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IMPORTANCE OF DISTRACTION FREE DRIVING HIGHLIGHTED DURING FIRM'S ANNUAL TEXT FREE TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

This April marked Abraham Watkins' 4th Annual Texas Free Texas Scholarship Contest. To coincide with Distracted Driving Awareness Month, our firm invites driving age students at local high schools to participate by submitting pledges to not text and drive to our social media during the month of April. This year our firm offered the scholarship opportunity to students at

DeBakey High School for Health Professionals, Energy Institute High School,



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Houston Academy for International Studies, and Jones Futures Academy. After reviewing all eligible pledges, one student from each high school will be selected to receive a \$250 scholarship. The four scholarship recipients will be announced during the first week of May.

The most common cause of distraction in motor vehicle accidents is the use of cell phones, specifically for texting, emailing, social media, and surfing the internet. One out of every four car accidents in the United States involves cell phone use, killing over eight people and injuring more than 1,000 daily. Although distracted driving affects all age groups, teens are particularly at-risk for related accidents when vehicular crashes already account for the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and nearly half of all high school students 16 years or older text or email while driving. This is why our firm created the Text Free Texas Scholarship Contest, and why we offer the annual scholarship opportunity to high school students during Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Our goal is to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving among teens in order to save lives and stop these preventable accidents. For more information about the firm's scholarship program, visit www.textfreetexas.com.

NEW ASSOCIATE JOINS ABRAHAM WATKINS



Abraham Watkins is excited to welcome Kelly Flores to the firm as an Associate. Mrs. Flores joins us from another prominent Texas personal injury law firm where she gained substantial experience in all aspects of litigation and advocating for clients who have been involved in serious personal injuries and offshore accidents. She devotes her practice to assisting clients in matters pertaining to car accidents, premises liability, medical malpractice, defective drugs, oil field accidents, commercial disputes, and maritime injuries.

Mrs. Flores attended South Texas College of Law on a Dean's Merit Scholarship, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. During law school, she was active in varsity moot court and received the CALI Award for Excellence in Agency and Partnership. She served as a member and Assistant Articles Editor of the *South Texas Law Review*, where she was awarded the Lisa Dahm Award for Writing Excellence in Public Policy for her Comment on Tort Reform. While attending STCL, Mrs. Flores served as a judicial intern for Justice Charles Seymore of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals. In 2013, she obtained her Doctorate of Jurisprudence and received membership in the Order of Lytae. [Learn More](#)

ASSOCIATE RECOGNIZED ON TEXAS RISING STARS LIST

Abraham Watkins is proud to announce the selection of attorney Brian Humphrey to the 2016 Texas Rising Stars list. This marks Mr. Humphrey's first appearance on this prestigious list, which appears annually in the *Texas Super Lawyers* and *Texas Monthly* magazines.

Every year, Super Lawyers recognizes attorneys throughout the state who are 40 years old or younger or those who have been in

practice for less than 10 years with the Texas Rising Stars designation. Only 2.5 percent of attorneys in Texas are named to Rising Stars each year. Mr. Humphrey's inclusion on this list signifies that he is among the top 2.5 percent of Texas attorneys age 40 or younger or in practice for less than 10 years. [Learn More](#)



DANGERS OF DIABETES DRUG INVOKANA



Invokana is a prescription drug used to treat Type II diabetes. Manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, it is prescribed to individuals who need help regulating their blood sugar. In May of 2015, the U.S. FDA issued a warning about the dangers of taking Invokana due to the increased risk of certain health issues after its use. The following side effects have been reported: heart attack, ketoacidosis, kidney failure, stroke, urinary tract infection (UTI), blood infections, kidney infections, and other adverse effects.

Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend is partnering with The Webster Law Firm to help individuals who have suffered adverse health effects due to Invokana use. If you or a loved one has been prescribed Invokana and have suffered its side effects, call us at 1-800-870-9584 for your free consultation.

FIRM HOSTS ANNUAL STCL NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS RECEPTION

On Thursday, March 24th, Abraham Watkins hosted the South Texas College of Law (STCL) Newly Admitted Students Reception, marking the firm's third consecutive year to host the reception. In attendance were representatives of the STCL Office of Admissions, Dean Donald Guter, STCL alumni, and students admitted to STCL's Fall 2016 class. The event gave newly admitted students an opportunity to learn more about the College and the legal profession by speaking to successful lawyers who graduated from STCL. It also provided a great networking opportunity for STCL alumni. Firm attorneys Randy Sorrels, Benny Agosto, Jr., Brant Stogner, and Kelly Flores are proud graduates of STCL. Our firm hopes the admitted students walked away with valuable advice as they begin the next chapter of their lives.





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