

Langley & Banack Attorneys Receive Professional Excellence Awards by Texas Lawyer

[Langley & Banack, Inc.](#) announced that Emerson “Buddy” Banack Jr. and Natalie Friend Wilson have been recognized by *Texas Lawyer* for their contributions to the legal profession. Banack, co-founder and shareholder of Langley & Banack, was awarded Lifetime Achievement, and Wilson, a bankruptcy attorney, was awarded On the Rise for attorneys 40 years of age and younger.

Banack, a distinguished trial lawyer, graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1965. He has represented governmental entities, corporations, businesses, individuals, physicians, lawyers, engineers and architects in malpractice cases, products liability cases, negligence cases and business litigation. He has been named a Best Lawyer in America since 1983, a Texas Super Lawyer since 2003, and has received the San Antonio Business Journal’s Outstanding Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Wilson is a bankruptcy attorney with Langley & Banack who began her legal practice in 2007 after graduating from the University of Hawai’i, William S. Richardson School of Law, J.D., cum laude. She has represented debtors, creditors, and bankruptcy trustees. Wilson is active in the Military Spouse JD Network, a bar association for lawyers married to members of the armed forces. Wilson has been a 40 Under 40 recipient by the San Antonio Business Journal and a Bexar County Women’s Bar Association Belva Lockwood Award winner.

Profiles of the honorees will be published in the September

issue of Texas Lawyer Magazine. An awards ceremony in their honor will be held on Sept. 19 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

Using Multi-Tiered Marketing to Amplify Your Legal Practice

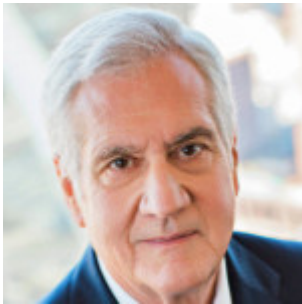
Winning recognition in such listings as *The Best Lawyers in America* presents a prime marketing opportunity that can go far beyond what many lawyers realize, writes Bruce Vincent for [Muse Communications](#).

In his article, Vincent goes into detail about the six steps lawyers can use to amplify and prolong the good news.

Those steps are: First-level marketing, notify your clients, alert industry publications, issue a press release, get social, and everything else.

[Read the article.](#)

Dick Sayles Named Dallas Bar Association's 2018 Trial Lawyer of the Year



Dallas trial lawyer and [Sayles Werbner](#) co-founder Richard A. "Dick" Sayles was chosen by the Dallas Bar Association as the 2018 Trial Lawyer of the Year based on his achievements in the courtroom.

Sayles, a native of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is profiled in the July issue of the Dallas Bar Association's Headnotes in the article, "[Dick Sayles: 2018 DBA Trial Lawyer of the Year](#)." The story highlights Sayles' motivation for becoming a lawyer, provides a history of how he became a courtroom master, and explains how Sayles Werbner maintains its status among the most respected law firms in the nation.

"To me, there is no greater honor than to be recognized by your peers," says Sayles. "It's also a testament to the dedication and commitment of my colleagues at Sayles Werbner. I am very proud of what our firm has become."

Sayles credits his firm's strong relationship with large, national firms as a key factor in Sayles Werbner's success. "We are often asked by major, out-of-state firms to serve as co-counsel in high profile, high stakes cases."

In a release, the firm said Sayles has made a career of representing clients in big cases involving commercial litigation, personal injury and patent litigation. His list of accomplishments includes significant defense wins, 150 cases

tried to verdict, and more than a dozen multimillion-dollar jury verdicts, the firm said.

This year Chambers USA, the legal guide, honored Sayles for the sixth time as a top litigator in Texas. Texas Lawbook named Sayles to the Lions of the Texas Bar, an exclusive list of the state's most respected and influential lawyers. The Best Lawyers in America recognized him as the 2018 Dallas-Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for bet-the-company litigation. He also received recognition in the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation and has been named seven times to the list of Top 10 attorneys in the state in the annual Texas Super Lawyers guide.

Sidley Austin Partner Karen Popp Honored by Global Investigations Review

Global Investigations Review (GIR) honored Sidley Austin's Washington, D.C. partner Karen A. Popp with its inaugural "Award for Services to Diversity."

Popp was lauded for her "great commitment to improving women's positions in the workplace," both within Sidley and in the wider white collar defense and investigations world. GIR commended Popp for her leadership in developing Sidley's firmwide women's program, forming the D.C. office's Diversity Committee for racial, ethnic and LGBT communities, and serving

as the first Chair of Sidley's D.C. Women's Committee.

