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**Twenty-One Gordon Arata Lawyers Selected
for Inclusion in 2014 Louisiana Super Lawyers & Rising Stars**

New Orleans, LA - A total of 21 Gordon Arata lawyers have been selected for inclusion in the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* and the *Louisiana Rising Stars* lists as top lawyers in the state for 2014. Throughout the Firm's three Louisiana offices, 17 members and 4 associates representing 7 diverse practice areas are recognized in this publication for their contributions to the legal profession.

Tim Eagan made the "Top 50: 2014 New Orleans Super Lawyers" and the "Top 50: 2014 Louisiana Super Lawyers" lists. In addition, this year's publication recognizes 7 Gordon Arata lawyers new to both the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* and the *Louisiana Rising Stars* lists.

The following Gordon Arata members were selected as *2014 Super Lawyers*:

New Orleans Office:	Area of Practice:
John M. McCollam	Energy & Natural Resources
Ewell "Tim" E. Eagan, Jr.	Class Action/Mass Torts
Cynthia A. Nicholson	Energy & Natural Resources
Steven W. Copley	Business Litigation
Martin E. Landrieu*	Business Litigation
A. Gregory Grimsal*	Civil Litigation: Defense
Scott A. O'Connor	Energy & Natural Resources
C. Peck Hayne, Jr.	Energy & Natural Resources
Howard E. Sinor, Jr.	Business Litigation
David J. Messina	Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
Michael E. Botnick	Construction Litigation
Loulan J. Pitre, Jr.*	Environmental Litigation
Lafayette Office:	
Samuel E. Masur	Energy & Natural Resources
Baton Rouge Office:	
Louis M. Phillips	Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights

The following Gordon Arata lawyers were selected as *2014 Louisiana Rising Stars* in the New Orleans office:

New Orleans Office:	Area of Practice:
Nina Wessel English	Business Litigation
Sara Mouledoux Glover	Energy & Natural Resources
Phillip J. Antis, Jr.	Business Litigation
Patrick "Rick" M. Shelby*	Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
Kelly D. Perrier*	Energy & Natural Resources

Lafayette Office:	
Julie Deshotels Jardell*	Energy & Natural Resources

Baton Rouge Office:	
Elizabeth A. Spurgeon*	Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights

About Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a rigorous multi-phased process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews by practice area.

About Gordon Arata

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has over 50 attorneys in three Louisiana offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette and an office in Houston, Texas. Whether in litigation or transactions or dealing with regulators, 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.

* Indicates first year selection to Super Lawyers.

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