

Six Haynes and Boone Lawyers Featured in 2019 Fort Worth Top Attorneys Listing

January 17, 2020 Brian Barnard, Karen Denney, Dustin Johnson, Karen Precella, Thomas Williams

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Six Haynes Boone lawyers have been recognized in *Fort Worth Magazine's* 2019 Top Attorneys list. The annual listing is drawn from peer nominations and the recommendation of attorneys in the region.

The following Haynes Boone lawyers were honored:

[Brian Barnard](#) – Corporate Finance/Mergers & Acquisitions

Barnard, a partner in the Corporate Practice Group, provides legal advice and business counsel to senior management teams, boards of directors and in-house lawyers of public and private companies on general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, reporting requirements and corporate governance. He also works to promote entrepreneurship and to help new technology and life sciences projects succeed in North Texas. Barnard serves on the Cook Children's Health Foundation board of trustees and is a former board chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Sharon Cooper – Corporate Finance/Mergers & Acquisitions

Cooper, counsel in the Corporate Practice Group, concentrates on mergers, acquisitions, corporate securities, corporate governance, reporting obligations and other general corporate compliance issues for an array of publicly traded and private companies. She previously served as in-house counsel for a publicly traded company, giving her the insight to advise corporate clients on how her legal advice affects the bigger picture for their businesses.

[Karen Denney](#) – Labor & Employment

Denney, a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group, represents employers in employment litigation and arbitration involving a variety of claims, including those concerning age, sex, race, national origin, disability, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, retaliation, misappropriation, gross negligence, breach of contract, defamation, tortious interference and covenants not to compete. She also has represented clients in proceedings involving the Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Labor Relations Board, Texas Workforce Commission, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. She is a past board chair for Casa Manana, Inc.

[Dustin Johnson](#) – Intellectual Property

Johnson, a partner who splits time between the Fort Worth and Dallas-North offices, focuses on intellectual property transactional matters and strategic client counseling, helping clients protect their technology and revenue streams. He prepares and prosecutes patent applications in a variety of technology areas and advises clients on freedom to operate or product clearance, patent

infringement and patent validity. He advises companies at all stages of growth, from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies.

[Karen Precella](#) – Appellate

Precella co-chairs Haynes Boone's Appellate Practice Group and is administrative partner of the Fort Worth office. She has secured favorable rulings in all phases of trial and appellate proceedings, from pre-trial summary judgment to post-verdict motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict and has briefed and argued numerous cases in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and various levels of Texas appellate courts. Precella speaks and writes frequently on appellate issues, has worked to improve and teach about jury charge procedures and has been a bar leader at the national, state and local levels.

[Tom Williams](#) – Civil Law/Litigation

Williams, a partner in the Litigation Practice Group, has more than 30 years of experience and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has handled cases across a broad spectrum of areas, including libel, invasion of privacy and other First Amendment issues; copyright and trademark infringement; professional responsibility and professional liability claims; oil and gas disputes; employment disputes; and a variety of commercial, corporate and business issues. He has twice been appointed to Texas' Board of Disciplinary Appeals, a statewide judicial body that hears certain lawyer discipline cases, and he served two terms as chair of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

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