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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Adds Six Attorneys in Houston

Houston office expands with recent new hires in 2023

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Asher Fried, Jessica Lafferty, Ragan Robichaux, Nicole Shanklin, Marianne Xu Standley, and Tyler Williams recently joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office, adding to the Commercial Litigation; Construction; Corporate, Securities & Finance; Estate Planning; Tax Controversy & Litigation, and Tax Planning & Business Transactions practices.

With the recent arrivals, Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston office now has more than 85 attorneys. To accommodate its continued growth, create a collaborative and functional space for the way law firms work today, and elevate all employees' experience, the firm's Houston office is currently undergoing strategic renovations. The approximately \$6 million of office improvements will include new community amenities and bring more natural light throughout the office space.

"Despite a highly competitive legal job market in Houston and nationwide, we continue to attract outstanding attorneys who are eager to join our team," said Larry Campagna, managing shareholder for Chamberlain Hrdlicka. "Our midsize and entrepreneurial firm provides a unique platform for ambitious attorneys to thrive, allowing them to quickly develop their practices with the guidance of experienced mentors. Our talented young lawyers understand that our clients demand the high-level expertise of a large law firm while valuing the personalized service that our midsize firm delivers."

Asher Fried joined the firm as Senior Counsel in the Tax Controversy & Litigation practice in Houston. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, he worked as an in-house tax counsel for Westland Real Estate Group, a large real estate firm in Long Beach, California. He has significant experience representing clients in federal and state corporate and partnership income taxes, entity structuring and restructuring taxation, tax compliance for captive insurance companies and qualified opportunity funds, trust income taxation, gift and estate taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes, like-kind exchanges, and employee retention credits. Additionally, Fried's experience extends to the formation and organization of corporations and limited liability companies, including the drafting of governing documents, trust agreements, and providing counsel to charitable organizations.

Fried graduated from the Rabbinical College of America with a bachelor's degree in religious studies. He received his law degree from Trinity Law School, and his LL. M. in Taxation from the University of Alabama School of Law.

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Jessica Lafferty joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka as an associate in the Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice in Houston, where she was previously a part-time associate. In her role, she will assist in a wide variety of tax planning and business transaction matters.

Lafferty graduated from Texas A&M University, cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in business. She received both her law degree and the LL. M. degree in Taxation, cum laude, from the University of Houston Law Center, where she made the Dean's List and served as the Chief Articles Editor for the Houston Business & Tax Law Journal. She is a member of the Tax and Women and the Law Sections of the State Bar of Texas; the Houston Young Lawyers Association, and the Houston Bar Association – Tax Section.

Ragan Robichaux joined the firm as an associate in the commercial litigation practice in Houston. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as a litigation associate at Houston-area boutique litigation firms.

Robichaux graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio with bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and government. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center, where he was the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship. While in law school, he interned at the Office of Congressman Dan Crenshaw and worked with several public officials and public/private entities on future flood mitigation plans for local areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Nicole Shanklin joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka as Senior Counsel in the Corporate, Securities & Finance Practice in Houston, where she will focus on an array of complex corporate, transactional, and governance matters. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, she served as general counsel and corporate secretary of a \$650 million, private equity-backed, global chemical distribution company where she had sole responsibility for managing all the company's legal, human resource, and regulatory affairs. With 15 years of experience, she is well-versed in managing acquisition, merger, and divestiture transactions, corporate integrations, a full range of commercial transactions, health, safety and environmental matters, corporate governance, securities and exchange compliance, crisis and risk mitigation, and regulatory compliance and licensing at local, state, and national levels.

Shanklin received her bachelor's degree in history and economics from Mount Holyoke College and her law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston. She is an active member of the State Bar of Texas.

Marianne Standley joined the firm as an associate in the Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice in Houston. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, she practiced transactional tax in the Houston office of an international law firm, focusing on corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, banking and restructuring, and securities offerings.

Standley graduated from Wellesley College, magna cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in French and education. She earned a master's degree in education from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and received her law degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Houston Law Center, where she was the Chief Notes & Comments Editor for the Houston Law Review and served as the research assistant to the Dean. She is an active member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and the Houston Bar Association.

Tyler Williams joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka as an associate in the estate planning and administration practice in Houston, where he helps clients navigate estate planning and probate administration needs.

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Williams graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston as a valedictorian. While in law school, he served as Articles Editor for the South Texas Law Review.

