

# JOINER LAW FIRM

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## *Kristin Kruse Lotz - Senior Associate*

As a Senior Associate at the Joiner Law Firm, Kristin advises clients on international trade compliance issues, including U.S. export controls, trade sanctions, import regulations, and customs matters. Kristin was formerly an Associate at Winstead PC where she practiced complex commercial litigation representing clients in business torts, lender liability, commercial disputes, environmental disputes, and royalty litigation. She has substantial experience leading large-scale review projects for multinational companies.

In 2015, Kristin was named the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston by the Houston Young Lawyers Association.

Kristin earned her J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 2006, where she served as Associate Managing Editor of the SMU Law Review and received the SMU Law Review Best Casenote and Best Comment Awards. She also was a member of the SMU Barristers. Kristin earned her B.A. in Political Science and German from Texas A&M University in 2001.

After law school, Kristin served as a briefing attorney to Justice Charles W. Seymore of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas. As a law student, she interned with United States District Judge Lynn N. Hughes and Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan L. Hecht.

Kristin speaks German and has interned in Germany at law firms and the United States Department of State. Prior to law school, she studied as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, where she regularly gave presentations in German to Rotary Clubs.

## Professional Associations

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
  - Diversity Committee (2014-2015)
- Houston Bar Association
  - Gender Fairness Committee, Co-Chair 2013-2014
  - International Law Section
- Houston Young Lawyer's Association
- Association of Women Attorneys
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Life Fellow

## Publications

- "Report Shows North Korea's Network of Front Companies and Shipments to Africa," WorldECR (April 2017).
- Casenote – Religious Land Use – Eleventh Circuit Broadly Interprets Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 to Leave Local Governments Nearly Powerless to Zone Houses of Worship, 58 SMU L. Rev. 465 (2005).
- Comment – Proving Discriminatory Intent in Selective Prosecution Challenges – An Alternative Approach to *United States v. Armstrong*, 58 SMU L. Rev. 1523 (2005).

## Recognitions

- Houston Young Lawyers Association Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer, 2015
- Texas Rising Star, Thompson Reuters, 2013-2017
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas*, 2014-2015

## Education

- Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, J.D. (2006)
  - University of Heidelberg, Germany -- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar (2001-2002)
  - Texas A&M University, B.A. (2001), *magna cum laude*
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## Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2006
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

## Languages

- German