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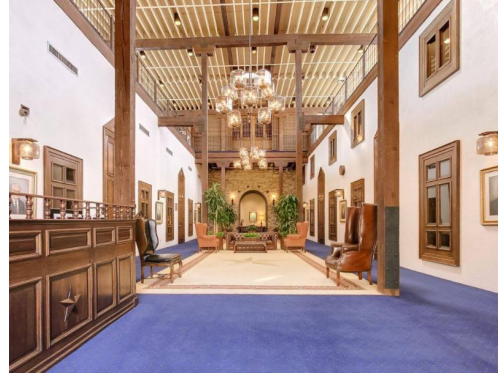
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### **ABRAHAM WATKINS CELEBRATES 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

65 years ago, friends Frank Abraham, John Hill, and W. James Kronzer, Jr. founded the firm Hill, Kronzer and

Abraham. A little over a year later, J. Curtiss Brown joined the firm and it became Hill, Brown, Kronzer and Abraham. Frank's small apartment on West Alabama doubled as their office in the early days until the firm moved into a space in the Mafrige Building. Will Watkins and Bob Steely eventually joined the practice and quickly became partners, and the firm name changed to Hill, Brown, Kronzer, Abraham, Watkins and Steely. About 20 years later, the partners decided to move the firm closer to the downtown courthouses and purchased the Siewerssen Dickson Building at 800 Commerce Street. [Learn More](#)



## TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS HONORS



Abraham Watkins is proud to announce the selection of firm attorneys Nick Nichols, Randy Sorrels, Benny Agosto, Jr., Mo Aziz, Brant Stogner, and Jay Jackson to the Texas Super Lawyers list for 2016. Less than five percent of practicing attorneys in Texas are named to the Super Lawyers list, which is published annually in the Texas Monthly and Super Lawyers magazines.

This year marks the 14th consecutive year for Firm Partners Nick Nichols and Randy Sorrels to be named to the Texas Super Lawyers list. Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has been recognized annually on the list since 2006, Firm Partners Mo Aziz and Brant Stogner since 2013, and firm attorney Jay Jackson since 2012. [Learn More](#)

## FIRM PARTNER BENNY AGOSTO, JR. RECOGNIZED AS HBU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

In recognition of his service to Houston Baptist University and the legal community, Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from HBU on Saturday,

September 24 at the Spirit of HBU Alumni Awards & Walk of Honor Induction Dinner. This award is given to individuals who exemplify the standards on which Houston Baptist University was founded as well as made distinctive contributions to their professions.



During the dinner, HBU also inducted Mr. Agosto to the HBU Athletic Hall of Honor for his accomplishments at the University. As a student, member of the NCAA Division 1 Men's Soccer Program, and later head coach of the soccer team, Mr. Agosto has exemplified the spirit and culture of HBU. His continued dedication to his HBU family comes through his ongoing support of the soccer program and the students at the university. [Learn More](#)

## FIRM PARTNER BRANT STOGNER RECEIVES INAUGURAL HOUSTON COLLEGE OF LAW YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



Abraham Watkins congratulates Firm Partner Brant Stogner as the recipient of the inaugural Houston College of Law Young Alumni Award. Mr. Stogner was the first alumni to receive this award from HCL, which was presented at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Friday, October 14th. New this year, the Young Alumni Award is presented to one alumnus who has graduated from the law school within the past 10 years and who has made significant service and leadership contributions to both the legal profession and the school.

While attending Houston College of Law, Mr. Stogner competed as a varsity advocate in 15 mock trial and moot court competitions across the country for the top ranked advocacy program. In addition to numerous top speaker awards, Mr. Stogner won a state moot court tournament championship, a regional moot court tournament championship, two regional mock trial tournament championships, and a National Championship in mock trial at the ATLA National Trial Competition. He graduated in the top fifteen percent of his law school class, was admitted into the Order of Barristers, and received the Dean's Outstanding Student Advocate Award in 2006. [Learn More](#)

## SUIT FILED FOR CHURCH'S CHICKEN CATASTROPHIC BURN INJURIES

Firm attorneys Benny Agosto, Jr. and Kelly Woods are representing Hugolina Guerrero de Garzon and Joselin Damian Gonzalez for catastrophic life-threatening burns to over 75% of their bodies as a result of a floor collapse at the Church's Chicken in Livingston, Texas. On August 1, 2016, the kitchen floors beneath the employees collapsed, causing a deep fryer to fall on top of them, spilling boiling oil on their bodies. Both clients suffered serious and permanent injuries and are still hospitalized.



The lawsuit was filed in Polk County against Triangle Capital Properties, LLC, CT Restaurants, L.P., and Store Master Funding VIII, LLC-the owners, operators, managers and/or controllers of the Church's Chicken. The lawsuit alleges these companies failed to maintain a safe work environment for the workers, failed to properly inspect and maintain the premises, and failed to remedy a known dangerous condition. Our clients are seeking \$150 million dollars in damages.



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