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Morgan D. Meyer is a member of the Texas House of Representatives and has over two decades of experience as a commercial litigator. First elected in 2014 and now serving his sixth term in the Texas House, Morgan Meyer currently chairs the Ways & Means Committee. He represents a legislative district that encompasses the Park Cities, Uptown, Downtown, Bluffview, Preston Hollow, Lakewood, and Lake Highlands.

As Chairman of Ways & Means, Morgan spearheaded the effort to deliver the largest tax cut in Texas history. Under his leadership, the Legislature passed historic property tax relief returning more than \$51 billion to taxpayers in the most recent legislative session alone. A major component of this relief has been compressing school district tax rates, shifting a greater share of education funding to the state and reducing what homeowners and businesses owe locally.

Chairman Meyer has also delivered meaningful savings by dramatically increasing the homestead exemption. During his tenure as Chairman, the exemption has risen from \$40,000 to \$140,000 for all homeowners, and up to \$200,000 for seniors and Texans with disabilities. In addition, he has led critical reforms to the property appraisal system to improve transparency and accountability.

Morgan also serves on the Local & Consent Calendars Committee. Previously, Morgan served as the Chair of the General Investigating Committee, as well as on the Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee and Public Education Committee. As a member of the Public Education Committee and co-author of HB 3, the historic school finance legislation of the 86th session, Morgan was instrumental in the hundreds of millions of dollars gained by Dallas ISD and Highland Park ISD.

Throughout his legislative career, Chairman Meyer has become a leading voice in protecting children and strengthening public safety. He has authored and passed Texas' most comprehensive human trafficking laws, expanding the definition of trafficking and making it easier to prosecute traffickers and predators. For this work, he received the "Protect Her Award" from New Friends New Life, a leading advocate for exploited women and children. He has also been recognized by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association with its "Law & Order Award" for his support of prosecutors, and by The Family Place with the "Legislative Impact Award" for coauthoring legislation that created a violent offender database targeting repeat violent criminals.

Morgan counsels and represents business clients in complex commercial litigation and appeals in the areas of telecommunications, energy/oil and gas, intellectual property, consumer finance, banking,



employment disputes, real estate, landlord/tenant issues, construction, securities litigation, insurance, commercial banking, financial services, and healthcare.

Morgan provides legal counsel in all aspects of the litigation process and regularly practices in both federal and state courts. He has experience regarding extraordinary and injunctive relief for clients, including temporary restraining orders, temporary injunctions and other writs. Morgan has tried and resolved numerous matters through trial, arbitration, and mediation. He has also successfully handled appeals in multiple courts of appeals and the Texas Supreme Court.

He is particularly devoted to using his professional training as an attorney to provide legal services to those who could not otherwise afford them. Through the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Morgan has volunteered at the South Dallas Legal Clinic, the Housing Legal Clinic, and the VA Hospital Clinic. Morgan is also involved in the Lawyers Serving Warriors Program, which provides free representation to injured veterans to help them secure benefits based upon combat-related injuries.

Before joining Wick Phillips, Morgan was a partner in the Dallas office of Bracewell LLP.

Awards & Honors

- Leading Transformation Award, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (2019)
- Champion for Children's Health, Children's Health (2019)
- Champion for Free Enterprise, Texas Association of Business (2017)
- Law and Order Award, Texas District and County Attorneys (2017)
- New Friends New Life Protect Her Award (2016)
- Legislative Hero, The Texas Access to Justice Commission and The Texas Access to Justice Foundation (2015)
- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star, Texas Monthly (2004, 2006, 2008-2010, 2012-2014)

All Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Construction Litigation and Consultation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Labor and Employment Litigation
- Oil and Gas Litigation
- Securities Litigation

Education

- Washington and Lee University School of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Southern Methodist University (B.A., cum laude, 1996)

Admissions

- Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas

Civil Service

- Texas House of Representatives, House District 108
 - Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, current Legislative Session