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Honoring the Spirit of Service at Foundation Luncheon

Barrett Reasoner Takes Office as 2018 Foundation Chair

The Houston Bar Foundation marked its 36th year by introducing new officers and recognizing the contributions of volunteers who provide pro bono legal representation and other services to the community at its Annual Luncheon on February 8 at the Marriott Marquis Houston.

Barrett Reasoner, partner at Gibbs & Bruns LLP, took office as the 2018 chair of the Houston Bar Foundation, succeeding Travis Sales of Baker Botts L.L.P. They keynote speaker was Houston businessman and philanthropist Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, who opened the doors of his Gallery Furniture store to those displaced by Hurricane Harvey and helped families recover after the storm.

Jeffrey Kaplan of LyondellBasell will serve as vice chair of the Foundation and Jim Hart of Williams Kerkher Hart Boundas will serve as treasurer. Newly-appointed directors for 2018-2020 are Susan L. Bickley of Blank Rome LLP; Neil Kelly of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP; Jason Ryan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.; and Denise Scofield of Winston & Strawn LLP. Completing terms as directors for 2017-2019 are Charles S. (Chip) Casey of Exxon Mobil Corporation; Tom Godbold of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC, and Travis Torrence of Shell Oil Company. Sales will serve on the board as immediate past chair.

Sales and Reasoner presented the Foundation's annual awards for pro bono service through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (HVL), volunteer mediation services through the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), and legal writing in *The Houston Lawyer*, the HBA's professional journal. 



Barrett Reasoner, 2018 Chair of the Houston Bar Foundation.



Travis Sales, Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale and Barrett Reasoner.



Sam M. (Trey) Yates and Mike Day of Trey Yates Law Firm were honored as the authors of the Outstanding Legal Article published last year in *The Houston Lawyer*.