

## Press Release

### Rebecca McKelvey Castañeda Appointed to Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Mar. 1, 2018)**—Tennessee Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally recently appointed [Stites & Harbison, PLLC](#) attorney [Rebecca McKelvey Castañeda](#) to the Tennessee Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission. She will serve a one-year term.

The Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House. The duties of the commission include selecting the director and assisting the Office of the Post-Conviction Defender (OPCD) in its annual budgetary process. The mission of the OPCD is to provide timely and high-quality legal counsel to indigent individuals who have been sentenced to death by Tennessee state courts.

Castañeda is a Member (Partner) of Stites & Harbison based in the Nashville and Franklin offices. She works exclusively in the practice known as Family Law with an emphasis in international family law, especially parental child abductions from country to country. She has significant experience with cases brought under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the International Child Abduction Remedies Act. In addition to her international family law work, she also represents clients in Tennessee family law.

Outside of the firm, Castañeda is a member of the Tennessee Justice Center's Board of Directors, Belmont University's Board of Trustees and the Tennessee Bar Association's Alimony Benchbook Committee. Castañeda also serves as a referral attorney for International Child Abduction Attorney Network.

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