

Winston Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* “Top 250 Women in Litigation”

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Partners Natalie Arbaugh, Paula Hinton, and Heather Kafele were recognized in *Benchmark Litigation's* 2017 list of “Top 250 Women in Litigation.” The annual list honors the accomplishments of female litigators from across the United States.

Heather Kafele is recognized in the District of Columbia. *Benchmark Litigation* recognizes Heather for her nationwide internal investigations of cartel activity and her representation of individuals and companies before the Department of Justice.

Texas recognition includes Houston-based Melanie Gray and Paula Hinton, as well as Dallas-based Natalie Arbaugh. Melanie, who leads the firm's Bankruptcy Litigation Practice, receives broad praise from her peers, who admire “the level of talent she possesses” and note that “any firm would love to have her on the team. She adds tremendous depth.” Paula Hinton, Chair of the firm's Women's Leadership Initiative, is highlighted for her experience in high stakes complex civil and commercial litigation. Her clients have noted that she “is one of the best trial lawyers I have ever worked with. She easily grasps complex issues and is able to explain them to the fact finder in simple effective terms.” She recently defended a company in one of the largest environmental civil penalties cases tried in Texas. Natalie Arbaugh represents clients in complex business and intellectual property disputes. She is recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* for her representation in high-profile matters, including her involvement in one of the largest fraud cases in Texas history.

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