

## JOSEPH F. COLVIN, JR.

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### ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE L.L.P.

Mr. Colvin is an associate attorney whose practice is concentrated primarily in the areas of litigation in state and federal courts and arbitration focusing primarily on business litigation and employment law. He has also practiced transactional law primarily focusing on biotech and startup entrepreneurs.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### **Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP**, Houston, Texas, *Associate Attorney*, May 2017 – Present

- Litigation in state and federal courts and arbitration focusing primarily on business litigation and employment law
- Independent practice managing own litigation docket
- Practiced transactional law primarily focused on biotech and startup entrepreneurs
- Chair for firm clerkship program
- Significant client development activities

#### **The Vethan Law Firm, P.C.**, Houston, Texas, *Associate Attorney*, May 2012 – May 2017

- Litigation in State and Federal Courts and arbitration focusing on cases involving business litigation, breach of fiduciary duty, non-competes, theft of trade secrets, copyright infringement, and wage and hour overtime violations
- Ten trials as first or second chair on the following topics: (1) partnership dispute; (2) fraud case; (3) franchisor dispute; (4) fraud case; (5) partnership dispute; (6) DTPA case; (7) partnership dispute; (8) fiduciary duty case; (9) partnership dispute; (10) fiduciary duty case; and (11) contract dispute
- Heavy motion and discovery practice; deposed 40+ witnesses including expert witnesses
- Practiced transactional law, which included drafting employment agreements (including non-competes), non-disclosure agreements, shareholder/member agreements, bylaws, purchase and sale agreements, lease agreements, corporate structure charts, and settlement documents

#### **J. Michael McBride, P.C.**, Fort Worth, Texas, *Associate Attorney*, February 2012 – May 2012

- Consumer and business bankruptcy representation for both creditors and debtors
- Questioned debtors at §341 meeting; attended hearings in the Northern District of Texas

## EDUCATION

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*South Texas College of Law*

2011

- *Juris Doctor*
- GPA: 3.365, *Cum Laude*, Order of the Lytae, Class Rank: Top 17%
- Articles Editor, *Corporate Counsel Review*
- Certified for Transactional Skills: Corporate (Completed hypothetical merger)
- CALI awards (for highest GPA) in Property II and Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Qualified Mediator under the Texas ADR Act

*University of St. Thomas*

2008

- *Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy*; minors in Theology and Creative Writing, May 2008
- GPA: 3.83, *Summa Cum Laude*
- Editor of *Laurels*, the university's literary magazine
- Honors Program graduate
- "Outstanding Graduate" in Philosophy

## LICENSURE

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Licensed, State Bar of Texas

2011-Present

- All Texas state courts
- United States District Court and Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court and Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court and Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court and Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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- YMCA Volunteer
- Holy Rosary Church

2017-Present

2015-Present