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Steve Skarnulis has counseled, negotiated, litigated & arbitrated matters in the construction, insurance, reinsurance, banking & finance, private equity, hospitality, chemical, healthcare, technology, & energy industries.

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Steve Skarnulis thrives on the competitive instincts necessary to handle difficult business disputes. Mr. Skarnulis has served as counsel for a range of business clients, from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Skarnulis is an advocate who studies the people, facts, and technical issues underlying a case, in order to persuasively present his clients' interests in court, arbitration, mediation, or the boardroom.

Prior to beginning a second career as an attorney, Mr. Skarnulis owned and managed restaurants in Austin, Dallas, and Atlanta. He left the long hours and stress of the hospitality industry for the long hours and rewards of his second career as a lawyer, a job he'd long dreamed of. Mr. Skarnulis moved back to Texas from Atlanta to attend Baylor University School of Law, an acclaimed training ground for advocacy skills.

Mr. Skarnulis graduated magna cum laude from Baylor Law. While there, Mr. Skarnulis was an articles editor for the Baylor Law Review and was a member of Baylor's award-winning mock trial team. Mr. Skarnulis was the recipient of various honors and scholarships at Baylor, including the Order of the Barristers, and was the winner of the school's Dawson Sodd & Beard moot court competition. Mr. Skarnulis holds his B.B.A., summa cum laude, from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Skarnulis has been named by Thomson Reuters in Texas Monthly as a "Rising Star." He writes and presents for continuing legal education

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seminars. Mr. Skarnulis volunteers in the legal community, serving as a mock trial judge for University of Texas competitions and other regional competitions, and presenting mock voir dire jury selection in area high schools as part of the Texas State Bar's "Pick Me" jury program. He coaches and spars with the top University of Texas law student-advocates to prepare them to compete in national mock trial tournaments. Mr. Skarnulis is proud of his membership on the board of the Arc of the Capital Area, an organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. Mr. Skarnulis and his wife, Libba, are also active in a variety of community events, as well as the many activities of their twins, Quinn and Carver.

Mr. Skarnulis is a member of the Texas Bar Fellows. Each year, the top 1/3 of 1% of Texas attorneys are invited to become Fellows (or members) of the Texas Bar Foundation. Election to the Fellows is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the State Bar of Texas. Nomination is based on outstanding contributions to the legal profession as well as a commitment to the community.

Mr. Skarnulis began his law career with Van Osselaer, Cronin & Buchanan LLP, at the firm's inception, following its spinoff from Hughes & Luce LLP. In April 2007, Mr. Skarnulis joined Charlie Cain in founding Cain & Skarnulis in Austin, Texas.