

CENTRAL

Danielle Taylor is now an associate of Weisbart Springer Hayes, 212 Lavaca St., Ste. 200, Austin 78701.

Laura Lee Prather, of Haynes and Boone in Austin, received the 2015 Franklin Jones Jr. CLE Article Award from the Texas Bar College.

Juan M. Alcalá, previously with Gardere Wynne Sewell, is now a partner in Holland & Knight, 1005 Congress Ave., Ste. 950, Austin 78701.

Gary W. Davis, previously with Bowman and Brooke, is now a member in Butler Snow, 1250 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Bldg. 3, Ste. 400, Austin 78746.

Michael Siegel, previously with Siegel & Yee, and **Matthew Tynan**, previously with the Tynan Law Firm, are now assistant city attorneys in the city of Austin Law Department's Litigation Division. **Andralee Cain Lloyd** has been promoted to assistant city attorney in the division.

Peyton N. Smith, of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Austin, has joined the board of trustees of the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock, and **Benton T. Wheatley**, also with the firm, has joined the editorial board of the *Construction Law Journal*.

James Ruiz has been appointed chairman of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department at Winstead, 401 Congress Ave., Ste. 2100, Austin 78701.

Elizabeth McFarland, previously a solo practitioner, is now an associate of the Marquardt Law Firm, 4909 Williams Dr., Georgetown 78633.

Austin Kaplan, of the Kaplan Law Firm in Austin, received the Austinite of the Year and legal awards at the 2016 Austin Under 40 Awards.

Natasha J. Martin, previously with the Bojorquez Law Firm, is now an associate of Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, 401 Congress Ave., Ste. 2200, Austin 78701.

Pamela Foster Davis, previously with the Texas Attorney General's Office, is now the CEO of PDF Law, 111 Congress Ave., Ste. 400, Austin 78701.

GULF

Gregory M. Bopp has been elected managing partner of Bracewell, 711 Louisiana St., Ste. 2300, Houston 77002.

Mark C. Evans, former managing partner, will become co-chairman of the firm.

Emery Gullickson Richards is now an associate of Blank Rome, 717 Texas Ave., Ste. 1400, Houston 77002.

Kristen Kelly is now an associate of Gray Reed & McGraw, 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 2000, Houston 77056.

Peter Linzer, a professor at the University of Houston Law Center, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from St. Mary's University School of Law at the 11th International Conference on Contracts. **Allison Winnike**, a professor at the law school, received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts.

Richard L. Spencer, of Dow Golub Remels & Beverly in Houston, received the Texas Bar College's 2015 Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award; **Hon. Jane Bland**, a justice of the 1st Court of Appeals in Houston, received the 2015 Franklin Jones Jr. CLE Article Award; and **Russell Blair Ross** received the college's 2015 Steve Condos Most CLE Hours Award.

William R. Peterson, previously with Beck Redden, is now a partner in Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, 1000 Louisiana St., Ste. 4000, Houston 77002.

Fred D. Raschke, of Mills Shirley in

Galveston, has been elected president of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys.

Harold K. "Hal" Watson, of Chaffe McCall in Houston, has been elected president of the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

J. James Cooper, of Reed Smith in Houston, has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel.

Matthew A. Kornhauser, of Hoover Slovacek in Houston, has been appointed to the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

The Dove Law Firm in Houston received a 2016 Pinnacle Award from the Better Business Bureau of Greater Houston and South Texas.

Tyler Flood, of Tyler Flood & Associates in Houston, has been sworn in as president of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association.

Angelica Maria Hernandez, of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson in Houston, was appointed a minority director of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors by 2015-2016 President Allan K. DuBois.

David M. Sloan, previously with Sloan & Moyer, is now a shareholder in Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, 700 Milam St., Ste. 2700, Houston 77002.

Michael T. Murphy, previously with Vinson & Elkins, is now a partner in K&L Gates, 1000 Main St., Ste. 2550, Houston 77002.

Lenard M. Parkins, previously with Haynes and Boone, is now a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, 1000 Louisiana St., Ste. 1700, Houston 77002.

Neil D. Kelly, of Andrews Kurth in

Houston, has been named president of the Houston Bar Association.

Fisher & Phillips has changed its name to **Fisher Phillips**.

Kelley Edwards has been named office managing shareholder of Littler Mendelson in Houston, 1301 McKinney St., Ste. 1900, 77010. **Yvette Gatling**, also with the firm, has been appointed to the board of directors of the National Employment Law Council.

