



Attendees check out Mabra Law’s new building in Atlanta at its grand opening on Sept. 30. (Photo: Bonnie Heath)

Q&A

## Legal Innovator: Ronnie Mabra Jr.

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Ronnie Mabra Jr. is founder and managing partner of Mabra Law in Atlanta, with offices also in Tifton and Warner Robins. His practice areas include auto accident, catastrophic injury, wrongful death and premises liability cases.

Mabra was honored for purchasing an abandoned warehouse in Atlanta’s Blandtown community and repurposing it into his new Atlanta office/firm headquarters. According to his nominator essay, he bought the building in 2019, but his plans for it changed when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

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Ronnie Mabra Jr. (left) and Judge Christopher Charles Edwards of the Mabra Firm. Courtesy photo

The new building, which opened in September, includes retractable front walls that open two conference rooms to a covered patio, operable windows in individual offices that open for maximum fresh air flow and ultraviolet, HEPA and ionizer filters that physically remove viruses and allergens from the air, among other features.



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In May, the firm won an Award of Excellence from the Atlanta Urban Design Commission for its new building.

The Daily Report asked Mabra the following questions:

**What are some of your proudest achievements in 2021?**

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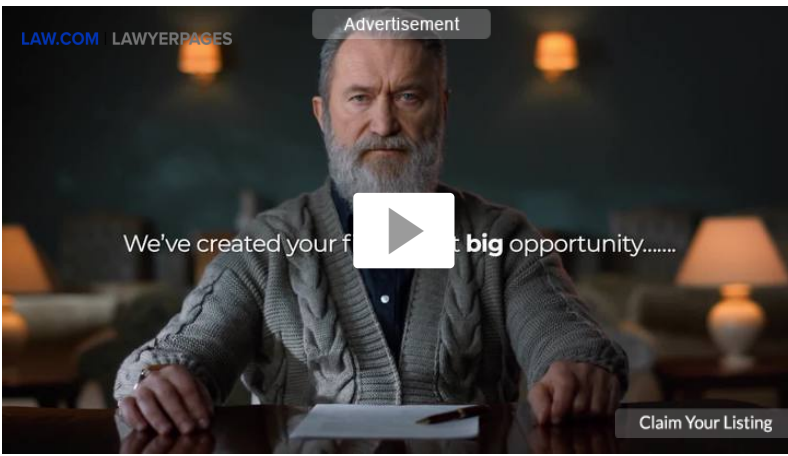
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...only did we grow head count, [but] we achieved record resolutions for our clients. All that notwithstanding, our most enduring achievement in 2021 was the completion of our new state-of-the-art building. Our new headquarters at 1231 Booth St. N.W. is unlike any other law firm office in the state. From its unique location in West Atlanta's Historic Blandtown to its practical design, our new building is a technological marvel. What's more, we commissioned floor-to-ceiling murals by nationally renowned artists that honor legal legends including Presidents Barack Obama and Abraham Lincoln, and paying homage to civil rights giants such as [U.S.] Rep. John Lewis.

**Innovation often refers to technology but means more than that. What are some routes to effective innovation that might be overlooked?**

Innovation most often begins as an obstacle that is addressed as an opportunity for better. Getting there requires flexibility, adaptability, an innate ability to assess the environment and the courage to take a risk, not miss a beat and ultimately come out ahead.

**What must the leaders of law firms and other organizations do to ensure they are being receptive to new ideas and to improve the legal profession's reputation for being innovative?**

Lawyer leaders do not need to know everything. The best leaders listen to ideas that are not necessarily our own, discovering innovation among ideas we may not have considered. Leaders, trust the very smart people around us, vet their ideas, consider the implications, collaborate and give credit where it's due.

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