

David G. McLane

Practice Areas

Corporate Law
Corporate Finance and Securities Law
Employee Benefits law

Practice Emphasis

Mr. McLane has over fifty years of experience handling matters for large and small, public and private companies and partnerships. His broad range of expertise positions him to counsel with business owners, corporate executives, and Boards of Directors concerning business as well as legal issues, including business formation and structure, corporate reorganization, mergers and acquisitions, securities transactions, executive compensation and employee benefits. Mr. McLane has proven success at spotting and communicating legal issues, developing creative solutions to complex problems, creating consensus and supervising and coordinating the work of other attorneys domestically and internationally.

Representative Matters

- Served as an expert witness and assisted in the trial of a securities fraud jury case involving a purportedly exempt private offering of stock purchased by his client. After a three-week trial, the jury awarded full actual damages, punitive damages and attorney's fees in favor of the client.
- Served as corporate and securities law counsel in a suit involving a buy-sell agreement among shareholders of a very successful privately held company. Assisted in preparations for and attended Board and shareholder meetings with the client as well as participated in all of the research and writing efforts for the case. The client obtained an 8-digit settlement with the company and its majority shareholders.
- Represented executive officers, majority and minority stockholders, Boards of Directors, and Audit and Special Board Committees.
- Represented broker-dealers, investment bankers, investment advisors, mutual funds and hedge funds.
- Assisted with tender and exchange offers, spinoffs and going-private transactions.
- Assisted numerous companies in SEC and State Blue Sky Law filings, as well as public and private offerings.
- Assisted numerous clients with FINRA, NASDAQ and stock exchange filings.
- Assisted with formation of and transactions involving 401(k) plans, ESOPs, stock option and stock purchase plans, as well as ERISA compliance and executive compensation arrangements.
- Represented insurance and reinsurance companies, both offshore and domestic.
- Provided advice regarding corporate formation and structure and M&A, including tax considerations, use of foreign entities, control and ownership features.

Memberships and Community Service

- Member, Advisory Board, Dallas Theological Seminary
- Former Member, Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, Dallas Symphony Association
 - Board Member, Dallas Christian Legal Society
- Founder and Chairman, Christian Lawyers Fellowship
- Former Member, Executive Board, SMU Alumni Association
- Founder of Law Professionals for Christ at Park Cities Presbyterian Church
- Mission trips to India, Cuba, Russia, Peru and Mexico

Professional Involvement

- Member, Executive Board, SMU Dedman School of Law
- Former President and Director, Southwest Benefits Association
- Licensed by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas
- Licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Former Member, Federal Regulation of Securities Committee of the American Bar Association

Education and Professional Background

- LLB, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
- Leading Articles Editor, Southwestern Law Journal
- Order of the Woolsack (currently known as Order of the Coif)
- Order of the Barristers
- B.A., Southern Methodist University