

Hankinson Levinger Co-Founders Honored in *The Best Lawyers in America*

DALLAS – Following peer nominations and an independent review, Dallas appellate lawyers [Deborah Hankinson](#) and [Jeffrey Levinger](#) have been named in *The Best Lawyers in America's* annual compilation of the country's top-rated attorneys.

The two co-founders of Dallas-based [Hankinson Levinger](#) have been singled out by *The Best Lawyers in America* annually since 2008. For the 2010 edition, both attorneys are recognized for their work in Appellate Law. Additionally, Mr. Levinger is included in the publication's "Commercial Litigation" and "Bet the Company Litigation" categories.

Ms. Hankinson is a respected appellate lawyer and appellate strategist with extensive experience on both sides of the bench. A former Justice on Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas and the Supreme Court of Texas, she handles all aspects of post-trial proceedings for her clients, including post-trial motions, appellate briefings, and oral arguments in state and federal court. She often is called upon to provide independent assessments of potential appeals and consults with other lawyers to fine-tune appellate briefings and oral arguments. Additionally, she collaborates with trial counsel to maximize the client's position in the event of an appeal and often assists or takes the lead in drafting key discovery motions, dispositive motions and jury charges. When appropriate, she attends jury charge conferences and trials.

In a career spanning more than two decades, Mr. Levinger has handled significant appeals for corporations, professional organizations, and individuals in state and federal appellate courts and before the U.S. Supreme Court. His practice encompasses a wide range of legal issues, including state and federal procedure, antitrust, breach of contract, securities and common law fraud, corporate and partnership law, lender liability, bankruptcy and insolvency, oil and gas, professional malpractice, insurance, products liability, deceptive trade practices, officer and director liability, civil rights, intellectual property, misappropriation of trade secrets, wrongful termination, and employment discrimination.

Since its inception in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence based largely on the publication's exhaustive peer-review survey of more than 32,000 leading U.S. and international attorneys. *Corporate Counsel* magazine calls *Best Lawyers* "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice."

Hankinson Levinger, the preeminent civil appellate firm in the Southwest, provides clients with innovative legal insights and judicial perspective in all phases of litigation. The attorneys work with trial teams to develop strategies designed to put a case in the best position before, during and after trial. Hankinson Levinger represents national clients, regional companies, governmental bodies and individuals with trial and appellate matters, and offers mediation and arbitration services as well. Learn more about the firm at <http://www.hanklev.com>.

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