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**District Attorney Craig Watkins Named Impact Lawyer of the Year  
by Texas Lawyer**

**(DALLAS – December 28, 2007)** – Dallas County District Attorney (D.A.) Craig Watkins has been named Impact Lawyer of the Year by Texas Lawyer. In a feature story, *A Justice-at-All-Costs Attitude – Impact Player of the Year Craig Watkins*, published in Texas Lawyer on December 24, 2007, readers of the law publication are given an in-depth look into Watkins’ philosophy on the criminal justice system, as well as his non-traditional approach to impact change, both internal and external, at the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office.

“We are honored this office is being looked at for the positive impact we are trying to have not only on the criminal justice system in Dallas County and the State of Texas, but hopefully across the country,” said District Attorney Craig Watkins. “The new policies and programs we’ve implemented in my first year as D.A., were much-needed changes that I believe will have far-reaching effects over time and 2008 promises to bring even more positive change as we focus on victims’ rights.”

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