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What They're Saying About Our Firm Name Change...



At a time when law firms are shortening their names to just one partner, dropping their ampersands or using only initials, one Houston firm has gone the opposite direction.

Wright & Close expanded its identity by adding the name of one of its partners, trial and appellate lawyer Jessica Zavadil Barger. The firm is now known as Wright Close & Barger.

Read the full story in the *Houston Chronicle* in "<u>Houston law firm adds named partner</u>"



Founding partner Tom Wright told Law360 he made the announcement to Barger in what would have been an otherwise mundane yearend meeting when discussing expenses with the firm's five equity partners.

'I said we're going to have some added expenses because of new letterhead and business cards,' he said, explaining it wasn't clear to the other attorneys right away what he meant. 'And we broke it to her that way, that we would be very honored if she would agree to it.'

Read the full story in *Law 360* in "<u>Houston Firm</u> Wright & Close Adds New Name Partner"



Barger, who joined the firm in 2007 after serving as a briefing and staffing attorney for Chief Justice Kem Frost of the Texas 14th District Court of Appeals, made partner in 2012. She says the promotion to named partner 'speaks volumes' about the value her firm places on hard work, achievement and client development.

Read the full story in *Texas Lawbook* in "<u>Houston</u> <u>Trial & Appellate Boutique Adds a Named Partner</u>" (subscription required)

HOUSTON Business Journal

Outside of naming new partners, Houston-based Wright Close & Barger LLP, formerly <u>Wright &</u> <u>Close</u> LLP, has added one of its current partners to its name, according to a Jan. 8 release. <u>Jessica</u> <u>Barger</u> has been with the firm since January 2007 and was named partner in 2012.

Read the full story in *Houston Business Journal* in "Law roundup: More partners named at Houston firms" (subscription required)