

Raquel Alvarenga Receives Young Professional Leadership ATHENA Award from Dallas Regional Chamber

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Haynes Boone Labor and Employment Partner [Raquel Alvarenga](#) received the Dallas Regional Chamber's (DRC) 2024 [Young Professional Leadership ATHENA® Award](#), presented by KPMG. The award recognizes women under 40 who demonstrate excellence and creativity in their profession and contribute time and energy to serving their communities.

Alvarenga was nominated by [Stephanie Seno](#) of CBRE and was chosen from the most competitive pool in recent history, according to the DRC.

"I am honored to receive this award from the Dallas Regional Chamber," said Alvarenga. "The previous recipients of this award set a precedent for Dallas women in business, and I hope to continue their legacy."

Alvarenga is the national chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group.

She has a full-service labor and employment practice that includes negotiating the employment aspects of complex M&A deals and other business transactions, advising top-level corporate leadership, including boards of directors, in-house counsel and c-suite executives on high-stakes employment matters, and litigating all manner of labor and employment disputes. Raquel also routinely guides employers of all sizes and industries on compliance with national, state, and local employment laws and litigation avoidance strategies.

An active member of the Dallas community, Raquel is a graduate of Leadership Dallas (Class of 2023), was a Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow in 2022 and was selected for the Dallas Bar Association's WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead in the Legal Profession 2021 class. Raquel is also a member of the board of directors of Crossroads Community Services, where she serves as chair of the Governance Committee.

Raquel received the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association's (DHBA) 2021 "La Estrella Award" which is presented to an up-and-coming attorney and member of the DHBA who has given back to the Hispanic and legal communities. She has also been included in Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars directory, *Thomson Reuters* (2022-2024); Texas Super Lawyers Women's Edition Rising Stars directory, *Thomson Reuters* (2023); *D Magazine's*, D Magazine Partners, Inc., "Best Lawyers Under 40" (2022-2024); the "Ones to Watch" category of *Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc. (2021-2025); and the *Dallas Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Awards, American City Business Journals (2021).