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## Office Snapshot: Chamberlain Hrdlicka revitalizes in Houston

### Law360 article on Chamberlain Hrdlicka

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A Law360 article discusses our firms Houston office lease extension in Allen Center and firm practices and history. Under the terms of the lease extension, Chamberlain Hrdlicka will continue to lease 55,178 square feet of contiguous space in the Two Allen Center office tower on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> floors and will renovate the offices and back office areas.

The firm has retained Gensler to design strategic office renovations and create a collaborative and functional space for the way people work today. The approximately \$6 million of improvements will include new community amenities and bring more natural light throughout the office space.

"We're going to occupy the same amount of space, but the renovation will create more offices," said Larry Campagna, Chamberlain Hrdlicka's managing shareholder. "Our last major renovation was when everybody worked on paper. Now we're mostly paperless, and we don't need the file capacity we used to have. We don't need the library we used to have. We're converting our space to be more livable for what we do now as opposed to the way we used to practice."

Referencing the firm's tax law beginnings, Campagna remarked that "you have to go about a thousand miles from Houston before you would find a firm with as many tax lawyers as we have. When I say tax, that's a lot of different disciplines—it's tax controversy, it's tax planning. On transactions, it's estate administration work that relates to tax issues and employee benefits. For us, 'tax' has a lot of niches, whereas in most firms the tax lawyers are more jack-of-all-trades."

Campagna said he expects even more tax work for the office as the Internal Revenue Service makes use of recently allocated funds to expand its staff, with more IRS examinations, more criminal investigations and more enforcement in general.

Campagna further noted that the Houston office also boasts a large litigation section and a vibrant corporate and business transactional practice that handled a transaction worth more than \$1 billion this year.