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## Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorneys Named 2023 Texas Rising Stars

**Stuart Clements, Michael Feibus, Kelly Shields, Leo Unzeitig, and Brittney Williams named Texas Rising Stars**

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Texas-based attorneys with Chamberlain Hrdlicka have been named to the 2023 Texas Rising Stars by *Super Lawyers* Magazine, including Stuart Clements, Michael Feibus, Kathryn “Kelly” Shields and Brittney Williams in Houston and Leo Unzeitig in San Antonio. Part of the national *Super Lawyers* rating service, *Texas Rising Stars* recognizes the best attorneys age 40 or younger, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state receive this honor.

Clements’ practice focuses on tax and estate administration & planning. He advises institutional and individual clients in federal, state, and international tax planning and controversy matters as well as structuring and implementing taxable and non-taxable transactions and reorganizations. He counsels clients on strategic captive insurance planning and assists them in qualified small business (Section 1202) structuring opportunities. He also handles design and drafting of wills, trusts, and business succession planning and administration for high net-worth individuals and fiduciaries. He is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Clements graduated with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Houston, earned his law degree, cum laude, from the University of South Carolina School of Law, and received a Master of Laws degree in taxation from the New York University School of Law. He was named to Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch in 2022 and 2023.

Feibus is an experienced trial lawyer with an emphasis on complex personal injury and commercial litigation. He has prosecuted and defended claims on behalf of both individuals and businesses of all sizes, from sole proprietors to Fortune 500 companies, in areas including commercial business disputes, commercial and residential construction, personal injury defense, insurance fraud and consumer law violations. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in finance and real estate from the Florida State University and earned his law degree from the South Texas College of Law Houston.

Shields is a litigation attorney who maintains a diverse litigation practice, representing clients in probate and fiduciary litigation, labor and employment litigation, complex commercial litigation and arbitration. She has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts in a variety of cases including will contests, trust disputes, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, FLSA, Title VII, ADA/ADEA, contractual disputes, and construction disputes. Shields graduated magna cum laude from

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Washington and Lee University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and psychology. Shields then graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. She's been named Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch each year since 2021 and was among Texas Rising Stars in 2021 and 2022 as well.

Unzeitig is a member of the Tax Controversy and Litigation Section in San Antonio. He focuses on a wide range of federal tax controversy and litigation matters at all stages before the IRS and federal courts. He has successfully represented clients in significant cases involving worker classification issues, method of accounting issues, international tax issues, captive insurance, and general collection matters. Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, he served as a judicial clerk to Judge Juan F. Vasquez at the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C. He earned his undergraduate degree from Trinity University, his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and his Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center. He is also a Certified Public Accountant and Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He's been named to Texas Rising Stars in 2022 as well and was among Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch in 2022 and 2023.

Williams practices labor & employment law, and commercial litigation. She advises and represents employers in various types of employment disputes involving claims of discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wage and hour disputes, and employment-related contracts. Additionally, she represents clients in a variety of commercial disputes, including claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, misrepresentation, Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations, and Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act violations. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Red McCombs School of Business, and a Bachelor of Science from the College of Communication. She earned her law degree at UCLA School of Law. She has been named to the Top 40 under 40 by The National Black Lawyers from 2020 to 2023, Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch in 2023, and Texas Rising Star in 2022.

### **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. The firm offers counsel in appellate law, bankruptcy, commercial and probate litigation, construction law, corporate, data security & privacy, employee benefits, energy and maritime law, ERISA, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, labor and employment, real estate, securities and finance, tax controversy and tax planning & business transactions.

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