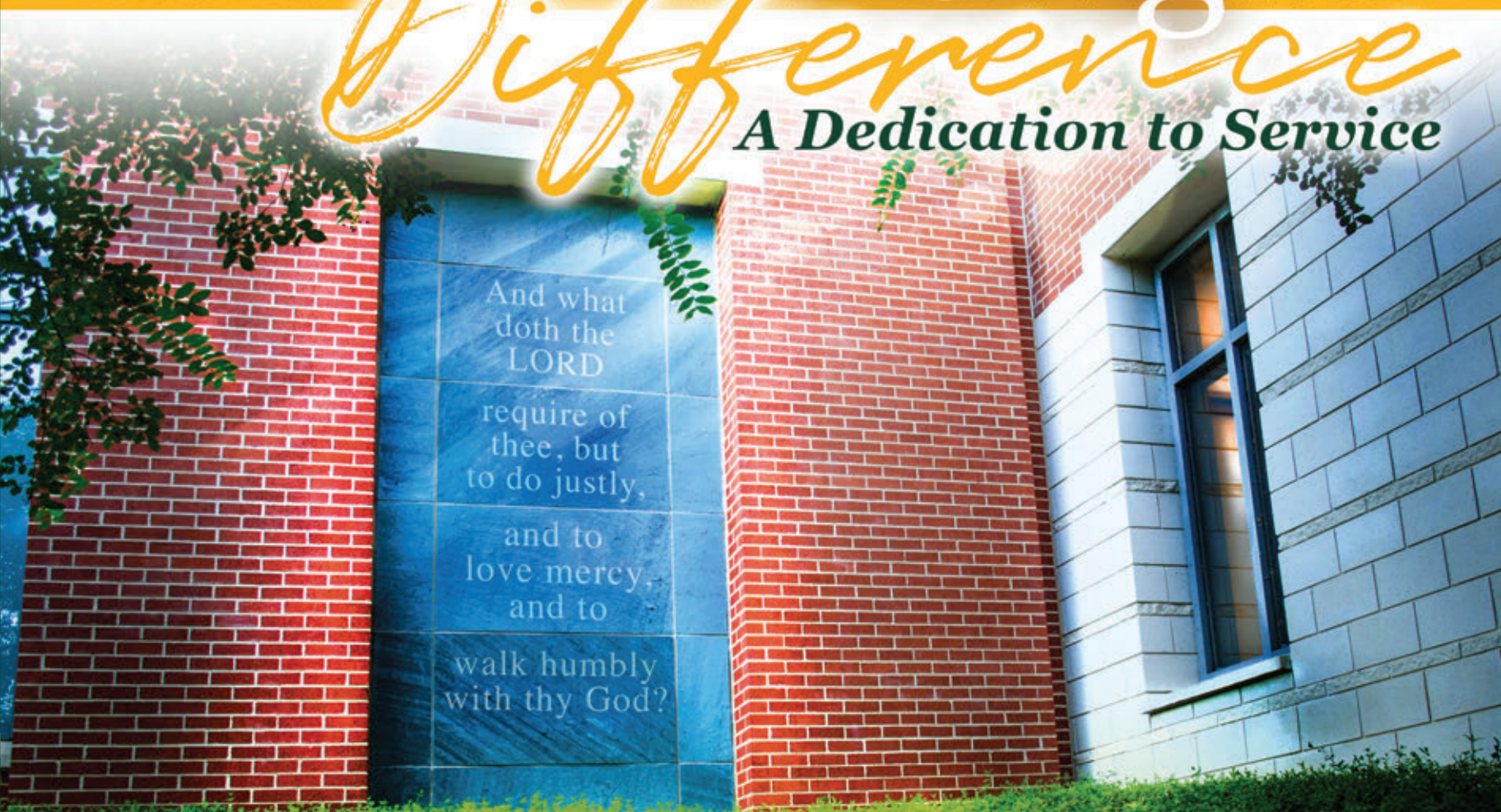


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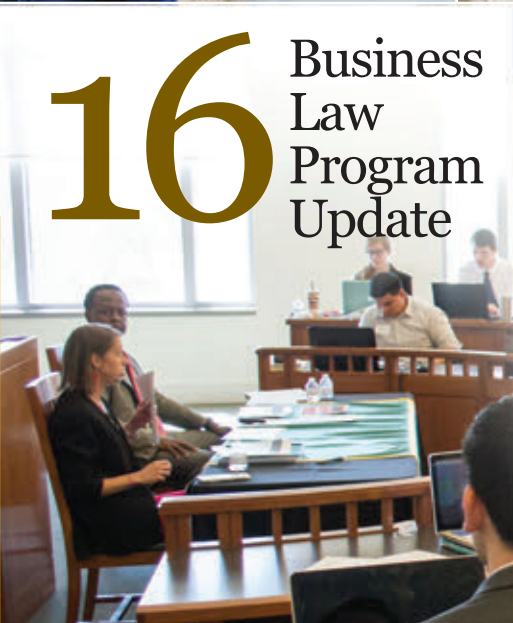
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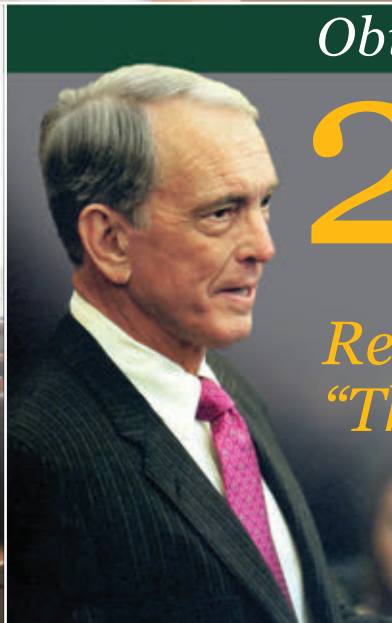


