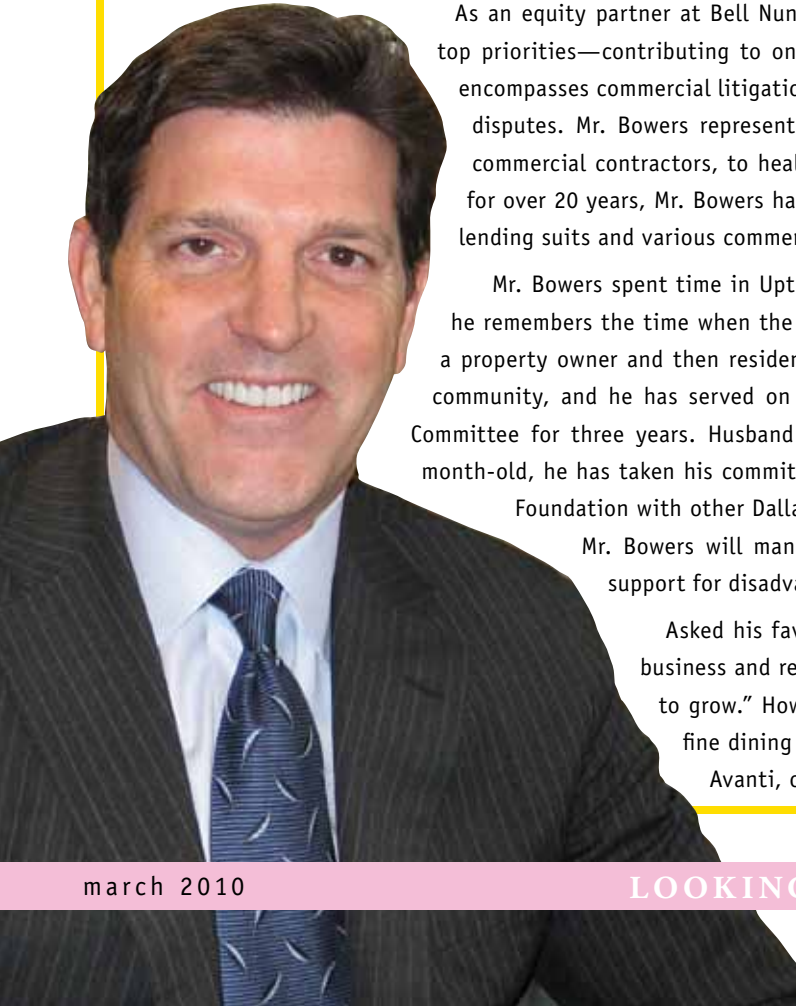


Board Profile: Mikel J. Bowers



As an equity partner at Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, Mikel J. Bowers is able to combine two of his top priorities—contributing to one of Dallas’ top ranked law firms and helping others. His practice encompasses commercial litigation matters with an emphasis on construction and oil and gas related disputes. Mr. Bowers represents diverse groups—from homeowners associations and residential/commercial contractors, to healthcare and oil and gas exploration companies. Practicing in Dallas for over 20 years, Mr. Bowers has a history of wins including construction defect claims, fraudulent lending suits and various commercial settlements.

Mr. Bowers spent time in Uptown during the mid 1980s when a student at SMU Law School, and he remembers the time when the neighborhood was in transition. In later years, Mr. Bowers became a property owner and then resident of the neighborhood. He strongly believes in giving back to the community, and he has served on the Uptown Public Improvement District Board and Public Safety Committee for three years. Husband to the lovely Sharon and the father of Greyson, an adorable 22 month-old, he has taken his commitment to community even further by co-founding the La Buena Vida Foundation with other Dallas business leaders. As the director of this newly formed non-profit, Mr. Bowers will manage efforts aimed at providing a better lifestyle and educational support for disadvantaged and homeless youth.

Asked his favorite things about our community? “Uptown has the most friendly business and residential climate in Dallas, I’d like to see that atmosphere continue to grow.” How to have a great Uptown evening? “Dinner at one of the numerous fine dining spots we’re so lucky to have, followed by a nightcap and dessert at Avanti, one of my absolute favorites.”