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### Andrews Kurth Receives High Accolades in Litigation and Appellate Practices

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(Houston, TX)—Andrews Kurth is pleased to announce that its litigation and appellate practices have been ranked in *Benchmark Litigation* and *Benchmark Appellate Litigation*, respectively.

The firm was ranked as a "Recommended" firm in Texas Litigation by *Benchmark Litigation* and *Benchmark Appellate Litigation* ranked the firm as "Highly Recommended" among Fifth Circuit Litigation Firms in Texas.

In addition, three Andrews Kurth partners were recognized as "Local Litigation Stars" and two partners as "Future Stars" in Texas by *Benchmark Litigation*.

#### Texas Litigation Stars

- Jerry L. Beane
- Scott A. Brister
- Kay Lynn Brumbaugh

#### Texas Future Stars

- Tonya M. Gray
- M. Katherine Strahan

For more than a century, Andrews Kurth lawyers have combined legal skill, business experience and aggressive advocacy to achieve our clients' litigation objectives. Backed by a proven record of success at trial, our lawyers are respected for their professional demeanor, their skills in the courtroom and their integrity as advocates. A successful litigation practice is not only about dramatic victories at trial, however; its underpinnings are derived from a total commitment to obtaining the best and most effective resolution to a client's litigation problems—both inside and outside the courtroom.

#### Methodology - *Benchmark Litigation*

The guide's results are the culmination of a six-month research period in which researchers conducted extensive interviews with litigators and their clients. During these interviews the publication examined recent casework handled by the firms and asked sources to offer their professional opinions on litigators practicing within their state or national practice areas.

Regional and local expertise is a crucial factor in commercial litigation. The guide identifies the leading litigation firms and partners in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

#### Methodology - *Benchmark Appellate*

The rankings and editorials cover states charted out as sub-headings within the chapters dedicated to their respective federal circuits. The guide covers all 12 circuits (the First through the Eleventh and the Washington DC/Supreme Court Circuit) as well as the Federal Circuit, which is assigned primarily to patent appeals. The guide's results are the culmination of a six-month research period that allows the guide's researchers to conduct extensive interviews with litigators and their clients. During these interviews the guide examines recent casework handled by the firms and ask sources to offer their professional opinions on litigators practicing within their circuit.

With few exceptions, such as in the event of a particularly significant state-level appeal, the main focus of the analysis is federal appeals. Although the guide does provide a comprehensive breakdown of appeals firms and attorneys within each state, due to the nature of federal appeals, some firms and attorneys may be listed in more than one circuit. Firms and litigators are ranked as leaders in the state in which the firm conducts most of its appellate work, but they may also be listed

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in another circuit due to a particularly notable victory attained there.

The guide divided the firms in each local market into "highly recommended" and "recommended" categories. All listed firms were consistently mentioned by peers and clients, but the "highly recommended" firms received the most mentions, and were held as dominant in their particular jurisdiction.

### **About Andrews Kurth LLP**

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 400 lawyers and offices in Austin, Beijing, Dallas, Houston, London, New York, Research Triangle Park, The Woodlands and Washington, DC, Andrews Kurth represents a wide array of clients in multiple industries. For more information about Andrews Kurth, please visit [andrewskurth.com](http://andrewskurth.com).

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