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## Overview

Yigal Saghian advises clients on matters relating to business organization and operation, focusing on real estate and franchising.

Yigal works closely with clients to understand their business activities and objectives, allowing him to provide focused, client-centered, and cost-effective advice and counsel on legal issues confronting them.

Working alongside his father, the owner and operator of a chain of barbecue restaurants in Houston, Texas, Yigal showed interest in the fundamental rules that govern business decisions, interactions, and relationships. He followed this interest by studying Finance and Economics at Yeshiva University, then obtaining both a J.D. and M.B.A. from the University of Houston. While at the University of Houston, Yigal was distinguished with a number of honors and awards, including the Houston Bar Association Real Estate Law Section Award and the Bauer Business School Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

Yigal joined Crain Caton & James as a law clerk in 2011 while still in law school. After passing both the California and Texas bar exams in 2014, Yigal accepted a position at the firm as an associate attorney. Yigal's practice benefits from the diversity of his background and his proficiency in several languages including Farsi and Hebrew.

## Education

University of Houston Law Center, J.D.,  
2013

University of Houston, M.B.A., 2013

Yeshiva University, B.A., magna cum  
laude, 2009

## Practice Areas

Real Estate

Corporate, Business Transactions and Tax

## Honors and Awards

- Houston Bar Association Real Estate Law Award Recipient
- Bauer School of Business Dean's Award for Academic Excellence
- University of Houston Law Center Diversity Scholar Award Recipient

- Prudential Spirit of the Community Leadership and Service Award
- Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award

## Admissions

California, 2014

Texas, 2014

## Publications/Speeches

- Co-author: "Chapter 9 Nuts & Bolts." Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course. State Bar of Texas. 8 Sept. 2011.
- Co-author: "Recent Developments in Consumer Bankruptcy Law." DFW Bankruptcy Conference. State Bar of Texas. 18 Nov. 2011.

## Community Involvement

- Anti-Defamation League, International Affairs Committee Member
- Houston Free Loan Association, Board Member
- Top Soccer, Volunteer Soccer Coach