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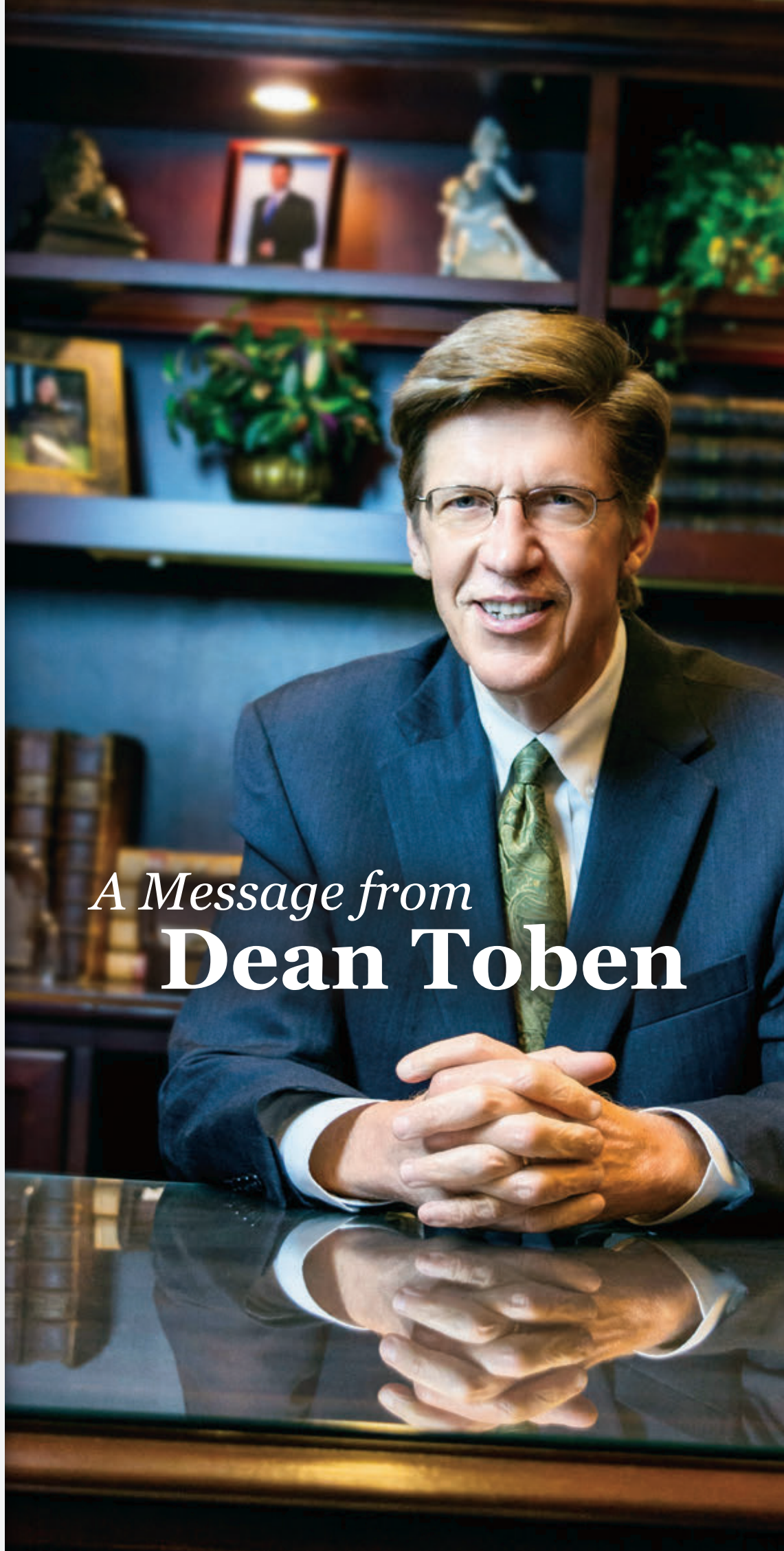
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A Message from Dean Toben

