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Mark – Former Client

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Celebrating 70 Years and a New Firm Name



New Abraham Watkins wing coming in 2021

As the firm enters its 70th anniversary year, it is also celebrating a new firm name. On January 1, 2021, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner became **Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner**. Since 1951, the firm name has evolved a number of times to recognize the achievements and significant leadership roles of current firm partners. Abraham Watkins is the oldest plaintiffs' personal injury law firm in Texas and continues to focus its practice on catastrophic personal injury cases, including commercial auto accidents, maritime, aviation, products liability, chemical plant and refinery explosions, workplace accidents, premises liability, medical malpractice, and wrongful death.

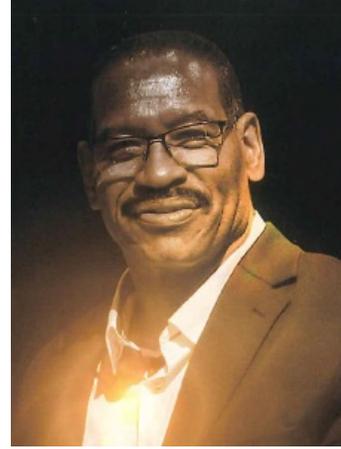
The Partners of Abraham Watkins, Benny Agosto, Jr., Mo Aziz, and Brant Stogner, are also celebrating changes in the firm's management to reflect the growth and success of the firm. Benny Agosto, Jr., who has been a trial lawyer at Abraham Watkins for the last 22 years, now serves as the firm's Managing Partner. Michelle Rice, a Senior Associate and trial lawyer at Abraham Watkins, will be serving as a member of the firm's Management Committee and will be the first female attorney added to the management team.

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Family of Houston Rockets Scout Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit

Firm attorneys Benny Agosto, Jr. and Edward Festeryga

have filed a wrongful death and premises liability lawsuit in Harris County, Texas against Pulice Construction, Inc. on behalf of the wife and son of Sheffery Brent “BJ” Johnson, a beloved family man, an admired scout of the Houston Rockets, and a well-respected member of the NBA community, who was killed while riding his bicycle due to a dangerously unfinished and inadequately marked section of sidewalk.



On the early evening of October 15, 2020, BJ Johnson was enjoying a bicycle ride along Almeda Parkway in Houston. He was wearing his helmet, head lamp, and customary Houston Rockets hat—the team for which he worked since the 1994-1995 championship season. During his ride, Mr. Johnson entered a section of the roadway that was under construction. Unknown to Mr. Johnson, a section of the sidewalk was also unfished, exposing a gutter with deep depressions and sharp concrete beams directly in his path.

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Family of Man Killed by Garbage Truck Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit



Firm attorneys Brant Stogner and Jennifer Stogner filed a wrongful death lawsuit in Harris County, Texas against Texas Pride Disposal Solutions, LLC and its driver, Jesse James Clay, on behalf of the wife and son of Joe Wade Warren, Jr., who was killed in front of his home by his own garbage collection company.

On April 4, 2020, Mr. Warren was doing yard work in his front yard on a Saturday afternoon. His wife, Christy Warren, and his son, Corey Warren, were inside the family home in Cypress, Texas. The Warren family utilized Texas Pride Disposal Solutions, LLC for their trash pickup. Jesse James Clay was driving for Texas Pride Disposal Solutions, LLC on April 4, 2020 and had two additional helpers with him inside the cab of the 45,000 lb. loaded garbage truck.

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Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. Recognized as Top Latino Lawyer in U.S. for 2020

Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has been selected to the

2020 Top Latino Lawyers list by *Latino Leaders Magazine*. This marks Benny's fifth consecutive year to be named to this list. He was previously recognized by the magazine as one of the Top Latino Leaders in the U.S. in 2016, as one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers in 2015, and as one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders in 2011 and 2012.

Latino Leaders Magazine is a national publication with a mission to connect Latino leaders and inspire the future by promoting and publishing stories of Latino success and showcasing stories of leaders who do not often appear in the mainstream media. The Top Latino Lawyers list is published annually and only 60 lawyers were selected in 2020.



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Three New Associates Join Abraham Watkins



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Edward Festeryga's legal practice at Abraham Watkins focuses on a wide range of personal injury matters, including catastrophic injuries, commercial motor vehicle accidents, workplace injuries, plant and refinery explosions, and wrongful death. He is licensed to practice in Texas, Michigan, and in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Prior to joining Abraham Watkins, Edward practiced at three other law firms in Houston, where he gained extensive experience in personal injury litigation from both the plaintiffs' and defense perspective. He has successfully represented clients in a variety of matters ranging from wrongful death and toxic torts to motor vehicle accidents.

[Learn More About Edward Festeryga](#)

G. Braxton Smith's legal practice at Abraham Watkins focuses on a wide range of personal injury matters, including catastrophic injuries, premises liability cases, and

serious automobile, 18-wheeler, and motorcycle accidents. Braxton is a Houston native. He attended Texas State University, where he received a B.A. in Political Science. Prior to attending law school at South Texas College of Law Houston, he worked in the Eagleford Shale Play and built high end homes which gave him unique insight on the dangers that oilfield and construction workers face daily.

[Learn More About G. Braxton Smith](#)

Ben Agosto's legal practice at Abraham Watkins focuses on a wide range of personal injury matters, including Jones Act, FELA, commercial accidents, bad faith insurance claim denials, premises liability, products liability, and wrongful death. Prior to joining Abraham Watkins, Ben practiced at another prominent plaintiffs' personal injury law firm in Houston, where he gained extensive experience in personal injury litigation. During his three years at the firm, Ben handled hundreds of cases, many of which involved catastrophic injuries and large settlements, including seven-figure settlements in railroad accidents, truck accidents, refinery explosions, workplace accidents, and offshore incidents.

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