

## profiles in power



16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CENTRAL TEXAS WOMEN OF INFLUENCE



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## 2010 WINNER

### **Describe a challenging moment in your life and how you overcame that obstacle.**

When I was pregnant with my third little bundle of joy, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. In our business, being weak is not an option. I used this mentality and my desire to be a mother to my children throughout their lifetimes as inspiration for me to combat the challenges of fighting cancer.

### **What advice would you give to women trying to achieve leadership roles?**

Challenge yourself. We are all strong and capable of doing inspirational things. Don't let yourself

be brought down by the small stuff. Cherish every moment with your families. Be fierce.

### **What others say:**

Simply put, Andrea is a woman of influence. Her influence is felt statewide. Every pound of the gavel from the Texas Legislature is the starting sound for her. She is involved in every aspect within the firm, including crafting policy for both sides of the aisle and the designation of specific interim charges of interest.

**Sarah Ramirez**

Executive assistant

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