

Mary Balthrop
Secretary & General Counsel

Mary Balthrop, Secretary & General Counsel, joined the Dallas Museum of Art in October 2014. In her role as Secretary, Balthrop serves as the staff liaison to the Board of Trustees. Balthrop also oversees compliance with the DMA's governance documents and provides support for new trustee orientations as well as the meetings of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Committee on Trustees & Governance. Balthrop further advises and trains the staff liaisons for the remaining DMA Committees. In her role as General Counsel, Balthrop is responsible for overseeing the legal affairs of the DMA, including acquisitions & provenance matters, contracts, employment matters, donor agreements and other legal issues. Balthrop also oversees all litigation and manages the work done by outside counsel.

Prior to joining the DMA, Balthrop practiced corporate and real estate law at the Dallas office of Baker Botts L.L.P., where her clients included a wide variety of for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. Prior to her work at Baker Botts, Balthrop was a law clerk for Justice Diane M. Henson of the Third Court of Appeals of Texas, where she researched and drafted judicial opinions and prepared the justices for oral arguments. Balthrop is an Order of the Coif graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and a magna cum laude graduate of Rice University. Balthrop is a member of the Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, American Bar Association, Museum Attorneys Group and the Junior League of Dallas and serves as a certified Crisis Hotline Specialist in her free time.