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ABRAHAM WATKINS BUILDING UPDATE

As many of you know, the Abraham Watkins building was flooded with 12 feet of water during Hurricane Harvey. Over the past several months, we have taken the opportunity to make significant updates to the building, including adding additional office space for our growing staff. The construction on our balcony was recently completed, and we now have additional office space for 22 staff members. We are looking forward to completing the remaining projects and are already seeing the positive impact that these updates have had in our firm's home at 800 Commerce Street.



SORRELS AN OFFICIAL STATE BAR PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE



Elections matter. Randy Sorrels, the first candidate to seek nomination by petition signatures for President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas, is officially on the ballot. Our firm is proud of Randy's wide range of experience in organized bar activities throughout his 30 years of practice. He has demonstrated a long term commitment to the profession and the improvement of the legal profession. Randy has been the managing partner of our firm for over 20 years and he will bring the same principles he uses in running Abraham Watkins to the State Bar: developing a disciplined plan, finding common sense solutions, building consensus among the participants, and just plain old hard work.

Randy has received exceptional support from many members of the Bar and his hard work was recently recognized by the only six female past presidents of the State Bar of Texas who endorsed, "The undersigned, which comprise all of the former women presidents of the State Bar of Texas, write to express our full support for Randy Sorrels as President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas. We admire the long-term level of commitment and competence he has brought to each of his many roles in the Bar and to our profession. We are confident that he will effectively represent all of the lawyers of Texas." [Learn More](#)

ABRAHAM WATKINS IS REPRESENTING HUNDREDS OF HOMEOWNERS IN HURRICANE HARVEY FLOOD CLAIMS FOR FLOODING CAUSED BY IMPROPER FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES

Firm Partner Mo Aziz is representing home owners in different subdivisions in the Greater Houston Area, including the Riverstone Subdivision in Sugar Land, the Legends Bay Subdivision in Baytown, and the Arcadia Subdivision near the Barker Reservoir.



The focus of the case is on the design of the master planned communities as well as the placement of the communities in flood prone areas. Abraham Watkins has retained a team of experts, including a civil engineering firm and a hydrologist, to evaluate the adequacy of the design of the master planned communities from a hydrological

perspective.

The investigation to date reveals that in some instances levies were improperly removed by the developer while in others the development was created in an area that is within the 100 year flood plain but no disclosures were made to the new home buyers.

ANALYSIS OF TEXAS SUPREME COURT OPINIONS



For the past decade, firm attorney Jay Jackson has published a Supreme Court Update that analyzes every decision rendered by the Texas Supreme Court. During the last several years, firm attorney Brian Humphrey has co-authored the paper with Mr. Jackson. This update-which is submitted as part of several continuing legal education courses (such as the State Bar of Texas' 2017 Advanced Personal Injury Law Course)-includes all cases from the preceding year or more. In 2015, Mr. Jackson was honored by the College of the State Bar of Texas with the Franklin Jones Best CLE Article Award for the Texas Supreme Court Update that he presented at the State Bar of Texas' Advanced Personal Injury Law Course in 2014. Abraham Watkins welcomes the opportunity to share the current paper with you: you may download it [here](#). This paper contains all of the opinions from 2016 and 2017. In addition, early next year Mr. Jackson and Mr. Humphrey plan to issue a paper analyzing all of the 2018 decisions by the Texas Supreme Court. If you would like a copy, please email Jay Jackson at jjackson@abrahamwatkins.com; he will be pleased to put you on the email distribution list.

CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT REACHED IN LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT DEATH CASE

Firm attorneys Benny Agosto, Jr. and Kelly Woods have reached a confidential settlement on behalf of the widow of Johnny Johnson regarding a crash that occurred on February 1, 2016. The settlement brings a favorable end to the widow's wrongful death lawsuit seeking compensation for the death of her husband-a loving husband, father, and renowned flight instructor-that occurred when the light sport aircraft he was piloting crashed upon takeoff.



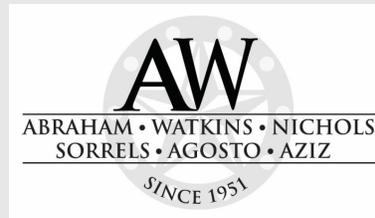
The deceased, Johnny Johnson, was a flight instructor teaching a student in a model Tecnam P92 Echo Super single-engine, two-seater plane. The plane had just taken off, when something went wrong and caused the plane to veer out of control. The plane violently hit the ground and burst into flames. Mr. Johnson died in the wreckage, and the student was able to crawl out and save himself. The sequence of events that transpired and ultimately ended in a crash, has been terrifying and frightening for Mr. Johnson's family. [Learn More](#)

PARTNER BENNY AGOSTO, JR. RECOGNIZED AS TOP LATINO LAWYER

Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has been named a Top Latino Lawyer by Latino Leaders Magazine, a prestigious publication in the Hispanic business and professional market that profiles successful leaders in the country. Mr. Agosto was also honored by the Magazine as one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders in 2011 and 2012, as one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers in 2015, and as one of the Top Latino Lawyers in the U.S. in 2016. The attorneys chosen for the 2017 issue were honored for their achievements as well as their involvement in the Latino community.



Mr. Agosto has been repeatedly recognized for his many contributions to the legal community. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Agosto is the Founder and President of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas and the former President of the Hispanic National Bar Association. Most recently, he was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the Latino Learning Center and was named to the Top 100: 2017 Houston Super Lawyers list and the Texas Super Lawyers list for 2017. He has also been honored by the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, the National Association of Distinguished Counsel, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and South Texas College of Law Houston. [Learn More](#)



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