



Kilpatrick Townsend Launches Office in Houston

Firm Expands to Create Construction Powerhouse

ATLANTA/HOUSTON (October 10) -- [Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton](#) announced today that it has opened an office in Houston. With the firm successfully expanding into [Dallas](#) in 2015, Kilpatrick Townsend now has two offices in the Lone Star State.

A team of 13 deep-rooted Texas attorneys – led by partners [Patrick Gaas](#) and [Daniel Shank](#) – bring well-recognized practices to Kilpatrick Townsend. Mr. Gaas will be part of the firm's [Construction & Infrastructure Team](#) – named the nation's Construction Litigation Practice of the Year by *Chambers & Partners* in 2015 and 2016. This addition gives Kilpatrick Townsend nearly 40 Construction & Infrastructure Team members firmwide.

Mr. Shank will be a member of Kilpatrick Townsend's leading [Complex Commercial Litigation Team](#) joining a group of nearly 100 attorneys including more than 20 in Texas.

"We are excited to have this talented team of lawyers joining us in Houston. Their addition to the firm builds on our strengths in this dynamic and fast-growing city," said [Henry Walker](#), Kilpatrick Townsend Chair. "With a number of clients already in Houston, expanding Kilpatrick Townsend's presence in Texas has been a high priority."

"We have known and worked with Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys on various cases for more than a decade," said [Patrick Gaas](#). "Becoming a part of the nation's preeminent Construction & Infrastructure Team will only help build, expand, and strengthen client relationships."

[Mr. Gaas](#) has nearly 30 years of experience and is regularly engaged by owners, contractors, and design professionals to handle some of the largest and most challenging commercial and industrial disputes and transactions in the United States and internationally. In addition, he handles or manages a broad variety of other matters for a select group of clients, including financial institutions engaged in business both domestically and abroad. Mr. Gaas earned a J.D., *with honors*, from the University of Texas School of Law and a B.B.A., *cum laude*, from Texas A & M. University.

[Mr. Shank](#) has almost 37 years of experience in the practice of law. He focuses on complex litigation matters in the areas of commercial, energy, real estate, and environmental litigation. Mr. Shank has successfully tried numerous cases involving a broad range of substantive areas of law. He has prosecuted and defended cases involving substantial recoveries and significant exposures, and has participated in a number of appellate matters on behalf of clients. Mr. Shank earned a J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Cornell University.

Mr. Gaas and Mr. Shank are joined by the following attorneys:

- Sam Arora (Counsel)
- Heather Asselin (Counsel)
- Christopher Bradford (Counsel)
- Paul Catalano (Counsel)
- Brian Gaudet (Counsel)
- Edward Hubbard (Counsel)
- David Lynch (Counsel)
- Jarett Dillard (Associate)
- Mauricio Escobar (Associate)
- Courtney Lynch (Associate)
- Nicholas Nieto (Associate)

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