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ABRAHAM WATKINS FIRM NAME CHANGE

In 1951, three young friends, Frank Abraham, John Hill, and W. James, Kronzer, Jr. founded the firm Hill, Kronzer and Abraham. About a year later, J. Curtiss Brown joined the firm and it became Hill, Brown, Kronzer and Abraham. Will Watkins and Bob Steely eventually joined the

firm and when they became partners, the firm became Hill, Brown, Kronzer, Abraham, Watkins and Steely. Since the firm's early days, the firm name has changed multiple times to recognize the attorneys who have risen into a significant role of leadership. Effective November 1, 2016, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend became Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz. The firm congratulates Mo Aziz on becoming a named partner and proudly welcomes Aziz to the firm name.



Mr. Aziz is a prominent trial attorney in the local and national legal community. He has a diverse background, growing up in Pakistan and attending the University of London for his undergraduate studies. Mr. Aziz moved to the United States in 2001 to attend the University of Houston Law Center and has been practicing law in Houston ever since. In July 2016, Mr. Aziz became a citizen of the United States. He is board

certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has secured over \$150 million in settlements and verdicts since joining Abraham Watkins. He is involved in a number of high-profile cases, including the Hurricane Evacuation Bus Fire, the Victoria Bus Litigation, and the West Fertilizer Plant Explosion. Most recently, Mr. Aziz reached a confidential settlement for the 10th death caused by an exploding Takata ammonium nitrate airbag.

NEW ASSOCIATE JOINS ABRAHAM WATKINS

Abraham Watkins is proud to welcome Alvin Adjei to the firm as an Associate. He joins us from the Harris County District Attorney's Office where he served as an Assistant District Attorney and honed his trial advocacy skills working for victims of crime. During his time at the Harris County District Attorney's Office he successfully tried several misdemeanor and felony trials. He was promoted to Chief of County Criminal Court 6 where he supervised prosecutors in trials involving persons charged with driving while intoxicated and assault on family members. His current practice continues to focus on representing people who have been injured as a result of negligence, including premises liability accidents and automobile accidents.



Mr. Adjei attended the University of Notre Dame, where he was a member of the Notre Dame Track Team and majored in political science and minored in public policy. Following his undergraduate studies, Mr. Adjei attended Notre Dame Law School. While he was in law school, he formed a team to compete in the National Black Law Students Association Mock Trial competition. The team won the Midwest Regional Championship and advanced to the National Competition. In 2012, he was awarded the annual Jon Krupnick Award for Excellence in the Area of Trial Advocacy. [Learn More](#)

BENNY AGOSTO, JR. NAMED A TOP LATINO LAWYER IN THE U.S.

Abraham Watkins is proud to announce that Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has been recognized as one of the Top Latino Lawyers in the U.S. for 2016 by *Latino Leaders Magazine*. Mr. Agosto was



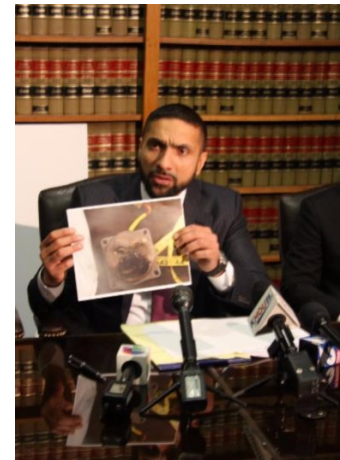
also honored by the Magazine in 2011 and 2012 as one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders and in 2015 as one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers.

Latino Leaders Magazine is a prestigious publication in the Hispanic business and professional market. Selection to the Top Latino Lawyers list is based on extensive research gathered by the selection committee and nominations from lawyers and firms, and attorneys selected to the list have demonstrated that they have great influence and expertise in working legal

cases. [Learn More](#)

TAKATA AMMONIUM NITRATE AIRBAG CAUSING 10TH DEATH REACHES SETTLEMENT

Firm Partner Mo Aziz has reached a confidential settlement on behalf of the parents of 17-year-old Huma Hanif who was killed on March 31, 2016 by the defective airbag system in her 2002 Honda Civic. The wrongful death lawsuit, filed in Harris County against TK Holdings, Inc., American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and the dealership that sold the vehicle, settled against all parties for the defective design, marketing, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of the vehicle and its accompanying airbag system. Mr. Aziz filed suit on April 26, 2016, and the post settlement dismissal order was signed on November 7, 2016.



On March 31, 2016, Huma Hanif was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Fort Bend County. Upon impact, the ammonium nitrate in her airbag detonated, causing the inflator to fragment and metal shrapnel to be forced through the airbag. The metal fragments struck Huma in the neck, killing her. This was the 10th fatality in the United States resulting from an exploding Takata airbag inflator. To learn more about the lawsuit or to contact Mo Aziz, email him at maziz@abrahamwatkins.com.

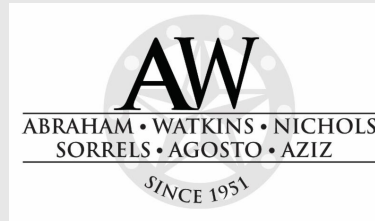
GOLF CART EJECTION FATALITY CASE REACHES SETTLEMENT



Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has reached a confidential settlement on behalf of the family of Ronald Burdick for the fatal injuries Mr. Burdick sustained after being thrown from a golf cart at the Dolce Living Rosenberg property on May 7, 2015. After being hospitalized at Memorial Hermann Hospital for eight days, Mr. Burdick did not survive his injuries and died on May 15, 2015.

Following their move from Alaska to Texas to be closer to their children and grandchildren, Mr. Burdick and his wife visited the Dolce Living Rosenberg property in search of a new apartment. The leasing agent offered to show the couple a few different model apartments using the property's golf cart, which was frequently used to travel within the apartment complex. Mrs. Burdick sat in the front seat with the leasing agent, while Mr. Burdick sat in the rear seat. The leasing agent reversed the golf cart and began driving towards one of the property's gates, when suddenly and without warning, she made an unexpected tight left turn, ejecting Mr. Burdick from the golf cart and onto the

pavement. Mr. Burdick suffered a serious brain injury as a result of the forceful fall and died days later. [Learn More](#)



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