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Education

J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law *cum laude*
B.S. from Texas Tech University with honors

Bar Admissions

Texas
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

Related Practices

Litigation
Arbitration
Director & Officer Litigation
Financial Institution Litigation
Insolvency Litigation
Lawyer & Law Firm Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Warranty

Related Industries

Overview

As one of the Firm's founding partners, Steve currently serves as General Counsel and has served in virtually every position of responsibility including Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for four years, Section Head of the Business Litigation group for more than 15 years and as a member of our Shareholder Compensation and Management Committees. His practice focuses on commercial/business litigation, arbitration, mediation and federal/state receiverships.

Steve has represented individuals, companies, partnerships and other business interests in litigation disputes involving intellectual property disputes including patent, copyright, trademark and trade dress; fiduciary relations; account collections; sales, warranty and deceptive trade practice; partner/shareholder relations; banking; lender liability; real estate sales; development and leasing; arbitration; building and industrial construction; surety; manufacturing; telecommunications; trade secrets; employment covenants; housing discriminations and securities fraud. Aside from the preparation and presentation of jury and non-jury trials, Steve's work includes arbitration, mediation and receiverships.

For more than 17 years, Steve has served on the neutral arbitrator panel for the American Arbitration Association. Most of his experience on the panel has been in the area of complex litigation.

For more than 20 years, Steve has worked extensively in federal and state receiverships. He has many times been appointed by Federal District Courts as a Receiver and Examiner in large securities fraud cases.

Financial Services
Hospitality
Manufacturing
Real Estate

Achievements

Dallas Business Journal – 40 Under 40; Who's Who in Litigation (1994)

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent®, Peer Review Rated™

Thomson Reuters – Texas Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, Corporate Counsel Edition (2008-2009); Texas Super Lawyers (2003-2008, 2011-2012)

Memberships

American Arbitration Association (Arbitrator)
Dallas Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Business Litigation Sections
National Association of Federal Equity Receivers
State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section
Texas Center for Legal Ethics

Experience

International Arbitration

Represented an American company in filing an international arbitration in Dubai against the Government of Dubai. The claim arose out of a wrongful termination of a hotel development contract that would have led to the construction of a massive development during the real estate boom in Dubai. The Firm successfully obtained a determination of liability against the Dubai government following a hearing in London, England, and the matter was successfully settled a few days before on the damage hearing.

Receiver + Examiner Appointments

Appointed by United States District Courts in Texas and Michigan to serve as a Receiver and Examiner in matters involving securities fraud. By way of example, appointed as an examiner in a massive \$250 MM Ponzi scheme involving the sale fractionalized interests in more than 750 life insurance policies. The matter took more than 8 years to investigate, resolve claims and ultimately return an unprecedented 40% return to the victims of the fraud.

Arbitration

Appointed as an arbitrator in more than 125 matters most of which involved complex commercial litigation. These matters include a wide range of commercial disputes and matters that involve hundreds of millions of dollars. Successfully managed the efficient conduct of the process and those that have involved the issuance of an Award have never been challenged.

Arbitration

Served as mock panel arbitrator in a major dispute conducted a summary trial in an effort to assist trial counsel with presentation and strategy. These matters involved very large sums of money and risk. Provided summary report of strengths and weaknesses and concepts for an improved presentation to the actual Arbitration Panel.

Newsroom

In The News: The final chapter of a \$50 million Ponzi scheme that caught many high-profile coaches

In The News: Munsch Hardt Turns 30 and has a Story to Tell

In The News: At 30, Munsch Hardt law firm looks to middle market to grow

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Celebrates 30 Years

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers 2012

Speech: Legal Update: Receiverships, Health Care and Employment Law

Press Release: Eleven Munsch Hardt Attorneys Designated Super Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Among Super Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Texas Business Litigation Super Lawyers

Press Release: Nine Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Texas Super Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Shareholders Named Texas Business Litigation Super Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Celebrates 20th Anniversary