

Gray Reed Elects Three New Partners

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Three Gray Reed attorneys, [Elise Barajas](#), [Austin Carlson](#) and [Lydia Webb](#), have been promoted to Partner, effective January 1, 2021.

Barajas a collaborative dealmaker and ongoing advisor to healthcare clients in a variety of transactional, operational and compliance matters. She has guided clients through numerous healthcare and strategic transactions, with a primary focus on complex acquisitions and sales on behalf of both sellers and buyers. Barajas represents a diverse group of healthcare clients throughout Texas and Oklahoma, including acute care hospitals, joint venture hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, dental practices, optometrists, long-term care facilities, ancillary providers, clinically integrated networks and many more. She is Board Certified in Health Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

As a business lawyer and CPA, Carlson brings unique skills and perspectives to every area of his practice, including corporate transactions, tax planning and controversy, and trust and estate planning. He helps domestic and international companies, small businesses and individuals structure corporations, LLCs, partnerships and nonprofit entities, achieve their planning goals and successfully resolve tax controversies with the IRS and state taxing authorities. Carlson also has substantial experience with the Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program, including the Streamlined Filing Compliance Procedures and assisting clients with all types of foreign account disclosure issues.

Webb focuses her practice on representing and advising debtors, creditors, committees and post-confirmation trustees in bankruptcy cases and other insolvency or restructuring scenarios. She has guided clients in several industries – oil and gas, healthcare, retail, manufacturing, restaurants plus many more – to successful results in complex cases before courts throughout Texas and many other states, including Oklahoma, Delaware and New York.

“There’s no doubt that 2020 was a challenging year and we wouldn’t be in the position we are today without, among other things, our remarkably talented lawyers,” Gray Reed Managing Partner [Cary Gray](#) says. “It is our pleasure to recognize Elise, Austin and Lydia, who have all made a considerable impact on our firm and their practice areas in not just 2020, but throughout their tenure at Gray Reed. We look forward to their continued contributions to our firm and our client’s businesses in the years to come.”

About Gray Reed

A full-service Texas law firm with offices in Dallas, Houston and Waco, Gray Reed provides legal services to companies ranging from start-up to Fortune 500 as well as high net worth individuals. Gray Reed attorneys assist



clients with a myriad of legal issues including commercial litigation, corporate transactions, oil and gas, tax planning and litigation, real estate, construction, healthcare, trusts and estates, employment law, family law, intellectual property and bankruptcy. For more information, visit www.grayreed.com.