Denise L. Kurt, of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in Houston, received her certification as a master advertising specialist from the Promotional Products Association International.

NORTH

Malerie Anderson, previously with Sprouse Shrader Smith, **Oleg V. Nudelman**, previously with Archer & Greiner, and **Van T. Pham**, previously with Wolf & Henderson, are now associates of Thompson & Horton, 500 N. Akard St., Ste. 2550, Dallas 75201.

Jason M. Brown is now an associate of Gray Reed & McGraw, 1601 Elm St., Ste. 4600, Dallas 75201.

Kathryne “Kate” M. Morris, of Strasburger & Price in Dallas, has earned a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States credential through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Jason Hoggan and **D. Rockwell Bower** are now associates of Polsinelli, 2950 N. Harwood St., Ste. 2100, Dallas 75201.

Taylor R. Tomanka is now an associate of Fergus & Fergus, 1049 N. Third St., Ste. 200, Abilene 79601.

Stephen W. Litke is now a partner in Blaies & Hightower, 421 W. Third St., Ste. 900, Fort Worth 76102.

Jeff Tillotson, of Tillotson Law in Dallas, has been appointed to the board of managers for Parkland Hospital.

Marshall M. Searcy, of Kelly Hart & Hallman in Fort Worth, received the Blackstone Award from the Tarrant County Bar Association.

Curtis W. Harrison II has been named managing partner of GoransonBain, 6900 N. Dallas Pkwy., Ste. 400, Plano 75024.

Sean M. Whyte, previously with Alston & Bird, is now a partner in Gardere Wynne Sewell, 3000 Thanksgiving Tower, 1601 Elm St., Dallas 75201.

John Lin McCraw, of the McCraw Law Group in McKinney, has been elected 2016 president-elect of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

Akula & Associates has relocated its principal office to 17400 Dallas Pkwy., Ste. 216, Dallas 75287.

Andrea K. Bouressa is now an associate of Scheef & Stone, 2600 Network Blvd., Ste. 400, Frisco 75034.

Susan E. Egeland, previously with Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, is now a partner in Sedgwick, 1717 Main St., Ste. 5400, Dallas 75201.

Martin A. Sosland, previously with Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and **José M. Luzarraga**, previously with Bowman and Brooke, are now members in Butler Snow, 5430 Lyndon B. Johnson Fwy., Ste. 1200, Dallas 75240.

Veronica Bonhamgregory and **Amanda Pennington** are now associates of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, 200 Crescent Ct., Ste. 300, Dallas 75201.

Jill A. Kotvis, a solo attorney in Dallas, was chosen to participate in the first World Environmental Law Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in April.

Vicky Gunning has been named managing partner of Locke Lord's Dallas office, 2200 Ross Ave., Ste. 2800, 75201. **Don M. Glendenning** has been named partner in charge of the firm's corporate responsibility and charitable giving.

Brent Clifton, of Winstead in Dallas, received the Larry M. Katz Distinguished Service Award from the American Bar Association Tax Section Partnerships and LLCs Committee.

PANHANDLE

Mark D. White, previously with Sprouse Shrader Smith, has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel to the Amarillo Junior College District.

Roger Cox, of Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo, has been appointed Texas Canadian River Compact commissioner by Gov. Greg Abbott.

SOUTH

Jaime Garcia is now an associate of J. Cruz & Associates, 216 W. Village Blvd., Ste. 202, Laredo 78041.

Ernest Aliseda, previously with the Loya Insurance Group, is now a member in Dykema Cox Smith, Commerce Center West, 1400 N. McColl Rd., Ste. 204, McAllen 78501.

Katherine O'Neill is now an associate of Barton, East & Caldwell, 700 N. St. Mary's St., Ste. 1825, San Antonio 78205.

Keith A. Kendall is now a shareholder in Plunkett & Griesenbeck, 1635 N.E. Loop 410, Ste. 900, San Antonio 78209.

Lindsay S. Hurt has joined the firm as an associate.

Joe Flores, of the Flores Law Firm in Corpus Christi, is now also general counsel to Quadrotex as well as president of Coastal Bend Advanced Practice Nurses.

Brandon D. Coony is now an attorney with Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gordon, 745 E. Mulberry Ave., Ste. 450, San Antonio 78212.

OUT OF STATE

Ted Pearce, previously with Nexsen Pruet, is now counsel to Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings, Bank of America Corporate Center, 11 N. Tryon St., Ste. 2690, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. **TBJ**