She was also cited for serving on Sidley's task forces on Diversity and Women, formed by the Executive Committee. Popp was praised for co-founding the Women in White Collar Defense Association, which she launched along with Beth Wilkinson in 1999 shortly after leaving government and noticing the distinct lack of female practitioners on panels or among the attendees at the American Bar Institute's Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime.

GIR credited Popp's vision and "impressive leadership and interpersonal skills" with the "extraordinary growth" of the organization which has grown to 30 chapters with more than 1,400 members across the world in less than 20 years.

At Sidley, Popp is the global co-leader of the firm's White Collar: Government Litigation & Investigations group. She has a practice representing companies and individuals in high-profile matters with legal, political and public relations components, such as corporate criminal defense, internal investigations, SEC Enforcement, Congressional investigations, OIG and State Attorney General actions, corporate compliance, and litigation.

**International IP Guide Honors
AZA for Fourth Consecutive**

Year

[Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C.](#), or AZA, has been recognized as one of the top patent litigation firms in Texas by London-based intellectual property magazine Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) for the fourth year.

“Litigation thoroughbred Ahmad Zavitsanos Anaipakos has successfully resolved disputes across virtually all technologies, industry sectors and forums; its lawyers’ gift for constructing tightly woven and compelling narratives works in any setting,” the magazine wrote.

According to an AZA release, IAM Patent 1000 – The World’s Leading Patent Professionals 2018 is a global guide to patent firms and lawyers. It praised AZA partners Demetrios Anaipakos and Amir Alavi as leading patent litigation lawyers, calling them “two hugely respected and unflappable advocates that you can greenlight for a billion-dollar case with 100% confidence.”

It noted that these two AZA lawyers are among the few patent lawyers to be board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. The magazine polls in-house counsel and other patent attorneys to develop its rankings.

“These partners can shoulder an incredible load without it being burdensome and have built a highly sophisticated group around them; the team does not stand on ceremony and everyone is happy to muck in, so clients are never left wanting,” the magazine stated.

McKool Smith Wins the Most 'Top 100 Verdicts'



[McKool Smith](#) has racked up some new recognition, including being named again in *The National Law Journal's* "Top 100 Verdicts" list.

The *NLJ* recognition represents the 18th time the firm had a top 100 verdict, more than any other law firm since the rankings began.

In a release, the firm said: "In 2002, *The National Law Journal* published its first annual listing of the nation's 'Top 100 Verdicts.' Since that time, no law firm in the country has won more Top 100 Verdicts than McKool Smith."

Other recent recognition includes being named Trial Group of the Year by Law360, and receiving Band 1 rankings in Chambers USA for Texas commercial litigation and Texas intellectual property.

Law360 also presented the firm its Insurance Practice Group of the Year honor.

Inn 2017, *Texas Lawyer* presented the firm its Litigation Department of the Year award, and *Managing Intellectual Property* named the firm Patent Plaintiff Firm of the Year.

McKool Smith, based in Dallas, also has offices in Houston, Austin, Marshall, Silicon Valley, New York, Washington DC, and Los Angeles.

The American Law Institute Inducts Dykema's Nicholas Wittner as a Life Member

Dykema announced that Nicholas Wittner was inducted as a Life Member of the American Law Institute (ALI). He is of counsel to the firm and is located in its Bloomfield Hills office.

ALI bestows the honor on members who have devoted 25 years of service, contributing to ALI's pivotal projects that have shaped the law.

Wittner received the honor at the May ALI Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., where U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G Roberts, Jr. awarded Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg the Henry J. Friendly medal. Associate Justice Elena Kagan and former Solicitor General Paul Clement were also featured as speakers at the Members Reception.

In a release, the firm said ALI is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. According to the ALI website, "Membership in The American Law Institute is a distinct professional honor," and the number of members that may be elected is limited to 3,000. The elected membership consists of eminent judges, lawyers, and law professors from all areas of the United States and from many foreign countries, selected on the basis of professional

achievement and demonstrated interest in improving the law.

Wittner, who is also Professor of Law in Residence at the Michigan State University's Law College, was elected an ALI member in 1993. At that time, he was serving as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Product Liability Committee, which was working with ALI leadership on its Restatement, Third: Product Liability project.

