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2011: A Year In Review

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Awards and Recognitions

In 2011, **Stephanie Curtis** and the Firm were recognized at the local and state levels for our Firm's talent and expertise. **Ms. Curtis** was recognized by *D Magazine* in "Remembering the Best Lawyers," and was also considered for the Power Attorney Award nomination (Fort Worth Business Press). The Firm was nominated for the 2011 North Dallas Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year Award. The Firm was also considered for the 2011 Minority Business Enterprise Award (NCTRCA). We strive daily to be the best at what we do and will continue to excel for our clients.

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Firm News and Speaking Engagements

Our Firm had a very exciting year, and we want to thank everyone who was instrumental to our Firm's outstanding business and community accomplishments in 2011. We worked very hard, experienced many victories, and covered a lot of ground in 2011.

The Firm became **Curtis | Castillo PC** early in 2011 when **Mark A. Castillo** was named as shareholder. We launched our new website and update it with new information every month. Please check back frequently for Firm news and articles.

Stephanie Curtis and **Mark Castillo** volunteered their time with *Peace Through Business* and other charitable groups and activities. These events were extremely rewarding, and we have plans in 2012 to continue to be involved with various charity and community events.

Mark Castillo presented at two bankruptcy seminars last year, and authored a chapter in the upcoming *Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Law 2012* (Aspatore Books), which will be available for purchase very soon. Mark also will speak at the upcoming NBI *Bankruptcy Litigation 101* seminar in April 2012. Please click here for more information: www.nbi-sems.com.

Josh Shepherd was a panelist at the 2011 Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Conference in Galveston, Texas.

Significant Representations in 2011

The Firm had several successes for its clients this past year:

- Successful reorganization through confirmation of Chapter 11 plan, restructuring over **\$20 million** in debt of family limited partnership.
- Defended and settled over **\$19 million** in alleged fraud damages sought against various defendants and counterclaimants.
- Facilitated settlement of litigation and obtained court approval on sale of North Dallas real estate for cash and notes of **\$6 million**.
- Obtained court approval on sale of Dallas real estate for approximately **\$2.5 million**, and restructured additional **\$4 million** of debt through operating company's Chapter 11 reorganization plan.
- Successfully represented investors in pursuit of over **\$2 million** in claims against investment brokers and advisors for breach of fiduciary duty.
- Successfully settled an approximately **\$500,000** bankruptcy preference lawsuit for pennies on the dollar.
- Reclamation claim granted over receiver objection of nearly **\$500,000**.

Sculpture Pictured Top Left:
Swing Dance, by Bill Barrett. Cast Bronze.
Photographed by Sebron Snyder.

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