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Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP Partner Melissa Dorman Selected as Chair of the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

Dallas, Texas, December 23, 2013 – Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP is pleased to announce the election of Melissa Dorman as Chair of the Women and the Law Section (WAL) of the State Bar of Texas for 2013-2014.

The Women and the Law Section encourages and facilitates the active and effective participation of women in the legal profession and in the community, and addresses women's current needs and issues affecting them. Section members focus on educating the public in matters affecting women as professionals, litigators, and citizens.

Melissa Dorman

"The Women and the Law Section is made up of incredible women who dedicate their time and resources to improving the practice of law for Texas women," says Melissa Dorman. "I'm honored to be this year's Chair."

Melissa has been on the WAL council since 2005 and has been actively involved with other associations such as Dallas Women Lawyers, El Paso Women's Bar Association, and Texas Women Lawyers, encouraging women attorneys to stay active and informed in their communities.

She joined Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer in 2001 and has represented clients in product liability, professional negligence, and commercial litigation. Melissa enjoys defending legal professionals in malpractice cases, which have become more prevalent in recent years. During her career, Melissa has successfully represented numerous individual and corporate clients. She has extensive experience representing a broad spectrum of industries in business disputes and product defect cases, including motor coaches, tires, automobiles, insurance, extrusion equipment, sports equipment, pharmaceutical companies, and industrial hose suppliers.

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