

## Gray Reed Attorney Recognized as a Trailblazer by National Law Journal

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Gray Reed family law senior counsel [Jack H. Emmott](#) has been named in the National Law Journal (NLJ)'s second annual "Divorce, Trusts & Estates Trailblazers" list. According to the NLJ, each of the attorneys honored have "shown a deep passion and perseverance in pursuit of their mission, having achieved remarkable successes along the way."

Emmott was selected from a competitive field of nominees, all of whom have "changed the practice in their respective fields through innovative and exceptional legal strategies." The complete list of honorees, including individualized profiles, is available in the National Law Journal's May 2017 issue and online at <http://www.nlj.com>.

Emmott, a board certified family law attorney and one of two Houston-area lawyers recognized by Collaborative Divorce Texas as a [Master Credentialed Collaborative Professional](#), focuses his practice on collaborative divorce.

"I'm honored to receive this award and bring a spotlight to collaborative divorce," Emmott says. "I believe litigation should be a matter of last resort, especially for couples and their children who are caught up in the emotional underbrush of divorce, which is why I've devoted my career to collaborative law."

Over the last 14 years, he has been involved with more than 100 successful collaborative law matters representing entrepreneurs, empire builders, business owners, sports professionals, medical professionals and other attorneys.

Emmott regularly gives speeches to organizations around the state to educate attorneys, financial advisors and mental healthcare professionals about the collaborative resolution process. He's spoken to groups at University of Houston Law Center and Law Foundation, South Texas College of Law, National Institute of Sports National Convention, Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Convention, Center for Anger Resolution, Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists and National Association of Social Workers (Texas Chapter).

Along with bringing pro bono collaborative law process to the poor in Houston and throughout Texas, Emmott is involved in various organizations including:

- State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Section (former chair, current elected council member)
- Collaborative Divorce Houston (president)

- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (past member of its Access to Collaboration Task Force)
- Collaborative Divorce Texas (formerly The Collaborative Law Institute of Texas) (current board member)
- Alliance of Collaborative Family Law Attorneys and Allied Professionals (co-founder and past president)
- Houston Bar Association Collaborative Law Section (former chair)

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