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TWO BELL NUNNALLY PARTNERS FEATURED ON D MAGAZINE'S 2019 "BEST LAWYERS UNDER 40 IN DALLAS" LIST

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Bell Nunnally partners R. Heath Cheek and Ross Angus Williams have been named to *D Magazine's* 2019 "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas" list, featured in this month's print edition.

"Heath and Ross are integral parts of the Bell Nunnally team, trusted advisors for clients, and leaders in the community," said James Skochdopole, Bell Nunnally managing partner. "We congratulate them on this latest accolade and look forward to their continued success."

Attorneys under 40 who have practiced law for at least five years – primarily in the DFW area – are eligible for the "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas" list. *D Magazine* asked metroplex attorneys to submit nominations for two lawyers outside their firms and one within for consideration, based on this prompt: "Which young Dallas lawyer, of those whose work you've witnessed firsthand, would you rank among the current best?" Candidates were then vetted by a panel of area attorneys in conjunction with the publication's editors.

Cheek is a partner, practicing in the firm's Litigation group. He focuses on trials and disputes, representing clients ranging from *Fortune 500* companies to start-up businesses and high-net-worth individuals in industries including private equity, financial services, energy and real estate. Cheek is an active member of the community, having served in various board or leadership positions for the Dallas Museum of Art, Cotton Bowl Council, North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee, Texas Tech Alumni Association, Republican Lawyers of Dallas and Christian Legal Society, among others. He has been named a "Texas Rising Star" annually since 2014. Active in the community, 2018 was Cheek's first year as Chairman of the State Fair of Texas Development Team, helping the event raise more than a million dollars in scholarship funds for inner-city Dallas and rural Texas students. He is a graduate of Baylor Law School (J.D., 2006) and Texas Tech University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2003). This is Cheek's second selection to the "Best Lawyers Under 40" in Dallas list.



Williams is a partner in the firm's Litigation and Appellate practices. He litigates complex disputes involving trade secrets, cryptocurrency and blockchain, non-competes and other restrictive covenants, unfair competition, contracts, business torts, real estate, and internet defamation. Williams has briefed appellate matters before Texas and Federal courts of appeal, the Supreme Court of Texas, and the U.S. Supreme Court (twice at *certiorari*). A five-time "Texas Rising Star," in 2017 he served by his councilman's selection on Dallas' first ever Citizens Bond Task Force Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee, helping shape a billion-dollar ballot initiative to support key infrastructure projects. Williams is a city official, serving as District 14's commissioner on the City of Dallas's Community Development Commission. He was elected to serve as Legal Counsel to the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce, is Vice Chair of Friends of Fair Park, and was selected to the current nominating committee for the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 2008) and Tulane University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2005). This is Williams' second selection to the "Best Lawyers Under 40" in Dallas list.

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