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## Curtis | Castillo PC Newsletter

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### Awards and Recognitions

**Stephanie D. Curtis** was considered for nomination for the 2011 Power Attorney award sponsored by the Fort Worth Business Press and for the 2011 Minority Business Enterprise Award sponsored by the NCTRCA.

### Court Admissions

**Mark A. Castillo** has been admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**Joshua L. Shepherd** has been admitted into the United States District Courts for the Western and Southern Districts of Texas.

### Firm News

**Mark Castillo** will be a featured author in *Aspatore Books* from West's (Thomson Reuters) upcoming book on bankruptcy entitled *Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Law 2012*, published annually as part of the *Aspatore Thought Leadership* series. The book will focus on recent changes and upcoming trends in bankruptcy law, and Mark's article will highlight major milestones in 2011, anticipated trends for 2012 and his overall thought leadership for the year ahead.

**Josh Shepherd** was a panelist at the 2011 Consumer Bankruptcy Practice conference, held by the University of Texas School of Law in Galveston, TX on August 11-12. Josh spoke on claim objections and objections to exemptions, how to prepare witnesses for a 341 Meeting of Creditors, and Motions for Relief from the Automatic Stay.

### Upcoming Events

On October 4, 2011, **Stephanie Curtis** will be volunteering as **Principal For A Day** at the J. W. Ray Learning Center located in Dallas. She is very excited to be a part of this special DISD volunteer event and have the opportunity to work closely with the students for a day.

Please join us Friday, October 7th for the **4th Annual AlixPartners Chili Challenge**. Chef Dean Fearing will be the celebrity judge at this year's event to be held at Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 South Lamar, Dallas, TX 75202. You will receive your Evite soon! **Chef Fearing was so impressed with our Firm's Greek chili last year, that we were named "Most Unique," and he was inspired to add a new category this year - Best International Chili! We are trying a new recipe this year that we are sure will win the People's Choice Award!** Tasting and judging starts at 11:30am and Awards begin at 2:00pm. Western/casual attire is encouraged. Come join us for our delicious chili, The Breckenridge Band, Chef Fearing, and all the fun!



Please keep checking our new website [www.curtislaw.net](http://www.curtislaw.net) for Firm updates!

### Speaking Engagements

Mark Castillo is speaking Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the National Business Institute's **Advanced Collection Strategies** seminar in Dallas, TX. Mark will speak at 1:45pm and 2:45pm on *Bankruptcy During Collections*, which will cover the automatic stay, priority of claims, perfecting and protecting creditor claims, and defending avoidance actions. Mark will also speak at 3:30pm on *Ethical Considerations During the Collection Process*, which will focus on collection letters, the activities of collection agencies and attorneys, and compliance with collection statutes and rules. For more information, or to register for the seminar, please go to [www.nbi-sems.com](http://www.nbi-sems.com), or call (800) 930-6182. The seminar will be held at Dallas Marriott City Center, 650 N. Pearl St., Dallas, TX 76201, Tel: (214) 979-9000.

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