

# **Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson Partners Win *D Magazine* Honors**

## ***News***

Two partners at the Texas-based family law firm Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, have been selected to *D Magazine's* 2016 list of The Best Lawyers in Dallas.

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# **10 Gardere Attorneys Listed on *D Magazine's* 2016 Best Lawyers in Dallas List**

## ***News***

Ten Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP attorneys have received recognition in *D Magazine's* 2016 Best Lawyers in Dallas list.

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# **Deans & Lyons Partners Earn Place on Best Lawyers in Dallas List**

## ***News***

Attorney Michael Lyons, co-founder of the Dallas-based trial

law firm Deans & Lyons, LLP, and firm partner Brian Lauten have earned selection to the 2016 D Magazine list of the Best Lawyers in Dallas.

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## **Schiff Hardin Adds Financial Services Investigations Partner in D.C.**

### ***News***

Michael J. Rivera has joined Schiff Hardin LLP as a partner in the Financial Markets and Products Group.

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## **Environmental Attorney Laura Whiting Joins Gardere's Dallas Office**

### ***News***

Environmental lawyer Laura Whiting has joined Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP as a partner in the firm's Dallas office.

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# Beck Redden Employees Help the Houston Food Bank

## *News*

Nearly a dozen Beck Redden employees, along with other members of Houston's legal community, recently volunteered at the Houston Food Bank during "Legal Frenzy Friday," part of the Food from the Bar campaign.

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# Reed Smith Merger Talks Fuel Discontent at Firm

## *News*

Some lawyers at Reed Smith, already unhappy about low morale, attorney layoffs and lateral losses, voiced their displeasure at the way the firm's potential merger with Pepper Hamilton was announced, according to a report on Above the Law.

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# Reed Smith and Pepper Hamilton Are in Merger Talks

## *News*

The global law firm Reed Smith is in talks to combine with the smaller Pepper Hamilton of Philadelphia, the firms confirmed, according to a report on Bloomberg BNA.

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# Lawyer Who Stole From Clients Gets 46-Month Max; Ex-Clients Say It Isn't Enough Prison Time

## **News**

A Georgia lawyer who admitted to stealing hundreds of thousands from clients was sentenced to nearly four years in prison and ordered to pay restitution, reports *The Florida Times-Union*.

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# Katz, Marshall & Banks Partner Co-Authors Whistleblower Law Practitioners Guide

## **News**

Lisa J. Banks of Katz, Marshall & Banks and Jason Schwartz of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher are co-authors of "Whistleblower Law: A Practitioner's Guide," which covers whistleblower law and issues facing practitioners from both sides of the whistleblower bar.

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# **Bernard Gaffney Joins Wilson Elser's Hartford Office**

## ***News***

Bernard Gaffney has joined the Wilson Elser's Hartford, Connecticut, office as of counsel.

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# **Former Reading Int'l GC Joins Akerman Los Angeles Office**

## ***News***

Veteran real estate lawyer William "Bill" Ellis has joined Akerman LLP's Los Angeles office as a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group.

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# **Akerman Continues Expansion in New York and Dallas**

## ***News***

Akerman LLP has announced continuing growth in the New York and Dallas markets with the addition of new partners in both offices.

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# **Gardere Promotes Four New Partners in Dallas, Houston**

## **News**

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces that attorneys Chris Deskin, Rick Jordan, Mike Seely and Glenn T. Singleton have been elected to partnership, effective April 1.

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# **Nine AZA Lawyers Named to *Rising Stars* List**

## **News**

Eight associates and a partner at Houston-based Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing have been named to the annual *Texas Rising Stars* list, which recognizes the top young attorneys in the state.

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# **Dykema Adds Auto Attorney William Kohler to Detroit**

# Office

## *News*

William J. Kohler has joined Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group as senior counsel in the firm's Detroit office.

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## **SMU Law Student Awarded Donald C. McCleary Gardere Leadership Scholarship**

## *News*

Southern Methodist University law student Brett Moore has been awarded the 2016 Donald C. McCleary Gardere Leadership Scholarship.

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## **Janis Hui Ozaki Joins Dykema as Senior Counsel in Los Angeles**

## *News*

Janis Hui Ozaki has joined Dykema as senior counsel in the Litigation department in the firm's Los Angeles office.

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# **Gardere Partner Cristina Solomon Sworn in as President of AWA Houston**

## ***News***

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP announces that Partner Cristina Portela Solomon has been inducted as president of the Houston Association of Women Attorneys, effective April 1.

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# **FTC Commissioner Julie Brill Joins Hogan Lovells**

## ***News***

Hogan Lovells announced that Julie Brill, a Commissioner at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), will join the firm's Washington, D.C. office as a partner and co-director of the Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice on April 1.