



Michael Whellan represents clients before city and county governmental entities in land-use and business matters. He also represents local and national clients in a variety of disputes, including those involving trade secrets, contracts, misrepresentations, real estate, and fraud.

Representative Experience

Rezoned 31-acre [Austin Oaks' site](#) at MoPac and Spicewood Springs Rd. to allow for the redevelopment of a mixed-use project.

Rezoned properties at [S. 1st and W. Riverside](#), and at [Gibson and S. Lamar](#) to allow dense multifamily development in the urban core.

Worked with neighborhood association and neighborhood plan contact team to obtain [rezoning of property](#) for a branch bank.

Assisted clients in obtaining policy changes before City Commissions and City Council.

Represented land owners in various litigation matters concerning easements, contracts, leases, and city code interpretation.

Sued property owner to seek declaration of rights and obligations under commercial lease with development restrictions.

Professional/Community Involvement

Austin Area Research Organization (AARO) – Member, 2010-present

[Anti-Defamation League](#) – Board of Directors, 2015-present

The University of Texas at Austin, Plan II Honors Board of Visitors – Board Member, 2017-Present

[Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\) of Travis County](#) – President 1999-2000; Board of Directors, 1994-2001

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas – President, 2000-2001; Board of Directors, 1997-2004; Volunteer Attorney

Travis County Dispute Resolution Center – Board of Directors, 1995-1999; Volunteer Mediator



Leadership Austin, Class of 1996-1997

Jewish Community Association of Austin – Board of Directors, 2003-2005

Austin Bar Association (Co-Chair Annual Bench Bar Conference, 2010-2013; Co-Chair, Land Development Seminar, Real Estate Section, 2000-2006; Chair, Settlement Week Committee, 1995-1996; Co-Chair, Family Law Task Force, 1993-1995; Settlement Week Volunteer Mediator, 1992-2001; ADR Section; Civil Litigation Section)

State Bar of Texas (Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Secretary, 1996-1998, Treasurer, 1998-1999)

Publications And Presentations

Author/Speaker, *Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies*, 18th Annual Land Development Seminar, October 29, 2010

Co-Author, *Tips for Dealing with Local Governments*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Law Course – Summer, 2007

Co-Author, *What Attorneys Want From Mediators*, *The Texas Mediator* – Fall, 2002

Author/Speaker, *Expert Liability in Real Estate Matters: What to Consider When Things Go Wrong*, Eminent Domain – CLE International, Dallas, Texas June 14-15, 2001

Bar

Texas – 1990

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas – 1992

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit – 1993

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas – 1994



Education

The University of Texas – 1987 – B.A. (Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program), with high honors; Phi Beta Kappa

The University of Texas – 1990 – J.D., with honors; Order of the Coif

Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Lloyd Doggett, Supreme Court of Texas – 1990-1991

Robert W. Calvert Chapter of the American Inns of Court – 1996-1999

40-Hour Mediation Training – 1992

Awards and Honors

AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

Austin Business Journal Profile, June, 2012

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, J. Chrys Dougherty Award for pro bono service, 2014

Service Award – [Hostelling International](#)– USA, 2013

Texas Monthly, Super Lawyers®, published by Thomson Reuters, 2004-2006, 2013-2015, 2020-2021

Austin Young Lawyers Association, Community Service Award, 2000

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, Pro Bono Recognition, 1995-2007

State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Recognition for Service, 1999

Heritage Society of Austin, Recognition for Service, 2001