

## Headline News

### Andrews Kurth Lawyers Recognized as Rising Stars

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**HOUSTON** – Andrews Kurth LLP is pleased to announce that 20 of the firm's lawyers have been selected for inclusion in the Texas Rising Stars 2008.

The full Rising Stars list appears in both the April 2008 issue of *Texas Monthly* and *Texas Rising Stars 2008*, published by Law & Politics Media Inc.

Andrews Kurth lawyers recognized as Rising Stars include the following:

#### **Dallas:**

- Tonya M. Gray, Intellectual Property Litigation
- Matthew G. Nielsen, Corporate Governance & Compliance
- Lori Lustberg Smith, Real Estate

#### **Houston:**

- Brett P. Brasher, Real Estate
- Jeffrey M. Butler, Banking
- Timothy ("Tad") Davidson, II, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
- Tanya A. Fischer, Bonds/Government Finance
- James A. Hernandez, Public Finance
- Darren S. Inoff, Real Estate, Corporate/Securities
- Emily B. Macey, Tax
- Heather C. McLemore, Securities & Corporate Finance
- Meredith S. Mouer, Securities & Corporate Finance
- Grace D. O'Malley, Business/Corporate
- Scott L. Olson, Securities & Corporate Finance
- Philip H. Peacock, Securities & Corporate Finance
- Jason M. Peters, Banking
- Carroll R. Ray, Estate Planning & Probate
- Martha L. ("Marty") Smith, Banking
- Basil A. Umari, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
- George J. Vlahakos, Securities & Corporate Finance

The Rising Stars list is comprised of the top up-and-coming Texas attorneys who are 40 or younger or have been in practice for fewer than 10 years. Rising Stars are selected based on nominations by members of the elite Texas Super Lawyers list. Only 2.5 percent of Texas attorneys were chosen for this honor. For more than a century, Andrews Kurth has built its practice on the belief that "straight talk is good business." Real answers, clear vision and mutual respect define the firm's relationships with clients, colleagues, communities and employees. With more than 400 lawyers and offices in Austin, Beijing, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, The Woodlands and Washington, DC, Andrews Kurth represents a wide array of clients in all areas of business law. For more information about Andrews Kurth, please visit [andrewskurth.com](http://andrewskurth.com).