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## **Chamberlain Hrdlicka, led by Habeeb "Hobbs" Gnaim, Represented Centex Construction in a New Partnership with O2 Investment Partners**

### **Houston-based Team Supports Client's Rapid Growth**

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston-based team, led by Habeeb Hobbs Gnaim, represented Centex Construction (Centex) in a new partnership with O2 Investment Partners (O2), a Michigan-based private equity firm, to support the company's rapid growth.

Headquartered in Tomball, TX and with a footprint across eight states in the southern United States, Centex is a leading provider of renovation, restoration, and maintenance services for existing, large-scale multi-family property managers and owners, completing thousands of jobs annually with many of the largest nationally recognized property managers and owners in the United States.

Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Umair Karowadia (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Marianne Standley (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Pearson Wolk (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Aly Dossa (Intellectual Property), Jack Najarian (Real Estate), Matt Stirneman (Banking/Finance), Kellen Scott (Labor & Employment), Joshua Sutin (Employee Benefits), and Jeffrey Della Rocco (Employee Benefits) assisted with the transaction.

This is an exciting chapter for Centex and we are thrilled to partner with O2, which will enable us to accelerate our growth trajectory and further enhance the value we deliver to our customers, said Mark Whitehead. From the onset of meeting the O2 team, we felt they immediately recognized our vision for continued expansion. Our partnership with O2 will allow us to pursue opportunities for organic and inorganic growth in adjacent verticals, geographies, and services to deliver greater impact for our customers.

Gnaim, shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, 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 year to year, Gnaim has built a reputation as a go-to tax and corporate counsel for middle-market transactions. A number of Gnaim's deals have garnered recognition this year, including most two Deal of the Year Awards by the Association for Corporate Growth (Houston), as well as the Global M&A Networks M&A Atlas

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Awards, where two of Gnaim's deals won Deal of the Year and he was named Lawyer of the Year.

Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice helps clients understand the byzantine world of tax law and utilizes that highly specialized tax knowledge to clients' best advantage when doing business transactions. The practice advises clients with transactions in order to maximize tax benefits - and avoid tax disasters. Whether the transactions are related to a business or involve a personal investment, the Tax Planning & Business Transactions team can help structure and carry out transactions in order to achieve the best corporate results under federal, state, local and international tax laws.

