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Rusty Kelley has represented the business interests of Fortune 500 companies, various associations and other organizations before state legislators, regulators or other elected officials for more than 30 years. He is regarded as a leader and an innovator in his field.

During his time as a consultant, Kelley has received several accolades, has been the focus of statewide articles and was even featured in a Texas Government textbook. The Dallas Morning News described him as being “tireless and meticulous...among the best and brightest of a new style of lobbyists who have molded the advances of the technology age to one of democracy’s oldest professions.” Kelley is a highly influential player in state politics. He was instrumental in the passage of a mandatory seat belt law, major initial tort reforms and Ross Perot’s education package.

Kelley has owned and operated an independent lobby firm for almost 26 years, served as Chief of Staff of the Office of the Speaker of the House, and served as Chief Sergeant at Arms in the Texas House of Representatives. Kelley’s areas of expertise and representation are taxes, healthcare, insurance, banking, real Estate, oil and gas, higher education, manufacturing interests and state procurement.