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### CENTRAL

**Denise Rose** and **Carlos Treviño** are now partners in Jackson Walker in Austin.

**Jacqueline Rashawn Habersham** is now executive director of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

**Gina Shishima**, of Norton Rose Fulbright in Austin, was appointed the firm's U.S. chief operations partner. **Alicia Morris Groos** is now U.S. head of IP brands.

**Melanie Cogburn** is now of counsel to Coats Rose in Austin. **Lisa L. Pittman** is now co-chair of the firm's cannabis business law practice in Austin.

**Rick Ressler** is now office managing partner in Michael Best in Austin. **Shari Wynne Ressler** is now a partner in and **Stephen Aguilar** is now senior counsel to the firm.

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**Gary C. Johnson** and **Ed Rogan** are now partners in Reed Smith in Austin.

**Cheryl Burtzel** is now a partner in Spencer Fane's newly opened Austin office, 9442 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Plaza I, Ste. 500, 78759.

**Robert Linkin** is now a partner in Munck Wilson Mandala in Austin.

**Anh Phuoc Nguyen** is now an associate of Streusand, Landon, Ozburn & Lemmon in Austin.

### GULF

**Ruthie White, DeAndrea C. Washington, E. Dale Burrus, Lauren M. Nelson,** and **Jason Lee Davis** are now partners in Spencer Fane in Houston. **Colin Goodman, Adam Jourdane,** and **Kristen Petry** are now associates of the firm.

**Priya Coffey** is now managing partner in Jackson Walker's Houston office. **Briggs Knight, Trey McDonald,** and **Kristhy Peguero** are now partners in the firm. **Joe Fenley Flack** and **David Parker** are now lateral additions.

**Robert H. Ford**, of Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings in Houston, received the Standing Ovation Award from TexasBarCLE.

**Sam J. Louis** and **Justo A. Mendez** are now partners in Holland & Knight in Houston.

**Jeff C. Wigginton Jr.** and **Justice David M. Medina** are now equity shareholders in Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry in Houston. **Julia G. Edelman, Kellen R. Scott,** and **David N. Calvillo** are now income shareholders in the firm.

**Jim Repass**, of Norton Rose Fulbright in Houston, was named the firm's U.S. head of intellectual property.

**Susan L. Bickley**, of Blank Rome in Houston, was named chair of the Houston Bar Foundation.

**James A. Collura**, of Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings in Houston, was appointed chair of the Oilfield Services Committee of the Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law.

**Edmundo de la Fuente** is now a partner in K&L Gates in Houston.

**Lyle Ganske** is now partner-in-charge of Jones Day's Houston office. **Stephen Olson**, also based in Houston, was appointed to lead the transactional practices in the firm's Texas region.

**Derek J. Anchondo** is now a partner in Balch & Bingham in Houston.

**Christopher M. Hogan** and **Samantha Thompson** have opened Hogan Thompson, 801 Travis St., Ste. 1330, Houston 77002.

**Cary Farris** and **John Linker** are now partners in Akerman in Houston.

**Brooks Tueting** is now a partner in Patterson + Sheridan in Houston.

**Michael T. Murphy** is now a partner in Winston & Strawn in Houston.

**Harry M. Reasoner**, of Vinson & Elkins, received the James B. Sales Pro Bono Leadership Award from the Houston Bar Foundation.

**Brandon L. Collins** and **Taheera Randolph** are now associates of Coats Rose in Houston.

**Fields Alexander**, of Beck Redden in Houston, was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Retired Senior District Judge **Judy Warne**, of Coldspring, received a Fierce Friend Award from the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

**Michael Feibus** is now an associate of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry in Houston.

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

### NORTH

**Ryan R. Cox** and **Eric S. Williams** are now partners in Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Dallas.

**James Drakeley**, **James Scott Patterson**, and **Scott Seifert** are now partners in Spencer Fane in Plano. **William Hayward**, **Laurie Patton**, **Thomas Slover**, **Chris Summers**, and **Robert Van Amburgh** are now of counsel to the firm. **Macy Matthews** is now an associate of the firm.

