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## Chamberlain Hrdlicka, led by Habeeb "Hobbs" Gnaim, represents DermaTouch RN with its new partnership with Empower Aesthetics

**The partnership will enable DermaTouch to rapidly scale in the aesthetics industry**

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Houston-based team, led by Habeeb 'Hobbs' Gnaim, represented DermaTouch RN ("DermaTouch"), one of the nation's leading medical aesthetic practices with its new partnership with Empower Aesthetics ("Empower"), a portfolio company of Shore Capital Partners.

DermaTouch is a state-of-the-art aesthetic and wellness practice that offers minimally invasive medical treatments in Houston and San Antonio, Texas. The new partnership will help accelerate Empower's long-term growth strategy and mission to be the first-choice partner for growth-minded aesthetics entrepreneurs, enabling the platform's individual brands to rapidly scale in the aesthetics industry. The addition of DermaTouch will also strengthen Empower's network of entrepreneurs across the greater Southwest United States, as well as expand its reach into the Southeast.

"Renee started DermaTouch 17 years ago with a vision of bringing laser and injectable treatments to everyday people in the Houston area," said Anthony Moschitto, Managing Partner of DermaTouch. "Her tireless dedication to our clients has made DermaTouch what it is today. Our partnership with Empower will provide us with the resources we need to invest even more in our staff and grow within the Houston area and across Texas."

Chamberlain Hrdlicka's attorneys Umair Karowadia (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Marianne Standley (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Pearson Wolk (Tax Planning & Business Transactions), Jack Najarian (Corporate/Real Estate), Aly Dossa (Intellectual Property), Joshua Sutin (Employee Benefits) and Jeffrey Della Rocco (Employee Benefits) assisted with the transaction.

Gnaim, shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, serves as the head of the Tax Planning & Business Transactions group. He focuses his practice on tax and corporate matters and has significant experience in all aspects of structuring, negotiating, and implementing business acquisitions and dispositions, corporate reorganizations, mergers, conversions, recapitalizations, deferred recognition transactions, admissions of and providing equity incentives for management and key employees, as well as choice of entity considerations, and state tax planning. Known for a high volume of transactions year to year, Gnaim has built a reputation as a go-to tax and corporate counsel for middle-market transactions. A number of Gnaim's deals have garnered recognition from industry organizations in 2023, including the Association for

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Corporate Growth (Houston) with the Deal of the Year Award in the Industrial Services – Corporate Strategic Acquisition category; Global M&A Network, with the Deal of the Year Award - Distressed M&A Deal, Mid-market category; as well as The M&A Advisor Awards, where two of Gnaim's deals won Deal of the Year.

Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice helps clients understand the byzantine world of tax law and utilizes that highly specialized tax knowledge to clients' best advantage when doing business transactions. The practice advises clients with transactions in order to maximize tax benefits - and avoid tax disasters. Whether the transactions are related to a business or involves a personal investment, the Tax Planning & Business Transactions team can help structure and carry out transactions in order to achieve the best corporate results under federal, state, local and international tax laws.

