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PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

»Bank of America Merrill Lynch announced that **Lisa Barksdale** has been named global commercial banking market executive for the South Texas market, based in Houston.

»**Brenda Scott Savage** has joined the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau as director of membership.

»**Eric A. Blumrosen**, a partner in the corporate practice group of Gardere Wynne Sewell, has been named as the firm's vice chair.

»**Brett Perlman**, president of Vector Advisors, has been elected to the board of Just Energy.

»**Kiernan A. O'Connor** of Ellis & Ellis, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial, has been elected to the board of directors of the Planned Giving Council of Houston, serving as the director of the Donor Motivation Program of Houston.

»Stinnett & Associates has hired **Kenan Hale, Zaneta Pitts** and **Roman Rabourn** as senior associates to accommodate growth of the professional advisory firm in the greater Houston area.

»**Paige Ingram Castañeda** has transferred to the Houston office of Winstead as corporate, securities/mergers & acquisitions/shareholder. She was in

Austin.

»**Jeff Weems** has joined Porter Hedges as a partner in the litigation practice group. Weems primarily represents working interest owners in energy-related disputes. He also represents service companies, midstream companies and royalty owners.

»**David Thigpen** has been promoted to senior group vice president of oil and gas at Mistras Group.

»**David Cribbs** has joined TechKnowledge as director of security.

»Merrill Lynch announced that wealth management advisers **Mark Reichel** and **Mark Gladstein** have earned the title of managing director.

»**Dmitry Nefedov** has been appointed as the global health, safety and environment director at Wood Group Mustang.

»**John Gillooly** has joined Sterling Seismic Services and serves as vice president. **Cindy Hottman Peevy** has joined Sterling as senior sales and marketing executive. Sterling specializes in full-service seismic data processing services to the energy industry with offices in Houston and Denver.

»**Scott Charlton** has joined Sysco Corp. as senior vice president for distribution services.

»**Blake Costanzi** has

been named president and CEO of GlobalTech Subsea, a worldwide provider of products and services in the offshore oil and gas industry.

»Bracewell & Giuliani announced that **Donald J. DeGabrielle**, former United States attorney for the Southern District of Texas, has joined the firm as a partner in its white-collar defense, internal investigations and regulatory enforcement practice.

»**Chase Wortham** has joined the **Richland Cos.** as an asset and property manager.

»PDR, a workplace consultancy and creative design firm, has promoted nine staff members to senior associate. Those promoted are strategic planners **Joanna Friesen** and **Kelly Marco**, interior designers **Kirstin Weikert** and **Amy Collins**, architectural interns **Mario Villena** and **Malini Fuangvuthi**, change management professional **Amy Becker**, project accountant **Regina Martin** and human resources manager **Kelley Hendrickson**.

»**Chris Guinn** has been named manager at Hodges Collision Center's Texas 249 location.

The Chronicle lists appointments to executive-level positions in Houston. Send announcements to katherine.feser@chron.com.