



## **Merger Creates Nation's Second Largest Immigration Law Firm**

### ***Foster Quan, LLP Formed to Capitalize on Corporate Demand for Comprehensive Immigration Legal Services***

HOUSTON (Oct. 14, 2008) – The two largest immigration law firms in Texas announced today that they will merge, creating the nation's second largest law firm devoted exclusively to immigration law. Tindall & Foster, PC and Quan, Burdette & Perez, PC, both based in Houston, are combining to form Foster Quan LLP in a strategic move that prominently positions the new firm to capitalize on expanding corporate demand for comprehensive immigration services. The merger is effective January 1, 2009.

Harry Tindall, who led Tindall & Foster's highly successful family law practice, will continue practicing family law with his partner, Angela Pence England, as Tindall & England.

The newly formed Foster Quan will have 56 attorneys, 165 staff members and combine the strengths of two prestigious, well-established immigration firms. Together they will offer clients comprehensive inbound and outbound employment immigration services, a patented I-9 auditing and compliance process, a nationally-recognized litigation team, and family immigration services to accommodate the relatives of immigrating or emigrating client employees and those seeking US citizenship.

These two firms also share a distinctive culture of providing responsive, personalized service where client interactions are handled by experienced partners who are highly engaged in the oversight and progress of client matters.

“Foster Quan LLP brings together the talent, experience and resources of two firms who are nationally known for leadership in immigration law. Our clients, attorneys and staff will all benefit from our expanded capabilities,” said Gordon Quan, founder of Quan, Burdette & Perez and co-chairman of the new firm. “What makes Foster Quan even stronger is our shared commitment to client service and to providing efficient, effective solutions in an increasingly complex immigration landscape,” he added.

The firm will continue to serve clients across a variety of sectors including energy, health care, education, international business and foreign investment, as well as related individual cases of client employees.

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“The growing need for immigration legal services is fueled by the global economy, competition for professional workers, greater complexity in compliance issues and the demand for more assistance and legal analysis of immigration issues,” said Charles C. Foster, director of the immigration section of Tindall & Foster and co-chairman of the new firm. “Foster Quan brings together one of the most experienced teams of highly skilled attorneys capable of addressing current and future immigration legal issues.”

Foster Quan will maintain all six of the firm's current offices including both Houston locations and offices in Austin, San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico City. The blended firm can serve clients in 33 languages and has 13 attorneys board certified in immigration and nationality law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, more than any other firm.

Tindall & Foster was founded in 1973 by Foster, who has been listed as Texas' top immigration lawyer by both *Texas Lawyer* and *Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The firm pioneered and patented a process used for reducing Form I-9 liability and ensuring immigration employment compliance in the U.S. In addition, Tindall & Foster is internationally recognized for its specialty in outbound immigration, obtaining foreign work authorization and residency for businesses seeking to transfer personnel from the U.S. to overseas assignments.

Founded in 1980, Quan, Burdette & Perez was recently named as the top immigration firm in Texas for the third consecutive year by *Chambers U.S.A. – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. The firm's prestigious litigation section recently won a landmark decision before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Dada v. Mukasey* (No. 06-1181), that was cited as this term's most important Supreme Court case on immigration.

As the nation's second largest immigration law firm, Foster Quan plans to take an active role in the national debate on U.S. immigration policies.

**About Foster Quan L.L.P.**

Foster Quan, LLP becomes the nation's second largest immigration law firm in Jan., 2009 as a result of the merger between law firms Tindall & Foster, PC and Quan, Burdette & Perez, PC, both based in Houston. The new firm offers a full spectrum of immigration legal services to assist corporations with the strategic and compliance issues involved in the employment and movement of key personnel across national boundaries. With 56 attorneys operating from Houston, Austin, San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico City, Foster Quan has more attorneys board certified in immigration and nationality law than any other Texas law firm. Foster Quan utilizes the most current technology to help its clients efficiently manage immigration issues. For more information, visit [FosterQuan.com](http://FosterQuan.com).