

Charlie Beckham and Jordan Chavez in American College of Bankruptcy Newsletter

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Haynes Boone Partner [Charlie Beckham Jr.](#) and Associate [Jordan Chavez](#) were featured in a magazine for the American College of Bankruptcy Fellows called *College Columns*. Chavez wrote about her experience as a Distinguished Law Student for the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2018 and a chance meeting with Beckham that year that helped propel her career. In the same publication, Beckham discusses the diverse incoming class of Bankruptcy Fellows and his role as chair of the college's Board of Regents.

In the publication, Chavez discusses the benefits of being honored as a Distinguished Law Student during her final semester of law school. In the article, she writes about the importance of networking, meeting Beckham at a conference dinner, and how that meeting ultimately brought her to Haynes Boone.

Here is an excerpt of Chavez's article:

"At the end of the evening, Charlie asked about my post-judicial clerkship plans. I told him I had not decided on a firm yet, and he told me that he was going to have me come work for him at Haynes Boone. I laughed it off and figured he was just saying that to be polite and friendly. Months later, Charlie reached out and asked if I had taken a position at a firm yet. I had not, so we set up an interview.

Today, I am a third-year associate navigating the complex Chapter 11 world and loving it (even with the added chaos that is COVID-19). Accepting the College's Distinguished Law Student award and attending the annual conference helped launch my career. For me, the Distinguished Law Student Award was more than just an award; it was a huge opportunity that the College was gracious enough to extend me.

My hard work in law school gave me the qualifications for the award and resulting job, but the College gave me the ability to network and further develop my personal skills. I made several friends, learned a great deal, and had the easiest job interview of my life."

Read the full article [here](#) (Page 14).

In his article about the new class of Fellows, Beckham writes that the 37 new Fellows will be inducted into the college at its annual meeting in March and will be recognized for their professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the bankruptcy and insolvency practice.

"As I complete my first year as Chair of the Board of Regents, I observe that the level of diligence and care taken by the Regents and Nominating Committee chairs was exceptionally high, leading to greater diversity and an extremely well-qualified group of new Fellows," he wrote. "When I assumed the role ... I thought it was the best role in the College. My experience in building Class 32 and working with the Regents and Committee Chairs affirms that belief."

The American College of Bankruptcy is an honorary public service association of the U.S. and international insolvency professionals who are invited to join as Fellows based on a proven record of the highest standards of expertise, leadership, integrity, professionalism, scholarship, and service to the bankruptcy practice and to their communities. The College facilitates the effective domestic and cross-border application of bankruptcy and insolvency laws and the administration of justice in the courts through, among other activities, conducting professional educational programs, sponsoring the publication of scholarly reports, and maintaining the National Bankruptcy Archives.

The College also funds projects that improve the quality of bankruptcy law and practice, as well as access to justice, in particular through grants by its affiliated Foundation to pro bono legal service programs. The Foundation is believed to be the single largest financial supporter of pro bono bankruptcy services in the United States, contributing over \$3 million since 2012. In all of its work, the College is dedicated to enhancing professionalism, scholarship, diversity, and service in bankruptcy and insolvency law and practice.

Read Beckham's full article [here](#) (Page 5).