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Areas of Concentration

- Commercial Agreements
- Technology Agreements
- Corporate Finance & Corporate Transactions
- Dispute Resolution & Commercial Litigation
- E-Commerce & Data Privacy
- Entity Formation
- Intellectual Property Counseling
- Marketing Communications & Press Releases

Practical Experience

Cliff Simpson has provided senior legal executive experience to dozens of growing companies in the Houston area and around the country. He enjoys bringing the experience of consultative, proactive legal counsel to companies who have not traditionally had access to such resources.

Prior to joining Phillips & Reiter, Cliff served as Managing Attorney, Intellectual Property and Licensing at Reliant Resources, Inc., one of the nation's largest integrated merchant energy providers.

Cliff was the Group Counsel for the Consumer Products Group at Compaq Computer Corporation, where he served as the primary legal counselor for Compaq's \$5 billion consumer PC division, including inbound and out-bound patent licensing programs. Also while at Compaq, he served as Division Counsel for the North America Sales and Marketing Division and responsible for legal issues involving sales and distribution strategies and relationships.

Cliff began his legal career as an Associate with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti. Focused primarily on government contracts, licensing, and litigation.

Education

- J.D. from University of Texas School of Law
- B.A. in Political Science from Yale University

Professional Associations and Community Involvement

Board of Directors, Houston West Chamber of Commerce

Member and Fellow, West Houston Leadership Institute

Member ("Technology Champion"), Houston Technology Center

Technology Review Committee, Gulf Coast Regional Center for Innovation and Competition

Member, Houston Strategic Forum

Member, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

Member of the American, Texas, and Houston Bar Associations.