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### ATTORNEY BRANT STOGNER NAMED PARTNER

Abraham Watkins is pleased to announce that attorney Brant Stogner has been named a Partner. Since joining the firm as an associate in 2008, Mr. Stogner's practice has focused on matters ranging from catastrophic personal injuries caused by vehicle crashes and defective products, to commercial business disputes and bad faith first-party insurance claims. While attending law school at South Texas College of Law, he was a National Champion in mock trial and National Best Advocate in moot court. He also won multiple state and regional championships and best speaker awards in both mock trial and moot court. Graduating in the top 15 percent of his class, Mr. Stogner was admitted into the Order of Barristers and received the Dean's Outstanding Student Advocate Award.



As a trial lawyer, Mr. Stogner has tried numerous cases to verdict, including one that resulted in the largest workplace injury verdict in Texas in 2009, a verdict over \$20 million. He became board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization within his first five years practicing law, which is the soonest a lawyer can become board certified in Texas and is a distinction very few young attorneys achieve. [Learn More](#)

## NEW ASSOCIATE JOINS ABRAHAM WATKINS



Abraham Watkins is pleased to welcome Scott Armstrong to the firm as an Associate. He joins us from another prominent Texas personal injury law firm where he gained substantial legal experience advocating for clients who suffered serious and catastrophic injuries.

Mr. Armstrong is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, where he was in the top three percent of his class and graduated with Order of the Coif, Order of the Barons, and Order of the Scribes honors. While in law school, he was the Champion of the 43rd annual John Black Moot Court Competition, Champion of the 2014 Blakely Butler Moot Court Competition, and a finalist in many others. He served as Chief Articles Editor of the Houston Law Review, and his published comment was recognized as the Best Paper Addressing Complex Litigation. Another article of Mr. Armstrong's was published in the Texas Environmental Law Journal. [Learn More](#)

## TEXAS ADOPTS INCREASED PROTECTION FOR PEOPLE INJURED BY UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS

Effective on the first day of January 2016, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1733, which provides increased protection for passengers and others injured by the carelessness of drivers for popular transportation services such as Uber and Lyft.



The law makes transportation services like Uber and Lyft responsible for making sure that their drivers are covered by a minimum of \$1,000,000 in aggregate liability coverage for personal injury, death, or property damage while transporting passengers. When drivers are logged onto company networks but not transporting passengers, the new law requires that companies like Uber and Lyft make sure that their drivers have a minimum of \$50,000 in coverage for bodily injury or death for each injured person and \$100,000 in aggregate liability coverage for bodily injury or death. [Learn More](#)

## ABRAHAM WATKINS' 2ND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR MD ANDERSON

Next Thursday, January 28th, our law firm is hosting a blood drive for the MD Anderson Cancer Center in honor of Allan Wilmes, who served as the firm's Office Administrator for 28 loyal years,



and lost his battle with cancer last January. The drive will take place between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the first floor conference room of our building. Walk-ins are welcome, but [appointments](#) are recommended.

Cancer patients at MD Anderson require approximately 200 units of red blood cells and 600 units of platelets every day, therefore donors are the most important part of the process. In addition to being medically necessary, these donations make a difference in the recovery process by providing hope to cancer patients and their families. For more information about the blood

drive and how your donation can save three lives, click [here](#) or email [mslovacek@abrahamwatkins.com](mailto:mslovacek@abrahamwatkins.com).

## ATTORNEY BENNY AGOSTO, JR. RECOGNIZED AS TOP INFLUENTIAL HISPANIC LAWYER IN U.S.

Firm Partner Benny Agosto, Jr. has been named one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers in the United States by *Latino Leaders Magazine* for 2016. This marks Mr. Agosto's third time to be recognized by the Magazine with the first in 2011 and 2012 as one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders. He was also featured on the 100 Influentials list by *HispanicBusiness* magazine in 2011.



For more than a decade, *Latino Leaders Magazine* has featured the top Latinos in the United States, including politicians, sports stars, business owners, and other relevant and successful leaders. Selection to Top 25 Latino Lawyers list is based on research conducted by the Magazine's team of advisors and reporters. Although the list includes attorneys across a wide range of practice areas, they have each had a great influence in their specialty and in their community. [Learn More](#)



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