

# Nine at Gruber Hurst Named to Rising Stars List

Nine attorneys from the Dallas litigation firm Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP have been named to the 2015 Texas Rising Stars list, which honors the state's top lawyers age 40 or younger and those who have been in practice for no more than 10 years.

The annual compilation of Texas' top up-and-coming lawyers is based on professional nominations and evaluations, combined with independent research by the staff of Thomson Reuters. No more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in Texas are named to the annual list.

The Gruber Hurst attorneys recognized for their work in business litigation are firm partners Jonathan R. Childers, Trey Crawford and Michael J. Lang, along with associates Laura M. Fontaine, Steven W. Hopkins, Bill S. Richmond, Robert E. Weitzel and David F. Wishnew. Firm associate Joshua M. Sandler also is featured based on his representation of clients in employment and labor disputes. (**Read more about the nine lawyers here.**)

"We're gratified that these young attorneys continue to receive recognition for their skills in the courtroom and for their leadership and service to legal and civic organizations throughout our community," says Mark L. Johansen, a name partner in the firm.

The honorees' record of leadership includes Mr. Childers' current service as President of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DAYL) and Mr. Richmond's role as President of the Dallas Asian American Bar Association. All the Gruber Hurst honorees are active participants in the DAYL and Dallas Bar Association, in addition to serving as volunteers for a

variety of worthwhile groups, including the Dallas Independent School District's Lawyers in the Classroom program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, and the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas.

The Texas Rising Stars list is published in the April 2015 editions of Texas Rising Stars and Texas Monthly magazines, and individual honorees are listed online at <http://www.superlawyers.com/>.