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Boutique energy law firm formed in San Antonio following Cox Smith merger



Corey Wehmeyer Katy Pier Moore Paul Santoyo have left Cox Smith Matthews to form their own boutique firm in San Antonio to serve clients in the Eagle Ford Shale and the Permian Basin.

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Five attorneys are leaving Cox Smith Matthews in the wake of the law firm's merger with Dykema in Detroit to create a new practice in San Antonio specializing in the the energy sector.

Paul Santoyo, Katy Pier Moore and Corey Wehmeyer, the new name partners in Santoyo Moore Wehmeyer P.C., were shareholders at Cox Smith. Christopher West and Benjamin Robertson were associates in the Cox Smith oil, gas and energy law section.

Santoyo, Moore and Wehmeyer are all board certified in oil, gas and mineral law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and

have expertise in providing counsel for acquisitions and divestitures, leasing and operations; due diligence; exploration and production; commercial energy and real property litigation and arbitration.

"We're from Texas and intend to remain focused here," Moore said in a news release. "My colleagues and I founded this firm because we take those roots seriously. We're committed to serving clients dealing with Texas issues in areas such as the Eagle Ford Shale and the Permian Basin."

As reported Monday, Cox Smith is combining its practice with Dykema to become Dykema Cox Smith in Texas. Managing partner Deborah Williamson and Chairman Jamie Smith are joining the executive board of Dykema as part of the combination.