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Texas Lawbook Exclusive: UDF Sues Kyle Bass & Hedge Fund Amid Flurry of Law Enforcement Investigations

The two-year feud between Hayman Capital Management hedge fund manager Kyle Bass and United Development Funding erupted publicly last week when UDF filed an explosive lawsuit accusing Bass and Hayman of illegally spreading false information about the



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Grapevine-based real estate development lender in an effort to destroy its business and reap financial gain by short-selling UDF stocks.

At the same time, *The Texas Lawbook* has learned that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is close to bringing charges against UDF and that the criminal investigation against UDF by the FBI and federal prosecutors is still "very active." *The Lawbook* and the *Dallas Business Journal*, in a joint investigative article, have the exclusive details.



Corp. Deal Tracker Weekly Round-up: 6 Firms, 31 Lawyers, 6 Transactions, \$1.8B and a Dull Week for Texas Deal-Makers



Deals involving Royal Dutch Shell and Austin-based Bazaarvoice brightened an otherwise dull \$1.8 billion week in Texas deal-making. Claire Poole has the names and the numbers behind the deals in *The Texas Lawbook*.

Louisiana Firm Opens First Texas Office in Houston

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Houston businesses last year accounted for seven of the 26 cases brought by the Justice Department under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Over the past decade, Houston federal court has become one of the busiest in the nation for cases involving foreign bribery cases in large part because of the concentration of energy companies that do business around the world. The *Houston Chronicle* has an in-depth report.



Locke Lord's Steve Jacobs Advises Brookfield on \$855M Houston Center Purchase from J.P. Morgan Asset Management

Locke Lord partner Steve Jacobs snagged a big real estate deal this week, serving as local counsel for Brookfield Property Partners on its purchase of the Houston Center office-and-retail complex downtown from J.P. Morgan Asset Management.



Halliburton GC Robb Voyles: Four years of Extraordinary Challenges, Successes

In an exclusive interview with *The Texas Lawbook*, Voyles discusses the challenges he has faced and his reorganization of the Halliburton legal operations.

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Pinkston Program Shows Students Many Sides of the Law

Students from a West Dallas high school are seeing a side of the law they might never have known existed were it not for a group of dedicated lawyers at two Texas firms. The program, aimed to expand the horizons of at-risk students, shows them that the law involves more than traffic court and that there are a multitude of ways they can forge a career path. Natalie Posgate has details on this remarkable program.



Preventing Accidental Contracts

In today's business environment, electronic communication is a popular and convenient means of building relationships and negotiating transactions. But if participants are loose with their language, pre-PSA electronic correspondence – even unsigned – can create legally binding contracts. Attorneys at Thompson & Knight offer practical tips for protecting your business from these potentially costly mistakes.



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