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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Baron & Budd P.C., Godsey Martin P.C., and The Cochran Firm Announce Lawsuit Filed on Behalf of Driver Killed in Salado Bridge Accident

*Lawsuit Points to Increased Danger on Texas Highways*

DALLAS (April 20, 2015) - Three Dallas area law firms, Baron & Budd, Godsey Martin P.C., and The Cochran Firm, have jointly filed a petition alleging negligence in the 191<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court of Dallas County (cause number: DC-15-04449) on behalf of the mother and two children of 32-year-old Clark Brandon Davis, who was tragically killed during a bridge collapse in Salado, Texas on March 26, 2015.

According to state investigators, a flatbed tractor-trailer hauling a crane and contracted by Texas-based Lares Trucking crashed into the beam of an overpass under construction at I-35 and FM 2484. The crash allegedly caused the beam to fall and crush the pickup driven by Mr. Davis in the southbound lane of the freeway. The collapse also allegedly injured three others in addition to Mr. Davis.

Court documents in this lawsuit state numerous government agencies, including The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) and The Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS), are currently investigating the accident. Contributing factors that are being investigated include the height of the bridge under construction, the truck hauling the crane, its load height and the road conditions. It has already been determined by the TxDMV that the truck driver did not have proper permits for an oversized load.

Court documents also state the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) lists Lares Trucking as being authorized for intrastate transport only and reports that in the past two years, Lares has undergone five inspections. Two Lares vehicles were found out of service, but no citations were given to drivers.

The law firms involved are conducting their own independent investigation, which includes looking into the many possible contributing factors, including the construction of the bridge.

A joint statement from the firms' attorneys stated "We are filing this claim in the hopes that justice will be served for the family of Mr. Davis. Two children lost their father and we intend to hold those responsible accountable for their actions."

Baron & Budd, Godsey Martin and The Cochran Firm represent thousands of victims and their families each year in personal injury and complex catastrophic injury cases, and each has achieved national recognition for getting justice for people, who by no fault of their own, have suffered at the hands of the negligent.