



# TEXAS LOBBY POWER RANKINGS

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## Law Firm Lobby Practices

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Locke Liddell & Sapp has boasted the top lobby law firm practice in Texas for the past few years - and it may be stronger now than ever. Locke Liddell has become the model in Texas for lobby practices at law firms. The Houston-based firm keeps the bases at the Capitol covered with good relationships that lobby team leader Robert Miller and senior partner Bruce LaBoon have with House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst in the west and east wings respectively. Yuniedth Midence - a former chief of staff to State Senator John Whitmire - is rapidly developing into one of the lobby's most effective and popular members. Locke Liddell has an impressive supporting cast of governmental consultants in Houston and Austin with ties to Governor Rick Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott and other top leaders. The firm has a relatively new but well-stocked Washington office and a high-profile new hire in Dallas with Margaret Keliher, a former state district judge who made history in 2002 as the first female ever elected to the position of Dallas County judge. She has the potential to bring in new business from that part of the state to a firm that already has clients like Tilman Fertitta, John Nau III and Bob Perry - just to name a few.

TOP (50) HIRED GUN CONTRACT LOBBYISTS	
12	<b>Robert Miller</b> Locke Liddell Law Firm Partner, Former Houston METRO Chairman, Former State Senate aide
RISING (12) LOBBY STARS TO WATCH	
2	<b>Yuniedth Midence</b> Locke Liddell, Former State Senate Aide

TOP LAW FIRM LOBBY PRACTICES	
1	<b>Locke Liddell &amp; Sapp</b> Brian Cassidy, Gary Compton, Michael Harris, Margaret Keliher, Bruce LaBoon, Yuniedth Midence, Robert Miller
2	<b>Vinson &amp; Elkins</b> John Howard, Bill Jones, Ron Kirk, Elizabeth Rogers, Barron Wallace, Joe Bill Watkins
3	<b>Akin Gump</b> Tom Bond, Sandy Kress, Demetrius McDaniel, Jody Richardson
4	<b>Hughes Luce</b> Jack Erskine, Victoria Ford, Myra Leo, Larry McGinnis, Marc Shivers
5	<b>Jackson Walker</b> Trey Blocker, Geoff Connor, Kathy Hutto, Michael Nasi, Ed Small
6	<b>Bracewell &amp; Giuliani</b> Jim Chapman, Shannon Ratliff II, David Thompson
7	<b>McGinnis, Lochridge &amp; Kilgore</b> Gaylord Armstrong, Carl Galant, Campbell McGinnis, Jennifer Patterson
8	<b>Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal</b> Allen Beinke, Lisa Mayes, Jennifer Windscheffel
9	<b>Gardere Wynne Sewell</b> Nanette Beaird, Dewey Brackin, A.W. (Woody) Pogue, Mark Vane, David Weber, Kimberly Yelkin
10	<b>Winstead, Sechrist &amp; Minick</b> Robert Bass, Janis Carter, Pete Winstead
11	<b>Baker Botts</b> Tristan Castaneda, Pamela Giblin, Robert Strauser
12	<b>Kemp Smith</b> Thomas Forbes, Veronica Vargas Stidvent
13	<b>Hance, Scarborough, Wright, Ginsberg</b> Robert Floyd
14	<b>Allen Boone Humphries Robinson</b> Joe B. Allen, Nancy Kwon, Trey Lary
15	<b>Lloyd Gosselink Blevins Rochelle &amp; Townsend</b> Brian Sledge, Ty Embrey