

David Staas

Shareholder

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

Industries: Airlines; Higher Education; P3, Infrastructure & Project Finance; Real Estate; Sports Business

David Staas's aviation industry practice is focused on facility development, leasing, concessions, and facility management. This includes terminal, hangar, cargo, and airside/infrastructure facilities. David represents airlines, facility operators, concessionaires, tenants, and developers in a variety of private and public/private airport facility projects, including representing:

- Airlines in legal matters related to terminal development, ground leases, use agreements, and aircraft maintenance facilities;
- Facility owners and air cargo owners related to development and leases of airside facilities;
- Terminal tenants in airport lounge and other space lease agreements;
- Concessionaires in bids for and negotiation of agreements for airport advertising, food & beverage and retail concessions, including ACDBE/MWBE contracting matters; and
- Vendors and owners in facility management and operations agreements.

His practice more broadly centers on the travel, convention, and visitor industry, including representing destination marketing organizations. 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.

David is a contributing writer for Winstead's [Airlines Blog](#).

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Urban Land Institute, Houston District Council; Travel Experience and Trends Council (ULI Americas)
- Texas A&M University Development Industry Advisory Committee
- Greater Houston Partnership
- Center for Houston's Future
- American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law, Co-Chair, Airports Practice Committee

Awards & Recognition

- *SportsBusiness Journal*, 2021 Power Players: Outside Counsel
- 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