

BELL NUNNALLY PARTNER ROSS WILLIAMS RECOGNIZED AMONG DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL'S "40 UNDER 40" IN 2020

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Bell Nunnally Partner Ross Angus Williams has been named among the "40 Under 40" in 2020 by the *Dallas Business Journal*. He was [profiled](#) in an online Q+A, is set to be honored during a live broadcast by the publication on July 23 and will be featured in the July 24 print edition.

"Ross's dedication to the city of Dallas and the broader North Texas business community is exceptional. In addition, he has been an indispensable member of Bell Nunnally, working adeptly across different practices, helping clients find innovative solutions and remaining highly visible as a published thought-leader. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honor," said Christopher Trowbridge, Bell Nunnally managing partner.

In his Q+A, Williams was asked about the "biggest challenge" over the next 12 months:

Challenges are often opportunities in disguise. ... With initiatives designed to overcome long-term, systemic barriers to entry and success in the law, and a focus on underrepresented communities ... I'm confident that we are doing the work needed to grow the firm and mirror the diverse communities we represent.

Williams was selected after the review of several hundred nominations by a judging panel comprised of past winners from a wide swath of industries and roles in the private, public and non-profit sectors. He joins past Bell Nunnally honorees Trowbridge (2012), R. Heath Cheek (2013) and Alana K. Ackels (2019).

[Williams](#) is a member of Bell Nunnally's Litigation; Intellectual Property; Labor, Employment and Benefits; and Entertainment, Advertising and New Media practices. He routinely tackles complex business disputes involving trade secrets, cryptocurrency and blockchain, non-competes and other restrictive covenants, unfair competition, contracts, torts, real estate and internet defamation. Williams has briefed appellate

matters before state and federal appellate courts, including the Texas Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court, the latter twice *at certiorari*.

Active in his community, Williams served for approximately four years (through March 2020) as a city official on the Community Development Commission for the City of Dallas, as the Commissioner for District 14. The commission meets at City Hall once a month to discuss and advise the City Council on the budgetary process regarding all community development federal funding received and distributed in the City of Dallas.

In 2019, Williams was elected to the Board of 100 Men of Dallas – a 501(c)(3) community organization in the Dallas area (whose 501(c)(3) status Ross played a key role in securing), composed of men and women who “give a damn” about Dallas and its charitable causes. The charity holds quarterly events where three charities make presentations, the members vote and then each member writes a \$100 check to the selected organization, which receives 100% of the proceeds.

Williams also serves as the current Chairman of the Friends of Fair Park, and has been the elected Legal Counsel of the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce each year since 2016.

Honored by his industry peers, Williams has been named to *D Magazine*'s “Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas” since 2018 (the first year the list was published, when Williams was also selected to the first-ever nominating committee for the list), has been voted a “Texas Rising Star” for six consecutive years and has been named “One to Watch” by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. A longtime Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation himself, in 2018, Ross was selected to serve as a nominating committee member for the group.

Williams is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law (J.D., with honors, 2008) and Tulane University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2005).

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