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2020 Outstanding Corporate Counsel Awards Nominations are Open

Over the past three years, ACC-DFW and The Texas Lawbook have revamped the Outstanding Corporate Counsel Awards to make them more substantive and focusing on the great legal work of our business law community,

The nomination process is open until Dec. 10.

The Texas Lawbook and ACC-DFW have put together a terrific group of judges to review the submissions. The finalists for each category will be announced and profiled in The Lawbook and the Dallas Business Journal starting in January. The awards ceremony will take place April 1 at the George W. Bush Institute at Southern Methodist University.

The more detailed the nomination, the better chance it has to win. Explain in detail the successful work of the in-house counsel, the challenges the nominee faced and why the nominee deserves the award. Note: Information provided in the submission will be used in the articles by *The Texas Lawbook*.

Here are the categories:

Lifetime Achievement M&A Deal of the Year Senior Corporate Counsel of the Year (Large, Medium & Small/Solo Departments) Public Service and Pro Bono Legal Innovation Business Litigation of the Year Achievement in Diversity and Inclusion General Counsel of the Year (Large, Medium & Small/Solo Departments) Creative Partnership Rookie of the Year

Please let us know if you have any questions. My email is mark.curriden@texaslawbook.net. My phone is 214.232.6783. Thank you for your interest and participation. We think this is going to be a great event.

Mark Curriden, J.D. Texas Lawbook Founder/Journalist



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Outstanding Corporate Counsel Awards Categories

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

<u>Lifetime Achievement</u> recognizes a current or recently retired General Counsel or AGC for their decades-long commitment to the legal profession and the corporate in-house counsel community.

<u>M&A Deal of the Year</u> honors the corporate legal department and its outside counsel for successfully guiding a company through a complex merger, acquisition or joint venture that was either announced or closed during 2020.

<u>Senior Corporate Counsel of the Year (Large, Medium & Small/Solo Departments)</u> celebrates individual in-house counsel who are deputy GCs, AGCs or managing counsel for successes they achieved through their individual efforts. Large corporate legal departments have 21 or more lawyers. Medium-sized legal departments have 6-20 lawyers. Small/solo legal departments have one to five attorneys. <u>Public Service & Pro Bono</u> lauds an individual corporate in-house counsel for her or his commitment and service to the community for pro bono work and/or public service.

<u>Legal Innovation</u> recognizes an individual corporate counsel and their legal department for gamechanging, creative approaches to legal services.

<u>Business Litigation of the Year</u> honors a corporate legal department and its outside counsel for extraordinary success in a significant litigation matter that was active or concluded in 2020.

<u>Achievement in Diversity and Inclusion</u> recognizes an individual corporate in-house counsel for her or his commitment and service to diversity within their department, the company and the legal profession.

<u>General Counsel of the Year (Large, Medium & Small/Solo Departments</u>) honors individual General Counsel and Chief Legal Officers for successes they achieved in 2020. Large corporate legal departments have 21 or more lawyers. Medium-sized legal departments have 6-20 lawyers. Small/solo legal departments have one to five attorneys.

<u>Creative Partnership</u> identifies a corporate legal department and an outside law firm that have successfully developed and instituted an innovative project or working relationship. This mutual effort could include anything from a unique way in which in-house lawyers and outside counsel work together on a joint pro bono, diversity or business matter.

Rookie of the Year acknowledges great legal work of an in-house lawyer during her or his first two

years working in-house. The recipient can only have practiced a maximum of two years total working in-house at a corporate legal department, and must be 35 years of age or less.

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3. Identify the nominee's duties and responsibilities.				
4. This nomination is for which award? Please Select Only One.				
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Community & Public Service		General Counsel of the Year		
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Nominee's Background and Accomplishments
5. Why does the nominee deserve this award? (1,000 words or less)
6. Please identify key professional accomplishments of the nominee (750 words or less).
7. Upload any relevant documents (resume, articles, etc.). Choose File No file chosen

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Legal Innovation Award		
8. Why does the nominee deserve this award? (1,000 words or less)		
9. Describe the nature and impact of the innovation (1,000 words or less)		
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M&A Deal of the Year

11. Identify the specific deal or deals for which the nominees are being recognized. (250 words or less)

12. Provide details about the transaction that made the deal particularly unique, complex or challenging? (750 words or less)

13. What was the specific role of the in-house counsel? (500 words or less)

14. What was the specific role of outside counsel? (500 words or less)

15. Has in-house counsel used outside counsel on previous matters? If so, please explain. (250 words or less)

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Business Litigation of the Year Award

17. Identify the specific legal matter(s) for which the nominees are being recognized. (500 words or less)

18. What about the litigation described above made it unique, complex or challenging? (750 words or less)

19. What was the specific role of in-house counsel? (500 words or less)

20. Has in-house counsel used outside counsel on previous matters? If so, explain. (250 words or less)

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Creative Partnership Award

22. Name the client(s) and firm(s) involved in this partnership.

23. Describe the specific legal matter(s) for which the nominee/partners are being recognized. (500 words or less)

24. What about the partnership described above made it unique, complex or challenging? (750 words or less)

25. What was the specific role of in-house counsel? (500 words or less)

26. What was the specific role of outside counsel? (500 words or less)

27. Has in-house counsel used outside counsel on previous matters? If so, explain. (250 words or less)

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