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The small Texas firm likes to say it left a big footprint on Wall Street, having negotiated a record \$8.5 billion settlement with Countrywide Home Loans and Bank of America Corp. on behalf of 22 institutional investor clients in residential mortgage-backed securities.

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL: What is one word that best describes the firm?

ROBIN GIBBS, PARTNER: Creativity.

NLJ: Identify one stereotype about plaintiffs lawyers and dispel it.

RG: That to be a successful plaintiffs jury trial lawyer, you need to try all or most of your cases on the plaintiff's side of the docket. Wrong. Trying and winning major defense cases along the way teaches a lawyer skills which can make one a first-class plaintiffs lawyer.

NLJ: What is your biggest pet peeve about practicing law?

RG: The continued expansion of the "paper tiger" style of practice by "litigators" in this aspect of law practice.

NLJ: What do you think will be the most important development in the law-legal business in the next 10 years?

RG: The continued and accelerating erosion of trial law as a "profession" in favor of its becoming a "business" among its practitioners.