



## Mike Stafford

### OF COUNSEL

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### OVERVIEW

Because Mike developed strong relationships working in the public sector, government decision-makers have confidence that he will deliver the legal services they need.

A former elected county attorney for Harris County, Texas, Mike has firsthand experience with how government works. He draws on those public-sector insights and the relationships he built during his 25-year public law practice in his current work with clients. When governmental entities or elected officials need legal services, they rely on Mike as a Houston public law attorney to help them resolve their issues.

Mike works with governmental entities on condemnations, regulatory compliance issues, civil rights lawsuits, permitting disputes, situations that arise in appraising tax values for tax purposes and various administrative matters. He also advises public officials and candidates for elected office on ballot challenges, election litigation and difficult statutory disputes.

### Featured Experience

#### **Condemnation Case with Large Difference Between Dollars Offered and Dollars Demanded Is Successfully Resolved**

Mike represented Harris County, Texas, in one of the largest condemnation cases on record in terms of the difference between dollars offered and dollars demanded. Harris County was forced to condemn the property of a

### Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

### Services

Campaign Finance, Political Ethics, & Election Law

Commercial Litigation

Government Contracts

Land Use

Levee & Flood Protection

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Public Law

Public Policy, Regulatory, & Government Affairs

State & Local Taxation (SaLT)

Tax

Tax Controversy

White Collar, Internal Investigations, & Compliance

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manufacturing company to make way for a freeway connector and valued the condemned property at \$15 million. The manufacturing company sought \$39 million in compensation for the property. Following extensive discovery and litigation, Mike successfully resolved the case for a dollar amount very close to the original offer.

## Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Real Estate Law, 2024-2026
- Texas Navy, Admiral, Commissioned by Governor Perry

## Education

- J.D., South Texas College of Law
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin
  - with honors
  - Chemistry

## Admissions

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

## Community Leadership

- Greater Houston Partnership, Government Relations Advisory Committee
- Houston Realty
- Irish Society
- South Texas College of Law Alumni Association



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