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”

ISAIAH 1:17

As I reflect on this issue of the *Docket Call*, I am blessed to know that so many Baylor Law alumni, faculty, staff, and students take the prophet Isaiah’s admonition to heart. They live to serve the Kingdom of God and God’s creation, including, notably, those who live closer than most to the margins.

Approaching the legal profession as a vocation and a call to service—not just a career—is an ideal that I stress when speaking with our new law students at each orientation. I remind them that their clients will come to them with all manner of challenges and issues, and it is their duty not only to provide the needed technical expertise, but also to understand the underlying needs of each client. That may take the form of a reference to counseling or giving encouragement that leads a client down a pathway otherwise not taken; it sometimes just means being a kind listener.

In this issue of *Docket Call*, along with photos and highlights of what’s happening at the law center, we’ll share with you stories of a few Baylor Lawyers who have taken the scriptural call to serve to heart and have put it into action. You’ll read about Shannon Sedgwick Davis fostering human rights across the globe in her exceptional dedication to serving “the least of these.” You’ll enjoy Caren Lock’s service in promoting gender and racial diversity and equality in her role as Associate General Counsel at TIAA-CREF, and Nelson Roach’s award-winning dedication to improving water quality and being a steward of

the natural environment so that future generations—both people and wildlife—can continue to enjoy the stunning beauty of our landscapes in the great State of Texas.

Sadly, we also share in this issue the heartbreaking passing of my friend, confidante, and fellow traveler, Prof. David Guinn, known to some as “the Godfather” and to others simply as “King David.” So few people in this world have had an impact on so many Baylor Lawyers, on our school, and on the legal profession in Texas and beyond. His brilliance, his teaching, and his character, integrity, and persona have left an indelible mark on us all.

I hope that you will be inspired by the stories of service and stewardship in this issue of *Docket Call*. Be proud to call yourself a Baylor Lawyer. Continue to seek out new and impactful ways to use the education and training you have received at Baylor Law to serve. Always remember that being a Baylor Lawyer is a true vocation—a calling by the Creator himself to uphold the cause of justice whenever we can to make this life and world that we enjoy just a little bit better.



