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Mr. Morris represents governmental entities, including public school boards and junior and community colleges. He has considerable experience advising school boards on a wide range of issues, including governance, contracts, policy development, employment matters, board/superintendent relations, and competitive procurement. He also has extensive trial and appellate experience and has served as panel counsel for the Texas Association of School Board's Risk Pool for more than twenty years. Mr. Morris has defended school districts throughout the state and has trial experience in state and federal courts (both jury and non-jury cases), before administrative agencies, and state and federal appellate experience. He has been peer reviewed by Martindale-Hubbell, receiving an AV rating, which denotes the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards and has been selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers: Rising Stars (2004) and Texas Super Lawyers (2009-2012, 2014).

Mr. Morris worked as an associate with Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. from 1991 to 1993 and joined the Firm in 1993.

Practice Areas

- Board Governance and Policy Development
- Litigation
- Business and Operations
- Civil Rights Law
- Student Matters

Education

- The University of Texas (Bachelor of Journalism, 1988)
- South Texas College of Law (summa cum laude, 1991)
- Law Review
- Order of the Lytae
- Order of Barristers
- Langdell Scholar
- Recipient, Alumni Association Honor Scholar Award
- Recipient, Houston Hispanic Bar Association's De Anda Scholarship
- Member, National Moot Court Championship team (1990)

Activities and Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas School Law Section
- State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section
- State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section
- Texas Council of School Attorneys
- National Council of School Attorneys

Bar/Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- All federal district and state courts of Texas

- Adjunct Professor, Appellate Advocacy, South Texas College of Law, 1991 to 1997.
- Texas Association of School Business Officials