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**Gordon Arata McCollam Members Named
*Best Lawyers' 2012 Lawyers of the Year***

New Orleans, LA - Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC is pleased to announce that Bob J. Duplantis and John M. McCollam have been named *Lawyers of the Year* in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012. The Firm members were recognized in three practice areas for their contributions to the legal profession in this publication.

Lafayette Office:

- Bob J. Duplantis – Best Lawyers' 2012 Baton Rouge Energy Law Lawyer of the Year

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- John M. McCollam – Best Lawyers' 2012 New Orleans Energy Law Lawyer of the Year; and Best Lawyers' 2012 New Orleans Natural Resources Law Lawyer of the Year

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