

Nina Cortell in Texas Lawbook: Substantive Changes Coming to Courts of Appeals in Austin, Dallas & Houston

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The Texas Lawbook quoted Haynes Boone Partner [Nina Cortell](#) in an article about how the recent election of new judges to the state courts of appeals in Austin, Dallas and Houston will impact civil litigation in Texas.

Here is an excerpt:

Nina Cortell, a partner at Haynes Boone and one of the most respected appellate lawyers in Texas, agreed that the “eight new voices” on the Fifth Court [of Appeals in Dallas] will lead to differences of opinion. . . .

“No doubt, with eight new voices on the Dallas Court of Appeals we will likely see some differences, but I would be hesitant to pre-judge what those differences will look like. The new justices have all committed to apply the law to the facts presented by the cases before them. Two of the new justices have the great benefit of decades of judicial experience on the trial court bench; because appellate justices are often called upon to assess how trials are handled, that type of experience is invaluable. Other of the new justices will bring to the court expertise in specific subject matter areas, including criminal law, employment law, personal injury law and public interest law. That expertise should prove very beneficial in those areas. Finally, five incumbents remain on the Dallas Court of Appeals, so their views will continue to play a role in the panels on which they preside.” ...

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