

## Lance A. Heviza

### Attorney

### Overview

Lance practices in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate, and real estate law.

He is an experienced litigator who represents clients in a range of business disputes including contract disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder derivatives, fraud, corporate liability, non-compete agreements, and disputes arising from mergers and acquisitions. Lance also represents businesses in litigation related to their intellectual property assets as well as real estate disputes.

Additionally, Lance is an effective advocate for pharmaceutical-industry clients involved in disputes. He has successfully represented drug development companies in contractual and IP litigation, winning a unanimous jury verdict of \$5.5 million (plus attorney's fees) in a breach of contract dispute, and obtaining a verdict enforcing a client's IP rights in a \$296 million suit.

In addition to his litigation practice, Lance counsels businesses on a range of real estate issues such as drafting and reviewing purchase and sale contracts, residential and commercial leases, transfer of title, lease with option to purchase, and foreclosures, as well as landlord/tenant relations. He also advises clients on other transactions including acquisitions and divestitures and conversion of property.

Before joining Michael Best, Lance was a member of entrepreneurial law firm RWR Legal in Austin. Previously, he was an Associate in the Dallas office of a national full-service law firm where he focused on commercial litigation and e-discovery. Earlier in his career Lance practiced with a full-service firm in Maui, Hawaii, where he specialized in complex civil litigation matters in the areas of business, real estate, and personal injury law.

### Honors & Recognitions

- Lifetime member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Lifetime Member award, 2018



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### Practices

Litigation

Unfair Competition & Trade Secrets

Venture Capital & Private Equity

- Martindale-Hubbell Excellence Award in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards

## Professional Activities

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Austin Bar Association
- Member, Capital Area Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, Maui County Bar Association
- Co-chair, Maui County Community Law Week

## Education

- Southern Methodist University, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), 1998; Economics, Public Policy and Political Science
- University of Oxford, Certificate in International Law Studies, 1999
- Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2001

## Admissions

- Texas
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- United States District Court Hawaii
- United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court, Western District of Texas