

## Jack Rains Of Counsel

Widely recognized and highly honored for his experience, knowledge and judgment as a lawyer, business executive, consultant and public servant, Jack Rains offers clients keen insight, strategic approaches and creative solutions to help solve their problems and achieve their goals. Clients and his partners value his extensive understanding of both governmental processes and business operations, which enhances his ability to maneuver smoothly around complex issues and through the public-private intersection.

Jack has accumulated a diverse range of skill sets during his over 50 years of professional service (1967 To Present) throughout Texas, across the nation and around the world. With a life-long commitment to community and state-wide public service, Jack has held several governmental and civic positions, including serving as Texas' 95th secretary of state, the founding chairman of the board of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority and as an active member on the boards and executive committees of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Houston Partnership.

Jack has represented public utilities, school districts and clients in the healthcare, alcohol distribution, communications and energy industries, among many others. As a certified mediator, he also uses his strong negotiation skills to help resolve disputes around the mediation table, avoiding the cost of litigation.

### Representative Experience

- Represented one of Texas' major utilities before the Public Utilities Commission and in subsequent court actions, concluding in a successful appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas.



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### Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, A.A. White Mediation Graduate, University of Houston (1967)

B.B.A., Texas A&M University (1960)

### Bar Admissions

Texas

### Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court  
United States Court of Appeals,  
Fifth Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals,  
Eleventh Circuit  
United States District Court,  
Southern District of Texas

- Represented one of the nation's largest alcoholic beverage distributors before the Texas regulatory agency which had suspended its license to operate, successfully restoring the licenses after completion of a complex reorganization and restructuring of debt involving a leveraged buyout of major shareholders, as well as a successful challenge to the Comptroller of Texas sales tax applicability.
- Successfully represented a major health care provider, in a dispute with a State chartered medical school and hospital for the right to operate a county hospital. Continued representation of that client and others opposing taxpayer supported institutions competing with the private sector.
- Developed and implemented a strategy for a major communication company that lead to their dominance of a government communication system in the Houston region.
- Acted as a trial consultant to a Fortune 500 company facing class action suits in Texas and Louisiana.
- Consults with a number of high tech and other "start up" companies, developing growth strategies and plans for capital formation and related matter.
- Represented one of the largest independent school districts in Texas in a dispute with a professional sports team relocating to the district. An "eleventh hour" agreement was reached ensuring that the district's tax base was protected.
- Represented a multinational engineering company in competition for a billion dollar public works project for the City. Despite heavy pressure in opposition from some former city officials, Rains' client was awarded the contract. Following another attempt to block the award, Rains' client was finally awarded the contract by the City

Council.

### **Press Releases**

- “Gray Reed’s Jack Rains Honored as a Texas A&M University Aggie Legend,” (September 18, 2015)
- “Jack Rains Elected President of “C” Club of Houston; Cary Gray Becomes Member,” (February 18, 2010)

### **Honors**

- AV Preeminent rated (the highest possible Martindale–Hubbell Peer Review Rating designation)
- Honorary Member of the Texas A&M University System’s Chancellor’s Century Council
- “Aggie Legend” by Coach Jackie Sherrill’s 12th Man Kick Off Team Foundation (2015)
- “Person of Distinction” by the Museum of the Gulf Coast (1999)
- Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Houston (1987)
- Distinguished Alumnus by Texas A&M University (1987)
- Outstanding Alumnus by the University of Houston (1983)
- Houston’s Outstanding Aggie Award by Texas A&M University (1983)
- Dean’s Award by the University of Houston, College of Law (1979)

### **Organizational Involvement**

- Served as: Founding Chairman, Harris County–Houston

Sports Authority

- Founding Chairman, Houston Job Training Partnership Council; Trustee, Baylor College of Medicine
- Founding Director, Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)
- Director, Texas Medical Center; Director and Executive Committee, Houston Chamber of Commerce
- Lifetime Director, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- President, The C Club of Houston (2010)
- Chairman, Governor's Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform (1989)
- Member: Texas Space Industry Development Commission (1987), Veteran's Land Board (1983 – 1985) Host Committee for 1990 Economic Summit of Industrial Nations