

Texas Lawyer Profiles Leslie Thorne and Emily Westridge Black, Finalists for the Publication's 2019 Texas Attorney of the Year Award

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Texas Lawyer has selected Haynes Boone Partners [Leslie Thorne](#) and Emily Westridge Black as finalists for the 2019 Attorney of the Year Award.

They were recognized for their successful, pro bono representation of a 29-year-old woman who fled Honduras with her 12-year-old daughter to escape government-sponsored violence.

Texas Lawyer said the following about the lawyers:

Using an unusual legal strategy, Haynes Boone partners Leslie Thorne and Emily Westridge Black persuaded a Texas federal judge to issue an order delaying a Honduran woman's deportation.

That strategy, and the resulting July 2018 order, has changed the fate of multiple asylum seekers.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

The Attorney of the Year finalists will be honored at *Texas Lawyer's* Professional Excellence Awards, held Sept. 18 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

"The entire firm is proud of Leslie and Emily's precedent-setting work," said [Ben Mesches](#), chair of Haynes Boone's Litigation Department. "It underscores the firm's commitment to the rule of law and due process and serves as a powerful example about how lawyers can and should help address the continuing crisis at the U.S. border."