**Michael Taten** is now managing partner in Jackson Walker's Dallas office. **Joseph Trevino Guajardo**, **Kelly Hodge**, **Natalie Kosydar**, **James McFall**, and **David Schlottman** are now partners in the firm. **Dana Murphy** is senior counsel to the firm.

**Evan Janc** is now an associate of Coats Rose in Dallas.

**Justin Whiddon** is now a partner in Balekian Hayes in Dallas.

**Nigel R. Stark**, previously with K&L Gates, is now a partner in Reed Smith in Dallas.

**Jillian A. Loh** is now an associate of Polsinelli in Dallas.

**Ryan M.T. Allen** and **R. Anderson Sessions** are now attorneys in Coats Rose in Dallas.

**Lisa Blue**, of Baron and Blue in Dallas, was elected president of the National Trial Lawyers.

**Gregory Deans** and **Katherine Stepp** have formed Deans Stepp Law, 325 N. Saint Paul St., Ste. 1500, Dallas 75201.

**Wendy A. McMillon** is now a partner in Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer in Dallas.

**Seth Sloan** is now an associate of Crowe & Dunlevy in Dallas.

**Marisa O'Sullivan** is now a principal in Amy Stewart Law in Dallas.

**Alexander N. Beard**, of Saunders, Walsh & Beard in McKinney, was elected vice president of Hugs Café.

**Michael S. Goodrich** is now of counsel to Decker Jones in Fort Worth.

**John L. Warren** is now a partner in Albert, Neely & Kuhlmann in Fort Worth.

**Denise M. Mudigere** and **Jeffrey M. Harvey** are now partners in Holland & Knight in Dallas.

**Marc D. Cabrera** is now a shareholder in Polsinelli in Dallas. **Stephen Angelette**, also with the firm, is now certified in health law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**Michael P. Lyons** and **Christopher J. Simmons** have formed Lyons & Simmons, Rosewood Court, 2101 Cedar Springs Rd., Ste. 1900, Dallas 75201.

**Nicole L. Williams** is now managing partner in Thompson Coburn's newly opened Dallas office, 1919 McKinney Ave., Ste. 100, Dallas 75201. **Elizabeth G. Myers**, **Jennifer Ecklund**, and **Katharine Battaia Clark** are now partners in the firm.

### SOUTH

**Shari Mao** is now a partner in Jackson Walker in San Antonio. **John Wittenberg** is a lateral addition.

**George J. Person**, **Ricardo E. Morales**, **Richard G. Morales**, and **Baldemar Garcia Jr.** are partners in and **Bernardo Sada-Paz** is an associate of the newly established Person, Mohrer, Morales, Boddy, Garcia & Gutierrez in Laredo, 602 E. Calton Rd., Ste. 202, 78041. **Clay Person**, **Katrina Borchers Mohrer**, **Elizabeth C. Boddy**, and **Albert M. Gutierrez** are partners in and **Kelly C. Feicht**, **Keeley E. Folan**, and **J. Ernesto Flores** are associates of the firm's San Antonio office, 7744 Broadway St., Ste. 100, 78209.

### OUT OF STATE

**Gregory Vint** is now legal counsel to Veriff OÜ in Tallinn, Estonia. **TBJ**

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### NLRG Client Obtains Favorable Settlement in Shipping Dispute:

An engineering company contracted with an Indiana carrier to ship sophisticated equipment from California to the shipper in Texas. The carrier's tariff provided that any claim for damage during shipment had to be filed within 9 months after delivery. When the equipment was damaged en route, the shipper notified the carrier, within 9 months, that it sought to be reimbursed for the damage, and that the carrier should open a claim if it had not already done so, but the shipper did not provide specific information about the amount of the damage. The carrier would not settle the matter, arguing that the shipper's claim was time-barred because it was not filed within 9 months with the specificity required by the tariff, Carmack Amendment regulations, and Fifth Circuit precedent. Relying on an argument prepared by attorney **Paul Ferrer** of NLRG, attorney **Steve Potts** of Potts Law Group responded that the Seventh Circuit, where the carrier is headquartered, has held that a specific dollar amount is not an absolute requirement; rather, it is enough if the carrier is given sufficient information to begin processing the claim. The carrier eventually agreed to settle the matter for the entire amount sought by the shipper: the full cost to repair the equipment.

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