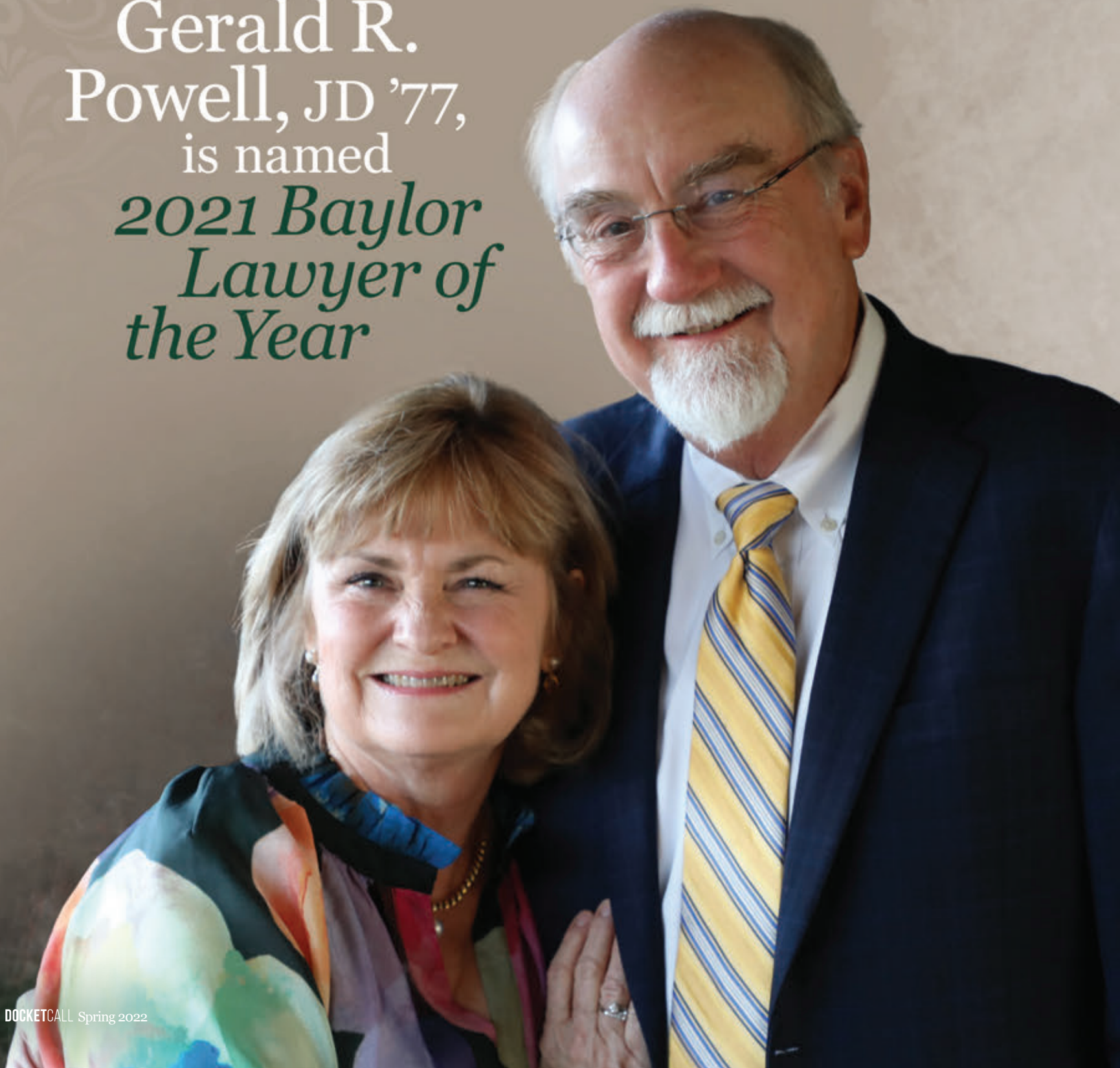
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The **Advocate**

After a lifetime of advocating
for clients and students alike,

**Gerald R.
Powell, JD '77,**
is named
*2021 Baylor
Lawyer of
the Year*



During his long tenure at Baylor Law, Professor Gerald Powell developed a reputation as a captivating storyteller. Now that the Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence has retired after 35 years of mentoring scores of would-be lawyers, it is fitting that many of them—now veteran lawyers themselves—have their own stories to share about a man whose imposing classroom persona is tempered by legendary kindness, generosity, and humor.

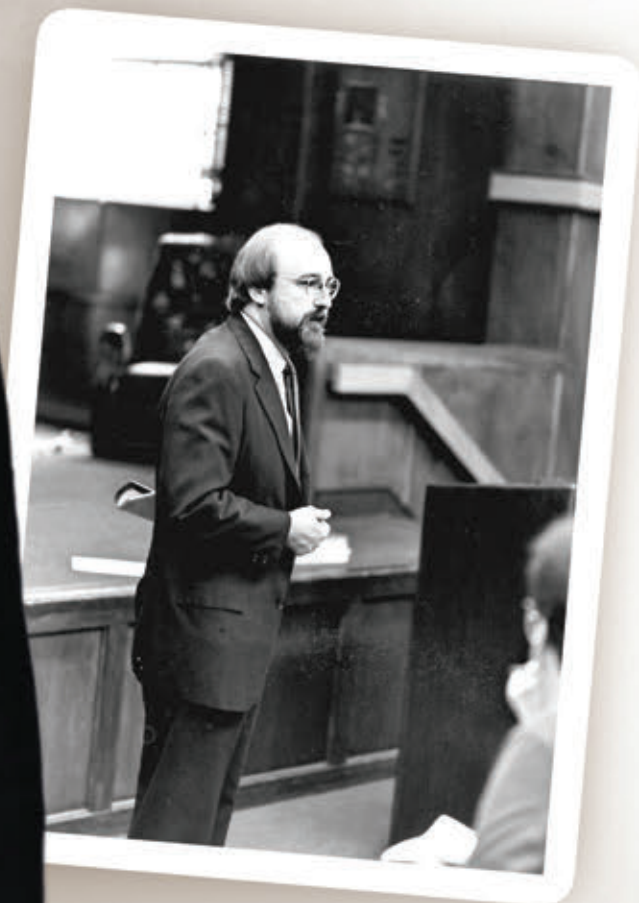
Professor Gerald Powell, who retired from Baylor Law last summer, has been recognized as the 2021 Baylor Lawyer of the Year. This comes along with the announcement that the Gerald R. Powell Endowed Chair in Advocacy has been established to acknowledge Powell's contributions to the Baylor Law Practice Court Program.

