

**John M. Hill**

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**Practice Areas**

- Land Use
- Municipal & Public Law
- Real Estate/Real Estate Finance
- Landlord/Tenant

**Practice Emphasis**

John M. Hill is a senior shareholder and head of the Public Law Section of Cowles & Thompson. Mr. Hill's practice is devoted to public law matters, including public utility franchise and rate matters, zoning and subdivision of land, claims by and against cities, the drafting of ordinances, resolutions and contracts, development agreements, and real estate development and leasing.

**Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- In October 2001, Mr. Hill spoke on "Agreements with Design Professionals" at the Cowles & Thompson Continuing Education Seminar.

**Memberships**

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas City Attorneys' Association
- Member, Senior Adult Services
- Member, Real Estate Council

**Education and Court Admissions**

- J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1983
- B.A., *cum laude*, Washington & Lee University, 1978
  - Member, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Collegiate Economics Honor Society
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

**Representative Matters:**

- Rick Barrett, Paul Dalton, and John Hill successfully represented the owner of a hotel in a condemnation proceeding instituted by a local municipality. The Firm's client alleged the condemnation hearing was not properly authorized under the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, the municipality failed to comply with and breached its own ordinances resulting in the issuance of void citations and inspections, the notices posted on the hotel were illegal and void acts, the hotel was illegally and wrongfully closed down, the notice of condemnation hearing was illegal and void, the condemnation hearing was illegal and void, and the Order issued by the Board at the condemnation hearing was illegal and void. As a result of the Firm's efforts, the hotel was not condemned and has reopened for business.