After joining the ALI, Wittner worked on some of the most prominent Restatement projects, and especially the seven-year long new Restatement of Product Liability project. He has also been selected as a Restatement project Adviser, recognizing particular knowledge, experience, and perspective. In total, he worked on more than 10 projects, as well as serving as a webinar Chair and speaker on emerging legal issues.

According to ALI, "1993 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR" – "Each of the [then-admitted members] is distinguished, as evidenced by their election to this prestigious institution. Their achievements are many, diverse, and remarkable."

Wittner earned a J.D., cum laude, from Wayne State University Law School, where he was a Senior Associate Editor of the Law Review and recipient of a Silver Scholarship Medal, and a B.S., with high honor, from Michigan State University.

Brown Rudnick Names First

Ever 1L Social Mobility Diversity Fellow

International law firm Brown Rudnick announced that it has named the first-ever 1L Social Mobility Diversity Fellow, W. Lydell Benson Jr.

In a release, the firm said the Fellowship is aimed at first-year law students who are also the first members of their family to graduate from college. The Fellowship provides the recipient with an opportunity for substantive work and professional development experience, as well as a significant scholarship.

Benson is a first-year law student at George Washington University Law School and will be working in Brown Rudnick's New York office as a summer associate.

"This Fellowship program really resonated with me and demonstrated a true commitment to diversity and providing opportunities to people of all backgrounds," Benson said. "When I was searching for opportunities, this Fellowship caught my eye not just because it was a great opportunity to get hands-on work experience with a prominent law firm, but also because it was the first time I had come across a law-firm diversity program targeting those who are the first in their family to graduate from college. I take a lot of pride in being the first in my family to graduate from college. My family and the people in my community are really proud of me, too."

The firm said the 1L Social Mobility Diversity Fellowship is a holistic program to support students during their time as a summer associate at Brown Rudnick and throughout the academic year. Benson will work on a wide variety of matters as an integral member of client teams. He is also eligible to

receive a scholarship of up to \$22,500, in addition to his summer associate compensation.

Once Benson returns to school in the fall, he will continue to have regular check-ins with Ari Joseph and his recruitment champion, partner Jeff Jonas. Brown Rudnick will arrange for Benson to attend firm events, holiday parties, networking events and professional development training throughout the year. The firm will also provide financial support for academic groups Benson is involved in at George Washington University Law School.

“As I am also the first in my family to graduate from college, I am particularly passionate about this Fellowship program,” said Ari Joseph, Director of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity at Brown Rudnick. “The challenges that such an individual must overcome can be overwhelming, and are often overlooked or underestimated. This unique Fellowship is focused on the problem of social mobility and economic inequality, as well as diversity. It is truly a one-of-a-kind program and Lydell is the perfect choice for our first Fellow.”

Benson will work alongside 10 other Brown Rudnick summer associates who come from law schools across the country: Richard Darst, Meghan McCafferty, Maureen Sweeney, Samuel Toomey, Korey Wilson, Yarelyn Mena, Ijeoma Ozoma, Erio Vignali, Matthew Lambros and Mona Goodarzi. Brown Rudnick’s 2018 summer associate class begins May 21.

First-year law students can find more information about the 1L Social Mobility Diversity Fellowship [here](#). Questions should be referred to Brown Rudnick’s Legal Recruitment Department at recruiting@brownrudnick.com.

Deborah Hankinson Recognized Among Dallas' Best Lawyers

Dallas attorney, ADR authority, and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Deborah Hankinson has been selected to D Magazine's listing of the Best Lawyers in Dallas for appellate law.

Hankinson is the founder of [Hankinson LLP](#).

In 2016, Hankinson was selected to The National Law Journal's inaugural ADR Champions list, recognizing trailblazers from across the nation. She serves on the board of directors of the American Arbitration Association. She is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

In addition to earning D Magazine honors, Hankinson has received recognition from The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, Texas Super Lawyers, Benchmark Appellate, Texas Lawyer, Dallas Business Journal, Martindale-Hubbell and Lawdragon. She also was honored as a Texas Trial Legend by the Dallas Bar Association.

The [Best Lawyers in Dallas](#) listing is based on a thorough review of peer nominations by D Magazine editors and an anonymous panel of the city's most respected attorneys.

Brian Lidji Earns Spot on D Magazine's 2018 Best Lawyers in Dallas Listing

Corporate law attorney [Brian Lidji](#) of [Lidji Dorey & Hooper](#) has again been named to D Magazine's list of the Best Lawyers in Dallas.

