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Overview

For over three decades Miles has focused his practice on banking and financial services, bankruptcy and creditor's rights, commercial litigation, appellate law, and real estate.

Miles holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Political Science, earned simultaneously at the University of Pennsylvania. His understanding of business and government, coupled with his law degree from Harvard, give him a valuable perspective on complicated financial and commercial litigation issues.

The desire to pursue a commercial law practice was solidified early in his career when Miles clerked for the Hon. Carolyn King on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has handled numerous cases in state and federal courts, including arguments in the Texas Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Today, as a result of that experience and his knowledge, Miles is board certified in bankruptcy law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and is certified in business bankruptcy by the American Bankruptcy Institute. Miles is also a trained mediator and arbitrator, and he has served as Special Disciplinary Counsel to the State Bar of Texas.

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1980

University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in
Political Science, 1977

University of Pennsylvania, B.A. in
Political Science, magna cum laude, 1977

University of Pennsylvania, B.S. in
Economics, magna cum laude, 1977

Practice Areas

Real Estate

Banking and Financial Services

Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights

Commercial Litigation

Appellate

Representative Experience

- Represented the lender in a seminal United States Supreme Court case dealing with post-petition interest in bankruptcy cases
- Represented the lender in a Texas Supreme Court case dealing with foreclosure of intangible property
- Represented a real estate developer in a Texas Supreme Court case involving contacts for deeds
- Represented debtors, creditors and trustees in Chapter 11 reorganization

Admissions

Texas

U.S. District Courts for the Northern,
Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of
Texas

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Eighth
and Eleventh Circuits

U.S. Supreme Court

cases for real estate, manufacturing, oil and gas, and software companies

- Represented court-appointed receiver for a professional employer organization
- Represented distributor of industrial products in multi-district products liability cases
- Represented employers in litigation involving discrimination and benefits claims, contract disputes, and actions to protect proprietary information and enforce non-compete covenants
- Represented lenders and borrowers in litigation involving foreclosures and deficiency claims

Clerkship

- Law Clerk, Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1980-1981

Certifications/ Recognitions

Certifications

- Certified in Business Bankruptcy, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (since 1988)
- Certified in Business Bankruptcy, American Bankruptcy Institute (since 1992)

Recognitions

- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Miles was selected to the 2003-2018 Texas Super Lawyers lists (Thomson Reuters). Only five percent of lawyers in the state were selected.
- Selected as a “Top Lawyer in Houston” H Texas Magazine (Bayou City Publishing, LLC) (2010-2015)
- Awarded “Boss of the Year” from the Houston Association of Legal Professionals, 2016
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2020 edition of The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward White, Inc.) in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Mediation

Miles Cohn has attended the following mediation training institutes:

- Program on Negotiation, Mediation Training Institute, Harvard Law School (2006)
- Bankruptcy Mediation Training, ABI/St. John's School of Law (2012)

Publications

- Speaker/Author: Landlord-Tenant Law, Sterling Education Services, When the Tenant Files Bankruptcy; August 25, 2015
- Speaker/Author: Houston Bar Association, Real Estate Law Section, Real Estate Reorganizations; October 21, 2015