

Thompson & Knight Attorneys Named Best Lawyers' 2010 Lawyers of the Year

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Texas (November 18, 2009) – The global law firm of Thompson & Knight LLP is pleased to announce The Best Lawyers in America® has named four of the Firm's Partners as "Lawyer of the Year" in their respective areas of practice. The attorneys are:

- Scott D. Deatherage, Dallas Environmental Lawyer of the Year
- Gregory S.C. Huffman, Dallas Antitrust Lawyer of the Year
- John H. Martin, Dallas Personal Injury Litigator of the Year
- Emily A. Parker, Dallas Tax Lawyer of the Year.

The publication designates one "Lawyer of the Year" by practice area in major metropolitan regions across the nation. This year, the publication honored 17 attorneys in the Dallas area based on consistently high ratings in peer-based surveys for legal abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

"We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one's peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession," said Steven Naifeh, managing editor of Best Lawyers.

Best Lawyers is the oldest lawyer-rating publication in the United States. The company compiles its listings through exhaustive peer-review surveys and tabulates more than 2.5 million ballots every year. The Best Lawyers in America continues to be the only advertisement-free referral guide to the legal profession and includes more than 36,000 attorneys in 78 practice areas, covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Best Lawyers also evaluates lawyers worldwide and publishes its global lists online at www.bestlawyers.com.

Mr. Deatherage serves as the Firm's Climate Change and Renewable Energy Practice Group Leader and is a member of the Environmental Practice Group. He has been with the Firm for more than 20 years, and his expertise covers a vast range of environmental matters, including permitting, compliance, and administrative law. He advises clients on climate change regulation and legal and business issues surrounding carbon credits and carbon trading. Mr. Deatherage is currently writing a book entitled "Carbon Trading Law and Practice" for Oxford University Press that will be published in 2010.

Mr. Huffman is head of Thompson & Knight's antitrust practice area and has been with the Firm for more than 35 years. He has tried many precedent-setting cases and has authored amendments for both federal and state antitrust laws. Mr. Huffman is a frequent speaker and author on antitrust, complex litigation, and other professional topics.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Firm's Complex Tort and Products Liability Practice Group. He has been with the Firm for 35 years and is widely recognized for his legal work and public speaking on the subjects of catastrophic injury, mass tort, and aviation litigation. Mr. Martin is one of the state's most distinguished attorneys in the civil defense field and recently served as President of DRI-The Voice of the Defense Bar, an international organization of more than 22,500 defense trial lawyers and corporate counsel.

Ms. Parker is a member of the Firm's Tax Practice Group. She has been with the Firm for her entire career of more than 35 years, except for a two-year term as Acting Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service. She has represented clients in a number of precedent-setting cases that decided important industry issues and developed previously unsettled issues of tax law. Ms. Parker is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

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