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Additionally, he is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation and member of the University of Houston Foundation Board of Trustees, Houston Police Officers' Civil Service Commission, and the Houston Golf Association. Raven received a Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor from the University of Houston.

Mr. Raven is a member of the Complex Litigation Group and serves as Co-leader of the Mass & Toxic Torts team. He is a trial lawyer who focuses on products liability and mass tort litigation. For more than 25 years, Mr. Raven has had first-chair trial responsibilities on behalf of Honeywell International, Inc.'s national trial team in multidistrict litigation involving Bendix brakes. He is also a member of the national trial team for Union Carbide Canada involving its personal watercraft litigation. Being assigned to national trial teams, Mr. Raven works effectively with numerous local counsel in jurisdictions across the United States and North America.

Mr. Raven has first-chaired more than 120 jury trials to verdict. In 1998, a trial verdict decision in Jefferson County, Texas was designated one of the Top 10 Verdicts in the United States by National Law Journal. During the past three years, Mr. Raven has tried to verdict the following matters on behalf of Honeywell: a defense jury verdict in the Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Court of Common Pleas, Ohio; a defense jury verdict in the Virginia Circuit Court for County of Albemarle (Charlottesville); a defense jury verdict in California Superior Court County of Los Angeles (Long Beach) South District; and a granting of a Motion for Nonsuit in the California Superior Court, Alameda County (Oakland) after 13 weeks of trial testimony.

Mr. Raven has represented major chemical companies in federal litigation across the United States arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Superfund statutes. These matters involved all facets of Superfund litigation, including issues relating to the identification of principally responsible parties, selection of remedy, cost recovery and contribution.

As a former criminal prosecutor, Mr. Raven represented the state of Texas in criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to capital murder. Mr. Raven maintains a significant white collar criminal defense practice. He has successfully defended the largest shopping mall owner in the United States and its senior management in a criminal prosecution involving environmental pollution. Mr. Raven has conducted internal investigations for many Fortune 100 corporations where he reported his findings directly to senior management and the board of directors.

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