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Ms. Fireside is an Assistant City Attorney in the City of Austin Law Department. Her areas of practice include review of bond and other financial transactions, contracts, budget, tax-related matters, fees, public-private partnership agreements, and ordinance review.

Ms. Fireside has a B.A. in Philosophy from Ithaca College in Ithaca NY (1984). She escaped the cold weather and received her J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin (1988).

Ms. Fireside worked as an attorney with the Office of Public Interest Counsel at the Texas Water Commission (predecessor agency to the TCEQ) and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Texas Attorney General's Office. She's licensed in state and federal court and is a member of the Texas Bar College.

At the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Fireside represented environmental agencies in state civil enforcement actions and bankruptcy court. Ms. Fireside also worked in the Consumer Protection Division prosecuting deceptive trade practices act cases and suing to enforce nursing home regulations.

Ms. Fireside has spoken at National Association of Attorneys General conferences on topics relating to pursuing government enforcement actions in bankruptcy court. Since starting at the City of Austin she has spoken at multiple conferences on the process for cities to adopt the budget and property tax rate, at this conference in 2012 regarding City fees, and on other city-related finance topics.