

## Counsel Raquel Alvarenga Selected for 2021 Dallas Bar's WE LEAD Program

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**PRACTICES** Employment Litigation, Labor and Employment

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Haynes Boone Counsel [Raquel Alvarenga](#) was selected to participate in the Dallas Bar Association's (DBA's) leadership development program called "WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead in the Legal Profession."

The DBA created WE LEAD with the Dallas Women's Foundation and the Dallas Women Lawyers Association to address the unique challenges facing women in the legal profession; to empower, educate and uplift women lawyers to take an already successful law practice to new heights; and to prepare lawyers for active professional leadership within their law firm, the business community and the community at large.

Now in its fourth year, WE LEAD addresses the challenges of high-performing women who have practiced law for eight to 15 years. Sessions cover leadership skills-building, business development tactics and networking. Speakers and mentors also help participants with advice on topics including building relationships, presenting to decision-makers, and engaging in effective personal marketing.

Partner [Melissa Goodman](#) encouraged Ms. Alvarenga to apply because she knew Ms. Alvarenga would be an excellent candidate for the program.

"Raquel is an outstanding lawyer who has a bright future ahead of her. I am very excited to have her as part of our team. WE LEAD will give her an opportunity to further develop her leadership skills, which she will certainly be able to apply to her role at Haynes Boone," Goodman said.

Ms. Alvarenga received her bachelor's degree from Harvard University, her master of business administration from New York Institute of Technology, and her juris doctor from Cornell Law School.

Ms. Alvarenga focuses her practice on counseling corporate clients on critical workplace issues. She has extensive experience litigating all manner of labor and employment disputes and regularly advises corporate clients on labor and employment issues in the context of major corporate transactions. She also has first-chair experience conducting internal investigations for corporate clients, non-profit organizations, and higher education institutions concerning allegations of employee misconduct and sexual assault.