

CohnReznick expands in Texas

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CohnReznick acquired Ham, Langston & Brezina, effective as of July 1, expanding the Top 25 Firm's presence in Texas.

HL&B, based in Houston, adds 12 partners and 87 employees to the CohnReznick team. It specializes in energy, financial services, construction, nonprofit and benefit plans.

"Joining CohnReznick represents an exciting new chapter for our firm, our people and our clients," Rob Brezina, managing partner at HL&B, said in a statement. "We've built a strong reputation serving the Houston market, and by combining our deep local relationships with CohnReznick's national platform and expanded resources, we are even better positioned to help our clients navigate complexity and seize new opportunities, while creating new growth and development opportunities for our talented team."

CohnReznick, based in New York City, ranked No. 15 on *Accounting Today's* 2026 Top 100 Firms list. It reported \$1.14 billion in revenue, with over 340 partners and more than 3,800 employees across 35 offices. Last year, the firm took a private equity investment from Apax Partners, also in New York.



David Kessler

"HL&B's strong talent, great client relationships and industry depth complement our existing capabilities and will accelerate our ability to meet the needs of clients across Texas," David Kessler, CEO of CohnReznick Advisory, said in a statement. "This combination advances our strategic growth in Houston, a key market for our firm, and expands our capabilities in energy, financial services and real estate. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected platform to serve clients and drive long-term value."

"CohnReznick has demonstrated a clear commitment to expanding in high growth markets such as Houston, and the addition of HL&B enhances both its geographic footprint and industry expertise," commented Allan Koltin, CEO of Koltin Consulting Group, who advised on the transaction. "It's a compelling move that positions the combined organization for continued success."

Earlier this year, CohnReznick acquired Regional Leader Smith Schafer & Associates in Minneapolis. In 2025, it acquired Piascik & Associates in Richmond, Virginia, and opened offices in San Francisco, Tampa and Tallahassee.