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For over twenty-five years, David has passionately and successfully advised, supported, and defended school law clients. He knows the importance of the work of educators and he is greatly honored to serve them and their boards as legal counsel.

David B. Hodgins represents and counsels public school districts, junior and community colleges, universities and other governmental entities concerning all areas of education and government law including labor and employment matters, special education law, student discipline concerns, contracts and service agreements, open government, election law, civil rights matters, and state and federal litigation. David is a frequent speaker regarding education law issues at the state and national level. Before joining Thompson & Horton, David was a partner at Bracewell in its Houston office.

## **SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS**

Evans, Diana vs. Houston TPA, Ltd; Cause No. 200980700 – 7; in the 281st Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Personal Injury-Non-Auto)

Corona, Denise vs. Cypress Community Christian School Society; Cause No. 199927474 – 7; in the 133rd Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Slander)

Patnod, Robert vs. Houston Independent School District; Cause No. 199800432 – 7; in the 129th Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Employment Discharge)

Houston Independent School District vs. Texas Education Agency; Cause No. 199659516 – 7; in the 21Fifth Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Other Civil)

Madison, Michael vs. Houston Independent School District; Cause No. 199603144 – 7; in the 129th Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Declaratory Judgment)

Robinson, Sharon vs. Galena Park Independent School District; Cause No. 199558426 – 7; in the 61st Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Declaratory Judgment)

Houston Association of School Administrators vs. Houston Independent School District; Cause No. 199504893 – 7; in the 80th Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Declaratory Judgment)

Hawkins, Stephen O vs. International Association of Machinists; Cause No. 199249305 – 7; in the 12Fifth Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Damages – Other)

Spain, Wanda Sue vs. International Association of Machinists; Cause No. 199249306 – 7; in the 12Fifth Judicial Court of Harris County, Texas (Damages – Other)

M., et al v. Texas City Independent School District; Civil Action No. 00217; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights of Handicapped Child)

Stockton, et al v. City of Freeport, et al; Civil Action No. 00744; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights Act)

Massie v. Brazosport Independent School District; Civil Action No. 00813; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Job Discrimination)

Hubert v. Paige, et; Civil Action No. 01509; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights Act)

Ehlers v. Houston Independent School District, et al; Civil Action No. 02129; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Job Discrimination)

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Constitutional Law  
Employment Law  
General Counsel / Board Counsel  
Government Relations & Public Policy  
Litigation  
Special Education & Disability Law  
Special Investigations  
Student Issues  
Training & Compliance

## **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1991,  
Order of the Barristers

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1985

## **LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS**

Licensed in the state of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## **MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS**

State Bar of Texas, Litigation, Labor and School Law Sections

Houston Bar Association

Texas Association of School Boards, Council of School Attorneys

National Association of School Boards, Council of School Attorneys

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## **SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

S, et al v. Goose Creek Cons Independent School District; Civil Action No.00410; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Education: Handicapped Child Act)

Hayslip v. Bellville Independent School District; Civil Action No. 02369; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (American Disabilities Act)

W v. Houston Independent School District; Civil Action No. 04681; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Handicapped Child Act)

Robinson v. Galena Park Independent School District, et al; Civil Action No. 00095; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Notice of Removal)

Hannah v. Houston Independent School District, et al; Civil Action No. 01214; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Job Discrimination –Race)

G v. Houston Independent School District; Civil Action No.01250; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights of Handicapped Child)

Madison v. Houston Independent School District, et al; Civil Action No. 03625; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Violation of Civil Rights)

Houston Independent School District v. W, et al; Civil Action No. 02543; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Education; Handicapped Child Act)

L v. Crosby Independent School District; Civil Action No. 03598; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights of Handicapped Child)

Gonzales v. Bellville Independent School District; Civil Action No. 04123; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (American Disabilities Act)

Stockton, et al v. City of Freeport, Texas; Case No. 01-40588; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas (Civil Rights)

Madison v. Houston Independent School District, et al; Case No. 99-20700; in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas

## **REPRESENTATIVE SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS**

“Navigating the IEP Process During Challenging Times”, Gulf Coast Administrators of Special Education Annual Convention, December 2022