

Appellate Attorneys from Dallas' Hankinson Levinger Honored in Texas Rising Stars List

DALLAS – The Dallas-based appellate law boutique [Hankinson Levinger LLP](#) is pleased to announce that firm attorneys [Ryan Clinton](#) and [Brett Kutnick](#) again have earned places on the list of *Texas Rising Stars*, which honors the state's top young lawyers.

The 2010 *Texas Rising Stars* selections are based on nominations from fellow attorneys who previously were honored on the prestigious *Texas Super Lawyers* list. Selection is limited attorneys age 40 and under and those who have been practicing law a decade or less. Overall, only 2.5 percent of eligible Texas attorneys earn the *Rising Stars* honor each year.

Both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Kutnick have earned spots on the prestigious list six times in their legal careers. The 2010 *Texas Rising Stars* list will be published in the May edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine.

“Brett and Ryan are simply two of the finest and most respected young attorneys anywhere, and that’s reflected every day in the quality of their work and the esteem they enjoy among their peers,” says firm co-founder [Jeffrey Levinger](#). “We’re proud to see their excellent work recognized again.”

A former Assistant Solicitor General for the Texas Attorney General’s office, Mr. Clinton is a skilled and experienced attorney who has successfully handled a wide range of appellate matters in state and federal courts. He has presented oral arguments before the Supreme Court of Texas and handled briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Clinton earned his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, and undergraduate degrees in political science and public policy studies from Duke University.

Mr. Kutnick has a strong business background and business litigation experience. He has successfully handled complex business litigation at the trial-court and appellate levels, including contract disputes, business torts, legal malpractice, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. He is a graduate of The University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the Texas Law Review, Chancellors, Order of the Coif, and the Legal Research Board. Mr. Kutnick earned his B.B.A. degree in honors business and finance from The University of Texas.

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