The annual recognition of the most respected lawyers in North Texas will be featured in the May 2018 edition of the magazine. Lidji earned his place on the 2018 list based on his exceptional work in mergers and acquisitions, the firm said in a release.

This marks the 13th time that Lidji has been named to the D Magazine list of Best Lawyers in Dallas.

"I'm humbled and honored to be recognized by my peers again this year," said Lidji. "Being selected to D Magazine's Best Lawyers list never gets old."

Lidji has more than 30 years of experience in M&A and general corporate matters. His clients range from energy independents to consumer and technology companies. He has a portfolio of work in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law, business law, contract negotiations and a wide variety of other business transactions, the firm said.

His work also has earned recognition from The Best Lawyers in America every year since 2006 and Texas Super Lawyers each year since the inaugural 2003 listing. He also serves on the executive board of the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, his alma mater.

The full listing of Dallas' top attorneys appears on the D Magazine [website](#).

Trial Lawyers with Law Offices of Frank L. Branson Make Best in Dallas List

D Magazine has selected Frank L. Branson, Debbie Branson and Chip Brooker of [The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson](#) to the 2018 Best Lawyers in Dallas list. All three attorneys have been singled out for their work in tort cases involving personal injury plaintiffs.

In a release, the firm said Branson has earned numerous record verdicts and settlements, along with some of the legal profession's highest honors. He has been honored by *D Magazine* every year since the inception of its Best Lawyers edition in 2001. In addition, Branson has been honored by Texas Lawbook as one of its "Lions of the Texas Bar;" included on Super Lawyers' list of the Top 10 lawyers in Texas for 11 straight years and The Best Lawyers in America guide since 1987.

Debbie Branson has earned placement on *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers list for seven years. She is also continuously honored in The Best Lawyers in America and Texas Super Lawyers listings for her accomplishments in the courtroom. For her work with the community, she received the Linz Award in 2016.

For the second time, Chip Brooker has joined his colleagues on the *D Magazine* list. His work representing the firm's clients in wrongful death and personal injury cases involving

defective products, workplace and oilfield accidents, and trucking/transportation accidents has led to his recognition by The Best Lawyers in America, as well as Texas Super Lawyers and Texas Rising Stars.

Sayles Werbner Recognized in Chambers USA for Commercial Litigation

Chambers USA, a guide to leading lawyers, has once again [honored](#) Dallas law firm [Sayles Werbner](#) and its commercial litigation work in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

Firm co-founders Richard A. "Dick" Sayles and Mark S. Werbner are also included among the top litigators in Texas for 2018, marking the sixth time the two trial lawyers have been listed by Chambers and Partners.

"It's an honor to be continuously included in this listing," said Sayles. "We certainly appreciate the recognition from our peers and clients."

In a release, the firm said London's Chambers and Partners publishes the exclusive listing annually. Law firms and lawyers who demonstrate the top technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, diligence, commitment and other qualities most valued by clients are identified through thousands of attorney and client interviews.

Chamber's researchers noted that Werbner is known for having built a "very successful" practice representing plaintiffs and defendants and has "a fine Dallas reputation" in commercial litigation, according to the release.

Both attorneys are often recognized for their work, including placement in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and listings as Lawyers of the Year in their practice areas, selection to the 2018 edition of Benchmark Litigation and placement in the 2017 Texas Super Lawyers list.

Since 2010, the firm has made the US News & World Report list of Best Law Firms. The firm's successes include the top patent infringement award ever issued by a U.S. jury; the nation's first civil liability verdict against a foreign bank for providing material financial support to terrorists; and one of the top business fraud verdicts ever awarded in Dallas County.

Hillary Frommer of Farrell Fritz Appointed to New York County Lawyers Committee

Hillary Frommer of New York City has recently been appointed co-chair of the New York County Lawyers Association's Estates, Trusts and Surrogate's Court Practice Committee. Her three-year term begins on July 1, 2018.

Frommer is counsel with the firm's Trusts and Estates department. She focuses her practice in litigation, and

handles all types of matters in the New York Surrogate's Court, and matters in the New York Supreme Court involving estates. Hillary earned her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, with honors, and her B.A. from Cornell University.

In a release, the firm said the New York County Lawyers Association is one of the largest, most influential bar associations in the country. It has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence and public policy.

