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Steve practiced law in Dallas, Texas for nineteen years, most of those at Winstead Sechrest & Minick, P. C., where he headed up their construction practice. In 1995, he became the CEO of Faulkner Construction Company, a large construction firm headquartered in Austin. While CEO of that company, Steve was part of executive management and *de facto* General Counsel for sister companies involved in real estate development and the mechanical, stone & tile, road & bridge, and concrete pumping businesses. In 2001, Steve left Faulkner to join a long-time friend and client at SureTec Insurance Company, a regional surety company and SureTec Information Systems, Inc., a construction financial services and risk consulting company.

Education and Educational Achievements:

- B.A., Economics, Southern Methodist University, 1972
- J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1976
- Editor, *Journal of Air Law & Commerce* (Law Review)
- Member, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

Professional Activities, Licenses, and Honors:

- Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers, 1995 to present
- Fellow and Advisory Board Member, University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution
- Former Director and Officer, Texas Surety Federation
- Senior Lecturer, University of Texas School of Civil Engineering, teaching Construction Law, Project Delivery Methods, and Construction Dispute Avoidance and Resolution, 2000 - present
- Member, Fidelity & Surety Subcommittee of Tort & Insurance Practice Section
- Member, ABA Public Contract Law Section and International Law Section
- Member, ABA Dispute Resolution Section



- Member, ABA Forum Committee on Construction Law
- Member, Construction Industry Advisory Board, *Construction Contracts*, a publication of West Publishing Company, 2002-present
- Founding Member and Past Chairman, Construction Law Section, State Bar of Texas (1998-1999)
- Founding Member and Past Chairman, Construction Law Section of Dallas Bar Association
- Founding Member and Past Chairman, Travis County Bar Association
- Editor, Construction Law Section Newsletter, State Bar of Texas (1992-1995) Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Member and Certified AAM Mediator, Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Credentialed Distinguished Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- Past Chairman, Central Texas Chapter, Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Licensed Property & Casualty General Lines Agent, Managing General Agent, and Property & Casualty Adjuster, Texas Department of Insurance
- Co-Chairman, State Legislative Committee, Associated General Contractors, Texas Building Branch (1998-present)
- General Counsel, Associated General Contractors, Dallas Building Branch (1990-1995)
- Licensed Property & Casualty Adjuster, Oklahoma Department of Insurance

Community Activities and Public Service:

- Former Member, Board of Directors, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Austin Community College Foundation
- Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Austin Recovery Center

Court Admissions:

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- Supreme Court of Texas

Representative Speeches, Publications, and Seminars:

- "The Mediator's Proposal", Advanced Mediation Training, Association of Attorney Mediators, Dallas, 2004
- "Onerous Bond Forms"- Fidelity & Surety Law Committee, American Bar Association, San Francisco, January, 2004
- "The Contract Surety Market- Post 9/11" –Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, June, 2003



- *"Mediating Multi-party Disputes"* – Association of Attorney-Mediators, Advanced Mediator Institute, San Antonio, Texas, October 13, 2000
- *"Why Won't Sureties Do What You Want Them To Do?"* – State Bar of Texas 12th Annual Construction Law Conference, Dallas, Texas, February 1999; Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Houston, TX, January 20, 2000; City of Austin, Public Works and Transportation Project Manager Brown Bag Lunch Series, Austin, TX, February 25, 2000; Travis County Bar Association Construction Law Section, Austin, TX, March 29, 2000, Rio Grande Valley AGC, 2003
- *"Design-Build Legislative Issues in Texas"* – Forum on Design-Build/Texas Regional DBIA Chapter Meeting, Austin, Texas, May 12, 1999
- *"Joint Checks & Joint Check Agreements, A General Contractor's Perspective"* – CFMA, Austin Chapter, Austin, Texas, November 16, 1999; State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section 13th Annual Conference, Houston, TX, February 17, 2000
- *"Overview of AIA A-201"* – AGC, Rio Grande Valley Chapter; AIA, Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter, Weslaco, Texas, April 1998
- *"Design-Build and Alternative Project Delivery Methods"* - Texas Society of Architects and Consulting Engineers Council of Texas, September 1997
- *"Delivery Systems One Year Later"* - CEFPI 3rd Annual Workshop, December 1997
- *"Doing Business in Mexico"* -- Sixth Annual Construction Law Conference sponsored by the University of Texas Law School and Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, February 11, 1993, Dallas, Texas; Associated General Contractors of America National Convention, Orlando, Florida, March, 1994
- *"Bad Faith Claims as Applied to Contract Bond Sureties"* -- Surety Claims Institute, June, 1993
- *"Applying Mediation and Other ADR Techniques in the Business World"* - AGC Project Manager Course, Dallas, Texas, January, 1992
- *"Construction Warranties and Latent Defects"* -- American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, New York City, January, 1992
- Moderator - Panel on Complex Claims Management; 5th Annual Construction Law Conference sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law and the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas - San Antonio, Texas, February 14, 1992
- *"Is Your Standard Subcontract Form Up To Date?"* -- Texas Building Branch, Associated General Contractors 1992 Convention, Mescalero, New Mexico, June, 1992