

## ATTORNEY PROFILES



**Terrance R. Kelly**  
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Terry represents parties in litigation that involve civil law matters, usually civil rights, constitutional and family law cases.

Terry Kelly and Jean Dubofsky founded KGHL (then Kelly & Dubofsky) in 1972. Prior to starting KGHL in 1972, Kelly spent three years as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellow, working in legal aid programs in Portland, Oregon and Denver, Colorado.

Terry graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1965, and Notre Dame Law School in 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert Kennedy were both assassinated in 1968. Terry has been named for over twenty years in *The Best Lawyers in America* and is also recognized in the newer *Colorado Super Lawyers*. He has received other recognition for his work in constitutional law and family law. Terry has lectured and written on family law matters, as well as religion and law matters. He is the past-chair of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Terry and his wife, Alice, have lived in the same home in Denver's Park Hill Community for thirty-five years. They have three children, all of whom live on Denver's eastside. Terry stays home each Wednesday and he and his wife, Alice, take care of their five grandchildren, Allison, Jake, Meghan, Diego and Ava.

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### **Representative Civil Cases**

National plaintiff class action enjoining federal government employment testing practice and providing damages for persons who were subjected to test (*Yarbrough, et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Personnel*); representation of public agencies, public officials and public employees in termination of high profile, senior professional employees; jury trial defense of interstate banks against lender liability claims; jury trial prosecution of federal and state anti-trust claims; federal court §1983 cases, including 10th Circuit argument in *Auguste v. Alderen, et al.*

### **Representative Family Law Cases**

Representation of foreign nationals and U. S. citizens under International Treaty prohibiting removal of children from home nation; prosecution and defense of separate property claims under law of relevant states pursuant to choice-of-law principles; valuation of closely-held corporations and professional practices; marital agreement litigation; negotiation/litigation valuation of employee's, partner's and principal's compensation packages, including stock, stock options, severance rights, bonuses, perquisites; negotiation/litigation valuation and division issues concerning art and literary property; child custody and financial issues.

## **Representative Pro Bono and Public Interest Cases**

Representation of indigent client against multiple zoning violation claims; representation of indigent client prosecuting paternity, child support and custody issues; representation of plaintiffs in *Glenn, et al. v. City and County of Denver*, settlement of which involved governmental commitment to pursue building of Denver International Airport and closure of Stapleton International Airport.

## **Employment History**

- Kelly Garnsey Hubbell + Lass LLC (Denver, Colorado): Member, 1972-present
- Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver: Staff Attorney/Managing Attorney, 1970-1972
- Legal Aid Society of Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon: Staff Attorney, 1968-1970
- Ford Foundation: South Bend, Indiana; South Bend Commission on Human Relations (Summer 1967)
- South Bend Legal Aid Society, South Bend, Indiana (Summer 1966)

## **Education**

J.D., University of Notre Dame, 1968

Honors: Student Director of Legal Aid and Defender Association

Post-graduation: Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellow through University of Pennsylvania School of Law and O.E.O., 1968-1970

B.A., Loras College Dubuque, Iowa, 1965 *magna cum laude*

## **Licensure**

Admitted to practice in Colorado, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court.

## **Publications**

"Canaanites, Catholics and the Constitution: Developing Church Doctrine, Secular Law, and Women Priests"  
*Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion* (Vol. 7, 2007) .

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## **Civic and Professional Activities**

- Colorado Supreme Court Grievance Committee: Member, 1985-1991; Vice Chair 1991.
- Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors: Board Member, 1984-1985.
- Colorado Bar Association Family Law Section: Chair, 1989-1990.
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers: Fellow; Colorado Chapter, President 2006.
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*.
- Denver, Colorado, and American Bar Associations: Member.
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association: Member.
- Colorado Bar Foundation: Member.