

Kean Miller Launches Houston Office, Adding Ogden Broocks & Hall Lawyers

Louisiana law firm **Kean Miller LLP** is expanding beyond its home state for the first time, opening an office Dec. 1 in Houston.

In a release, the firm said the office is intended to represent Texas-based businesses, especially those with significant Louisiana operations and national clients with legal needs in both states.

Joining Kean Miller as partners in Houston are trial lawyers Bill Ogden, Linda Broocks, Jim Hall and Judith Meyer. Gary Alfred joins as special counsel. All were with the law firm Ogden Broocks & Hall LLP.

The release continues:

Kean Miller has been serving upstream, downstream and midstream clients in Louisiana for 35 years, with significantly more than half the firm's revenues coming from clients based in the Lone Star state. The new office is located at 711 Louisiana Street in Pennzoil Tower South.

"Our new office will help serve our energy and petrochemical clients in a cost-effective manner, whether they are Houston-based or doing business in Texas from Louisiana or elsewhere," said Blane Clark, managing partner of the 150-attorney firm. "We are fortunate to be partnering with people who share our values, our culture, and our client service philosophy."

Ogden, who has been managing partner of Ogden Broocks & Hall, said, "Teaming up our two firms makes a lot of sense

when there is such demand for smart legal counsel at reasonable rates.”

Ogden is well-known in Houston for his business litigation, appellate and constitutional law expertise and is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Ms. Broocks has an active trial and appellate practice and is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Appellate Law.

Hall’s practice focuses on a variety of business disputes and products and premises liability litigation. Ms. Meyer is experienced in oil and gas and securities litigation as well as personal injury defense. Mr. Alfred represents clients in a wide array of commercial litigation, including oil and gas disputes and catastrophic personal injury defense. All of the new lawyers previously practiced in some of Houston’s largest firms, including Liddell Sapp (now Locke Lord), Baker Botts, Fulbright & Jaworski (now Norton Rose Fulbright), and Beirne Maynard & Parsons (now Akerman).