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Steven E. Kennedy, of McGuire, Craddock & Strother in Dallas, was elected chair of the Dallas Bar Association Construction Law Section for 2014.

Jim Rea, of McGuire, Craddock & Strother in Dallas, was elected to a four-year term on the board of directors of the Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

Royce Poinsett, government relations attorney with the Austin office of Baker Botts, was elected president of the board of directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas.

Aric J. Garza, of the Law Offices of Aric J. Garza in San Antonio, was elected a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Rhonda Reed Weiner and **Audrey Momanaee,** of Gardere Wynne Sewell in Houston, were elected fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Pete Winstead, of Winstead in Austin, was recognized as a co-recipient of the Distinguished Lawyer Award by the Austin Bar Foundation.

Leslie J. Bollier, partner in Kiester, Lockwood, Ciccone & Bollier in Austin, was elected a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Jennifer Larson, of McGuire, Craddock & Strother in Dallas, was re-elected to serve on the board of directors of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers for 2014.

Susan Cipione, of McGuire, Craddock & Strother in Dallas, was appointed to the Industry Research Committee for the Commercial Real Estate Women's Network.

Steve Rasch, partner in the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight, has been elected president of the St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Dallas.

Gregory Cameron Cox, associate with Greenberg Traurig in Houston, became certified in oil, gas, and mineral law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Sammy Ford IV, of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston, became certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

David L. Pratt, director of Kane Russell Coleman & Logan in Dallas, was named chair of the Dallas Bar Association Real Property Section.

Rafael Anchia, partner in Haynes and Boone in Dallas, received the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Justice Award from the Dallas Bar Association.

Brad B. Hawley, John R. Nelson, and **David Patton,** partners in Locke Lord, were elected fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Daniel M. Kowalski, of the Fowler Law Firm in Austin, was appointed to the National Immigration Law Center Board of Directors.

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Mark Sparks, attorney in the Beaumont office of Provost Umphrey, was named the 2013 Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the Jefferson County Bar Association.

Robert H. Kroney, owner and shareholder in Kroney Morse Lan in Dallas, was presented with the Beverly L. Brooks Leadership Award by the Dallas chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Marc W. Taubenfeld, shareholder in McGuire, Craddock & Strother in Dallas, was elected to serve as the 5th Circuit vice president of the Federal Bar Association.

Robert W. Ivey III, member in the Dallas office of Winstead, has been re-elected to the board of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Santiago "Jimmy" Alaniz, attorney in the San Antonio office of Fisher & Phillips, was named to the 2013 "40 Under 40" list by the *San Antonio Business Journal*.

Rob Velevis, associate in the Dallas office of Sidley Austin, received the 2013 Daniel R. Ginsberg Leadership Award from the Anti-Defamation League.

Ed Small, partner in Jackson Walker in Austin, received the Excellence in Agriculture Award for private practice from the American Agricultural Law Association.

Marcos Antonio Mendoza, assistant director of legal and regulatory affairs at the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin, received the CALI Academic Excellence Award from the University of Connecticut School of Law for obtaining the highest score in his insurance litigation class during the pursuit of his L.L.M.

Steven A. Waters, general counsel to USAA Real Estate Company in San Antonio, was named chair of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation.

Brandon O. Gibson, partner in Pentecost & Glenn in Jackson, Tenn., was elected as a fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

Denise L. Kurt, regional services attorney for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in Houston, received Certified Advertising Consultant credentialing from the Promotional Products Association International.

Gary B. Lawson, partner in Strasburger & Price in Dallas, was selected as an honorary member of the Nightstalkers, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Merry Miller, U.S. Consul for Minas Gerais in Brazil, was awarded the Brazilian Women in Power Award for her work promoting women's economic and political empowerment and the elimination of domestic violence in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Maureen Kuzik McCutchen, partner in Mills Shirley in Galveston, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of Special Olympics Texas.

Angela Offerman, attorney with Kane Russell Coleman & Logan in Houston, helped her firm receive a Business of the Quarter Award from Habitat for Humanity—Northwest Harris County.

Marshall Rosenberg, partner in Hartline Dacus Barger & Dreyer in Houston, was named to the editorial board of the *Construction Law Journal*, published jointly by the State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section and the South Texas College of Law. TBJ

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