



## Ben Stephens

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### OVERVIEW

Ben takes a tactical, goal-oriented and creative approach to client public law and litigation matters.

Ben represents a broad range of public and private clients in state and federal court. As a Houston public law attorney, he keeps the big picture in mind, including clients' long-term goals, priorities and public relation needs.

A major focus of Ben's practice is public law and real-estate law. He represents government entities, private companies and public officials in cases related to eminent domain, zoning and land use, title litigation, and civil rights litigation, as well as other matters of public policy. Ben also provides government relations advice to public-sector clients.

Ben has experience with commercial litigation and arbitration matters for a range of industry clients, covering disputes in the real estate, oil and gas, automotive, construction and specialty manufacturing industries.

### Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

### Services

Commercial Litigation

Construction Litigation

Land Use

Levee & Flood Protection

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Political Ethics & Election Law

Public Law

Public Policy, Regulatory & Government Affairs

## Experience

- In suit alleging Section 1983 claims for wrongful death, obtained 12(b)(6) dismissal of deliberate indifference and excessive force claims against four individual Montgomery County Sheriff deputies.
- In what a Texas federal judge called "a first of its kind" four-day virtual evidentiary hearing, obtained denial of temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, alleging Section 1983 and writ of habeas corpus claims against Dallas County Sheriff by class of jail inmates seeking release due to alleged susceptibility to COVID-19.

## Recognition

- International Municipal Lawyers Association, IMLA Amicus Service Award, 2024
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Real Estate Law, 2021-2024; Land Use and Zoning Law, 2023 and 2024
- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2021-2023

## Education

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
  - *cum laude*
  - Jessup International Moot Court and Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court
  - *International Lawyer*, Managing Editor
- B.A., Wheaton College

## Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

## Community Leadership

- Kids in Need of Defense, Volunteer Attorney
- The Beacon, Volunteer Attorney
- Greater Houston Partnership, Real Estate Committee



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