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CRAIN CATON & JAMES

Mid-sized Firm Combines Large-Firm Legal Expertise With Superior Accessibility

A Houston institution celebrating its 95th year, Crain, Caton & James is a mid-sized law firm of 35 attorneys that blends the impressive legal muscle of a large firm with the responsive attention of a small firm. Many of the firm's attorneys, who were partners at larger firms, came to Crain, Caton & James for its close client relationships and entrepreneurial spirit.

"Our clients experience an impressive level of legal expertise often found only at a large firm," says Robert R. Wisner, one of the firm's managing shareholders. In fact, the firm's equity shareholders average over 25 years of legal experience. Many of the attorneys are acknowledged experts and leaders in their practice areas, writing textbooks and articles relied upon by other attorneys and making frequent presentations to trade and professional organizations.

"We are honored that our clients trust us with their most important business and personal relationships, so our representation has to be as efficient as possible," adds Wisner. "To achieve this, we invest heavily in our support staff and technology; accessibility to our clients is the key. These tools free us to concentrate on our clients."

Breadth and Depth of Legal Experience

Founded in 1912 as Kennerly & Warnken, the firm built its reputation for creative legal thinking and responsive service practicing oil, gas and real estate law during Texas' early 20th century oil booms. The firm's name changed to Crain, Caton & James in 1988. Although the firm remains a leader in real estate and finance law, it has expanded into a broad range of practice areas.

"Our firm has an entrepreneurial culture, so we understand the concerns and ambitions of businesspeople," notes shareholder Larry George. The vast experience and keen focus on its clients' needs are powerful drivers of the firm's success. "Our experience as both lawyers and business people really pays off for our clients. In fact, a significant number of other law firms come to us to structure their business transactions and for litigation support."

Crain, Caton & James' clients run the gamut from large corporations and financial institutions to family-owned businesses, who rely on the firm to efficiently handle their legal needs. To better serve its international business clients, Crain, Caton & James is a member of MSI Legal & Accounting Network Worldwide, an international network of independent law and accounting firms with more than 200 member firms in 94 countries.

It is no surprise that 14 of Crain, Caton and James' attorneys have been recognized by their peers as "Super Lawyers" or "Rising Stars" by *Texas Monthly* or a "Best Lawyer in Houston" by *H Texas Magazine*.

For more information, visit www.craincaton.com or call 713-658-2323.



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Key Practice Areas
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Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Corporate and Tax
Commercial Litigation
Commercial Transactions
Employment and Labor Law
Environmental
Estate Planning
Fiduciary Litigation
Intellectual Property
International Business Transactions
Probate, Trust and Guardianship
Real Estate



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