



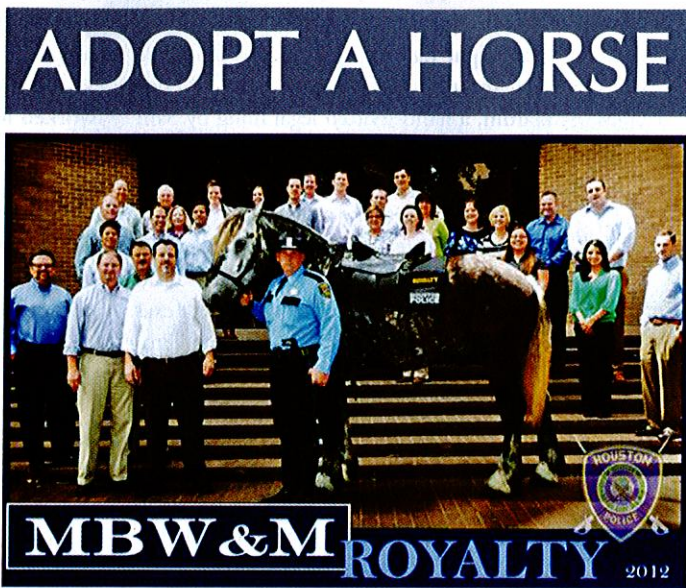
The newest member of Martin, Bode, Werner & Mann, P.L.L.C. is hard-working, respected, and handsome — and eats more than 100 bales of hay each year. The Houston oil and gas firm recently sponsored a police horse as part of the Houston Police Department's "Adopt-A-Horse" Program.

"It's a really amazing program," says partner Keith Werner. "We heard about it in the *Houston Chronicle* and it looked like something the firm would be interested in."

Werner and fellow partner John Bode made the trek out to the Houston Police Department's stables to select a horse. They made sure to bring along the experts: Bode's 4 1/2-year-old daughter and her friend, the daughter of another firm member.

With much "ooohing" and "ahhning," they selected a beautiful dappled grey out of the herd. "All of the horses were so well-cared for, but this horse stood out to us. We found out later that he leads the parades. He seemed like the grandest horse of all these grand horses," Werner says.

Bode and Werner sent out a firm-wide email soliciting



Royalty the police horse visits Martin, Bode, Werner & Mann, P.L.L.C.

names for their new friend. "Royalty" was the winner — a play on words, considering that we are an oil and gas firm," Bode says. The firm's sponsorship covers Royalty's costs for an entire year, including plenty of hay, feed, and bedding.

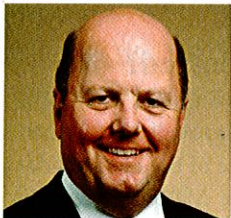
The Houston Police Department uses the Mounted Patrol to handle large crowds, perform search and rescue missions, conduct public service demonstrations, and represent the Houston police in a ceremonial capacity. There are about 30 to 35 horses

in the program. Other sponsors include Pappas Restaurants (their horse is named Lil' Pappas), Chevron Corporation (Techron), and Proler Southwest, Inc. (Scrappy and Billie Fay).

Royalty recently swung by the firm's office for a visit. "Royalty climbed the stairs to say hello. We attracted a crowd of onlookers," Werner says. "These horses are wonderfully cared for and trained. We really encourage other companies to take part in this program."

To learn more about the "Adopt-A-Horse" Program, visit houstonpolicefoundation.org/mounted. — E.C.

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William D. Elliott
Partner, Elliott & Thomason,
L.L.P., Dallas

Appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the board of directors of the North Texas Tollroad Authority. Elliott is a former chair of the board of the State Bar of Texas.



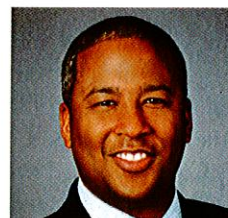
Lisa Pennington
Managing Partner, Baker
Hostetler, L.L.P., Houston

Selected as the inaugural recipient of the Houston Association of Women Attorneys' Premier Woman in the Law Award for her efforts in advancing women in the legal profession.



Fran E. Phillips
Partner, Gardere, Wynne,
Sewell, L.L.P., Dallas

Elected to the board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Alumni Association, Inc., a nationwide community of former employees of the EPA.



Victor Vital
Shareholder, Greenberg
Traurig, L.L.P., Dallas

Appointed to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings' Business/Arts Initiative. The initiative's goal is to encourage leaders in the business community to support the arts.