

Fort Worth Top Attorneys 2023 Features 7 Haynes Boone Lawyers

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PRACTICES Appellate, Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, Finance, Labor and Employment, Litigation, Restructuring

Seven Haynes Boone lawyers have been recognized in [Fort Worth Magazine's 2023 Top Attorneys](#) list in the Greater Fort Worth area: [Karen Denney](#), [Stephen Pezanosky](#), [Tom Williams](#), [Brian Barnard](#), [Karen Precella](#), [William Greenhill](#), and [Brian Singleterry](#).

The annual listing is drawn from peer nominations and the recommendations of attorneys in the region. The lawyers will be recognized in the December issue of *Fort Worth Magazine*.

Learn more about the lawyers below:

Brian Barnard: Corporate Finance/M&A

For more than 35 years, Brian has been providing 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. Brian counsels buyers and sellers of public and private companies through merger and acquisition transactions, including documenting and negotiating the transaction.

Karen Denney: Labor and Employment – Employer

Karen is a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group and is board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Karen represents employers in employment litigation and arbitration matters involving a variety of claims, including claims concerning age, sex, gender, race, national origin, disability, religion, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. She frequently prepares employment agreements and employment-related policies, provides management training, and counsels employers on various employment issues concerning hiring, disciplining and terminating employees, investigating employee complaints, social media-related issues, covenants not to compete and more.

William Greenhill

William advises corporate decision-makers, in-house counsel, and financial industry executives on structuring complicated corporate and financial transactions to promote their business objectives. His clients include established public and private corporations involved in debt, equity, and merger and acquisition transactions; financial institutions involved in structured financings; start-up companies whose goal is either to go public or to build up their business to become attractive for purchase; and businesses, including underwriters, borrowers, collateral agents, and trustees involved in sophisticated taxable and tax-exempt municipal bond transactions.

Karen Precella: Appellate

As an experienced and dedicated appellate lawyer, Karen 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 to appeals at the intermediate and Supreme Court levels. Karen, a co-chair of Haynes Boone's Appellate Practice Group, has briefed and argued numerous cases in the Fifth Circuit and Texas appellate courts.

Stephen Pezanosky: Bankruptcy

For three decades, Stephen has handled complex financial restructurings. He represents debtors, lenders, lender groups, and other constituents in insolvency matters across the country, as well as buyers and sellers of distressed companies. Although he has worked in numerous business sectors over the years, Steve has developed particular knowledge in the energy, real estate, and technology industries. Steve's practice is national in scope, including recent matters in New York, Delaware, California, Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Puerto Rico.

Brian Singleterry: Civil Law and Litigation

Brian brings wide-ranging litigation experience to his client's legal problems. His practice focuses on commercial litigation. Before attending law school, Brian worked in a corporate legal department, giving him first-hand knowledge of the client's perspective on litigation. Brian then graduated first in his class from Texas A&M School of Law, where he served as an articles editor on the Texas A&M Law Review and earned a business-law certificate. Before joining the firm, Brian gained a broad array of litigation experience, having worked as a state prosecutor, a federal-court law clerk, and in private practice handling personal-injury, professional-liability, and business cases.

Thomas J. Williams: Commercial Litigation

Tom has served as a trusted counselor to companies, individuals, lawyers, and his community for more than 30 years. An experienced litigator and one of only a handful of members of the firm invited to join the American Board of Trial Advocates, Tom has handled cases across a spectrum of practice areas, including those involving claims of 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.