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## **Chamberlain Hrdlicka Attorneys Named 2020 Texas Rising Stars by Super Lawyers**

**Sebastien Chain, Justin VandenBout and Jaime Vasquez named 2020 Rising Stars**

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Three equity shareholders with national law firm Chamberlain Hrdlicka have been named to the 2020 Texas Rising Stars by *Super Lawyers* Magazine, including Sebastien N. Chain and Justin E. VandenBout in Houston and Jaime Vasquez 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.

"We are proud of Sebastien, Justin and Jaime for their continued recognition by their peers in Texas' legal community, and we are excited to have an excellent roster of up-and-coming attorneys contributing to the continued growth of our firm in Texas," said Larry Campagna, managing shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka.

Chain concentrates his practice on federal, state and local tax controversies, both civil and criminal, representing clients at the examination level, administrative appeals and trial. He has extensive experience advising clients on U.S. reporting requirements associated with owning foreign assets, as well as unreported foreign income. He is a frequent lecturer on international compliance requirements associated with owning foreign assets, including FATCA and FIRPTA, routinely speaking for the Texas and Houston Societies of CPAs. Additionally, he is an active member of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. Chain holds a bachelor degree (with honors) in economics from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree (cum laude) from the University of Houston Law Center. He also obtained an LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. He's been named to Texas Rising Stars for four consecutive years since 2016 and was awarded "Salute to Excellence" by Houston CPA Society.

VandenBout is a trial lawyer who maintains a nationwide litigation practice with an emphasis on commercial litigation and complex insurance coverage litigation. He has successfully represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants in federal and state courts throughout the United States in matters ranging from intellectual property disputes, catastrophic personal injury, products liability, professional liability, construction, and breach of contract matters. VandenBout has trial experience representing in a variety of cases, including business partnership disputes, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property, and commercial litigation. VandenBout graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and holds a law degree from the South Texas College of Law. VandenBout is a Texas Bar Foundation - Life Fellow granted to only the top 1/3

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of 1% of lawyers in Texas. VandenBout's skill and advocacy on behalf of clients has consistently earned him recognition as one of the top lawyers in Texas in the areas of commercial litigation and insurance coverage. He's been named to Texas Rising Stars for five consecutive years since 2016, "Leading Lawyer in Texas" by Leaders in Law and "Top Lawyer in Houston" by H Texas Magazine.

Vasquez concentrates his practice on federal, state, and international transactional and tax controversy matters. He has counseled clients in civil tax litigation matters, handling cases before the United States Tax Court, United States District Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Vasquez is also Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has provided defense in criminal tax matters, successfully resolving cases before the IRS Criminal Investigation Division. Vasquez earned his undergraduate and Master of Accounting degrees from the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce, his law degree from University of Texas School of Law, and his Master of Laws in Taxation from New York University. He's been named to Texas Rising Stars for seven consecutive years, since 2014. He was also named "Outstanding Lawyer" by San Antonio Business Journal and "Lawyer of the Year" for San Antonio in Litigation & Controversy – Tax in 2019 by Best Lawyers in America. He's been listed on Best Lawyers in America for the past three years.

### **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.

### **About Super Lawyers**

Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, is a rating service of attorneys from more than 70 practice areas. Those recognized have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only five percent of lawyers in Georgia are selected as Super Lawyers. Sections are determined by independent, attorney-led research and peer evaluations. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement, including verdicts/settlements, transactions, special licenses and pro bono service.

