

Duane Morris Expands Austin Office With Addition of Corporate Partner Alex Gonzales and Intellectual Property Partner Pierre J. Hubert

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AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 22, 2018—[Alex Gonzales](#) and [Pierre Hubert](#) have joined Duane Morris LLP's [Austin, Texas office](#) as partners in the firm's [Corporate](#) and [Intellectual Property](#) practice groups, respectively. Gonzales and Hubert further enhance the firm's [corporate insurance law](#) and [intellectual property litigation](#) capabilities in Texas and throughout the United States. Prior to joining Duane Morris, Gonzales was a shareholder at Winstead PC and served as chair of its Insurance Industry Group. Hubert was a principal at McKool Smith.

Duane Morris opened its Austin, Texas office in October 2017 with the addition of IP partner [Bert Greene](#) and [energy](#) sector and [Trial](#) partner [Brad Thompson](#).

"When we opened our Austin office in October, we set a goal to expand quickly with additional top-notch attorneys," said [Matthew A. Taylor](#), Duane Morris Chairman and CEO. "Alex and Pierre more than fit that requirement and will be a great asset to our clients in Texas and throughout the country."

"We're thrilled to welcome Alex and Pierre and to continue the expansion of our Austin office," said [Thomas Sankey](#), managing partner of the Duane Morris offices in Austin and [Houston](#). "They will be a high quality addition to our Texas presence and to our firm."

For more than 30 years, Gonzales has represented insurance companies and other financial institutions in corporate compliance and regulatory matters, including government enforcement actions, mergers and acquisitions, corporate financing, reinsurance and licensing. Gonzales' client base includes many of the nation's top insurance companies and financial institutions. He has represented insurers and acquiring parties in acquisitions and other corporate regulatory matters before insurance departments in Texas, New York, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan and Arizona. Gonzales is a former Associate Commissioner of Insurance at the Texas Department of Insurance. While at the department, he developed the concept of and drafted the initial legislation for the Insurance Fraud Bureau.

Gonzales is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. He earned an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley in 1987 and his bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University in 1980.

Hubert's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation, including patent infringement matters in complex electrical- and computer-related technology. He is a former judicial clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has experience in many federal district courts across the country, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), the International Trade Commission (ITC) and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Hubert is former president of the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association.

Hubert is a 1997 graduate of New York University School of Law. He earned a master's degree (engineering) in 1993 from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Rice University in 1992.