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Brett Berly and Habeeb (Hobbs) Gnaim among Finalists of 2024 Texas Legal Awards

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston shareholders, Brett Berly and Habeeb (Hobbs) Gnaim were recently named among the finalists of the 2024 Texas Legal Awards in Best Mentors and Dealmakers of the Year categories, respectively.

Texas Legal Awards' Best Mentors category recognizes lawyers who have helped less-experienced colleagues become better lawyers, while Dealmakers of the Year award highlights major transactions in Texas, including corporate, M&A, venture capital, bankruptcy, tax, and real estate. Held annually by Texas Lawyer, the awards are judged by senior leaders across ALM/Law.com newsroom. Certain categories and awards are assisted by an external panel of experts outside of ALM.

Brett Berly is the co-chair of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Estate, Trusts & Income Tax Planning & Estate Administration practice. He focuses on the representation of high net-worth individuals and fiduciaries of trusts and estates with respect to estate planning, probate, estate and trust administration, closely held business succession planning as well as probate and fiduciary litigation matters. He has served on multiple committees and in leadership roles focused on mentoring up-and-coming attorneys, including as chair of the firm's entry level recruitment program for more than 12 years. He's been named to Best Lawyers in America, Texas Super Lawyers and Top Lawyer by Houstonia Magazine and is ranked by Chambers in Private Wealth Law.

Habeeb (Hobbs) Gnaim serves as the head of the Tax Planning & Business Transactions group. He focuses his practice on tax and corporate matters and has significant experience in all aspects of structuring, negotiating, and implementing business acquisitions and dispositions, corporate reorganizations, mergers, conversions, recapitalizations, deferred recognition transactions, admissions of and providing equity incentives for management and key employees, as well as choice of entity considerations, and state tax planning. Known for a high volume of transactions, Gnaim has built a reputation as a go-to tax and corporate counsel for middle-market transactions. A number of his deals have garnered recognition, including most recently two Deal of the Year Awards by the Association for Corporate Growth (Houston), as well as the Global M&A Network's USA Atlas Awards, where Gnaim was named Lawyer of the Year and two of his deals won Deal of the Year Awards.