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After Loss of 10 Lawyers, Bowman and Brooke Rebuilding in Dallas

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What You Need to Know

- Bowman and Brooke has moved into new space and hired three lawyers in Dallas.
- The firm signed a one-year lease for its new office in north Texas.

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Tori Levine, managing partner of Bowman and Brooke in Dallas, moved into new space and hired three lawyers in Dallas as it rebuilds in north Texas following the [departure earlier this year](#) of



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Dallas, Texas.

10 trial lawyers to Am Law 100 firm [Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough](#).

The Bowman and Brooke Dallas office, actually in nearby Plano, currently has six lawyers, including partner Alan Vickery, who joined the firm this month, coming from Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, where he was a partner.

Also, Katherine Handy, who was an associate at Locke Lord for several months, rejoined the firm as senior counsel, and Kemp Smith associate Sebastian Nunez joined as an associate.

Tori Levine, managing partner of the Dallas office, said she expects several others to join the Dallas team this year, as the midsize firm continues to build its

product liability defense practice in the automotive, consumer and life sciences sectors.

The firm signed a one-year lease for its new office, which Levine said will accommodate lawyers such as Vickery who come into the office and also others who prefer a hybrid schedule.

“After this first year, we are going to see how it all worked out and see what people like and then we are going to look for a larger space and build it out,” she said.

The 10 lawyers in Dallas who left Bowman and Brooke are part of a group of 52 trial lawyers who moved to Nelson Mullins in cities including Minneapolis, San Diego, Los Angeles, Orlando and Richmond, Virginia.

Vickery, who represents large pharmaceutical and medical

device companies in mass tort litigation, said Bowman and Brooke provides him the

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opportunity to plug into a “real busy, vibrant” life sciences practice.

“I’ve known lawyers at the firm for many years,” he said. “We’ve worked on cases together dating back literally to the ’90s.”

Handy defends automotive and medical device clients from product liability claims, while Nunez handled negligence and wrongful death defense work.

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Asked to comment on Vickery’s departure, Faegre Drinker provided this statement: “We wish Alan all the best and thank him for his contributions to Faegre Drinker.”

Locke Lord and Kemp Smith did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

