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Tyson & Mendes Continues Texas Growth, Enters San Antonio

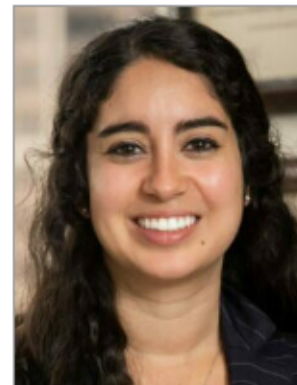
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Defense litigation firm Tyson & Mendes has announced that it will open an office in San Antonio at the start of September, marking the firm's second office in the Lone Star State after it opened a Houston location in July.

Former Lindow Stephens Schultz LLP partners Amanda James and Stephen C. Haynes, along with associate Sarah Lux, will become the first attorneys in the firm's San Antonio office. James spent the last seven and a half years at Lindow Stephens and Haynes was there for a year and a half before making the move to Tyson & Mendes.

"San Antonio is my hometown," James told Law360 Pulse Wednesday. "I love this city. I was born and raised here, and I am very proud of this city's growth. It means a lot to me to continue a practice I am very proud of in the city that raised me."

James, who was named managing partner of the San Antonio office, said she was drawn to Tyson & Mendes because of the firm's expertise in defending nuclear verdicts, adding that its decision to name women managing partners in its last four new markets reflects on the firm's dedication to diversity, equity and inclusion.



Amanda James



Stephen C. Haynes

"I have met with many of the women who precede me in being named managing partner," James said. "They are incredibly impressive individuals and trial attorneys, and I look forward to a world where this is not an anomaly. The firm has a great reputation of promoting women in the law, and I appreciate the firm's deep commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Tyson & Mendes has been named a Ceiling Smasher in Law360's Glass Ceiling Report twice and is routinely recognized for exceeding the industry standard for women in leadership roles, which I find very impressive."

James graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law and her practice involves representing a wide range of insurance companies, defending both the insurers and their insureds with a focus on automobile accidents.

"I consider myself lucky to work with intelligent handlers every day and appreciative clients," James said. "The work we do is important to them and there's nothing more I enjoy than trying cases alongside my clients and reaching the results that give them peace."

Haynes, who graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law, represents individuals, businesses and insurance companies in personal injury defense and commercial and business litigation. Lux also graduated from St. Mary's.

"Texas is among the top five states in the country for nuclear verdicts, and the opening of this second office in Texas so close on the heels of opening in Houston underscores Tyson & Mendes' dedication to going where our clients need us to be," managing partner Robert Tyson said in a statement. "Amanda's leadership and experience, combined with Stephen's extensive capabilities in the courtroom, are the perfect combination to meet our clients' needs and will greatly expand the firm's presence in this very important market."

Over the past year, the Southeast has been an area of focus for Tyson & Mendes, which also opened offices in **Jacksonville, Florida**, and **Albuquerque, New Mexico**, to go along with its **recently launched** Texas locations.

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