



Stephanie Kuhn Hough

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EDUCATION

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

2022

Tulane University

Master of Management

2015

Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala)

Master of Business Administration,

2015

Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala)

Juris Doctor

2011

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

State of Louisiana

Eastern District of Louisiana

Middle District of Louisiana

Guatemala

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association, 22nd JDC Bar Association, Guatemalan Bar Association (CANG)
- Notary (Louisiana, Guatemala)
- Sworn Translator, (Guatemala)

ABOUT

Stephanie Hough brings her diverse international background as a dual licensed Spanish speaking attorney to Smith Sconzert. Having worked for the U.S. Department of State, international law firms and corporations, Stephanie is well suited to support and counsel clients in a wide scope of matters. Today, Stephanie's practice focuses on professional liability defense, municipal law, contract negotiation, corporate law and intellectual property.

CORE PRACTICE AREAS

Professional Liability & Medical Malpractice

Stephanie defends physicians, healthcare providers, medical facilities, and attorneys in professional liability and malpractice matters, with a consistent focus on early case assessment and cost-effective resolution. She routinely secures favorable outcomes through motion practice, negotiated dismissals, and strategic settlements. Stephanie also represents licensed professionals in disciplinary actions and board complaints, helping clients mitigate exposure, protect licensure, and resolve matters efficiently.

Municipal & Public Entity Defense

As Assistant City Attorney for the City of Mandeville, Stephanie advises on municipal contracts, public bid law, and historic preservation matters. Her work helps public entities reduce contractual risk, maintain regulatory compliance, and avoid costly disputes. She provides practical, solution-oriented guidance that supports efficient project execution and defensible decision-making.

Corporate Law

Stephanie provides legal counsel to clients ranging from individuals and closely held businesses to large corporations, supporting transactions at every stage of the business lifecycle. Her experience includes drafting, negotiating, and enforcing a wide range of commercial contracts designed to reduce risk and prevent future disputes. She also assists clients with U.S. trademark registration and intellectual property matters, including guiding foreign companies through market entry while minimizing regulatory and IP exposure.



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Stephanie remains active with both Tulane and Loyola alumni groups as well as the Louisiana and the Guatemalan Bar Associations. She's a member of the U.S. Foreign Service Youth Foundation and founded and chaired the U.S. Embassy's Employee Association for more than 250 U.S. government staff in Asuncion, Paraguay. New to the Northshore, Stephanie looks forward to similar involvement locally.

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Stephanie is an avid 4.0 tennis player and a member of her local women's tennis league, where she enjoys both the competition and camaraderie. When not on the court, she and her husband stay more than busy raising three kids (an LSU Tiger, a LaTech Bulldog and a Tchefoncté Gator) and keeping the family beagle, Clover, out of trouble. Stephanie loves international travel, particularly to visit family and friends in Central and South America.

Premises Liability

Stephanie defends major retailers and healthcare facilities in premises liability claims, including slip-and-fall allegations and defective condition cases. Her approach emphasizes early investigation, targeted discovery, and decisive motion practice, frequently resulting in reduced claim values, early dismissals, or favorable settlements aligned with insurer and risk management goals.

EXPERTISE & RECOGNITION

Awards

- *Meritorious Honor Award, U.S. Department of State, July 2020*
- *Franklin Award, U.S. Department of State, December 2018*