

Two from Hankinson Levinger Recognized Among Texas' Top Young Lawyers

DALLAS – The Dallas appellate boutique Hankinson Levinger LLP is pleased to announce that firm attorneys Brett Kutnick and Ryan Clinton both have earned spots on the 2009 *Texas Rising Stars* listing of the state's top young lawyers. This marks the fifth year each has received this honor.

Rising Stars honorees are the top Texas attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been in practice fewer than 10 years. Selections are based on nominations made by attorneys previously honored on the *Texas Super Lawyers* listing published in *Texas Monthly* magazine.

"We're extremely proud to see Ryan and Brett again earn this well-deserved recognition," says Deborah Hankinson, co-founder of Hankinson Levinger. "They both are extremely talented appellate lawyers who have proven themselves invaluable to clients. Their success is something that obviously has not gone unnoticed among their peers."

The *Rising Stars* list appears in the April 2009 issues of *Texas Monthly* and *Texas Super Lawyers* magazine, a publication produced by Key Professional Media, Inc.

With a strong business background and business litigation experience, Mr. Kutnick has handled a variety of commercial disputes, both at the trial court level and on appeal, including contract disputes, business torts, legal malpractice, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He earned his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law, and his undergraduate degree in business honors and finance from The University of Texas.

A former Assistant Solicitor General for the State of Texas, Mr. Clinton has successfully handled a wide variety of appellate matters in both state and federal courts. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, and undergraduate degrees in political science and public policy studies from Duke University.

Hankinson Levinger provides a comprehensive approach to the practice of appellate law. In addition to providing insightful post-trial analysis, briefing and argument, the firm collaborates with trial teams on pretrial and trial strategies that promote the client's position at trial and protect the client's position after trial. The firm represents national clients, regional companies, governmental bodies and individuals with Texas-related litigation and appellate matters, and offers mediation and arbitration services throughout the state. Learn more about the firm at <http://www.hanklev.com>.

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