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Travis Torrence Takes Office as 2019 Houston Bar Foundation Chair

(HOUSTON - February 15, 2019) - Travis Torrence of Shell Oil Company took office as 2019 chair of the Houston Bar Foundation on February 14 at the Foundation's Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Marriott Marquis. Torrence succeeded Barrett Reasoner of Gibbs & Bruns LLP as chair of the Foundation, the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association (HBA) that provides grants to support pro bono civil legal services for low-income Texans through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers, as well as other community service and education programs.

Charles A. "Chip" Casey of ExxonMobil Corporation will serve as vice-chair, and Tom Godbold of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC will serve as treasurer. Serving as directors are Susan L. Bickley of Blank Rome LLP; Polly Fohn of Haynes and Boone, LLP; Jim Hart of Williams Kherkher Hart Boundas LLP; Neil Kelly of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP; Richard Mithoff of Mithoff Law Firm; Jason Ryan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.; and Denise Scofield of Winston & Strawn LLP. Reasoner will serve on the board as immediate past chair, and Warren Harris of Bracewell LLP, HBA president, serves ex officio.

Travis Torrence serves as Global Litigation Bankruptcy & Credit Team Lead at Shell. Prior to joining Shell, he was a senior associate at Fulbright & Jaworski (now known as Norton Rose Fulbright), where he chaired the Houston office's recruiting committee and served as a founding member of the firm's Diversity Council. Before joining Fulbright, Torrence served as a law clerk for the Hon. Edward C. Prado of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Torrence earned his undergraduate degree in communication and political science from Tulane University and his law degree from Yale Law School. He has been honored by Texas SuperLawyers as a Rising Star in the area of bankruptcy & creditor/debtor rights and the Houston Business Journal as a "40 Under 40" honoree. Torrence currently serves on the board of directors of the National LGBT Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a former member of the executive committee of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and president of

The Arthur L. Moller/David B. Foltz, Jr. American Inn of Court. He served on the board of directors of Bo's Place and as co-chair of the Texas Minority Counsel Program. Torrence has been active in many other professional, community and charitable organizations and has served in leadership roles on numerous HBA committees.

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Established in 1982, the Houston Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, providing grants for a number of community programs, including the Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL) and the Veterans Legal Initiative (VLI). HVL provides pro bono legal assistance in civil matters to Harris County residents who could not otherwise afford legal representation.