

Dykema Adds Litigators Lea Courington and R. Chris Harvey to Dallas Office

National law firm Dykema has announced the addition of Lea Courington and R. Chris Harvey, both as senior counsel, to its Dallas office at Comerica Bank Tower. Prior to joining Dykema, both Courington and Harvey practiced at the Dallas firm of Stewart Courington Dugger Dean, PLLC.

Courington focuses her practice on health care, government investigations and white collar criminal defense, antitrust and pharmaceutical matters. She defends physicians, hospitals, health care systems, other healthcare providers, and officers and directors in False Claims Act and qui tam cases. She also represents them in parallel criminal and civil governmental investigations and program integrity inquiries and audits arising from whistleblower complaints and allegations of Medicare and Medicaid fraud. A former trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, her experience includes both civil cases and the prosecution and defense of white collar federal criminal matters.

Courington has successfully defended physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care providers before their respective state licensing boards and has extensive experience in medical staff peer review investigations and proceedings. She negotiates clinical trial agreements and counsels and assists clients with disclosure obligations in reimbursement, overpayment, anti-kickback, and Stark Law matters, as well as structuring transactions to comply with those statutes.

Courington, who has been recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer each year since 2007, received a J.D. from Duke University School of Law, and a B.A., magna cum laude, from Southern

Methodist University.

For more than 40 years, Harvey has tried a wide variety of cases ranging from motion picture antitrust cases to First Amendment cases to complex products liability actions. He previously served as the head of the products liability division at Strasburger & Price. He has extensive experience in the trial of products liability cases over a wide variety of products involving catastrophic injuries.

Harvey was selected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1991, has served as Chairman of the Dallas County Grievance Committee and Chairman of the Disciplinary Review Committee of the State Bar of Texas, and has also served on the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas.

Harvey has been recognized by the Best Lawyers in America each year since 2010, including being listed as the 2013 "Lawyers of the Year" in Dallas for Product Liability Litigation – Defendants Product Liability. He received an LL.B. from the University of Texas Law School, and a B.B.A. from the University of Texas.

"We are very pleased to welcome both Lea and Chris to our Healthcare and Litigation practices in Dallas," said Bill Finkelstein, Managing Member of Dykema's Dallas office. "Their experience handling such a wide variety of matters will make them valuable resources for the firm and its clients."