

Chad E. Stoker

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Chad Stoker focuses his practice on providing legal advice and strategic counsel to clients developing, designing, and constructing projects of various classes and types. He primarily represents owners and developers during the drafting and negotiations phases of complex design and construction agreements and during dispute resolution when issues arise. Before becoming an attorney, Chad served in a leadership role in a top-ten aerospace/defense company where he learned the complexities of the interplay between risk, risk tolerance, and the business realities of competitive markets. As a result, his counsel is focused on appropriately protecting the client while achieving the client's goals related to risk allocation without "over-lawyering" in a way that unreasonably delays or complicates progress on the deal.

Chad is a trusted advisor to leaders in various industries, and his clients have included national reach real estate developers, major hospital systems, global logistics providers, and professional sports teams (including teams in the National Football League, National Basketball Association, and Major League Soccer).

Chad has deep knowledge and experience in a variety of project delivery methods, including design-bid-build; design-build; engineering, procurement and construction; and construction management at risk structures and is well versed in the various industry standard forms of agreements.

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2014)
- Wayland Baptist University (B.S., 1998)
 - Occupational Education & Human Services

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Texas, 2014

Recognition

Capabilities

- Construction
- Real Estate
- Family Office
- Sports & Entertainment

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law, 2026
- *Super Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021, 2022
- *SMU Law Review*, Staff Editor and Technology Editor

Matters

- Prepare and negotiate agreements for, and advise client during, the design and construction of, state of the art next generation battery research, development, and manufacturing facility.
- Counsel large national private equity real estate development firm in the establishment of risk management strategies in design and construction phases for their development of nation-wide industrial projects.
- Prepare suites of design and construction contracts, standardizing contractual relationships for design and construction of projects, for major hospital systems in Texas and gulf-area states, major hospital systems in Colorado and multiple national industrial and multi-family real estate development firms.
- Advise and negotiate design and construction contracts for high end luxury mixed use developer with project costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Counsel several nationally recognized food development and processing companies and pharmaceutical delivery system company in the design and construction of research, development, and manufacturing plants.
- Advise Australian water pollution monitoring and treatment company in the development of their design and construction contracts as they break into the United States market.
- Prepare and negotiate design and construction contracts for renovations at professional sports venues, including venues hosting competitions for the National Football League, National Basketball Association, and Major League Soccer.
- Provide counsel to National Football League team during design and construction of renovations in preparation for hosting matches during world championship competition involving national teams from countries across the world, including counsel relating to relationships with local, county and state governmental entity stakeholders and funding sources.
- Advise clients during design and construction of ground-up construction of, or major renovations to, major performance and entertainment venues including, world-wide chain of indoor family entertainment centers, large venue outdoor theater, sports venue with associated hotel and resort, uniquely themed museum, and top tier ski resorts.
- Advise clients during pre-litigation dispute resolution over design and construction defects, payment disputes, and other matters in controversy between the parties, obtaining favorable results.
- Advise aerospace company in the procurement of goods and services related to development and manufacturing of commercial and national defense helicopter systems, including counsel regarding FAR/DFARS compliance issues.
- Advise top tier social media company in “localizing” their design and construction contracts for development of major data center in north Texas.

Publications

January, 2019

Round Table Discussion Re: Top Ten Negotiated Terms in Design and Construction Contracts

Lead, Hospital Project Delivery Conference