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PRACTICE AREAS

Financial Services

Corporate & Business Transactions

Mergers & Acquisitions

Real Estate

Tax Exempt / NonProfit Organizations

INDUSTRIES

Healthcare

Real Estate

Clarke represents a wide array of businesses in many different types of business transactions. For more than 40 years, he has successfully negotiated commercial leases for tenants and landlords, formed venture capital funds for institutional investors, represented management in various transactions involving employment agreements, separation agreements, and various types of equity and phantom equity compensation arrangements.

He is committed to providing cost effective, high quality legal services with an emphasis on providing practical advice based on a deep understanding of his clients' business concerns. Through the years he has been named *The Best Lawyers in America*® Austin Banking and Finance Law Lawyer of the Year, Austin Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year, and Austin Mergers & Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year.

Clarke has been widely recognized in the Austin community, receiving Austinite of the Year in 2014 from the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Pioneer Award, Best volunteer in Texas from the United Way of Texas, and the Byron Cox Community Service Award from Care Communities. He is highly committed to serving the Austin community.

Representative Experience

- Representation of purchaser or seller in acquisitions and dispositions of business units structured as reorganizations, mergers, stock sales and asset sales.
- Representation of company issuers in private equity issuances of preferred stock and subordinated debt.
- Representation in senior debt financings of company borrowers.
- Representation in the formation of venture capital funds of institutional investors.
- Representation in the negotiation of commercial leases for tenants or landlords.
- Representation in the sale and purchase of commercial real estate for the purchaser or seller.
- Representation of management or the company in various transactions involving employment agreements, separation agreements, and various types of equity and phantom equity compensation arrangements.
- Representation of companies at formation, including negotiation of formation agreements, partnership agreements and/or shareholders and members agreements.
- Representation of tax-exempt entities in a variety of transactions and obtaining of tax-exempt

status.

- Representation of numerous attorneys, doctors, and dentists in forming and restructuring their practice entities.
- Representation of parties to divorces in connection with the partition of business entities constituting part of the community estate.
- Representation of companies in converting their form of entity to provide for most efficient franchise and income tax structure.

Professional Associations & Community Involvement

- Listed in Texas Super Lawyers®, Thomson Reuters (2003-2011; 2013-2017)
- Awarded, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austinite of the Year (2014)
- Recipient, Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League (2013)
- Recipient, Health care Advisory Award from University Medical Center at Brackenridge (2012)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Banking and Finance Law; Corporate Law; and Mergers & Acquisitions Law, (1993 – 2017)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Austin Banking and Finance Law Lawyer of the Year (2009); Austin Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year (2010); Austin Mergers & Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year (2012)
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating, Martindale.com
- Recipient, First Tee of Austin Award for Judgment (2010)
- Recipient, Care Communities, Byron Cox Community Service Award (2008)
- Recipient, Austin Bar Foundation, David Walters Community Excellence Award (2007)
- Recipient, People's Community Clinic, W. Neal Kocurek Award for Health Care Advocacy (2005)
- Awarded, United Way/Capital Area, Community Champion Award (2005)
- Awarded, United Way of Texas, Pioneer Award, Best volunteer in Texas from larger metropolitan United Ways (2013)

Professional Recognition

- Shivers Cancer Foundation (Chair of the Board)
- Rebekah Baines Johnson Center (Chair of the Board)
- Travis County Hospital District (Board Member; Chair 2004-2007)
- Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce (Former Chair of the Board 2012)
- Austin Area Research Organization (AARO) (Former President)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Education/Professional Background

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., 1975

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- Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1971