

## In The News

### My Office: Phil Appenzeller

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The CEO of Munsch Hardt shows us his dart board and the coasters that he's, um, borrowed.

For most of his childhood, Phil Appenzeller lived in a 31-foot travel trailer, as his father was a traveling minister. He and his brother were home-schooled by their mother, until the family settled in Missouri. As a young boy, Appenzeller was fascinated by the Watergate hearings on television. He asked his dad about the men who were whispering into the witnesses' ears. "Those are the lawyers," his father said. "I was about 8 years old at the time, and decided that was what I wanted to do," Appenzeller says. The seasoned litigator was selected to lead Munsch Hardt in 2014. It has about 130 attorneys in Dallas, Houston, and Austin.

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## PERSONA: MY OFFICE



← "These are stones from Israel, a camel bone from Dubai, and lava rock from Maui. Each has a specific story and meaning."



↑ "I don't want to use the word steal, but I like to collect coasters from places I visit. There are a few from Dubai and some from law firms that no longer exist. I also like snow globes; I've always been a fan."



"This is a shrine to my two sons. Zack is the youngest and Brock is the oldest. Both were involved in sports. Brock played football for The University of Chicago."



"I play darts occasionally to relieve stress. I also golf, but that causes more stress than it relieves."

"Some friends who visited Switzerland brought me back this Appenzeller dish towel. I think they got it from someone's home; it probably needs to be washed."

↓ "The former CEO gave me the Grand Poobah hat when I took over in 2014. And one of my partners, Rick Addison, got me this Dr. Seuss book."



# Phil Appenzeller

CEO, MUNSCH HARDT

by CHRISTINE PEREZ

→ "My dad grew up in South Haven, Michigan. I was fascinated by a lighthouse at the end of the pier there. It inspired my love of lighthouses."



↓ "This is a book that was written by a guy we sued on behalf of a bankrupt company. He wrote it before

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