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## **Law firm merger creates Texas legal powerhouse**

*Union joins two veteran law firms, giving rise to premier Texas law practice*

**HOUSTON (Dec. 9, 2013)** – On Jan. 1, 2014, [Roberts Markel Weinberg P.C.](#) and [Butler | Hailey](#) will merge to establish a new law firm, bringing together two well established Texas practices, both rated by Martindale-Hubbell as preeminent law firms. The combined entity, which will operate as Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC (RMWBH), will have offices in Houston, Sugar Land, Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. The five principals, [Jeffrey Roberts](#), [Marc Markel](#), [Gregg Weinberg](#), [Rick Butler](#) and [Roy Hailey](#), are each board certified in their respective practice areas by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

The new law firm will offer [experience in many areas](#) of civil law with a continued emphasis on labor and employment, professional liability, directors and officers litigation, fiduciary litigation, commercial litigation, energy arbitration, real estate and corporate transactions. [Community association law](#) will be a particular focus as the new firm will have more attorneys dedicated to this field than any other practice in Texas. Butler, Markel and Hailey are among the most experienced practitioners in this practice area and together bring more than 100 years of combined experience.

“We are very proud to combine the resources of two of the leading firms in the industry,” Markel said. “Our two practices have long had an enduring respect for each other, and we are excited to join forces to be able to offer clients so many choices regarding their legal needs and to further our goal of expanding this area of practice throughout Texas. Together, our combined practices will offer an expanded breadth of knowledge and the benefit of our cumulative experience while still providing personalized service to each of our clients.”

In addition to the broad depth of experience and the robust menu of capabilities to come from the merger, RMWBH will bring another notable distinction to its clients. The firm will offer a specialized, Web-based portal to provide community association clients with real-time status reports and 24/7 access to their information. The program incorporates state-of-the-art computerized collection systems, providing associations with maximum efficiency, accessibility and accountability.

“This union brings together the best elements of two highly regarded, successful firms for the benefit of all our existing and prospective clients,” Butler said. “When we are combined, it will be a great challenge to find another law firm that has done as much, taught as much, or prepared as much in the arena of community association law. What’s more, the talent that this firm will have in other areas of civil law means that the service levels accessible to our clients will be among the best available.” Hailey added, “Simply stated, good just got better.”

As a merged firm, RMWBH will represent more than 1,000 community associations, homeowners associations, property owners associations and condominium associations, including some of the largest master planned communities in the state. The firm's representation of these associations will center around assisting them with their day-to-day needs including collection of assessments, opinion letters, modification and enforcement of governing documents, and litigation involving the association and its volunteers.

"I have known Rick, Marc and Roy for over 20 years and I'm excited that they have combined forces," said Sandy Denton, General Manager of Sienna Plantation Residential Association. "I cannot imagine a problem that faces our industry that they have not addressed and mastered."

The firm will also continue to represent some of the largest real estate developers across the state of Texas.

"For years we have relied on Roberts Markel Weinberg P.C. to provide us legal guidance on many of the unique and challenging issues facing master planned communities in Texas," said Doug Goff, COO of Johnson Development Corp.

Roberts Markel Weinberg P.C. was founded in 1981 and has grown to comprise five offices throughout Texas, focused on numerous areas of civil litigation and transactional law. Butler | Hailey was founded in 1980, and developed a practice heavily emphasizing community association law and real estate development. The principals at both firms are all rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell peer review ratings. The AV Preeminent® rating reflects a lawyer's ranking by his or her peers at the highest level of professional excellence.

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#### **About Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC**

Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC (RMWBH) is a Texas law firm committed to providing a breadth of experience and depth of knowledge that allows for an enhanced level of service to clients seeking counsel in labor and employment, professional liability, directors and officers litigation, fiduciary litigation, commercial litigation, energy arbitration, community association law, and corporate and real estate transactions. RMWBH was formed by the merger of the law firms Roberts Markel Weinberg P.C. and Butler | Hailey. For more, visit: [www.robertsmarkel.com](http://www.robertsmarkel.com) or [www.butlerhailey.com](http://www.butlerhailey.com).