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Senior Counsel

focused his practice in the areas of construction law, banking law/credit's rights and serving as general counsel to small and mid-sized businesses. Prior to entering the practice of law in 1998, Steve spent eighteen years in commercial banking as a commercial and real estate lender. Experience gained as a banker has proven to be very beneficial to his law practice.

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Practice Emphasis

Construction Law: A significant portion of Steve's practice is devoted to construction law. His practice includes representing owners, general contractors and subcontractors in a variety of construction related matters including performance and payment issues, construction defects, as well as lien and bond claims. Steve serves as a mediator for construction related disputes. He routinely lectures at Baylor Law School regarding mechanic's lien issues.

Banking/Creditors Rights: While working as a commercial banker in the 1980s and early 1990s, Steve dealt extensively with difficult credit relationships and problem loans. He understands the creditor's objective is to be repaid as fully as possible. His approach to working with problem credits includes exploring all legal options while at the same time advising the use of sound business judgment. His clients include financial institutions, contractors, small businesses and individuals.

Commercial Litigation: In addition to matters related to construction law, banking and creditor's rights, Steve represents a variety of business interests and individuals in resolving commercial disputes through the use of negotiations, mediation, arbitration or litigation.

Education

- University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, Texas (Bachelor of Business Administration, 1976)

- Baylor University (J. D., 1998)

Admitted

- State Bar of Texas (1998)
- U. S. District Courts (Northern, Southern, Eastern & Western Districts of Texas)

Practice Areas

- Construction Law
- General Civil Litigation
- Banking and Creditors Rights

Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas (Construction Law, Business Law and Real Estate Section)
- Abner v. McCall Inns of Court
- McLennan County Bar Association
- Past Member of the Board of Directors and General Counsel to Heart of Texas Builders' Association
- Past Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Texas Associate of Builders

Recent Developments

[Steve Burton speaks to Construction Financial Management Association](#)

Published Cases

Bank of America v. Hubler; No. 10-05-00404-CV; Tenth Court of Appeals (Waco)

Messer v. Texas Roadhouse restaurant a/k/a/ Texas Roadhouse of

Waco; No. 10-05-00340-CV; Tenth Court of Appeals (Waco)