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Bruce applies more than 50 years of experience to help his corporate and banking clients navigate their key issues and transactions. His clients appreciate his clear, actionable advice and ability to provide tailored legal solutions.

OVERVIEW

Bruce is a corporate attorney who represents clients in areas such as legislative matters, financing, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory issues. He is particularly adept at advising public companies against unsolicited tender offers and navigating proposed legislation.

Bruce also has extensive experience in high-stakes transactions and regulatory compliance.

Bruce's involvement in various boards and committees, including Sterling Bancshares, Texas Medical Center, and Texas Children's Hospital, underscores his commitment to both his profession and community. His leadership roles in organizations like the American Red Cross and the Houston Symphony Society further reflect his dedication to public service.

In addition to his legal practice, Bruce is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and a member of several professional associations, including the American Law Institute.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Banking (2003-2005), Government Relations (2007-2011)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Health Care Regulatory

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Government + Regulatory

- Health Care Regulatory
- Lobbying + Public Affairs
- Local Government Services
- Mergers + Acquisitions

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board of directors, Sterling Bancshares, Inc., Executive Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee
- Advisory director, Sterling Bank, Director Loan Committee
- Chair, Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center
- Director, Texas Medical Center, officer and Executive Committee
- Trustee, Texas Heart Institute
- Executive Committee member and past chair, Greater Houston Partnership
- Director, The Cenikor Foundation
- Trustee, The Nimitz Foundation
- Trustee, Texas Children's Hospital
- Trustee, Texas Christian University
- Member, Texas Bar Association
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, American Law Institute
- Member, The Philosophical Society of Texas
- Member, Texas Association of Bank Counsel
- Member, Independent Bankers Association of Texas
- Board of visitors member, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center-University Cancer Foundation
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Past first vice chair, National American Red Cross Board of Governors
- Past director, American Red Cross Greater Houston Area Chapter (2001-2003)
- Past board member, Houston Symphony Society
- Past board member, The Society for the Performing Arts
- Past chair, The Lighthouse of Houston
- Past board member, Retina Research Foundation
- Past president, The Houston Club
- Past chair, The Houston International Festival
- Past board member, Communities in Schools Houston
- Past board member, The Houston Bar Foundation
- Past board member, The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
- Past board member, Greater Houston Community Foundation
- Past chair, Texas Environmental Research Consortium
- Past chair, BioHouston
- Past president, The Kayser Foundation

- Past board member, Big Three Industries
- Past board member, Gamma Biologicals

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Past vice chairman and general counsel, Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, LL.B., *cum laude*, *Order of the Barristers*, *Order of the Woolsack*, 1965
- Texas Christian University, B.S., 1963, commerce

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas