

Haynes and Boone Announces Class of 2012 Partners

January 5, 2012 Dustin Johnson, John McGowan, Gregg Miller

DALLAS – Five associates and four of counsel at Haynes Boone have been elevated to partnership in 2012. The newly elected partners are Daniel Gold, Dustin Johnson, Jeremy Kernodle, John McGowan, Matt Zmigrosky, Ralph Arpajian, Gregg Miller, Noah Shapiro and George Parker Young.

"I am proud to announce and congratulate the class of 2012 partners," said Managing Partner Terry Conner. "They are not only knowledgeable and skilled in their profession, but are excellent representatives of the client-centric focus we promote at Haynes Boone.

ASSOCIATES ELECTED PARTNERS

[Daniel Gold](#) is a member of the firm's Class Action and Securities Class Action Defense and Shareholder Litigation Practice Groups in Dallas. Gold represents companies and executives in class actions, securities fraud lawsuits, shareholder derivative, fiduciary duty and M&A litigation, and other types of complex litigation matters. He also conducts internal investigations for Audit and Special Litigation Committees and has experience representing clients in SEC investigations and criminal and civil antitrust matters. Gold received his bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and juris doctorate from Boston University.

[Dustin Johnson](#) is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property and Patent Reexaminations Practice Groups in Richardson and Fort Worth. Johnson helps clients protect their technology and industry market space and navigate patent landscapes to develop and bring products to market. Having advised companies at all stages of growth, including start-ups and Fortune 500 companies, he understands the role of intellectual property as a company asset and takes solution-driven approaches to help clients achieve their goals. Johnson received his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and juris doctorate from American University, Washington College of Law.

[Jeremy Kernodle](#) is a member of the firm's Appellate Practice Group in Dallas, and is an accomplished litigator who focuses on appeals and government litigation. Kernodle has represented corporations, boards of directors and individuals in appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court and numerous intermediate federal and state courts, and has successfully litigated cases against various federal agencies, including bid protests in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. His experience covers a range of substantive legal areas, including constitutional and administrative law, securities litigation, False Claims Act claims and government contract disputes. Kernodle received his bachelor's degree from Harding University and juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University Law School.

[John McGowan](#) is a member of the firm's Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Groups in Dallas. He has experience negotiating mergers and acquisitions of both assets and stock of publicly and privately held companies, including portfolio companies of private equity funds; assisting clients in buy-outs and recapitalizations; representing issuers in offerings of equity, debt and convertible securities; structuring and forming business entities, including corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies; representing clients in private placements of securities and venture capital financings; and assisting clients in general corporate matters. McGowan received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas and juris doctorate from Southern Methodist University.

Matt Zmigrosky is a member of the Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Groups in Dallas. He has significant experience representing companies and private equity firms on transactional matters, including mergers, acquisitions, venture capital/private equity investments, distressed M&A transactions, reorganizations and other strategic transactions in a broad range of industries. Zmigrosky is a member of the working group that compiles the widely-recognized "Deal Points Study," a study of negotiated M&A terms that has been adopted by the Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions of the American Bar Association. He received his bachelor's degree from Tulane University and juris doctorate from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

OF COUNSEL ELECTED PARTNERS

[Ralph Arpajian](#) is a member of the firm's Finance and Real Estate Practice Groups in New York. Arpajian has extensive experience representing major financial institutions and other institutional investors, both domestic and foreign, in complex commercial real estate transactions. His experience encompasses a broad spectrum of transactions concentrating on the representation of lenders and borrowers/owners in a variety of types of financing transactions including multi-state, multi-property syndicated loans, securitized loans, construction and permanent loans and other capital markets financings including mezzanine, subordinate and equity financings. He has also represented clients in problem loan workouts and restructures and mortgage foreclosures. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and juris doctorate from the University of Southern California.

[Gregg Miller](#) is a member of the firm's Real Estate and Finance Practice Groups in New York. Miller's practice encompasses general real estate matters, including real estate finance and the acquisition and disposition of real property and loans secured by real property. He has experience handling complex multi-state financings (including revolving credit facilities), securitized real estate financings, construction loans, loan workouts and restructurings (including pre-packaged bankruptcies) and loan syndications. Miller has been involved in the acquisition, financing, development and disposition of shopping centers, office buildings, hotels and residential projects. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and juris doctorate from the New York University School of Law.

[Noah Shapiro](#) is a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice Group in New York and devotes his professional time to commercial real estate leasing transactions. Shapiro specializes in office, retail and ground leasing of mostly Class A properties and is involved in all aspects of the leasing process (including negotiating leases, consulting with clients on term sheets or letters of intent and negotiating brokerage or agency agreements). He is routinely involved in several of the largest leasing transactions that take place each year in New York City, representing major landlords such as SL Green Realty Corp., L&L Holding Company and Brookfield Financial Properties, and major tenants such as Cushman & Wakefield. Shapiro received his bachelor's degree from Hofstra University and juris doctorate from the Fordham University School of Law.

George Parker Young is a member of the firm's Litigation/Trial Practice Group in Fort Worth and represents clients in the full range of business litigation. He has significant experience in the areas of oil and gas, fiduciary duty, probate, intellectual property, insurance and securities litigation, and has successfully handled several oil and gas matters over the last two years, including disputes between royalty and working interest owners, disputes involving investors in oil and gas ventures, disputes between producers and surface owners, and disputes between pipelines and producers. Young has also handled numerous appeals and argued a landmark case concerning ERISA preemption of Texas law in the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his bachelor's degree from Southwestern University and juris doctorate from Texas Tech University.

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