

Honors & Achievements

In 1985, we set out to create a law firm that was unlike any other. We provide more than just first-rate legal service in response to our clients' business needs. Our objective is to become trusted business advisors that our clients depend on now and in the future.

Because of this, we're constantly reassessing our clients' needs. We believe the best results are achieved by drawing on the talents and experiences of all our attorneys.

While we are honored for the recognition we've received for our work, the real reward comes from satisfying our clients' needs.

A Growing Success

Gray Reed was named to the [BTI Client Service A-Team 2018](#), the gold standard (used by law firms and corporate counsel alike) to assess how law firms honestly stack up in client service delivery. Ranked 146 out of the 319 firms listed, Gray Reed was further recognized with the BTI "Honor Roll" distinction, the third-highest level of achievement in client service.



Chambers & Partners [recognized Gray Reed's healthcare section](#) as a leading practice in Texas in the *Chambers USA 2018* legal directory.

Texas Lawyer has included Gray Reed on its list of the Largest Law Firms in Texas since 2004. This ranking is part of an annual survey conducted by *Texas Lawyer*, and is based on the total number of attorneys employed in Texas.

One of the state's fastest growing law firms, Gray Reed continues its upward trend since first appearing 58th on *Texas Lawyer's* list in 2004. Of the top 25 law firms mentioned on the list, Gray Reed was singled out as the second fastest growing law firm in 2016.

Our rise in ranking over the years is as follows:

- 2018 - #16
- 2017 - #17

- 2016 - #17
- 2015 - #17
- 2014 - #17
- 2013 - #17
- 2012 - #21
- 2011 - #22
- 2010 - #29
- 2009 - #30

The firm ranked among the very best law firms in the United States in the 2019 *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* “Best Law Firms” ranking. Highlighted practices included:

- **National Tier 2**
 - Trust & Estates Law
- **National Tier 3**
 - Health Care Law
 - Litigation - Tax
- **Metropolitan Tier 1**
 - Dallas/Fort Worth
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Health Care Law
 - Litigation - Labor and Employment
 - Litigation - Tax
 - Tax Law

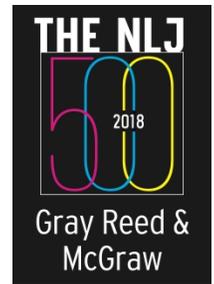


- **Houston**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Family Law
 - Family Law Mediation
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
 - Trusts & Estates Law
- **Metropolitan Tier 2**
 - **Dallas/Fort Worth**
 - Appellate Practice
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
 - Corporate Law
 - Employment Law - Management
 - Energy Law
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property
 - Trusts & Estates Law
 - **Houston**
 - Litigation - Trusts & Estates
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
 - Real Estate Law
- **Metropolitan Tier 3**
 - **Dallas/Fort Worth**

- Construction Law
- **Houston**
 - Banking and Finance Law
 - Insurance Law
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Martindale-Hubbell selected Gray Reed as a 2014 U.S. Top Ranked Law Firm, and, with Fortune Magazine, named Gray Reed one of the top nationally ranked law firms in the United States. This honor is only awarded to law firms where at least 33 percent of the attorneys hold a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating.

In 2013, Gray Reed was named a Texas Excellence Award winner by the Small Business Institute for Excellence in Commerce.



Gray Reed was recognized in the National Law Journal's (an ALM Media Properties company) "Top 500" Ranking in 2018.

In 2018, the firm ranked as the 15th largest law firm in Houston, according to the Houston Business Journal, and as the 17th largest law firm in Dallas, according to the Dallas Business Journal. The firm was also ranked among the largest Houston corporate law firms by the Journal in 2017.

Wealth & Finance INTL named Gray Reed a "Most Outstanding Law Firm of 2016, the USA" for our involvement in high-profile and complex corporate cases, our demonstrated excellence in client service and our innovation.

