

**Subject: Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP Opens Nashville Office**



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opens Nashville office and hires

**Natasha L. Blackshear and Dennis Núñez**

Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP, one of the nation's largest minority-owned law firms continues to expand its nationwide footprint with the opening of an office in Nashville. In opening its 13th office in the nation, Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan has hired Nashville attorneys Natasha L. Blackshear and Dennis Núñez of Natasha L. Blackshear & Associates, PLC.



**Natasha L. Blackshear** is a Partner and practices in the firm's Public Finance and Corporate and Transactional groups. With more than 12 years of finance, and legal experience, including five years as a venture capitalist, Ms. Blackshear provides legal counsel to governmental entities, underwriters and businesses regarding their public and corporate finance transactions, including private placements, municipal bonds and private activity bonds, as well as business planning and tax matters.

Prior to founding Natasha L. Blackshear & Associates, Ms. Blackshear worked as a venture capitalist at Council Ventures, LP for five years and as a senior associate in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Corporate Valuation Consulting division.

Ms. Blackshear earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, her M.B.A. from Cornell

University's Johnson Graduate School of Management, and her B.S. from Cornell University. She is admitted to the bar of Tennessee, New York, and Massachusetts. Ms. Blackshear serves on several non-profit boards and civic organizations, including the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, to which she was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen.



[Dennis Núñez](#) is Of Counsel and practices in the firm's Intellectual Property and Litigation groups. Mr. Núñez is a registered patent attorney with four years experience in intellectual property law. His practice includes patent and trademark prosecution, IP infringement opinions, technology licensing agreements, intellectual property litigation, and settlement negotiations involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets and copyrights.

Prior to joining Natasha L. Blackshear & Associates, Mr. Núñez worked as an intellectual property attorney for another Nashville law firm and as an electrical engineer designing software for military radar systems.

Mr. Núñez earned his law degree, with honors, from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, with a certificate of specialization in intellectual property law, and his B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Alabama. He is admitted to practice by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, as well as the Tennessee and Illinois State Bar. Mr. Núñez serves as a Commissioner on both the Tennessee Civil Service Commission and Metro Human Relations Commission and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Nashville Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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