

Press Release

Ten Wick Phillips Partners Recognized as D Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine*

Dallas, Texas, April 28, 2026 – Erika Bright, Rachael Nelson Gearing, Andrew Gould, Molly Jones, Sean Lemoine, LaDawn Nandrasy, Rusty O’Kane, Todd Phillips, Jason Rudd, and Matthew Zucker have each been recognized as 2026 D Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine*.

D Magazine annually honors exceptional lawyers. The attorneys on the Best Lawyers list are peer nominated on the basis that they offer unparalleled counsel in one of thirty-nine categories. Thousands of local lawyers are invited each year to nominate up to two lawyers outside their law firm, along with one within. An independent panel of esteemed lawyers then meets with the *D Magazine* editors to anonymously evaluate the list

[Erika](#), selected in the Insurance Law category, represents corporate policyholders in disputes with insurance carriers and advises clients on all insurance-related topics, including how to minimize risk, draft indemnity agreements, and obtain optimum insurance coverage.

[Rachael](#), selected in the Healthcare (Transactional) category, focuses on helping providers and healthcare-related businesses navigate the highly regulated complexities of structuring transactions, drafting and negotiating contracts, managing practice transitions, ensuring regulatory compliance, and more.

[Andrew](#), selected in the Labor & Employment category, is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Andrew represents companies in the defense of federal wage and hour claims, federal and state employment discrimination claims, wrongful discharge claims, unfair labor practice claims under the National Labor Relations Act, contract negotiations, and denial of benefit claims under the Employee Retirement Income Safety Act.

[Molly](#), selected in the Labor & Employment category, is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Molly represents employers in discrimination, retaliation, and harassment claims in court, arbitration, and before administrative agencies and litigates cases involving restrictive covenants.

[Sean](#), selected in the Business/Commercial Litigation category, has extensive experience in litigating disputes involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, disparagement, tortious interference and defamation, bankruptcy litigation, misappropriation of trade secrets and restrictive covenants.

[LaDawn](#), selected in the Appellate category, is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. LaDawn focuses on legal issues and strategy throughout the duration of the trial and appeal process.



[Rusty](#), selected in the Appellate category, is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Appellate Law. He represents clients in complex commercial disputes, regular handling matters from pre-suit strategy through trial, post-trial proceedings, and appeal.

[Todd](#), selected in the Business/Commercial Litigation category, has litigated a wide range of complex commercial matters concerning various subjects, including contract and business tort issues, partnership disputes, landlord/tenant and other real estate disputes, lender liability issues, construction law, health care litigation, and various bankruptcy-related matters.

[Jason](#), selected in the Bankruptcy & Workout category, represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, and creditor committees in Chapter 11 cases. In Chapter 7 proceedings and post-confirmation matters, he represents trustees and litigation trusts in recovering and administering estate assets, including the prosecution of preference, fraudulent transfer, breach of fiduciary duty, alter ego, and other insolvency-related litigation.

[Matt](#), selected in the Corporate Law: Mergers & Acquisitions category, regularly represents a wide variety of public and private companies in mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, equity and debt offerings and commercial lending.

About Wick Phillips

Wick Phillips is a full-service business law firm serving clients across Texas and the United States. Founded in 2004, the firm has grown to over 105 attorneys, specializing in all areas of business law—complex commercial litigation and appeals, corporate and finance transactions, estate planning, labor and employment, real estate, bankruptcy, insurance coverage, tax, and securities—with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Austin.

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