

John Allen Chalk

Member

As general counsel for a large, independent petroleum refining and marketing company (1978-84), as special counsel for a Texas real estate developer (1984-86), and as a partner of two law firms (1973-78; 1986 - present), Mr. Chalk understands what clients want from their lawyers and how lawyers best serve their clients. As a negotiator, litigator, mediator, and arbitrator, Mr. Chalk constantly applies cost-benefit and risk analysis in assisting clients with efficient resolution of their disputes.

Chalk represents clients in commercial transactions and litigation, state and federal regulatory matters, healthcare, and ADR proceedings. Post-secondary proprietary schools and colleges in numerous states require his appearances before state and federal regulatory agencies and accreditation bodies. He assists clients with project and corporate finance, business entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, domestically and internationally. Five arbitral institutions (domestic and international) include Chalk on their neutrals' panels and have appointed him as either mediator or arbitrator in hundreds of ADR proceedings involving business entities, health care, employment, insurance, franchise, real estate, oil and gas, alternative energy, petroleum refining and marketing, aviation, intellectual property, and other disputes.

Practice Areas

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
Domestic & International Arbitration/Mediation
- **Administrative Law**
State & Federal Regulatory Law
- **Corporate & Business Law**
Commercial Litigation
Project and Corporate Finance Transactions
Mergers & Acquisitions
- **Employment Litigation**
- **Energy**
Oil & Gas
Refining
Alternative Energy
- **Real Estate Litigation**
- **Healthcare**
- **School Law**
Post Secondary Education Law

Education

- JD University of Texas School of Law 1973
- MA Tennessee Tech University 1967
- BS Tennessee Tech University 1962

Professional Associations

- President (2013-2014), Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, American Inns of Court
- Director, Treasurer, Vice-President, President, Tarrant County Bar Association, 2004-2009
- Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators
- Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, England
- Member, Neutrals' Panel, American Arbitration Association
- Member, Neutrals' Panel, American Health Lawyers Association
- Member, Neutrals' Panel, CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution
- Member, London Court of International Arbitration, London, England
- Member, ADR Service Council, American Health Lawyers Association
- Master Mediator, Dispute Resolution Services of Tarrant County
- Mediator - Advanced, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

- Member, Texas Association of Mediators
- Member, Texas Attorney-Mediators Coalition
- AV Rated Martindale Hubbell®: Preeminent™
- Adjunct Professor, "Arbitration Procedure and Advocacy," Pepperdine University, Law School, Malibu, California, 2011 and 2013
- Founding Co-Editor, Family Advocate, American Bar Association
- Founding Member, Former President of Osteopathic Health Foundation, Ft Worth

Articles & Publications can be found here:

Recent News



- John Allen Chalk has received the 2012-2013 Blackstone Award, an annual honor bestowed on one lawyer each year by the Tarrant County Bar Association.
[\[History of the Blackstone Award\] Read the Fort Worth Business Press Article](#)
- John Allen Chalk will speak to the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants' Young Emerging Professionals Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 6, 2014, on "The Art and Science of Negotiation."
- John Allen Chalk will present the Keynote presentation to the U.S. Department of Education's Legion VI Advisory Council on March 16, 2014.
- John Allen Chalk spoke to the Louisiana Association of Private Colleges and Schools in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 17, 2014 on "The Rogue Employee and Related Challenges Facing Post-Secondary Career Colleges and Schools." Mr. Chalk has represented post-secondary career colleges and schools since 1986.
- John Allen Chalk gave a presentation on December 4, 2013, in Dallas, Texas, to the DFW Arbitration Group on "Evident Partiality." Mr. Chalk has served as a neutral arbitrator in all kinds of business, commercial, and employment arbitrations since 1992.
- December 6, 2013 Mr. Chalk spoke on "Handling Your First (or Next) Arbitration - The Award," State Bar of Texas Seminar, MCLE Course No. 901272997, Austin, Texas

- October 16, 2013 Mr. Chalk presented "Maximizing Efficiency & Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing," American Arbitration Association, 13ACE60408, Dallas, Texas.
- October 16, 2013 Mr. Chalk presented "Managing the Arbitration Process for Efficiency & Economy Following the Preliminary Hearing," American Arbitration Association, 13 ACE70406, Dallas, Texas.
- October 16, 2013 Mr. Chalk presented "Status of U.S. Dept. of Education 'Gainful Employment' Negotiated Rulemaking," Metroplex Association of Career Schools, Dallas, Texas.
- John Allen Chalk served as Co-Chair of the **Legislative Committee of the College of Commercial Arbitrators** for 2012-2013. The CCA Legislative Committee monitors and responds to proposed state and federal arbitration legislation.
- John Allen Chalk has been appointed to serve another term on the ADR Service Task Force by the American Health Lawyers Association, Washington, D.C. The ADR Service Task Force is a special committee of ADR professionals that advises AHLA on the operations and services provided to AHLA members by the association's ADR Service.
- John Allen Chalk has been named a **Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators**.
- Named a "**Texas Super Lawyer**" every year from 2003 to present. "Super Lawyers" is a Thompson-Reuters service printed in *Texas Monthly*.
- Named a **Top Attorney** each year from 2003 to present by Fort Worth, Texas Magazine.