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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Names Four New Shareholders In Houston and San Antonio

Houston, February 2, 2016 – National law firm <u>Chamberlain Hrdlicka</u> today announced the promotion of four Texas-based attorneys to shareholder. Ryan Cantrell has been named an equity shareholder and David Pierson, David Taylor and Jaime Vasquez were named income shareholders.

"We are excited to add these talented attorneys to our firm's shareholder roster," said Wayne Risoli, managing shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka. "They are consummate professionals and are dedicated to providing their clients the highest level of legal expertise and service."

Houston practice:

Ryan Cantrell, equity shareholder, maintains a general litigation practice with an emphasis on probate and fiduciary litigation, labor and employment litigation, complex commercial litigation and construction litigation and arbitration. He has been recently named Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and was previously recognized as a Houston Top Lawyer by *H Texas Magazine* in 2015 and a Texas Rising Star by Texas Monthly 2014-2015. He earned a BA and BBA from Southern Methodist University and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

<u>David Pierson</u>, income shareholder, is a member of Chamberlain's Corporate, Securities & Finance Group and focuses on mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures and recapitalizations. With more than two decades of professional experience as an attorney, CPA and a former senior manager with a "Big Four" accounting firm, he is a key member of any deal team, and a trusted advisor to his clients. He is centrally involved in all phases of any M&A deal or other complicated transaction, including structuring, negotiation, implementation, and ongoing post-transaction advice.

Pierson graduated from the Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting (cum laude) and holds a law degree from the South Texas College of Law.

<u>David E. Taylor</u>, income shareholder, focuses on advising clients on federal and state securities law matters, complex commercial transactions, private securities offerings, and general corporate matters, including domestic and offshore company formation, investment, and reorganization issues. He has counseled registered and non-registered investment advisers, domestic and offshore funds, real estate funds, private equity vehicles, and broker-dealers on a broad range of regulatory and corporate matters.



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Taylor serves in a leadership role of the Champion Wine Garden Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Taylor holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas A&M University and a law degree (cum laude) from the Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law. He also obtained an LL.M. (with distinction) in Securities & Financial Regulation from the Georgetown University Law Center.

San Antonio practice:

<u>Jaime Vasquez</u>, income shareholder, is a successful tax and tax controversy attorney representing clients in federal, state and international transactional and tax controversy matters. He is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, holds a CPA license and previously worked with a "Big Four" accounting firm, and either holds or previously held positions of leadership in several organizations, including the Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas, the US Tax Court Pro Bono Program, the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Legal Education Fund, and the Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio. He was named one of the 2015 40 under 40 and one of the 2014 Outstanding Lawyers by the *San Antonio Business Journal* and a Texas Rising Star by Texas Monthly in 2014 and 2015.

Vasquez holds bachelor and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and obtained an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Houston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Denver and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. In addition to tax planning and tax controversy, the firm offers corporate, securities and finance, employment law and employee benefits, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, commercial and business litigation, real estate and construction law.