

Keith Diggs

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— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE —

City of Austin—Parks & Recreation, Aquatic Division

Austin, Texas

open water lifeguard & swim coach

2024–2026

- rescued 15+ swimmers from drowning, enforced rules, & cared for facilities at Barton Springs Pool.
- coached summer youth swim team at Dittmar Neighborhood Pool.
- 99+% attendance over 380+ scheduled shifts with the Aquatic Division.

Yes In My Back Yard (“YIMBY Law”)

online in California

attorney

2022–2024

- secured dismissal of a state constitutional (art. 34) challenge to a land acquisition for public housing.
- negotiated settlement with City of Cupertino submitting to the Housing Accountability Act “builder’s remedy” (see Cal. Gov. Code § 65589.5(d)(5) [suspending zoning bans on certain housing projects]).
- maintained writ proceeding against City of Sausalito for forgoing California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA,” Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*) review of its general plan’s housing element.

Institute for Justice

Tempe, Arizona

attorney

2015–2022

- helped litigate high-impact precedents on civil forfeiture, professional speech, & due process, *e.g.*:
 - [*State v. Johnson \(In re \\$39,500\)*](#), 521 P.3d 631 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2022) (forfeiture violates due process).
 - [*Platt v. Moore*](#), 15 F.4th 895 (9th Cir. 2021) (forfeiture well-pled to violate due process).
 - [*Pac. Coast Horseshoeing Sch. v. Kirchmeyer*](#), 961 F.3d 1061 (9th Cir. 2020) (teaching how to shoe a horse protected by the First Amendment).
 - [*City of Charlestown v. Charlestown Pleasant Ridge Neighborhood Ass’n*](#), 111 N.E.3d 199 (Ind. Ct. App. 2018) (abusive code enforcement enjoined).
 - see also [*Shaw v. Metro. Gov’t of Nashville & Davidson County \(filed 2017\)*](#) (Tenn. Ct. App. 2025) (selective ban on serving clients at home violates equal protection).

King & Spalding LLP

Atlanta, Georgia

project assistant

2009–2011

- helped manage e-discovery for multidistrict litigation & multiple administrative agency investigations.

— EDUCATION —

University of Michigan Law School

Ann Arbor, Michigan

J.D., *cum laude*

2014

- *Michigan Law Review*, executive editor (2013–2014).

Emory University

Atlanta, Georgia

B.A., political science & music

2009

- Division III NCAA swimming, co-captain (2008–2009) & national champion (400 IM, 2008).

— PUBLICATIONS —

- Paul V. Avelar & Keith E. Diggs, *Economic Liberty and the Arizona Constitution: A Survey of Forgotten History*, [49 Ariz. St. L.J. 355](#) (2017).
- Dick M. Carpenter II et al., Inst. for Justice, *Policing for Profit: The Abuse of Civil Asset Forfeiture* ([2d ed. 2015](#)).
- Keith E. Diggs, Comment, *Tariffication of the Coastwise Trade Laws*, [112 Mich. L. Rev. 1507](#) (2014).