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## Curtis | Castillo PC Newsletter

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### Awards and Recognitions

**Mark A. Castillo** and **Jason M. Katz** have been named 2012 Texas Rising Stars by *Texas Monthly*. Rising Stars are selected based on peer nominations and represent the top up-and-coming Texas attorneys who are 40 or younger,



Mark A. Castillo



Jason M. Katz

or have been in practice for fewer than 10 years. Only 2.5% of Texas attorneys were chosen for this honor.

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### Speaking Engagements

On **April 17, 2012**, **Mark A. Castillo** will speak at The National Business Institute's bankruptcy seminar entitled *Bankruptcy Litigation 101*, at the CHG Cityplace Conference Center, Dallas, TX. Whether you want to expand your practice into bankruptcy litigation or are a civil trial lawyer trying to protect your client's interests when pending litigation lands in the bankruptcy arena, this fundamental course is exactly what you need to establish your legal bearings in Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Castillo, along with other experienced litigators, will lead you through the unique procedures and rule nuances for conducting adversary proceedings, showing you how to prosecute and defend the most common bankruptcy causes of action. He will cover such topics as discharge and dischargeability of debt actions, preference actions, and fraudulent transfers.

**Mark Castillo** has also authored a treatise on ethics during debt collection that will be presented at the upcoming NBI Seminar entitled *Nuts and Bolts of Collection Law*, to be held on **March 29, 2012**, in Austin, TX.

### Firm News

**Curtis | Castillo PC** sponsored the George F. McElreath Retirement Reception held at the Belo Mansion on **January 20, 2012**. McElreath held the position of Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Texas under the U.S. Department of Justice for 30 years. We will miss George and wish him all the best.

The Firm also recently sponsored a luncheon for the North Texas Chapter of The Risk Management Association. The luncheon, held at the Doubletree Hotel, was comprised of a bankruptcy panel that discussed bankruptcy trends and warning signs from the perspective of the debtor attorney, the creditor attorney, and the bank workout officer.

**Curtis | Castillo PC** sponsored the Meadowbrook School Winter Carnival on **February 18, 2012**. For over 40 years Meadowbrook School has been preparing and stimulating young minds, while helping children develop a love of learning.

For more information about the RMA, please visit [www.rmahq.org](http://www.rmahq.org).



### Upcoming Events



**Stephanie D. Curtis** is a founding member of the Host Committee for **Kid To Do at the Dallas Zoo 2012**. This children's event occurs Saturday, **June 2, 2012**, at the Lacerte Family Children's Zoo and Cat Green in ZooNorth, and includes kid-friendly cuisine, entertainment by Eddie Coker, giraffe feedings, bounce houses, face painting, arts and crafts, animal encounters, and much more.

Please check the Dallas Zoo website in the upcoming weeks for more information at [www.dallaszoo.com](http://www.dallaszoo.com), or contact Nancy Saustad with the Dallas Zoological Society at (469) 554-7445, or [nancy.saustad@dallaszoo.com](mailto:nancy.saustad@dallaszoo.com).

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