Carrington Coleman Partner Named to Governing Board of National Construction Law Group



Construction attorney Cathy Altman, a partner in the Dallas office of [Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP](#), has been elected to the Governing Committee of the ABA Forum on Construction Law.

She is one of four new members elected to the 12-member Governing Committee during the Forum on Construction Law's annual meeting April 11-13 in New Orleans. Each member serves a three-year term, representing the group's estimated 6,000

members and associates.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected for a leadership role in an organization that is committed to building the best construction lawyers in the country,” said Ms. Altman, chair of Carrington Coleman’s construction group. “I look forward to working with this dedicated group of lawyers in supporting professionalism and knowledge in construction law.”

Focused on education and professional development, the Forum on Construction Law is the largest organization of construction lawyers in the world. Its members represent all segments of the construction industry, including owners, developers, design professionals, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, construction managers, lenders, insurers and sureties.

“Cathy is a proven leader within our firm and the business community,” said Carrington Coleman Managing Partner Bruce Collins. “It is not surprising to any of us who have worked with her that she has been selected by her peers to serve on the Governing Committee.”

Before joining the governing board, Ms. Altman served as chair of the Forum’s Construction Owners & Project Finance division and as chair of the Forum’s Trial Academy. In addition, she serves on the Construction Industry specialty panel of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) National Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. She also is the 2018 Chair of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of the North Texas Commission.

Houston Attorney Stephen Loftin of Hicks Thomas Earns ABOTA Membership



Stephen M. Loftin, a founding member of Houston-based commercial litigation boutique [Hicks Thomas LLP](#), has been accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

In a release, the firm said Loftin, whose commercial litigation practice involves energy, insurance coverage, product liability and personal injury matters, values being admitted into the invitation-only ABOTA organization. ABOTA's guiding principle is to foster improvement in the ethical and technical standards of practice in the field of trial advocacy as well as the protection of the constitutional vision of equal justice for all Americans and the civil justice system.

"Civility and professionalism, hallmarks of ABOTA, are important to me and I'm honored to be part of this organization that seeks to preserve the right to trial by jury that is central to the American judicial system," he said.

A graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, with a B.A. from the University of Texas, Loftin is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Association. He has earned recognition among the top business litigation attorneys in Texas Super Lawyers. He is a member of both the State Bar of Texas and the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Composed of lawyers who have tried a minimum of 10 civil jury

trials to conclusion, ABOTA dedicates itself to the preservation and promotion of the Seventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the right to civil jury trials. The Texas chapter, known as TEX-ABOTA, is composed of 16 local chapters and serves as a consolidated voice of more than 1,300 members.

Estes Thorne & Carr Attorneys Recognized by Texas Rising Stars

Dallas litigation boutique [Estes Thorne & Carr](#) announced that firm attorneys Katherine Anand, Lindsay Daye Barbee, and Terah Moxley are among those honored on the 2018 list of Texas Rising Stars.

This is the sixth consecutive year Anand has been selected based on her business litigation work. She earned her law degree from the Notre Dame Law School.

Barbee is being honored for the third time by Texas Rising Stars for her work in family law. She earned her law degree from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Moxley, recognized for her employment litigation defense work, is making her first appearance on the Rising Stars list. She is board certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas

Board of Legal Specialization. She earned her law degree from Baylor Law School, graduating first in her class.

No more than 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state are chosen for Texas Rising Stars each year. They are age 40 or younger or have practiced law for 10 years or less. Selection involves a rigorous process beginning with nominations by other lawyers. The full list will be published in the April 2018 issues of Texas Monthly and the Texas Rising Stars issue of Super Lawyers magazine.

Robert M. Harper of Farrell Fritz Honored by Touro Law Center

Robert M. Harper, counsel in Farrell Fritz's estate litigation practice group, was honored as a Public Interest/Pro Bono Attorney of the Year at Touro Law Center's Annual Goods and Services Auction on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Harper, a Garden City, NY resident, earned his J.D., cum laude, from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and his B.S. from Boston College Carroll School of Management. He is a frequent contributor to the firm's New York Trusts and Estates Litigation blog.

Harper has worked for the rights and well-being of minors and the developmentally disabled as a Surrogate's Court guardian ad litem, the firm said in a release. He takes on some of

these guardian ad litem assignments as pro bono matters.

