

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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CENTRAL

Michelle “Missy” Apodaca is now counsel to Haynes and Boone, 600 Congress Ave., Ste. 1300, Austin 78701.

Carey Gunn Venditti is now a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, 300 W. Sixth St., Ste. 2050, Austin 78701.

Emily Jung and **Jennifer Cook Purcell** are now associates of the firm.

A. Robert Fischer has been elevated to litigation manager of the Austin office of Jackson Lewis, 816 Congress Ave., Ste. 1530, 78701.

Jim Harrington, founder of the Texas Civil Rights Project in Austin, received the Harold F. Kleinman Award from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

David B. Weaver is now a partner in Baker Botts, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Ste. 1500, Austin 78701.

GULF

Debra Ibarra Mayfield, judge of the 165th Civil District Court in Houston, has received a Top Latina 40 and Under Award from the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation.

Kevin Peter, a partner in Locke Lord in Houston, has been elected chair of the Houston Bar Association’s Mergers and Acquisitions Section. **Matthew S.C. Moore**, director and shareholder with Coats Rose in Houston, has been elected chair of the association’s Construction Law Section.

Scott D. Marrs, a partner in Beirne, Maynard & Parsons in Houston, has been appointed to the International Centre for Dispute Resolution Panel of Distinguished International Arbitrators.

Baker & McKenzie has been named Houston Firm of the Year by the Tahirih Justice Center.

Ned W. Graber, vice president of and associate general counsel to American International Group Inc. in Houston, was elected to the American College of Mortgage Attorneys Board of Regents.

Kimberly D. Levi, a partner in Bill De La Garza & Associates in Houston, received the 2015 North Star Award from the Burta Rhoads Raborn Family Law American Inn of Court.

William Stukenberg is now litigation manager of the Houston office of Jackson Lewis, 1415 Louisiana St., Ste. 3325, 77002.

Abigail M. Rosen, previously with Ernst & Young, is now an associate of Winstead, 600 Travis St., Ste. 1100, Houston 77002.

David L. Burgert, **Michael J. Schofield**, and **Paul C. Van Slyke** are now senior counsel to Hoover Slovacsek, 5051 Westheimer Rd., Ste. 1200, Houston 77056. **Colby Hodges**, **Christopher Kronzer**, and **Breton Rycroft** are now associates of the firm.

Harry Tindall, a partner with Tindall England in Houston, was named a life member to the Uniform Law Commission and chair of its Model Veterans Court Act Drafting Committee.

L. Bradley Hancock, previously with Greenberg Traurig, is now executive partner in the newly established Houston office of Holland & Knight, 1100 Louisiana St., Ste. 4300, 77002.

Christopher D. Johnsen is now a partner in the firm.

Kyrie Cameron, **Anthony Sanfilippo**, and **Vincent Tang** are now associates of Patterson & Sheridan, 24 Greenway Plz., Ste. 1600, Houston 77046.

Jacob B. Henry, previously with Novak Druce and Quigg, is now of counsel to Blank Rome, 717 Texas Ave., Ste. 1400, Houston 77002. **Ray Chung**, previously with Greenberg Traurig, is now an associate of the firm.

David Taylor has been named managing partner of Locke Lord’s Houston office, 600 Travis St., Ste. 2800, 77002.

Robin Raasch, previously with the Railroad Commission of Texas, is now an associate of DLA Piper, 1000 Louisiana St., Ste. 2800, Houston 77002.

J. Scott Sheehan, a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig in Houston, has been elected president-elect of the Texas Association of Bank Counsel.

Heather S. von Sternberg is now an attorney at Preis, 24 Greenway Plz., Ste. 2050, Houston 77046.

Ashley J. Scott is now an associate of Katine & Nechman, 1834 Southmore Blvd., Houston 77004.

Teresa Valderrama and **Jeff Barnes** are now partners in Fisher & Phillips, 333 Clay St., Ste. 4000, Houston 77002.

Michael Sanchez, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Beaumont, and **Dianna Norton**, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in La Marque, were recognized as Assistant Attorneys General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

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NORTH

Sara E. Romine, an attorney with Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal in Dallas, is now a certified information privacy professional through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Leslye Moseley is now a partner in Sessions Fishman Nathan & Israel, 900 Jackson St., Ste. 440, Dallas 75202.

