

AWARD NOMINATION

Award Category
Business of the Year

2021
Business & Community
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS



Nominated Business: **Stewart Law Group PLLC**

DETAILS

Certified as one of the only minority and women-owned firms in the state by the National Association of Women and Minority Owned Law Firms, Stewart Law Group PLLC brings a culturally diverse perspective to the legal practice. The organization currently has 22 employees, including 10 attorneys, three paralegals, and seven support staff. Of these employees, 16 are minorities and 18 are women. The firm is 100% minority and woman owned.

In addition to full-time employees, and during the pandemic when most firms canceled their 2020 summer programs, SLG started SLAM – the Summer Leadership and Mentorship Program. The SLAM program featured three female minority summer clerks hailing from Howard University, Texas A&M School of Law, and UNT Dallas School of Law. The internship exposed them to the world of litigation and trial work and provided hands-on training on how to litigate business matters.

Stewart Law Group PLLC has donated to multiple charities dedicated to diversity and inclusion. These organizations include the American Bar Association Litigation Section, Association of Corporate Counsel, Black Tie Dinner, Center for Women in Law, Communities Foundation of Texas, CFT's Be in Good Company, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP), Family Equality, Lambda Legal, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Lez Talk Dallas, Mosaic Family Services, Mothers Abandoned or Widowed, The New Roundtable, North Texas Giving Day, Rainbow Roundup, The Stewpot, Texas Bar Foundation, Texas Women's Foundation, The Village Giving Circle, and Vogel Alcove.

In addition to monetary support, SLG's social media aims at educating its followers on diversity and inclusion. This includes campaigns like highlighting black and women's history moments, promoting the above businesses, and sharing trending news and statistics on diversity and inclusion. During Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month, SLG highlighted different legal trailblazers in the state and DFW community. This included the firsts to become judges and lawyers in the state, as well as all-star in-house and outside counsel in DFW.

Stewart Law Group PLLC is certified by the National Association of Women and Minority Owned Law Firms, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, and the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council.

Founding Partner Amy M. Stewart embodies the promotion of diversity in the legal profession. Throughout Amy's career, she worked for a series of "first" firms in Dallas – the first black-owned law firm in Dallas at White & Wiggins and then at Estes Thorne & Carr, one of the first all-women owned law firms in Dallas. However, in 2017, Amy wanted to create a truly diverse law firm that embraces lawyers and staff from all walks of life: "Real diversity is unapologetically inclusive, values people from different backgrounds and experiences and empowers everyone to be involved."

Stewart Law Group is one of the State's only certified minority and woman-owned law firms focused on delivering successful outcomes for its business clients involved with general civil litigation, labor and employment, contracts, product liability, arbitrations, personal injury, and insurance defense.

Amy has put together an incredible team of fierce lawyers to fill the SLG bench: 73% minority employees, 60% female attorneys, and 100% female support staff. During this past summer, Amy started SLAM – Summer Leadership and Mentorship Program which featured three female minority summer clerks hailing from Howard University, Texas A&M School of Law, and UNT – Dallas School of Law.

Outside of the firm, Amy is equally committed to promoting diversity and inclusion. Amy serves in leadership roles as a member of the Dallas Steering Committee of the Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program's DAPP Direct initiative and a member of the Allied Dallas Bars' Equality Taskforce, as well as a Council member of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, Board Member of the Dallas Bar Association, and a member of the DBA's Coronavirus Task Force.

Amy has been featured on numerous national panels to speak on diversity and inclusion. She hosts the Dallas Bar Association's 'Rona Pep Talks, where she discusses how minority and women law students and litigators can succeed in the legal profession. She moderated the Dallas Bar Association's Virtual Town Hall: A Conversation about Race Relations and Policing with Dallas leaders including Police Chief Renee Hall, Tonya McClary, Pastor Richie Butler, and Rob Crain. She was also a panelist on the Texas Lawbook's Law Enforcement and the Role of Corporate Lawyers in Racial Divide seminar. Amy has also been featured on the Panel of Exceptional Leading Women and was the MC for the DBA's Minority Clerkship Luncheon in 2019 and 2020.

Amy has been honored with numerous industry awards, including the 2020 Texas Minority Counsel Program Trailblazer of the Year, 2021 Best Lawyers in America, 2021 Lawdragon 500 Leading U.S. Corporate Employment Lawyers, 2020 America's Top 100 Personal Injury Attorneys, 2020 National Black Lawyers Top 100, 2020 & 2019 Dallas Bar Association's Presidential Citation, the 2019 Dallas Business Journal Minority Business Owner Award, 2019 American Bar Association 100 Women Who Inspire Us Award, and is a five-time Super Lawyers honoree.