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Overview

Charles Maynard possesses forty years of experience as a transactional lawyer in general business, real estate, and oil and gas matters.

Charles's transactional practice encompasses the acquisition and divestiture of direct interests in real estate and energy assets and the formation, governance, financing, acquisition and sale of business operating and investment vehicles. He has assisted in the financing, construction and leasing of many different real estate projects including high rise structures in the central business district of Houston, Texas. Charles's experience also includes the negotiation of a variety of oil and gas transactions involving construction, chartering and sale of offshore drilling vessels, and acquisition, development and sale of onshore and offshore leases in both federal and state waters.

Charles applies the verbal and writing skills he developed as an undergraduate student of literature and history, as well as in law school, and careful attention to negotiation and drafting of legal relationships and documentation. He has significant experience in business litigation that enables him to foresee and address issues and remedies that, if not adequately addressed in contractual arrangements, can lead to disputes and costly litigation and to best position his clients should business disputes arise.

Charles's experience is reflected in his certification in Commercial Real Estate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, which he has maintained since 1985.

Education

University of Texas School of Law, J.D.,
1975

Rice University, B.A. in English, 1972

Practice Areas

Corporate, Business Transactions and Tax

Real Estate

Energy

Admissions

Texas

Representative Experience

- Counseling and representation of start-up businesses and business owners

in operations, mergers, acquisitions and sales

- Organization of the investment vehicles and financing for the construction of high rise structures in the central business district of Houston, Texas as well as the underlying real estate, construction and leasing transactions
- Drafting tunnel connection, construction and operating agreements related to such high rise buildings resulting in a major extension of the unique underground tunnel and over-street pedestrian bridge connection system in downtown Houston
- Representation of both landlords and tenants in a variety of leasing transactions involving single and multi-tenant office towers, ground leases, retail centers, warehouse and industrial facilities
- Representation of clients in all aspects of capital formation, acquisition, subdivision, construction and sale of a multi-use land development, single family and cluster home subdivisions and commercial reserves
- Representation of land owners in negotiations involving pipeline easements, land use over and adjacent to major underground pipelines, seismic testing licenses, oil and gas leases, drill site designations and oil and gas exploration and production activities
- Drafting, amendment and enforcement of a variety of restrictive covenants involving both residential and commercial properties, as well as establishment of condominium and timeshare regimes
- Negotiation and documentation of a variety of oil and gas transactions involving construction, chartering and sale of offshore drilling vessels, acquisition, development and sale of onshore and offshore leases in both federal and state waters

Associations Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, American Bar Association, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section
- Member, Houston Bar Association, Real Estate and Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Sections
- Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- Former Council Member, Houston Bar Association, Real Estate Law Section
- Past Board Member and former President of Friends of the Houston Public Library
- Past Board Member of the Julia Ideson Library Preservation Partners
- Board Member of Friends of the Texas Room
- Member of Rice Associates

- Emeritus Board Member and former President of Friends of Fondren Library at Rice University
- Past Board Member and former President of the Rice Design Alliance
- Ex-Officio Board Member and former President of Preservation Houston (formerly, the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance)
- Emeritus Board Member and former President of Trees for Houston
- Member, Dean's Circle, Rice School of Architecture

Certifications Awards

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- Board Certification Board Certified, Commercial Real Estate, Texas Board of Legal Specialization -- since 1985

Awards

- Selected for inclusion in the list of Texas Super Lawyers, 2005 through 2018 by Thomson Reuters

Clerkship Languages

- Law Clerk for the Honorable John Fogelmann, Associate Judge, Arkansas Supreme Court, 1975 -1976.
- Italian speaking proficiency
- French reading proficiency