

4 Haynes Boone Attorneys Named in D Magazine's 2025 Best Lawyers Under 40

January 9, 2025 C. Robert Bruner, Heather Barger, Kristina Pierre-Louis, Laura Shapiro

PRACTICES Finance, Investment Management, Litigation

Four Haynes Boone Dallas-based lawyers are featured as Best Lawyers Under 40 in *D Magazine's* 2025 directory: Partner [Robert Bruner](#), Counsel [Heather Barger](#) and Associates [Kristina A. Pierre-Louis](#) and [Laura Shapiro](#). 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 three young lawyers “whose work you have witnessed firsthand, would you rank among the current best.” A panel of esteemed lawyers then works with the magazine’s editors to evaluate the nominees and determine winners.

Read about Haynes Boone’s ranked attorneys below:

[Robert Bruner | Partner, Investment Management](#)

Bruner chairs the [Investment Management Practice Group](#), and his practice focuses primarily on private equity, real estate and hedge fund formation, including their management-level entities and various compliance and governance obligations.

[Heather Barger | Counsel, Litigation](#)

Barger is a pragmatic and proactive trial attorney with experience across all phases of litigation, including helping clients navigate pre-suit settlements, aggressive discovery fights, emergency hearings, mediations and trials. She has experience before a variety of courts and is a member of the firm’s [Texas Business Courts Task Force](#).

[Kristina A. Pierre-Louis | Associate, Litigation](#)

Listed for the second consecutive year, Pierre-Louis’ focuses her commercial and franchise litigation practice on representing individuals and businesses in high-stakes civil disputes spanning a wide range of industries. In her insurance practice, Kristina represents corporate policyholders in complex insurance recovery matters to maximize recoveries. Her experience in all stages of litigation—including mediation, trial/arbitration, and appeals—informs the strategies she offers her clients to resolve matters effectively.

[Laura Shapiro | Associate, Finance](#)

Shapiro represents borrowers, financial institutions and alternative lenders in a variety of commercial and corporate transactions. Her practice focuses on general commercial finance, acquisition financing, construction lending, real estate secured transactions, note-on-note financing, recapitalization transactions, restructurings and other large corporate credit facilities.