

Laura Prather, Catherine Robb in Law360: Media can Argue Truth Defense in Texas Defamation Case

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Law360 mentioned Haynes Boone Partner [Laura Prather](#) and Counsel [Catherine Robb](#) in an article about an appellate ruling over a defamation lawsuit against firm client *ProPublica Inc.* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

Here is an excerpt:

A trial court wrongly failed to consider the truth of an article when it declined to dismiss a defamation lawsuit brought against *ProPublica Inc.* and the *Houston Chronicle*, a Texas appellate panel ruled Thursday.

The First Court of Appeals said a Harris County District Court should have considered the news organizations' argument that their reporting was "substantially true" before ruling on whether to dismiss the defamation claims brought by leading heart transplant surgeon O.H. "Bud" Frazier. But the appellate court said it can't render judgment in favor of *ProPublica* and the newspaper because the trial court must consider those defenses first.

ProPublica and the *Houston Chronicle* are represented by Laura Lee Prather and Catherine Lewis Robb of Haynes Boone and Jonathan R. Donnellan and Stephen H. Yuhan of the Hearst Corporation's Office of General Counsel.

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