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## **Two Gordon Arata Lawyers To Receive Pro Bono Awards from the Louisiana State Bar Association**

New Orleans, LA - Gordon Arata is pleased to announce that Firm Associates, Meredith Grabill and Doug Rhorer, will be receiving pro bono awards from the Louisiana State Bar Association in May. Meredith will receive the prestigious Pro Bono Publico Award and Century Club Award. Doug will receive the Century Club Award. Both Meredith and Doug have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the ideals of the profession, with each providing over 100 hours of pro bono services in 2015.

Meredith focuses her practice primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, commercial, and oil and gas litigation. Before joining Gordon Arata, Meredith practiced for three years at a New York City firm, where she gained invaluable experience in bankruptcy, commercial, and sports law litigation, as well as arbitration. In her practice, she has represented, as examples, a commercial real estate finance firm in bankruptcy, an insurance company in a demutualization and acquisition process, a multinational high-tech corporation in antitrust proceedings in multiple countries, a professional players' association in labor and contract disputes, and both individuals and corporations in fraudulent transfer and other commercial disputes. Throughout her career, Meredith has made pro bono representation a priority, handling matters involving tutorship, interdiction, adoption, custody, succession, and consumer bankruptcy. She is dedicated to serving those in need while maintaining a busy and successful law practice. In 2015, the Pro Bono Project awarded her the 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

Doug practices in the areas of oil and gas law, construction law and general commercial litigation. Doug has represented exploration and production companies and natural gas pipeline companies at the trial and appellate levels. He also has experience in regulatory matters and has participated in administrative litigation involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. A significant portion of Doug's practice focuses on construction law. Doug advises owners, contractors, architects and program managers on a wide range of legal issues, including lien laws, change order disputes, acceleration claims and delay claims. He regularly drafts and reviews construction contracts and solicitation documents for both private and public works projects.

### **About Gordon Arata**

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has attorneys in two Louisiana offices in New Orleans 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.

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