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# **Press Release**

### Four Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored by DAYL Foundation

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Munsch Hardt, a Texas based law firm with over 100 attorneys and offices in Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas, announced that Phil C. Appenzeller, Jr., , Mark A. Girtz, Gregory C. Noschese and Devon D. Sharp have been elected as members of the Fellows of the DAYL Foundation. "Fellows are nominated by their peers and the Trustees for professional distinction and service to the State Bar of Texas," said the DAYL Foundation. "The DAYL Foundation is an esteem group of Dallas lawyers and judges who are devoted to serving the community. The program was created in 2002 with 79 DAYL Foundation Fellows and is now comprised of over 250 lawyers."

#### Phil C. Appenzeller, Jr.

Phil is the firm's Section Head of the Business Litigation group, which consists of over 40 attorneys in Dallas, Houston and Austin. He also served as a Business Development Coordinator for two years. Phil's experience involves large commercial/complex litigation cases. Recently his practice focus has been representing bankruptcy trustees and creditors' committees in litigation against former officers and directors and other professional advisors of failed companies. Phil also has experience in large breach of contract disputes, commercial mortgage backed securities litigation, patent infringement litigation, stockholder derivative litigation, officer and director liability, professional negligence partnership disputes and governmental contract disputes. He frequently represents clients in the technology, manufacturing, banking and financial industries. Phil received his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and his Bachelor of Science, graduating with honors, from Evangel University.

#### Mark A. Girtz

Mark is the Business Development Coordinator of the firm's Corporate & Securities group, which consists of over 15 attorneys in Dallas, Houston and Austin. He advises clients on a wide variety of corporate, business, technology and securities matters. He has significant experience in capital structuring and implementation, fund formation, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financings, private placements of equity and debt securities, public securities offerings and periodic reporting, equity incentive plans and general corporate matters including shareholders' agreements, employment and consulting services agreements, employee benefit plan matters, equipment leases and general business contracts. Mark routinely advises management and boards of directors in connection with corporate governance and fiduciary duty issues. In addition, he has been involved in a large number of technology matters including technology transfers, software development and licensing agreement negotiation and drafting, web hosting and web services agreements, value added reseller and distribution agreements and trade secret agreements. Mark earned his Juris Doctor from Texas Tech University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Finance from Michigan State University.

#### Gregory C. Noschese

Greg's practice focus is on construction litigation and real estate litigation including contract disputes, land use litigation, boundary disputes, landlord/tenant litigation and commercial litigation where he handles a broad range of issues including consumer protection, bankruptcy litigation and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA). Greg recently served as the firm's Business Development Section Head for the Business Litigation group in addition to the Shareholder and Associate Liaison and the Law School Recruiting Chair. Greg received his Juris Doctor, graduating magna cum laude, from Texas Tech University School of Law, where he was a Case Note

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Editor of the Texas Tech Law Review and Appellate Advocacy Vice Chair of the Texas Tech Board of Barristers. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts, graduating magna cum laude, from The Catholic University of America.

#### Devon D. Sharp

Devon practices general commercial litigation with an emphasis in employment law. She received his Juris Doctor from Baylor University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication, graduating summa cum laude, from Louisiana State University.

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