

David Staas

Shareholder

Practices: Real Estate; Real Estate Development & Investments; Planned Community, Mixed-Use & Condominium; Land Use/Entitlements; Government Relations; Public & Regulatory Law

Industries: Airlines; P3, Infrastructure & Project Finance; Real Estate; Space Technology; Sports Business & Public Venues; Universities

David Staas's sports industry practice is focused on developing, operating, managing, and marketing convention, sports, and entertainment venues. He represents venue owners, managers, concessionaires, professional sports teams, universities, destination marketing organizations, and local organizing committees on a variety of transactions, including:

- Venue development;
- Venue management;
- Leases;
- Concessions;
- Naming rights;
- Sponsorships;
- Event licenses; and
- Major events.

He has provided strategic advice and legal counsel for hosting a number of major events, including the NBA All-Star Game (2010 & 2013), the MLS All-Star Game (2010), Super Bowl XLV (2011), Super Bowl LI (2017), the NCAA Men's Final Four (2011, 2014 & 2016), College Football Playoff National Championship Game (2015), the Cotton Bowl Classic, and various conventions (including national political conventions).

His practice more broadly centers on the travel, convention, and visitor industry. He serves in leadership positions with several professional organizations, including as a member of the Urban Land Institute's national Travel Experience and Trends Council.

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Urban Land Institute, Houston District Council
- Texas A&M University Development Industry Advisory Committee
- Greater Houston Partnership
- Center for Houston's Future

Awards & Recognition

- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters, 2007, 2008, 2012-2014
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas*, 2014 & 2017



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Education

University of Texas School of Law
– J.D., 2004
– *with honors*

Texas A&M University
– M.S., Land Development, 1998

University of Texas at Austin
– B.B.A., 1996
– *with high honors*

- Order of the Coif
- Leadership Winstead

Admissions

- Texas, 2004