

## Newsmakers: FosterQuan names four new partners

Immigration law firm FosterQuan announced Jan. 8 the promotion of four of its attorneys to the partnership.



Ryan C. Chargois and Corina M. Farias are new partners in FosterQuan's Austin office.

Chargois (pictured) says he received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 2004 and was editor of the *Texas International Law Journal*. He says he also received the LL.M. degree from Universite de Paris I (Panthe-on-Sorbonne) in 2004.

Chargois says he joined FosterQuan in September 2005 and leads the firm's global section. He says that, among other things, he works with companies sending employees into foreign countries to make sure that the companies get the work permits needed for employees to work abroad. He is fluent in French.



Farias (pictured), a 2001 Widener Law graduate, says she worked for the Political Asylum Project of Austin, a nonprofit now known as American Gateways, before joining FosterQuan in 2004.

Farias says she is board certified in immigration and nationality law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and focuses her practice on employment and compliance-based immigration matters.



Ignacio A. Donoso (pictured) has become a partner in FosterQuan in Houston and Washington, D.C. Donoso says he joined FosterQuan in 2008 and, among other things, assists foreign investors with EB-5 investment projects, which he says allow foreigners who invest between \$500,000 and \$1 million in projects in the United States to obtain green cards so that they can remain in this country.

Donoso says that after earning bachelor of laws and bachelor of civil laws degrees from Faculty of Law, McGill University in Montreal, Canada, he earned a LL.M. from George Washington University Law School in 1998. He says that he is fluent in Spanish and French.



Layla Panjwani, another new partner in Houston, says she joined FosterQuan in August 2010. Panjwani (pictured) says she had previously worked for Quan Burdette & Perez, a predecessor of FosterQuan, and Judith G. Cooper P.C. in Houston. Panjwani, a 2001 graduate of South Texas College of Law, says she primarily helps large companies to obtain work-based visas so that they can transfer employees to other countries. She says she also handles naturalization and citizenship issues.

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