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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Continues to Expand its San Antonio Presence, Hires James McNeel as Shareholder

Houston, March 28, 2018 – National law firm [Chamberlain Hrdlicka](#) today announced that [James McNeel](#) has joined the firm as a shareholder in its San Antonio office. His practice will focus on fiduciary litigation in the area of estates, trusts, contested guardianships, and other related litigation. He will handle claims by and against estate administrators, trustees, beneficiaries, and closely held family businesses in all areas of law related to estate, trust, guardianship, and tax-related litigation.

“We are excited for James to join Chamberlain Hrdlicka. His extensive fiduciary and probate litigation experience will greatly enhance and complement the legal services we already offer in our growing San Antonio office,” said Wayne Risoli, managing shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka.

McNeel has more than 20 years of experience in probate and fiduciary litigation. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He has received his law degree from Howard University School of Law and a Masters of Law degree in Estate Planning from the University of Miami School of Law.

McNeel has been named among the *Best Lawyers in America* in both Trusts & Estates Law and Trusts & Estates Litigation categories consecutively from 2011 to 2018. He was also named among Best Lawyers in Trust and Estates Litigation category by *San Antonio Scene* Magazine in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011-2015, and 2017.

Very involved in the legal community, he is a member of the San Antonio Bar Association, where he sits on the Litigation Committee and the Elder Law Committee. He is also a member of the San Antonio Estate Planners Council and the Federal Bar Association. He sits on the Dade County Bar Association’s Probate and Guardianship Committee and has been involved with a number of civic and community organizations, including North Chamber of Commerce, McNay Art Museum, San Pedro Playhouse, SAMM Homeless Shelter, Southwest Biomedical Research Foundation and Habitat for Humanity.

The arrival of McNeel is the latest move in the continued expansion of Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s presence in San Antonio. In summer 2017, [Joshua Sutin](#) and [Katherine Noll](#) joined the firm as shareholders, and [Jillian Gordon Foerster](#), [Erin Hamilton Jansen](#), [Lauren D. Parker](#) and [Leo Unzeitig](#) as associates. In April



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2017, the firm announced a new San Antonio litigation team, with [John Muller](#), former Texas Supreme Court Justice [David Medina](#), and [David Calvillo](#). Since January 2016, the firm has more than tripled its footprint in San Antonio, growing from five to 16 attorneys and expanding its Estate Planning, Fiduciary and Probate; ERISA and Employee Benefits; Tax Exempt Organizations; Tax Planning; and Tax Controversy practices. To accommodate the ongoing growth, the firm announced an expansion of its lease at Weston Centre, adding offices and a conference center, in December 2017.

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

[Chamberlain Hrdlicka](#) is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia 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.