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### 2009 Fortunate 500: Law

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#### 2009 FORTUNATE 500

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##### Top Picks: Tanya and Art Acevedo

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**Kathy and Gaylord Armstrong.** McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, University of Texas, SafePlace

**Valinda Bolton and Anthony Hathcock.** Texas House of Representatives, Woman, Inc., Texas Council on Family Violence

**Denise Brady and Chris Riley.** Austin City Council, The Rusk Law Firm, Downtown Commission, Planning Commission, Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association, Susan G. Koman for the Cure

**Andy Brown.** Travis County Democratic Party, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, 21st Century Democrats

**Julie Byers and Lee Leffingwell.** Mayor of Austin, Water Conservation Task Force, Seton Hospital Northwest

**Perla Cavazos.** City of Austin Planning Commission, City of Austin Commission on Women, National Women's Political Caucus-Texas, Latinas Unidas Por El Arte, Teatro Vivo, the Austin Latino Theater Alliance, and Friends of the Mexican American Cultural Center

**Sheryl and Kevin Cole.** Austin City Council, Cole & Powell, Leadership Austin, Austin Area Urban League, Communities in Schools

**Crystal Cotti and Mark Strama.** Texas House of Representatives, FOX 7 News, Sylvan Learning Centers

**Libby and Lloyd Doggett.** U.S. Congress, Pre-K Now, 'One Peace at a Time'

**Dawnna Dukes.** Texas House of Representatives, DM Dukes and Associates, Inc., Links, Inc.-Austin Chapter

**Sarah Eckhardt and Kurt Sauer.** Travis County Commissioners Court, Texas Folklife Resources, Daffer McDaniel, LLP

**Shana and Dan Gattis.** Texas House of Representatives, First Baptist Church of Georgetown, National Conference of State Legislatures

**Clarke Heidrick.** Travis County Hospital District, Graves Dougherty Heaton & Moody, Austin Area Research Organization, Shivers Cancer Foundation, Rebekah Baines Johnson Center, Foundation for Religious Studies in Texas



**Donna Howard.** Texas House of Representatives, Expanding Horizons Foundation, Texas Education Crisis Coalition, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, Common Cause, Texas Freedom Network

**Brian Jammer.** Austin Black Lawyers Association, University of Texas System, National Bar Association

**Rosemary Lehmborg.** Travis County District Attorney, Center for Child Protection, CASA

**Nelson Linder.** Austin NAACP, African American Quality of Life Implementation Plan

**Susan Longley.** Molly Prize for Investigative Journalism, Texas Democracy Foundation, Atticus Circle, Texans for Stem Cell Research, Zach Theatre.

**Diana Maldonado.** Texas House of Representatives, Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees, Executive Women in State Government, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas

**Patsy and Jack Martin.** Public Strategies, Blue Texas, Long Center, Lance Armstrong Foundation, Texas Cultural Trust, Planned Parenthood, the Austin Children's Museum, Austin Film Society, Communities in Schools

**Andrea and Dean McWilliams.** McWilliams and Associates, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Long Center, KillCancer, Ballet Austin, Arthouse, Heritage Society of Austin

**Linda and Michael McCaul.** U.S. Congress, March of Dimes, St. David's Hospital, Communities in Schools, CureSearch

**Sarah and Brewster McCracken.** Pecan Street Project, LBJ Library and Museum

**Mark McKinnon.** Public Strategies, Lance Armstrong Foundation, University of Texas

**Laura and Phil Morrison.** Austin City Council, University of Texas, Austin Neighborhoods Council

**Elliott Naishtat.** Texas House of Representatives, St. Edward's University

**Pam and Pike Powers.** The Seton Fund, Fulbright & Jaworski, Envision Central Texas, Texas Technology Initiative

**Robin Rather.** Liveable City, Hill Country Conservancy, Envision Central Texas

**Eddie Rodriguez.** Texas House of Representatives, Hispanic Institute for Technology Advancement, Sierra Club

**Geronimo Rodriguez Jr.** Seton Family of Hospitals, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Leonard Frost Levin Van Court & Marsh

**Patrick Rose.** Texas House of Representatives, Ratliff Law Firm, Susan G. Komen for the Cure

**Randi Shade and Kayla Shell.** Austin City Council, Dell Inc., Days of Service

**Niyanta and Bill Spelman.** Austin City Council, LBJ School of Public Affairs

**Lara Wendler and Mike Martinez.** Austin City Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, National Coalition Building Institute, Texas Senate

**Evelyn and Wyeth Wiedeman.** Ben Barnes Group, Democratic Party, EntreCorp

**Tomi and Pete Winstead.** Winstead, Long Center for the Performing Arts, Economic Development Corp., Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council

