is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (magna cum laude) and is licensed by the State Bar of Texas. She also graduated from Pepperdine University School of law school with a LL.M in Dispute Resolution.

Board Certification is offered in 22 specific areas of law to attorneys. Initial certification is valid for five years. To remain certified attorneys and paralegals must apply for recertification every five years and meet substantial involvement, peer review and continuing legal education requirements for their specialty area.

To learn more about Board Certification or find a certified attorney or paralegal in your area visit [www.tbls.org](http://www.tbls.org).

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Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) is authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas. It certifies attorney in 22 specific areas of law and paralegals in six specific areas. TBLS serves as a resource by listing all certified attorneys and paralegals on their online database. TBLS works to ensure that the citizens of Texas receive the highest quality legal services.