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Mr. Watson is Senior Counsel at Carrington Coleman. He has broad legal and teaching experience. He represents and advises businesses, boards, special committees, executives and shareholders on transactions and litigation matters and represents executives in structuring and negotiating employment and compensation contracts.

Mr. Watson has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of corporate law from 1980 to the present and in the 2010 Dallas edition of *Texas' Best Lawyers* in the areas of corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, and employee benefits law. Mr. Watson has been recognized by *Texas Monthly* magazine as a "Super Lawyer" each year since that award began in 2003.

### Representative Matters

Counsel senior executives of companies in connection with special investigations and litigation, 2004-2008.

Counsel executives in negotiating and structuring exit agreements, employment and compensation agreements, indemnification agreements, and director and officer liability insurance coverage, 2004-2008.

Counsel Audit Committee members in connection with a special investigation, 2007.

Counsel a Special Committee of the Board of a NYSE listed company in connection with a proposed sale of the company, 2006.

### Education

University of Texas  
LL.B., with honors, 1964  
Chancellors, Phi Delta Phi, Texas Law Review

University of Texas  
B.A., 1962

### Admittances

Texas 1964

### Associations/Affiliations

Member: Dallas Bar Association, American Bar Association.

Director and Audit Committee member, Pioneer Natural Resources, a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company, 2004-2008.

Advisory Board of the Clements Center for Southwestern Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2000-2008; Chair, 2000-2003.

### Teaching

University of Texas School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 1989-1995.