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**Gordon Arata Firm Ranked Nationally and Locally as  
“Best Law Firm” by U.S. News & Best Lawyers**

New Orleans, LA - Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Egan, LLC is pleased to announce the Firm has been recognized both in National and Metropolitan rankings, by *U.S. News and Best Lawyers* as a 2011-2012 “Best Law Firm” in their stand-alone publication.

These rankings, which are presented in tiers, showcase 9,633 different law firms ranked nationally in one or more of 75 major legal practice areas, and in metropolitan or state rankings in one or more of 119 major legal practice areas. Three out of Gordon Arata’s four offices were ranked in 16 different Practice Areas, 10 of which placing in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tier Ranking. The following list displays the National Ranking, in which the Firm was recognized in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier, followed by the Metropolitan Rankings, in which the Firm was showcased in all three tiers.

**National Rankings**

**Tier 2**

- Oil & Gas Law

**Metropolitan Rankings**

**Tier 1**

***Baton Rouge***

- Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Energy Law
- Oil & Gas Law

***New Orleans***

- Commercial Litigation
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Oil & Gas Law
- Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

**Tier 2**

***Houston***

- Oil & Gas Law

### ***New Orleans***

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Banking & Finance
- Litigation – Environmental
- Litigation – Land Use & Zoning

### **Tier 3**

#### ***New Orleans***

- Litigation - Construction

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### **About Gordon Arata**

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has over 70 attorneys in three Louisiana offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette and an office in Houston, Texas. Whether litigation or transactions, the Firm's lawyers serve clients locally, regionally, and nationally, and provide services across a wide range of industries aligned with the Firm's offices along the Gulf Coast. The Firm is committed to achieving the best possible results and to fostering relationships with clients.

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