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Randall O. Sorrels, a partner in Houston's Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels Agosto & Friend, was elected to the board of directors of South Texas College of Law.

Elisabeth A. Wilson, a Dallas associate of Winstead, P.C., was elected to serve as president-elect of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association for 2013.

W. Bradley Parker, a partner in Parker McDonald, P.C., was installed as the 2013 president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. **Michael Guajardo**, a partner in Guajardo & Marks, L.L.P., was elected president-elect.

John A. Hay III, a partner in Hay Compere, P.L.L.C., has been named to the board of directors of Real Estate Council of Austin Inc.

Texas-licensed **Kathleen Cheatum Miller**, a partner in Miller & Miller in Petaluma, Calif., was elected to the Petaluma City Council.

Sharon K. Wendell, an associate in the Houston office of Borys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, L.L.P., has joined the board of directors of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. She is one of two women on the 60-member board.

Maria L. Fox, Jane Lea Haas, and Diana Shelby, of the Houston office of Hays, McConn, Rice & Pickering, have been elected as Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Gerry W. Beyer, Governor Preston E. Smith Regents Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law, received the 2012 Excellence in Writing Award for the Best Cutting Edge Article—Trust & Estate.

Joshua R. Leal, an associate of Shonwalter Law Firm, has assumed responsibility as president of the Fort Bend County Bar Association.

Darby Dickerson, dean of Texas Tech University School of Law, received the inaugural Darby Dickerson Award for Revolutionary Change in Legal Writing. The award will be given periodically to recognize those who have made fundamental and essential contributions to the field of legal writing.

PJ Putnam, Jana Ferguson, Richard Cheng, Tara Weilbacher, and Kelly Turner were elected to serve as officers of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel for 2013.

Texas-licensed **Walter Sutton**, associate general counsel for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in Bentonville, Ark., received the 2013 Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. The award celebrates the accomplishments of lawyers who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession.

Hon. **Darlene Byrne, Michelle Cheng, Karen Langsley, and Cameron Vann** received the Pathfinder Award by the Travis County Women Lawyers' Association. The award recognizes women who have demonstrated outstanding service to the legal community.

Texas-licensed **Eric O. English**, managing partner of Resolution Strategies, L.L.P., in Portland, Ore., was named chair of the Settlement Counsel Subcommittee of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the American Bar Association Litigation Section.

Allan K. DuBois, of the Law Offices of Allan K. DuBois, was awarded the Peacemaker Award for Community Service by the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

Michelle Hartmann, a partner in the Dallas office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, L.L.P., was chosen as president of the Dallas Women Lawyers Association.

Robert Summers, a partner in Hohmann, Taube & Summers in Austin, was selected as a recipient of the Cesar E. Chavez "Si Se Puede" Award for demonstrating leadership that is changing lives and transforming communities.

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