

Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank Named Among North Texas' Top Litigation Firms

DALLAS -- The Dallas-based law firm of [Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP](#) has been named as a "[First Tier Commercial Litigation firm](#)" in Dallas-Fort Worth in the 2011-2012 edition of *Best Law Firms*, the preeminent listing of the nation's top legal practices from the publishers of *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

The full list of ranked firms, both regionally and nationally, is available online at www.bestlawfirms.usnews.com. *Best Law Firms* ranks nearly 9,000 firms in 81 practice areas in 171 metropolitan areas and seven states.

In addition to recognition given to the firm, four attorneys earned recognition for legal excellence in the 2011-2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Best Lawyers honorees are selected based on an exhaustive peer-review survey in which more than 41,000 leading attorneys cast almost 3.9 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas.

Firm partners [Michael Gruber](#), [Michael Hurst](#), [Anthony Magee](#) and [Mark Shank](#) are recognized for their work in complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation and employment cases.

Mr. Gruber, recognized in the Commercial Litigation practice area, has represented clients in several of the largest verdicts, settlements and judgments in Dallas County during the past two decades. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization,

Mr. Hurst represents clients in a wide range of business disputes, including theft of trade secrets, non-compete agreements, employment discrimination, and breach of fiduciary duty. Named in the area of Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Labor and Employment, Mr. Hurst is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Mr. Magee is an Oxford-educated, former English barrister, who has practiced law in Dallas since 1993. Recognized in the area of Patent Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation, his experience includes litigation in many technological areas, including telecommunications, trademark infringement litigation and software licensing disputes.

Mr. Shank represents companies and individuals in disputes and transactions involving compensation and related issues as well as other business and litigation matters. Named by the magazine in the area of Commercial Litigation and Litigation – Labor and Employment, Mr. Shank is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP focuses on the business needs of its clients in trying complex commercial litigation in courtrooms across Texas. The firm's experience includes matters involving securities, financial services, employment, intellectual property, technology, products liability and other commercial cases. Clients include leading companies — large and small — and individuals in the fields of private equity, real estate, manufacturing, professional services, energy and retail.