Stephen M. Foster

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Over 30 successful years working within the private sector and government arenas, acquiring experience in General Counseling, Federal & State Legislatures, State Agencies and Litigation

WORK EXPERIENCE

General Counsel for Texas Facilities Commission:
- Oversees all legal functions in the organization
- Consults Executive Director and staff regarding business transactions, employment issues, board actions and various duties assigned

General Counsel for BiG AUSTIN:
- Oversees all legal functions in the organization
- Consults Executive Director and staff regarding business transactions, employment issues, board actions and various duties assigned

General Counsel for Texas Senate:
- Committee Director & General Counsel for various legislative committees & member office, overseeing staff meetings and functions
- Developed policies & resolved legislative matters in Criminal Justice, Natural Resources, Jurisprudence & Redistricting (Joint Comm.)
- Cultivated extensive relationships with members, staff, state agency personnel and lobbyists
- Drafted legislation and amendments during committee meetings and legislative floor activities

General Counsel for Texas Youth Commission:
- General Counsel for agency along with overseeing staff functions
- Negotiated and supervises all aspects of Agreed Order with Department of Justice for agency
- Organized staff meetings, composed policies and resolving legal matters
- Developed extensive relationships with legislative members, staff and various state agency personnel
- Review legislation and amendments during implementation of SB 103
- Led agency out of 20-month gubernatorial Conservatorship
- Trained as a Mediator

Attorney/Lobbyist for Cantey Hanger, LLP:
- Extensive work with legislative members, staff, governmental agencies, and lobbyists successfully passing legislation into law
- Secured $125 million dollar funding initiative through Texas Legislative Budget Board's budget execution
- Contract formation for various clients negotiating with Councils of Government (COGs) & public and private entities
- Pro Bono mediation and court litigation

Special Assistant/Policy Division (Redistricting) for Office of the Lt. Governor Perry:
- Attended NCSL Redistricting seminars to prepare for Legislative Joint Committee and Preclearance hearings for the State of Texas

Assistant Attorney General/Governmental Affairs Liaison for Office of the Attorney General Cornyn:
- Legislative liaison for 20 legislative offices pertaining to communicating, interacting and disseminating information to members and staff

Administrative Law Judge for Texas Board of Private Investigators:
- ALJ and Director of Legal Services for agency along with overseeing staff functions

Tax Attorney/Litigator for Comptroller of Public Accounts:
- Litigated and settled wide variety of tax issue cases for the State of Texas
- Maintained a caseload of over 100 open files

Legislative Assistant for U.S. Congressman Greg Laughlin, Texas:
- Staffer for Congressman's assigned committee responsible for all legislation and other duties assigned
- Wrote, passed and tracked legislation and amendments for various committees assigned
- Responsible for all aspects of Base Realignment and Closure regarding NAS Chase Field
- Secured funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project in Congressional District
- Developed extensive relationships with members, staff, state agency personnel and lobbyists
- Served as Committee Chair for the Congressional Black Associates & Member, House Legislative Assistants Association

Staff Assistant for U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, California:
- Completed CRS Legislative Institute for Member and Committee Staff
- Obtained knowledge of MicroMin Correspondence Management system and wrote legislative correspondence
- Scheduled White House and Capitol tours for constituents

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

2020 – present	General Counsel	Texas Facilities Commission	Austin, Texas
2009 – present	General Counsel	BiG AUSTIN	Austin, Texas
2007 - 2009	General Counsel	Texas Youth Commission	Austin, Texas
2004 - 2007	Attorney (Govt. Affairs/Public & Reg. Section)	Cantey Hanger, LLP	Austin, Texas
1999 – 04, 2017	General Counsel, Comm. Dir./Sen. Menendez	Texas Senate	Austin, Texas
1999 - 2000	Special Assistant, Policy Division (Redistricting)	Office of the Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry	Austin, Texas
1999	Assistant Attorney General	Office of the Attorney General Cornyn	Austin, Texas
1997 - 1999	Administrative Law Judge	Texas Board of Private Investigators	Austin, Texas
1995 - 1997	Tax Attorney/Litigator	Comptroller of Public Accounts	Austin, Texas
1989 - 1991	Legislative Assistant	US Congressman Greg Laughlin,Texas	Washington, D.C.
1988	Staff Assistant	US Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, California	Washington, D.C.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

2009 – present	Founder/CEO	Skinny Gee, LLC	Austin, Texas
2009 – present	On-air Talent/Sales	104.9FM The Horn, SA Sportsstar/ESPN	Austin/San Antonio
2005 - 2009	Football Coach	Southwest Austin Pop Warner	Austin, Texas
2003 - present	Football Radio Announcer	1260 AM/ESPN & 1300 AM, 104.9FM, 105.3FM	Austin, Texas
2004 - 2012	Board & Committee Member, Bowl Representative	Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Texas
1994 -7, 04-present	Football Camp Coach	Jason Garrett Football Camp	Dallas, TX-Princeton, NJ
1991 - 1994	Varsity Football Graduate Assistant	University of Nebraska Varsity Football	Lincoln, Nebraska
1992 - 1994	Law Student, Sports & Ent. Law Lt. Governor	American Bar Association	Lincoln, Nebraska
1987	Contact' Football Camp Counselor	Athletic Sports Camp	Chicago, Illinois
1985 - 1987	Varsity Football	Princeton University	Princeton, New Jersey

EDUCATION: J.D., University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994
A.B. in Economics, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 1988
Diploma, Eastwood High School, El Paso, Texas, 1984

LICENSE: Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, May 1995

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: Texas Young Lawyers Association (former At-Large Director, two terms); Austin Bar Association, Austin Young Lawyers Association; Texas Bar Foundation–Fellow 2004 - 2010; Rotary International–Founding Member of Capitol of Texas Club 2004 - 2007; Alamo Bowl Board/Committee Member 2004 - 2012; Rodeo Austin–Board of Directors & Calf Scramble Committee), 2002 – 2004, 2017; Founding Member LBJ Future Forum 2003-2013; Kids Sports Network/SW Austin Pop Warner Coach 2005-2011; Austin Region Board of Directors, Make-A-Wish of Central & South Texas 2016-present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Ten Minute Mentor Series, State Bar of Texas (Five Things to Consider When Working with the Legislature)
www.TenMinuteMentor.com

Comptroller of Public Accounts Training Video (Administrative Hearings Process)

HONORS: Austin Black Business Journal Top 10 Most Influential Attorneys 2021
Austin Under 40 Finalist (Government/Public Affairs) 2005
Austin Business Journal Best of Business Attorneys and Corporate Counsel (Legislative) Nominee 2005