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Since graduating from the University of Texas School of Law in 1993, Patrick Madden's practice has focused on complex civil litigation. Madden has appeared on behalf of clients in courts in more than 40 Texas counties, and outside of Texas from California to New York. He has successfully represented clients in a number of trials involving alleged multi-million dollar damages. In addition, he has counseled clients in business matters through various stages of financing, development and growth. His clients are drawn from a variety of industries, including pharmaceuticals/nutraceuticals, healthcare, franchising, food services, accounting, construction, and transportation.

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How Voting Was Done

D Magazine mailed postcards to 2,500 Dallas attorneys, asking them to go to our web site (www.dmagazine.com) and vote for lawyers under the age of 40 who represent the best of the profession. Anyone with a valid Bar number was eligible to vote.

We posed the following question: which young Dallas lawyer, of those whose work you've witnessed firsthand, would you rank among the current best? With that question in mind, lawyers were asked to provide three names—one from inside their firms and two from outside their firms. Nominations could include co-counsel, lawyers they have observed in court, and opposing counsel. They had to vote for two attorneys from outside their own firms for the same-firm votes to count.

That said, we took great pains to prevent any bias in favor of large firms and to prevent ballot-box stuffing. A large number of same-firm votes didn't guarantee a best listing. Only ballots signed by the attorney with his or her State Bar number were counted. We also enlisted the help of a panel of well-respected local lawyers to review the list. At the recommendation of the panel, to ensure the integrity of our list of the Best Lawyers Under 40, the managing partners of the biggest law firms in Dallas were asked to approve the list of top vote-getters from their respective firms. (This means the managing partner at Akin Gump, for example, approved the top vote-getters from Akin Gump. No managing partner saw the entire list.) The list was finalized after this second round of reviews.