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J. Kent Friedman, a partner in Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. in Houston, was named the inaugural recipient of the Joe Niekro Humanitarian Award given by the Joe Niekro Foundation for his civic service to the Houston community.

Texas Sen. **John Cornyn** received the Quasar Award from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership for his leadership in economic development.

Peter M. Kelly, a partner in Kelly, Durham & Pittard, L.L.P. in Houston, was appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to a three-year term on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee.

Tom Melsheimer, managing principal in Fish & Richardson, P.C. in Dallas, was honored by the *Green Bag Almanac & Reader* for excellence in legal writing for a legal brief he filed on behalf of Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Adam I. Hauser, managing partner in Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., was named vice chair of the executive committee of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

Texas-licensed **Brandon O. Gibson**, a partner in Pentecost & Glenn, P.L.L.C. in Jackson, Tenn., was appointed by Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Post-Conviction Defender Oversight Commission.

Kelly J. Kubasta, co-founding senior partner in Klemchuk Kubasta, L.L.P. in Dallas, was named a director on the board of My Possibilities, which supports adults with disabilities who have aged out of public school systems.

Thad Davidson, of the Davidson Law Office in Tyler, and **Wes Volberding**, of the Law Office of James W. Volberding, were honored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for their legal defense work. Davidson also received the association's annual Weldon Holcomb award.

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