

CREATING a different kind *of FIRM*

A Different Kind of Vision

In 1970, three extraordinary lawyers decided to combine their vision of building a different kind of law firm. Jack Gordon and Blake Arata had practiced together for a number of years with a firm concentrating in oil and gas law. John McCollam had developed an outstanding reputation with another firm in the areas of commercial litigation, transactions and oil and gas law. Each had his own unique energy industry experience and personality. But from the start, all three men believed that a small firm of highly talented and personable lawyers could deliver excellent legal services, even in the most complex matters, efficiently and with a human face. They sought colleagues who wanted to work hard, to be fresh and aggressive—to stand out.

Today their firm, Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, L.L.P. has over 60 attorneys in one Texas and three Louisiana offices. We are committed to achieving the best possible results for our clients, whether we're in the courtroom or at the bargaining table. We thoroughly understand business and industry and are skilled problem solvers for our clients. We do serious work but don't take ourselves too seriously, making it easy for our clients to work with us.



A Different Kind of Culture

Every law firm has a personality, a blend of the personalities of the attorneys and staff who work there. Gordon Arata's personality is distinct, because we consciously seek out people who, in addition to being bright, are creative, down-to-earth, and enjoy the challenge of practicing law. We know that working with a lawyer is not something most people look forward to. So we know it's our job to create an environment where you will want to work with us—and you'll like who you work with at Gordon Arata.

When you work with a Gordon Arata attorney, you'll find that we put your calendar ahead of our own, that we anticipate your opportunities and challenges and that we do the worrying for you. You'll also find yourself enjoying meetings and social events that are more like get-togethers of friends. We're proud of our firm culture. We think it sets us apart from the competition—and that it promotes better, more personal and more responsive services for our clients.

Building a Different Record of Success

Opposing counsel never make the mistake of taking us lightly. In meeting the needs of our clients in the energy, healthcare, construction, utility, insurance, manufacturing and many other industries, our lawyers understand both the talk and the walk. Because we deal with all parties at the bargaining table, in the hearing room and at trial, we have the breadth of knowledge to craft the right solutions for any transactional, regulatory or litigation need. A look at successful case studies in three of our main areas of practice shows what that means for our clients.

- Commercial Litigation
- Oil and Gas Litigation
- Transactions: An Antitrust Roller Coaster
- Transactions: A State-of-the-Art Deal