Suzanne Duvall, of Burdin Mediations in Dallas, was named the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association's First Outstanding Credential Holder.

Robert P. "Bob" Franke is now partner-in-charge of the Dallas office of Strasburger & Price, 901 Main St., Ste. 4400, 75202.

Elisabeth A. Wilson, previously with Winstead, has opened the Law Office of Elisabeth A. Wilson, 5005 Greenville Ave., Ste. 200, Dallas 75206.

Emily Miskel, previously an associate of KoonsFuller in Dallas, has been appointed judge of the 470th Judicial District Court of Collin County.

Charlene Koonce, a partner in Scheef & Stone in Dallas, has been elected to the National Association of Federal Equity Receivers Board of Directors.

T. Chase Garrett is now an associate of Scheef & Stone, 2600 Network Blvd., Ste. 400, Frisco 75034.

Rajkumar Vinnakota, previously with Skiermont Puckett, is now a partner in Janik Bohmer, 8111 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 375, Dallas 75251.

T. Lee Wilkins and **Christopher Elam**, both previously with Cantey Hanger, have formed Wilkins Law Group, 3811 Turtle Creek Blvd., Ste. 1430, Dallas 75219.

Jonathan S. Blum, of Polsinelli in Dallas, has been selected to the Dallas Regional Chamber Leadership Dallas Class of 2016.

Esmeralda Tinajero, previously with Quilling, Selander, Lownds, Winslett & Moser, is now an associate of Winstead, 2728 N. Harwood St., Dallas 75201.

Andrew J. Rosell, a shareholder in Winstead in Fort Worth, has been appointed to the Cook Children's Health Foundation Board of Trustees.

Arthur V. Lambert is now a partner in Fisher & Phillips, 500 N. Akard St., Ste. 3550, Dallas 75201.

Carlos White, previously with McGlinchey Stafford, is now of counsel to K&L Gates, 1717 Main St., Ste. 2800, Dallas 75201.

Eric C. Willis is now a shareholder in Ferguson, Braswell & Fraser, 2500 Dallas Pkwy., Ste. 501, Plano 75093.

Barry M. Rosen, previously with Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., has established the Office of Barry M. Rosen, Attorney at Law, 3705 Atrium Dr., Plano 75075.

Lauren E. Melhart is now an associate of Kinser & Bates, 17103 Preston Rd., Ste. 150, Dallas 75248.

Jeffrey M. Peterson, previously with National Healthcare Services, is now a partner in McGuireWoods, 2000 McKinney Ave., Ste. 1400, Dallas 75201.

Jeff Lacy and **Justin Malone**, both previously with Williams Lacy McClure & Parmelee; **Chris Lyster**, previously with Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller; and **Dan Steppick**, previously with Pennington Hill, have formed the law firm of Lacy, Lyster, Malone & Steppick, 120 W. Third St., Ste. 350, Fort Worth 76102. **Wes Maness**,

previously with Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller, and **Tom Ryder**, previously with Alcon, are of counsel to the firm.

Rafael Anchia, of counsel to Haynes and Boone in Dallas, received the 2015 La Luz Award from the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association.

Timothy S. Durst has been appointed partner-in-charge of the Dallas office of Baker Botts, 2001 Ross Ave., 75201.

SOUTH

Gerald S. Reamey, professor of law at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, received the 2015 Excellence in Pro Bono Award from the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program.

Mike Mills, a partner in Atlas Hall Rodriguez in McAllen, has been appointed to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals by the Supreme Court of Texas.

Ward Elmendorf, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in San Antonio, and **Ana M. Hansen**, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Pharr, were recognized as Assistant Attorneys General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

WEST

M. Mitchell Moss, a shareholder in ScottHulse in El Paso, is now a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance. **Melissa Baeza**, an associate of the firm, received the President's Award from the National Association of Women in Construction Chapter 248.

OUT OF STATE

Jennifer L. Gibert, previously with Fraley & Fraley, is now an adviser in the Office of Student and Professional Life at Elon University School of Law, 201 N. Greene St., Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. **TBJ**