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Martha McKenzie Hill has extensive experience working as an advocate for clients before the Arkansas Legislature and the state executive branch. Martha's experience began as a volunteer advocate for the Arkansas State PTA. Previously in Washington, D.C., she served in the President George H.W. Bush administration from January, 1990 until January, 1993 first at the U.S. Department of State in the Office of the Legal Adviser and then at the White House as a member of the National Security Council staff, as Deputy Legal Adviser. Prior to that, she represented companies and families in private practice in Dallas, Texas.

Practice Areas

Government Relations

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
J.D. - (1984)

University of Texas
B.A., in History with honors and special honors - (1980)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas
Texas

Experience

- Conducts government relations, bill lobbying, and drafting services in the area of utilities, healthcare, insurance, transportation, safety issues, finance, small business, corporate issues, education, communication and technology, including broadband, legal issues, and historic preservation tax policy.
- Advises Fortune 100 companies, mid-size companies, and others.
- Panelist, April, 2017 National Transportation Safety Board Roundtable on Distracted Driving, Washington, D.C., discussing Arkansas legislative process in connection with safety legislation, https://safetycompass.wordpress.com/2017/05/02/act-to-end-distracted-driving-one-life-at-a-time/.
- Counsels clients on proper compliance with Arkansas ethics law and regulatory concerns.
- Appointed by two governors to serve as Special Justice for Arkansas Supreme Court.

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Government Relations Practice (2025-2027)

Involvement

- Member, Arkansas 2036 Commission
- Member, Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Council, Washington, D.C.
- Chair, Board of Advisors, Arkansas Center for Civic Engagements

- Executive Committee Member, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
- Chair (2025-2027)
- Executive Council, Congressional Families Program, Prevent Cancer Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- 2023 Honoree - Congressional Families Leadership Award
- 2019-20 Inaugural Class of the Arkansas Bar Association's Public Service Academy
- Member, Arkansas Society of Professional Lobbyists
- Member, The Congressional Club, Washington, D.C.
- Member, Republican Spouse Club, Washington, D.C.
- Member, International Global Club I, Washington, D.C.
- Advisory Board, UAMS Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute
- Little Rock Garden Club
- Former member, UAMS Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging Advisory Board
- Former member, UAMS College of Medicine Parents Club Board of Directors
- Former Member, Catholic High Rocket Moms
- Former Member, Texas Parents Ambassadors Council, University of Texas at Austin
- Shadow Lawn Garden Club
- Former President
- Little Rock Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club
- Former President
- Former President, Forest Park Elementary School PTA
- Former Member, Old Statehouse Commission
- Former Chairman, Arkansas Commission on National and Community Service
- Former Member, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Ann Hickman Committee
- Former Member, Junior League of Little Rock, Dallas and Washington, D.C.
- State Fundraising Co-Chair for national, state, and local political candidates
- Member, President George W. Bush Presidential Center National Finance Committee, Dallas, Texas
- Arkansas Bar Association