



# Lathrop Gage Opens Dallas, Diversifies Los Angeles, Expands Tort Team

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## Seven Former Hawkins Parnell Attorneys Join Lathrop Gage

**Dallas (January 17, 2019)** - Lathrop Gage LLP announces its expansion into Texas with the opening of a Dallas office effective immediately; the group of seven new attorneys (in Dallas and Los Angeles) all focus on toxic and mass tort litigation. The attorneys join Lathrop Gage from Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP; former name partner Robert Thackston is among Lathrop Gage's new partners.

Known for his representation of clients in tort cases including nuisance, talc and asbestos, Thackston is a leading attorney in product liability, toxic and mass torts, and commercial and environmental litigation, representing well-known public and private corporations from around the world, as well as prominent individuals. Clients call upon him to handle their most challenging and "bet-the-company" cases.

The seven attorneys:

- Partners Robert E. Thackston (Dallas), Julia A. Gowin (Los Angeles) and Paula D. Pendley (Los Angeles).
- Associates Samuel Garcia (Dallas), Ryan C. Hale (Dallas), Nilofar Karbassi (Los Angeles) and Lanita Morgan (Dallas).

These additions broaden Lathrop Gage's already-deep tort capabilities and expand the range of services offered by its Los Angeles office.

Thackston will lead the firm's new Dallas office.

"Dallas has a booming legal economy and we are thrilled to be entering the market with Robert and his team," said Cameron Garrison, Managing Partner of Lathrop Gage. "While we have targeted Dallas for potential expansion for some time, we waited until we identified a significant and sustainable opportunity that fits with our strategic plan and our firm culture. This is that opportunity. We are excited to welcome our talented new team members in Dallas and Los Angeles. Together, they will bring our already robust toxic and mass tort expertise to another level, further strengthen our rapidly growing Los Angeles office, and add a diverse and talented group of lawyers to the firm."



"Speaking on behalf of my entire team, we are excited to join Lathrop Gage," Thackston said. "The client-first focus of the firm, the sophistication of the firm's existing tort group, and the firm's geographic footprint and its many complementary practices all made it the perfect fit for us. We look forward to a long and productive future at our new home."

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