Haynes Boone Forms Task Force to Navigate New Texas Business Courts

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Haynes Boone has launched a specialized and multi-disciplinary task force in preparation for the new Texas Business Court and Fifteenth Court of Appeals, which are set to begin operations Sept. 1, 2024.

Haynes Boone's task force combines the firm's nationally recognized commercial litigation practice and deep knowledge of corporate law in Delaware, Texas and other states. The team is equipped to assist clients in navigating the complexities of the new system and provide context in how it compares to other jurisdictions.

“Our team is well-positioned to help clients understand the new Texas Business Court and how it may affect them,” said Litigation Partner David Harper. “For clients involved in litigation, we're prepared to advise them concerning the significance of this new forum and develop a litigation plan tailored to their circumstances."

The Haynes Boone Texas Business Courts Task Force includes seasoned attorneys from the firm's corporate, appellate, securities, M&A and other practices:

- Heather Barger: A pragmatic and proactive trial attorney with experience across all phases of litigation and before a variety of courts.
- Natasha Breaux: A highly regarded appellate lawyer with experience litigating before the Supreme Court, Texas Supreme Court, and various courts of appeals. Natasha brings a deep understanding of appellate strategy and the evolving rules of the new 15th Court of Appeals.
- Brad Foster: A seasoned business litigator with a proven track record handling complex commercial matters in state and federal courts nationwide, including the Delaware Court of Chancery. Brad can advise clients concerning the role the Texas Business Court and other state business courts may play in litigation.
- David Harper: A trusted advisor with a distinguished career resolving complex business disputes, David has written and spoken on the creation of the Texas Business Court and serves on a Texas Business Law Foundation Task Force related to the new courts. He is well prepared to advise clients concerning how the Business Court will affect business disputes in Texas.
- Jason Jordan: A versatile problem-solver with a focus on helping clients navigate complex legal issues and achieve their objectives. Jason's experience spans all stages of litigation, and he has a particular focus on the newly formed 15th Court of Appeals.
- Ben Meschers: Ben leads the firm’s nationally recognized Appellate Practice Group, serves on the firm’s Board of Directors and successfully guides appellate and litigation teams in high-stakes cases in state and federal courts nationwide. He has closely followed the development of the newly created courts along with the proposal and implementation of related rules.

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- John Turner: A skilled trial lawyer with a successful track record representing clients in a wide range of civil litigation matters nationwide. John has spoken about the Business Court and the issues it raises for attorneys and businesses in Texas.

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