



HDBD Elects New Partners: Giovanna Tarantino Bingham and Brian S. Rawson

2011 (Dallas). HDBD is pleased to announce the election of Giovanna Tarantino Bingham and Brian S. Rawson as partners in the firm.

“Both Giovanna and Brian have impressive track records in their work as associates on behalf of HDBD's clients and are incredibly hard-working individuals,” said HDBD Managing Partner Larry D. Grayson. “We’re incredibly proud to now be able to call them our partners. They truly understand and personify the HDBD philosophy that each client's issue is unique and that there are no cookie-cutter solutions. We’re pleased that they have chosen to take this next step in their careers with us.”

Giovanna Tarantino Bingham practices in the firm’s Dallas office and is a seasoned trial lawyer. Her practice involves product liability, class actions, commercial litigation and deceptive trade practices/warranty. Ms. Bingham and a colleague at the firm recently obtained a full defense verdict after four days of trial in a premises liability and negligent undertaking case in Hill County on behalf of the firm’s client, Chapman Construction Co. Ms. Bingham was recognized as a Rising Star in the Rising Stars Edition of Texas Super Lawyers magazine in both 2010 and 2011. She is an accomplished writer and has published a number of articles. While attending law school, she served as an Executive Editor of the Baylor Law Review and earned several honors, including the Moot Court Award: Best Brief and the Contracts Award.

Brian S. Rawson practices in the firm's Dallas office, where he focuses on the defense of automotive and tire manufacturers against product liability lawsuits, as well as other wrongful death and catastrophic personal injury cases. Earlier this year, Mr. Rawson and his colleagues at the firm won a defense verdict for GM in a high-profile product liability case, notable for being the first such trial for GM following the company’s recent emergence from bankruptcy. In May 2011, Mr. Rawson successfully defended Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC d/b/a GCR Tire Centers in a negligence suit in Fort Worth, Texas. The jury of three men and three women returned a unanimous defense verdict in less than

10 minutes. Mr. Rawson also works in other practice areas, including commercial litigation, toxic torts and Dram Shop liability. In June 2011, Mr. Rawson and firm partner Darrell Barger prevailed in their defense of a nightclub in a two-week Dram Shop liability trial in Harris County, Texas. During law school, Mr. Rawson interned at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, assisting in jury selection for dozens of felony cases, all of which ultimately resulted in guilty verdicts.

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