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John's extensive experience counseling clients on business, operations and governance matters combined with his proven track record in the courtroom enable him to help clients make smart decisions from the outset and resolve unforeseen problems and disputes that may arise.

John is a partner in the firm's Houston office, representing school districts, colleges, private schools, and other governmental and private clients. John provides general counseling and transaction services, advising clients on matters involving public procurement, construction, real estate, contracting, licensing agreements, tax abatements, interlocal agreements, cooperative purchasing, open government, personnel, governance and conflicts of interest. He has extensive state and federal civil litigation experience, handling a wide variety of cases on matters including procurement disputes, construction, breach of contract, real estate, civil rights, labor and employment, and insurance disputes. John regularly provides board and administrator training and is a regular speaker on topics including procurement, construction, and governance. Prior to attending law school, John was a legislative aide in the Texas Senate.

SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

Defeated election contest challenge to community college client's $1.1 billion bond measure after 11-day trial

Successfully argued in Dallas Court of Appeals to reverse jury verdict and obtain complete dismissal of employee's Texas Whistleblower Act claims

Successfully argued at Fifth Circuit to affirm dismissal and summary judgment against employee's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 procedural and substantive due process, and deprivation of bodily integrity claims

Obtained and defended summary judgment dismissal of employee's Family and Medical Leave Act retaliation claim

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS, TRAININGS, & SPEECHES

"Cooperative Purchasing – How it Works & What Everyone Needs to Know", Texas Association of Community College Attorneys Annual Convention, January 2023

"Making Cooperative Purchasing Work for your District", TASBO Engage, February 2023

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Transactions
Constitutional Law
Construction Law
Elections & Redistricting
Employment Law
General Counsel / Board Counsel
Litigation
Real Estate
Special Investigations
Training & Compliance

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2003

Bachelor Degree in Government, The University of Texas at Austin, 1997

LICENSING & COURT ADMISSIONS

Licensed in the state of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

State Bar of Texas, School Law Section and Construction Law Section

Houston Bar Association

National School Boards Association - Council of School Attorneys

Texas Association of School Boards - Council of School Attorneys

Texas Association of School Business Officials

President - Texas Association Community College Attorneys

Texas CSA Construction Contracts Committee

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