



PEDAL PUSHERS

Attorneys at Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P are keeping track of more than billable hours. So far this year, Gardere lawyers — along with family members, clients, and friends — have biked more than 335 miles and raised \$291,000 to help find a cure for multiple sclerosis.

On April 21–22, more than 100 riders from Team Gardere biked 183 miles from Houston to Austin as part of the annual BP MS 150 that benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. On May 5–6, nearly 140 “Gardere Gearheads” rode a 153-mile route from Frisco to Fort Worth in the Bike MS: Sam’s Club ride.

Gardere’s participation in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s bike fundraisers began 12 years ago when **John Pearson**, a litigator in Gardere’s Houston office, was diagnosed with the disease. Pearson has ridden with the team each year and inspired many of his colleagues to do the same. The cumulative amount Gardere has raised for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society during its years of participation is more than \$2.1 million.

“The BP MS 150 is an inspiring and unique event. It is very satisfying to achieve a personal goal while, at the same time, raising money that will help to find a cure for this relentless disease,” says **Peter Scaff**, a partner in the firm’s Houston office. “When your legs ache and the wind is at your nose, it is the cause that keeps you pedaling.” Scaff is captain of the Houston office’s team, Team Gardere, which raised more than \$165,000, surpassing their goal by \$20,000 and last year’s mark by \$40,000.

Keith Novick, a partner in Gardere’s Dallas office, is captain of the Dallas-based team dubbed the Gardere Gear-



Peter Scaff, captain of Team Gardere and a partner in the firm’s Houston office, rides to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

heads. “I, and each of the Gearheads, had the blessing of being able to do something that many with multiple sclerosis can only dream of — riding a bike 150 miles,” he says. “From this perspective, it was our privilege to participate in Bike MS.” — *E.C.*

TEXAS PEOPLE



Anna C. Dragsbaek
President and CEO, Immunization Partnership, Houston

Named the 2012 Texas Childhood Immunization Champion by the Centers for Disease Control. She was recognized for her efforts to increase knowledge about childhood immunizations.



Machree Garrett Gibson
Graydon Group, L.L.C., Austin

Received this year’s Heman Sweatt Legacy Award from the University of Texas at Austin’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement for her support of and service to the university.



Dorene Philpot
Philpot Law Office, P.C., Galveston

Received the 2012 Diane Lip-ton Award for Outstanding Educational Advocacy from the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, a national advocacy organization for students with disabilities.



Harold K. “Hal” Watson
Partner, Chaffe McCall, L.L.P., Houston

Elected second vice president of the Maritime Law Association of the United States. An active member since 1978, Watson served as the organization’s secretary before being elected second vice president.