

## RELOCATION

# Law firm moving Uptown

Winstead PC to occupy  
eight floors in former  
Centex headquarters

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A big downtown law firm is making a move to Uptown.

Winstead PC announced Thursday that it has leased eight floors at 2728 Harwood St. near the Crescent. The office building, owned by developer Harwood International, formerly housed the headquarters of Centex Corp.

Winstead is currently in the Renaissance Tower at 1201 Elm St. The big law firm won't shift its operations until its contract runs out at the end of 2012.

Even so, several Uptown building owners had wooed Winstead in hopes of landing the office deal. It's one of the biggest leases signed this year in Dallas.

"We've been working on this deal for over a year," said Jihane A. Boury, Harwood's vice president of development and leasing. "They are taking

128,782 square feet, and they have the rights to expand to another two floors."

"The Uptown environment is a great fit for Winstead's strategic direction and client-driven objectives," Winstead executive committee member Mike Alessio said. The relocation to the Uptown building "is consistent with the changing nature of the legal industry." Traditionally, major law firms had offices in the financial district.

The former Centex space in Uptown has been on the market since the homebuilder was sold to Michigan-based Pulte Group last year.

Winstead will occupy about three-fourths of the 10-story 2728 Harwood, which was built in 1996.

Harwood International's Boury and David Roehm negotiated the long-term lease with Phil Puckett and Chris Herrmann of CB Richard Ellis. Ear-

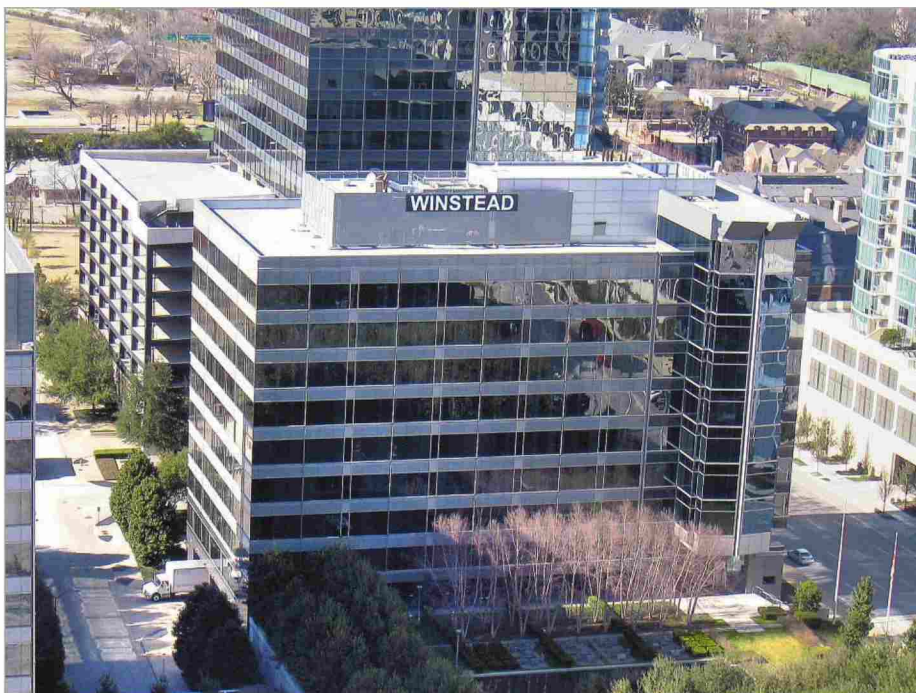
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lier this year — as part of the effort to secure Winstead's lease — Harwood International draped a temporary Winstead sign on top of the tower.

Winstead occupies almost 200,000 square feet in Renaissance Tower, where it's been since 1986.

Winstead is the latest downtown legal firm to migrate Uptown, following Patton Boggs LLP, Haynes and Boone LLP and Jones Day.

The 2728 Harwood building is one of five office buildings Harwood International has built in Uptown. The newest, Saint Ann Court, is about 70 percent leased.





Harwood International

**Earlier this year**, Harwood International put a temporary Winstead sign on top of the tower at 2728 Harwood St. in hopes of winning a lease from the law firm.