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DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT PRACTICE

My firm represents startup and small/growing businesses in various practice areas, with a heavy concentration in the restaurant, bar, and hospitality industry.

My practice varies by year, but averages 40% real estate, 40% corporate/acquisitions, 20% litigation.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Southern Methodist University School of Law,
J.D. 2001:

Member, Computer Law Review &
Technology Journal

Student Attorney: Federal Taxpayers'
Clinic

Southern Nazarene University, BS 1997

Magna cum Laude

Major: Political Science, Minors: Finance;
Psychology

Keble College, Oxford University, Centre for
Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 1996

Georgetown University, Engalitcheff Institute
for Comparative Political & Economic
Systems, 1995

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND DATES

Texas: Nov. 2001
Tennessee: Aug. 2007

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Denney Law Group, Founder
Feb. 2007-Present

Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox, LLP,
Associate, Sept. 2005-Jan. 2007
Food, Beverage, & Hospitality Practice Group
Chair

Brady & Cole, PC
Associate, Jan. 2003-Sept. 2005

Biggers, Beasley, Earle & Hightower, PC
Associate, May 2002-Dec. 2002

Bickel & Brewer
Contract attorney, Oct. 2001-May 2002

EDS: Plano, TX
Data Analyst, 1997-1998

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES MUST BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL INCLUDING DATES, NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF REPRESENTATIVE MATERIALS:

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
(all as presenter)

2009-2024 HOSPITALITY LAW CONFERENCE
(continuing legal education)

2024 GREATER DALLAS CHAPTER, TX
RESTAURANT ASSN: "Understanding Restaurant
Real Estate"

2024 TEXAS RESTAURANT SHOW: Morgan Stanley
Investment Bootcamp – *Positioning Your Company
for the "Next Phase"*

2024 TEXAS RESTAURANT SHOW: *Silver Tsunami:
Unlocking Opportunities with Restaurant Owners
Who Want to Sell or Step Back*

2024 PILLARS OF PRODUCTION CONFERENCE:
Keynote: *Function Over Forms*

2021 TRA MARKETPLACE: Educational Session

2021 and 2022 State Bar of Texas: *Advanced Real
Estate Strategies* (continuing legal education)

2021 DRI RETAIL & HOSPITALITY: *Ask the Magic
8-Ball – a glimpse into the post-COVID world for
F&B operators*

2015 and 2018 SAN ANTONIO COCKTAIL
CONFERENCE

2019 TRA MARKETPLACE: Educational Session

2019 ASIAN AMERICAN HOTEL OWNERS' ASS'N
Board Meeting (Dram Shop and Responsible
Alcohol Service)

2018 RESTAURANT UNSTOPPABLE PODCAST:
interview

2017 LawLine: *Hot Topics & Trends in the Texas
Food & Beverage Industry* (continuing legal
education)

2017 LawLine: *Choosing Business Entities in
Texas - Practical Strategies for Liability Protection
and Streamlined Growth* (continuing legal
education)

2016 NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE: *Food
Business Law* (continuing legal education)

2015 RESTAURANT UNSTOPPABLE PODCAST:
interview

2015 State Bar of Texas: *Legal Issues in the Texas
Hospitality Industry* (continuing legal education)

2015 DALLAS STARTUP WEEK

2014 HFTP ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADESHOW

2014 CLUB MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
WEBINAR

2014 DRI RETAIL & HOSPITALITY LITIGATION &
CLAIMS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

2013-2014 NIGHTCLUB AND BAR Convention &
Trade Show

2013-2014 HOSPITALITY FINANCE &
TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

2011 CLUB MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
CONFERENCE

2011 RESORT HOTEL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

2009 MEXICAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE

2009 DALLAS INSTITUTE FOR ARTS &
HUMANITIES (panel, The Ethics of Food)

	2009 FS/TEC CONFERENCE (Panel, PCI-DSS compliance)
	2008 DINEAMERICA CONFERENCE (Panel, 2008 Government Regulations Update)
	2007 AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION, Texas Chapter meeting
	2007 State Bar of Texas: Choosing & Courting a Jury (continuing legal education)
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	None.
BAR ACTIVITIES	Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
PROFESSIONAL RATINGS	None.
TEACHING ACTIVITIES	Adjunct Professor: Legal Issues & Ethics (undergraduate), Art Institute of Dallas, 2015 (semester)
	Adjunct Professor: Law & Ethics (graduate), Art Institute of Dallas, 2012 (semester)
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRO BONO ACTIVITIES	Created the DFW RESTAURATEURS' CONFERENCE, now in its 10 th year, providing a day of hot topic discussions at no cost to restaurant owners, executives and managers. (host, moderator, speaker, factotum)
	Sachse, TX Economic Development Corporation: Board Member 2005-09
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES	None.
OTHER MEMBERSHIPS	GREATER DALLAS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION President, 2019-21; Executive Committee 2015-2022; Board of Directors, 2013-2022, Emeritus Board Member 2022-Present.
	TEXAS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION Board Member, 2018-2024, Emeritus Board Member, 2024-Present.
	24HOUR DALLAS Board Member, 2020-Present.
	Professional Advisory Committee, The Art Institute of Dallas Culinary School, 2013-16.
HONORS	Texas "Super Lawyers," 2019-2023

ATTACHMENTS

See Bio at <https://denneylawgroup.com/david-denney/>

PERSONAL

DOB: 9/11/1974

Family: Husband to Tracey, Dad to Kaelyn

Hobbies: Tactical Games athlete; Spartan races; cooking.

* WRITTEN MATERIALS

Here is a random sampling of written materials:

[2021 Defense Research Institute Conference paper](#) (via Dropbox link)

[2016 Hospitality Law Conference paper](#) (via Dropbox link)

2015 [State Bar of Texas CLE: Foodborne Illness & Allergies paper](#) (via Dropbox link)

2007 [Restaurant Startup & Growth Magazine article](#)

I have also had articles featured in *Restaurant Startup & Growth Magazine*, *QSR Magazine*, *Nightclub & Bar Magazine*, *In the Mix Magazine*, *Food Safety Solutions*, the *CMAA Newsletter* and various *HospitalityLawyer.com* newsletters. I have been quoted multiple times in *Nation's Restaurant News*.