

## Gray Reed Attorney Named 2017 Laureates Award Honoree by Rice University

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Gray Reed Senior Counsel <u>Sofia Adrogué</u> received the Meritorious Service Award from Rice University as part of Rice's 2017 Laureates Awards Program.

The Meritorious Service Award was presented at a dinner on May 13, 2017, at River Oaks Country Club in Houston. Attendees of the dinner, many of Houston's leaders and dignitaries, included Hon. Annise Parker, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, Hon. Pete Olson, Hon. Ruby Sondock, and Hon. Caroline Baker, among others.

The Laureates Awards Program was created by the Association of Rice Alumni in 1937 to recognize highly distinguished individuals for extraordinary achievements and contributions to their professions, local communities and Rice University. The Meritorious Service Award recognizes those who have made significant, sustained and voluntary contributions of energy, time and creativity toward the advancement of the university.

Adrogué, according to one nominator, is the epitome of a "trailblazer and a visionary." A native of Argentina, she is a graduate of Rice, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and a graduate of UH Law Center, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif and Barons, both on full academic scholarships. She has built an impressive 25-year career as a commercial litigator. The City of Houston recognized her public service by designating a "Sofia Adrogué Day." A prolific writer and public speaker, Adrogué is the creator and editor of the Texas Business Litigation treatise. A "Texas Super Lawyer" and a Latino Leaders U.S. "25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyer," she is Co-Host and Co-Producer of Latina Voices: Smart Talk. An alumna of the Harvard Business School OPM program, she served as its first female U.S. keynote graduation speaker as well as U.S. class representative. The mother of Sloane, Schuyler, and Stefan, Adrogué is married to fellow Rice graduate, Sten Gustafson.

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