Gray Reed was recognized as a "2015 Go-To Law Firm for the Top 500 Companies in the United States." Nominees were chosen from an American Legal Media national survey of General Counsel from Fortune 500 Companies coupled with in-depth research & analysis of various public filings and resources. This honor puts Gray Reed in an exclusive group of firms that deliver exceptional work for the Fortune 500.

Gray Reed was honored as a Dynasty Law Firm by the University of Houston Law Center in 2008. This was the first time the University of Houston has ever honored a law firm.

Exceptionally Talented Lawyers

Chambers & Partners [recognized two attorneys](#) - Jason Brookner (bankruptcy/restructuring) and Andrew Meyercord (healthcare) - as leading lawyers in Texas in the Chambers USA 2018 legal directory. Glen Eichelberger (trusts/estates) was [recognized](#) in the 2018 Chambers High Net Worth Guide.



Best Lawyers in America (Woodward/White, Inc.) recognized 28 Gray Reed attorneys in its 2019 rankings.

[Twenty-nine Gray Reed attorneys were recognized in 2018 as among the nation's top legal talent by Texas Super Lawyers \(Thomson-Reuters\).](#) Only five percent of nominated lawyers in each state are selected for inclusion.



Texas Super Lawyers (*Thomson-Reuters*) also designated [24 Gray Reed lawyers as Rising Stars in 2018](#). These "Rising Stars" are considered up-and-coming attorneys who are under the age of 40 or have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Houstonia Magazine included 28 Gray Reed attorneys in its [2018 Top Lawyers of Houston](#) list.

D Magazine selected ten Gray Reed attorneys as ["Best Lawyers in Dallas" for 2018](#). One attorney was also named in the publication's ["2019 Best Lawyers Under 40"](#).

Leaders in the Community

We believe we have a responsibility to help strengthen our communities, and encourage our attorneys to invest in their community through pro bono work, government service, service to the Bar, teaching and more.

[Jack Rains](#) served as Texas' 95th Secretary of State and as the founding Chairman of the Board of the Harris County - Houston Sports Authority, which brought Reliant Stadium to Houston.

[Jeff Leach](#) currently serves as the State Representative for the Texas House of Representatives for District 67.

[William Morris](#) served as Associate Judge for the Harris County 247th Family District Court from 1982 to 1993.

[Joe Coleman](#) received the Baylor Lawyer of the Year award in 2008, which is given annually to an outstanding alumnus who has brought honor and distinction to Baylor Law School and the legal profession. Joe served on the Baylor Board of Regents from 1998-2007. He was also a member of the Baylor Foundation Board of Directors.

[Claude Wilson](#), who is also a CPA, served as President of the Texas Society of CPAs and the Dallas CPA Society.

[Jack Emmott](#), an advocate for those with disabilities, has served on numerous organizations and boards that support those with disabilities. In particular, he Chaired the Coalition for Barrier Free Living, the Houston Center for Independent Living, the Houston Mayor’s Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities, and the City of Houston Commission on Disabilities.

Because of the contributions made by Gray Reed attorneys and staff to the Houston community, the firm was recognized as an [Outstanding Mid-Size Firm](#) by the Houston Bar Foundation in 2017.

A Great Place to Work

The Houston Chronicle, Dallas Morning News, Houston Business Journal or Dallas Morning News have recognized Gray Reed multiple times as one of the top places to work in the city.

In the 2010, the *Houston Chronicle* ranked Gray Reed 14th on its Top Workplaces in Houston (in the small companies category) list. Of the law firms that competed, Gray Reed ranked first.



2018 BEST PLACES TO WORK

The Dallas office ranked 16th in the medium company category and was the overall highest ranking law firm.

Most recently, the firm was honored as one of the [“Best Places to Work in 2018”](#) by the *Houston Business Journal* and the *Dallas Business Journal*. The Houston office ranked 3rd in the large company category and was the only law firm listed.