

Michael W. Jones

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Michael Jones focuses on insurance, business and regulatory matters including acquisitions and sales, corporate reorganizations, shareholder and buy-sell agreements, employment contracts, business contracts, federal and state tax issues, and controversies. He has been involved with various business, corporate and tax matters for the firm's insurance clients, including retail agencies, wholesale agencies and brokers, insurance companies, reinsurers and service entities. This includes formation and licensing of insurance companies, brokers and agencies, as well as handling regulatory enforcement action.

Michael also handles business, corporate, tax and transactional matters for various business entities and individuals. He advises and assists clients with all aspects of business law.

Michael's regulatory practice has included representation of insurance industry clients before the Texas Department of Insurance and the State Office of Administrative Hearings, as well as contested tax matters before the Comptroller's Office.

Michael has acted as counsel to various insurance trade associations, including serving as counsel on over 19 auto rate hearings. He has been involved in various litigation matters, including disputes over premium tax and the interpretation of various Texas Department of Insurance rules and regulations.

Representative Experience

Sale of life divisions of Texas and Oklahoma insurance companies

Sale of insurance agencies through both asset sales and stock sales, including sale of s-corporation treated as an asset acquisition for tax purposes

Formations and holding company structures

Representation of sellers in sale of conference calling company to publicly traded company

Tax driven reorganization of Texas entities

Various tax matters before the Texas Comptroller

Texas Department of Insurance enforcement actions against insurance companies, agencies and individual agents

Formation and licensing of retail insurance agency as subsidiary of financial services holding company

Texas licensing of Mexican casualty subsidiary of US insurance holding company group

Awards & Recognition

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL

AV Peer Review Rated

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Insurance

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Insurance & Reinsurance Trends and Developments
Chambers USA Insurance & Reinsurance Practice Guide
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A Few Legal Things (to be aware of)
Texas Surplus Lines Association
2009

Covenants Not- to-Compete, Do They Work?
Texas Surplus Lines Association
2006

Texas Legislative Issues Briefing
since 1989

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

LL.M., 1985

Taxation

Baylor University School of Law

J.D., 1984

The University of Texas at Austin

B.B.A., 1981

Accounting

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1984

LANGUAGES

Spanish

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas

Austin Bar Association