

# V&E Lawyer Faces Possible Felony Charge in Boat Crash That Injured Colleagues

Vinson & Elkins partner Douglas E. McWilliams could face a felony charge after a boat he was operating on Lake Travis ran aground, injuring two colleagues who were taken to a hospital by helicopter.

*The Austin American-Statesman* reports that an investigator has accused McWilliams, a partner in the firm's Houston office, of leaving the scene of the crash. The investigator said in an arrest affidavit that interviews led him to believe that McWilliams had been drinking prior to the crash.

McWilliams' lawyer, however, countered with affidavits from fellow lawyers, including the firm's chairman, saying that he was not drunk at any point that night, according to reporter **Tony Plohetski**.

**Read the *American-Statesman* article.**