

PHELPS DUNBAR ELECTS FOUR ATTORNEYS TO PARTNERSHIP

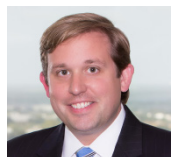
(NEW ORLEANS) – Phelps Dunbar LLP is pleased to announce that it has elected Brandon E. Davis and Pablo Gonzalez of New Orleans, as well as Seale Pylate of Jackson and Marc Matthews of Houston to partnership in the firm effective January 1, 2014.

New Orleans, Louisiana



Brandon E. Davis practices in the area of labor and employment with a focus on employment litigation and immigration law. His litigation practice includes representing employers in defense of employment-related claims, including discrimination, retaliation, and harassment. In his immigration practice, Mr. Davis represents individuals and employers in a wide variety of matters, including employment, business and family visa petitions and civil and criminal worksite enforcement matters. He serves on the New Orleans Bar Association Board of Directors and chairs NOBA's Immigration Law Committee. Additionally, Mr. Davis serves on the Board of Directors for the Innocence Project New Orleans. He is also a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Mr. Davis joined Phelps Dunbar as an associate in 2005 after receiving his J.D. from Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Davis received his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans in 2001.



Pablo Gonzalez practices in the area of insurance and reinsurance. He represents clients in insurance and reinsurance coverage litigation including both first-party and third-party coverage disputes as well as extra-contractual claims for bad faith. Mr. Gonzalez lived in London in 2012 as part of the Seconded Counsel Program run by Faraday Underwriting Syndicate 435 at Lloyd's (formerly DP Mann), and also spent time training with other Underwriting Syndicates at Lloyd's as well as a broking house and the claims bureau.

Mr. Gonzalez is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association (and serves on the Publications Subcommittee), the New Orleans Bar Association, the American Bar Association and Thomas More Inn of Court. He has practiced with Phelps Dunbar since receiving his J.D. cum laude from Loyola University College of Law in 2004 as a Crowe Scholar (Top 10%). Mr. Gonzalez completed his undergraduate studies in 2000, receiving a B.A. from Sewanee, The University of the South.

Jackson, Mississippi



Since 2001, Seale Pylate practices in the labor and employment group at Phelps Dunbar with a focus on employee benefits and executive compensation. She works with plan sponsors in the areas of qualified retirement plans, nonqualified deferred compensation plans, and plans sponsored by governmental and tax-exempt entities. She also works with health plan sponsors on matters related to compliance with healthcare reform and other federal laws. In addition, Ms. Pylate's practice is geared toward helping employers implement documentary and procedural changes required by ERISA or the Internal Revenue Code. She frequently presents to businesses and conferences on employee benefit and executive compensation topics, including health care reform and retirement plans.

Ms. Pylate is a member of the Mississippi Bar, the American Bar Association, the Arkansas Bar Association, and the National Association of Stock Plan Professionals. She is admitted to practice in

Mississippi and Arkansas. She received her J.D. from Boston College Law School in 1999. Prior to entering law school, Ms. Pylate graduated with honors from Hendrix College.

Houston, Texas



Marc Matthews practices in the areas of admiralty and tort litigation. He focuses on defending vessel owners and operators from claims arising under the Jones Act, the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as well as from claims arising from vessel collisions and cargo damage. In addition to his admiralty practice, Mr. Matthews has experience handling commercial contract disputes and insurance subrogation. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar

Association and the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

Mr. Matthews has practiced with Phelps Dunbar as an associate since receiving his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 2006. He also completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Texas, receiving his B.A. in 2003.

With offices positioned along the Gulf Coast from Houston to Tampa, Phelps Dunbar is a regional law firm of more than 270 attorneys uniquely equipped to serve clients in the major commercial centers of the burgeoning "Third Coast" of the United States. Locations in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Jackson, Tupelo and Gulfport, Mississippi; Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Tampa, Florida; Mobile, Alabama as well as Raleigh, North Carolina; and London, England enable Phelps Dunbar to serve clients not only along the Third Coast, but also the South, nationwide and abroad.

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