In 2017, Harper devoted nearly 200 hours to his pro bono work, including many hours that involved protecting a half dozen individuals assigned to him by the Surrogate's Court. These situations typically involve him writing reports concerning petitions for the appointment of guardians for minors and persons who have developmental disabilities. Harper spends many hours conducting research and interviews to ensure that the individuals in question will be well served through the guardianship appointment, the firm said.

Each year, Touro Law Center hosts the Goods and Services Auction to raise money to benefit the Touro Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program, which funds summer stipends for students to work in public interest law firms or non-profit organizations. The auction program also recognizes an Attorney of the Year from Long Island law firms.

Four Attorneys from Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Earn 2018 Texas Rising Stars Honors

Four attorneys with Texas family law firm [Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP](#), have been named to the Texas Rising Stars list of top lawyers in the state for 2018.

Recognized for their family law expertise are partner Paula Bennett and associates Ryan Kirkham, Holly Rampy Baird and R. Porter Corrigan II, the firm said in a release. Each of the lawyers assists clients with navigating matters such as property division, child custody, pre- and post-marital agreements, parental rights, and other challenges common to family legal disputes.

Baird, Kirkham, and Corrigan have all been recognized by Texas Rising Stars in previous years. This is Bennett's first time being named. Corrigan is based in San Antonio; the other honorees work from the firm's Dallas and Frisco offices.

"In putting together any list of the best and brightest attorneys in Texas, you'd have to include these four," said firm partner Brad LaMorgese. "Their knowledge of the law and their dedication to their clients are nothing short of stellar. We're very proud of the work they do."

Once a year, the Super Lawyers rating service recognizes the top attorneys in the state 40 or younger, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. The list is made up of lawyers who are nominated by their peers and then assessed in a rigorous editorial review process. Ultimately, only 2.5 percent of eligible attorneys are chosen.

The honorees will be featured in the April 2018 edition of Texas Monthly and the Texas Rising Stars issue of [Super Lawyers](#) magazine.

In addition to this year's four Rising Stars recipients, the firm has more Top 100 Super Lawyers in Texas than any other family law firm in the state. LaMorgese and firm co-founders Richard Orsinger, Keith Nelson, Scott Downing and Jeff Anderson all made the 2017 Top 100 list.

Provost Umphrey Trial Lawyers Named to 2018 Texas Rising Stars List

[Two trial lawyers](#) with Texas-based [Provost Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P.](#), earned selection to the 2018 Texas Rising Stars list for their representation of plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

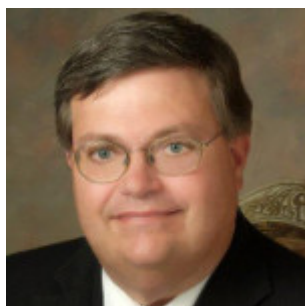
Colin David Moore and Ronnie Turner Jr. have made the annual list multiple times.

In a release, the firm said Moore has earned Rising Stars recognition each year since 2007 for his work in product liability cases resulting in personal injury. His practice also involves premises liability work and toxic tort claims involving exposure to cancer-causing asbestos materials. Recently recognized on the prestigious Best Lawyers in America list, Moore serves on the Jefferson County Bar Association's Board of Directors.

Turner is making his fourth appearance on the list for his plaintiffs' personal injury representation. His practice also includes premises liability and products liability cases. Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Turner also earned recognition in this year's edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and serves on the Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association's Board of Directors.

The Texas Rising Stars list recognizes the outstanding work of the state's top attorneys age 40 and younger or who have practiced law for no more than 10 years. Only 2.5 percent of eligible Texas lawyers are selected to the list each year based on nominations from other lawyers, independent research and a review by separate advisory boards.

Patent Lawyer Honored by Federal Court



East Texas trial lawyer [Clyde M. Siebman](#) of Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith, LLP, recently was honored by Chief Judge Ron Clark of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas based on his years of work benefitting the district.

In a surprise ceremony attended by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant, U.S. Magistrate Judge Christine Nowak and local dignitaries, Judge Clark announced that Siebman's portrait will now hang in the attorney conference rooms at the Paul Brown Federal Courthouse in Sherman.

Siebman is a former law clerk to the late Judge Brown and the founding president of the [Eastern District of Texas Bar Association](#). He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been attorney of record in hundreds of

Eastern District cases.

Chairman of the Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference since 2009, he also has served on the Eastern District's Local Rules Advisory Committee, Non-Appropriated Fund Committee, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Committees.

In another honor, Siebman [was selected](#) as the Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for patent trials in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.