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Gauthier, Houghtaling & Williams, L.L.P.

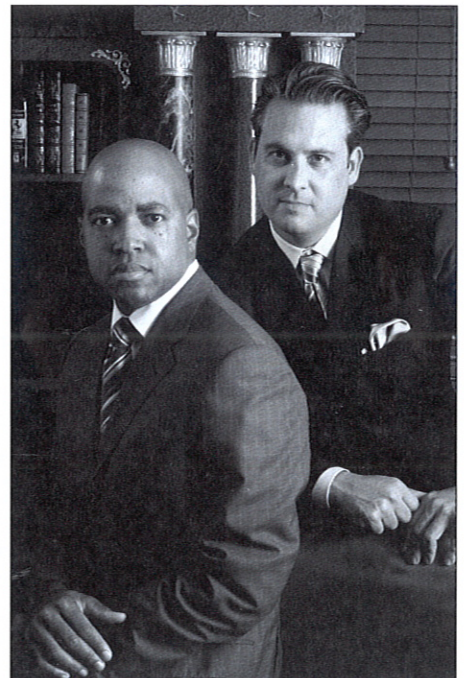
The law firm of Gauthier Houghtaling and Williams continues a legacy of litigation success that its founder, the late **Wendell Gauthier**, started in 1976. Managing Partner **John Houghtaling** worked with Gauthier while attending Loyola Law School and learned much from the nationally-known trial lawyer credited with leading a coalition of 100 law firms that negotiated a landmark settlement with the tobacco industry.

Today, the firm of 16 attorneys with offices in New Orleans, Metairie and Houston, continues its emphasis on litigation, particularly business and insurance litigation. The firm has represented hundreds of individuals and businesses that sustained losses during Hurricanes Katrina, Ike and Gustav. Gauthier attorneys have also represented owners of many commercial businesses, including a Class A high-rise building, in a property damage settlement with a commercial insurance carrier. The firm also won a major jury verdict for owners of a St. Bernard retail center that was damaged

during Katrina. In November 2008, **James Williams** and **Stephen Huber** successfully tried a jury trial in Palm Beach, Florida involving a business dispute on behalf of a closely-held insurance agency doing business in Puerto Rico.

The firm's mock trial facilities have been an invaluable tool for litigation success. Developed by Wendell Gauthier, the firm's attorneys test their litigation strategies in a mock courtroom using a mock jury. The clients and experts testify before the mock jury while actors are hired to play adverse witnesses.

Gauthier, Houghtaling and Williams is also proud of its commitment to the community. For example, Attorney **Inemesit U. O'Boyle** serves as president of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society and Partner James Williams is a member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Bar Association. The firm also donates to a wide variety of causes such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Good Shepherd School.



NOBA congratulates Gauthier, Houghtaling & Williams, L.L.P.

They participated in our Pacesetter Campaign and successfully recruited the most newly-enrolled and renewed members. A special note of appreciation goes to Gauthier Houghtaling & Williams, L.L.P. for having 100% of their firm signed up as members of the New Orleans Bar Association.