

## Haynes Boone Lawyers Recognized in D Magazine's 2024 Best Lawyers Under 40

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Three Haynes Boone Dallas-based lawyers are featured as [Best Lawyers Under 40](#) in *D Magazine's* 2024 directory: Partners [Raquel O. Alvarenga](#) and [Brent Beckert](#) and Associate [Kristina A. Pierre-Louis](#). The listing recognizes outstanding young lawyers in North Texas.

*D Magazine* compiles the list of Best Lawyers Under 40 by asking lawyers with a valid Texas Bar number to nominate up to two lawyers outside their firm and one within, keeping the following question in mind: "Which lawyers under 40 of those whose work you have witnessed firsthand, would you rank among the current best?" After submissions are tallied, a panel of esteemed lawyers works with the magazine's editors to evaluate the nominees and determine winners.

Read more about Haynes Boone's ranked attorneys below:

[Raquel Alvarenga, Third Year Named | Labor & Employment](#)

Raquel is the chair of the firm's [Labor and Employment](#) Practice Group. She has a full-service labor and employment practice that includes negotiating the employment aspects of complex M&A deals and other business transactions, counseling corporate clients on workforce issues, and litigating all manner of labor and employment disputes, including restrictive covenant matters involving noncompetition, non-solicitation and trade-secret claims, and cases involving alleged discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, , and breach-of-contract claims.

[Brent Beckert, Second Year Named | Mergers and Acquisitions](#)

Brent is a partner in the firm's [Corporate](#) and [Mergers & Acquisitions](#) (M&A) Practice Groups. He focuses on private and public M&A, venture capital raises, and other complex domestic and international transactions for clients in a variety of industries, including the healthcare, technology, education, manufacturing, defense, insurance, and professional services sectors. He also helps clients procure and negotiate coverage under representation and warranty insurance policies in the context of M&A transactions.

[Kristina A. Pierre-Louis, First Year Named | Litigation](#)

Kristina is an associate in the [Litigation](#) Practice Group in Haynes Boone's Dallas office. Her practice focuses primarily on commercial litigation. Kristina is also experienced in complex litigation involving insurance litigation, with a focus on health, life, and disability insurance litigation and payor/provider disputes, toxic exposures, product liability, and premises liability. Kristina received her law degree from Penn State Law, where she served as the justice of the William Penn Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and a clinical fellow in the Family Law Clinic. She received her undergraduate degree in international business from Pepperdine University while working at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.