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Barrett Reasoner Takes Office as 2018 Houston Bar Foundation Chair

(HOUSTON - February 16, 2018) - Barrett Reasoner of Gibbs & Bruns LLP took office as 2018 chair of the Houston Bar Foundation on February 8 at the Foundation's Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Marriott Marquis. Reasoner succeeded Travis J. Sales of Baker Botts L.L.P. as chair of the Foundation, the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association that provides grants to support pro bono civil legal services for low-income Texans through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers, as well as other community service and education programs.

Jeffrey Kaplan of LyondellBasell will serve as vice-chair and Jim Hart of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP will serve as treasurer. Serving as directors are Susan L. Bickley, Blank Rome LLP; Chip Casey, Exxon Mobil Corporation; Tom Godbold, Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC; Neil Kelly, Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP; Jason Ryan, CenterPoint Energy, Inc.; Denise Scofield, Winston & Strawn LLP; and Travis Torrence, Shell Oil Company. Sales will serve on the board as immediate past chair, and Alistair Dawson of Beck Redden, HBA president, serves ex officio.

Barrett Reasoner is a partner at Gibbs & Bruns LLP. In his 27 years of trial practice, Reasoner's cases have spanned an array of areas, including securities, oil and gas, construction, environmental, and intellectual property. His representative clients include: Kinder Morgan, Waste Management, Venoco, Inc., SM Energy, Pioneer Natural Resources, Texas Children's Hospital, and Insperity.

Reasoner served as a Representative for District 4 on the State Bar of Texas' Board of Directors and is a former president of the Houston Bar Association. He is a Fellow of both the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and The International Society of Barristers. Reasoner attended The University of Texas School of Law and worked as an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County following graduation from law school. Barrett is married to Susan Reasoner, and they have five children.

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Established in 1982, the Houston Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, providing grants for a number of community programs, including the Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL) and the Veterans Legal Initiative (VLI). HVL provides pro bono legal assistance in civil matters to Harris County residents who could not otherwise afford legal representation.