While honors like these certainly reflect the impact Powell has made, the stories told by former students go much further in revealing the real depth of his character.

Carol Payne, JD '93, remembers the curious lengths to which Powell would sometimes go to prepare his students. Payne was once involved in a mock trial competition in which the sound of a gunshot was part of the fact pattern. Knowing that Payne and other members of the two participating teams had never been exposed to the sound of gunfire, Powell invited them to his ranch one cold, gray Saturday morning for a live-fire demonstration with a .45 caliber pistol.

"I mainly remember that it was crazy loud," Payne said, "and his cabin was too small for both teams to try to warm up at the same time. I always appreciated his efforts to try to give us a winning edge."

Powell had a significant presence in Baylor Law's Practice Court Program for 35 years and served as its director for 15 of those years. Although students looked forward to his classes, their awareness of his rigorous standards made them equally fearful of being unprepared for them.



J. David Tate, JD '94, said that it was in the team practice environment that he came to understand how fortunate he was to be trained by Powell, who earned the distinction of Master Teacher—Baylor's highest honor granted to faculty members—in 2005. Even though Tate has long since come into his own as a vice president and associate general counsel at AT&T, he admits that he is still trying to emulate his old teacher nearly 30 years later.

"Professor Powell showed me that to be an effective trial lawyer involved both art and science," Tate said. "When I began to meander aimlessly during my cross-examination, he would shake his head and suggest another direction—showing me how it might be done. His cross would be concise, kind, and absolutely deadly. I couldn't wait to figure out how to be like him."

To understand what motivated Powell's determination to draw out each student's potential, it is worth considering the experiences that helped form his sensibilities.

Powell was born in Vernon, Texas, an old cattle town situated more than 150 miles outside the influence of any major metropolitan area. Powell later graduated from Waco's Richfield High School, which sat on land once used to train U.S. Army Air Service cadets in rattling, open-cockpit biplanes. During his undergraduate days at Baylor University, Powell reigned as debate champion of the Southwest Conference and qualified for the national debate tournament. Drawn to the study of law by his affinity for advocacy, Powell enrolled in Baylor Law and became a member of its national mock trial and moot court teams. When he graduated in 1977, he was first in his class.

Stacy Auvenshine, JD '02, recalls an exchange with Powell during a mini trial:

“I got flustered to the point that I didn't know what to say. Professor Powell kindly said, ‘Ms. Auvenshine, you have to say something. You could be right, or you could be wrong, but you have to say something.’ Professor Powell is the voice in my head whenever I am in a courtroom. I didn't go to law school with the goal of becoming a trial lawyer, but I have been a trial lawyer for nearly 19 years. I use the lessons I learned from Professor Powell every day to protect abused and neglected children in Ellis County. Thank you, Professor Powell.”

—Stacy Auvenshine, JD '02,



Baylor Law faculty, staff and alumni gathered this past October to honor Gerald Powell as the 2021 Baylor Lawyer of the Year.



Professor Emeritus Gerald Powell with his wife, Barbara, and their two children. Colin is a 2014 Baylor Law graduate and Calley is a Baylor University alumna.

Following graduation, Powell joined the litigation section of the Dallas law firm of Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox, making partner in 1982. Less than a decade after leaving Waco, Powell was drawn back home, accepting a position with the Baylor Law faculty.

Almost immediately, he demonstrated why he'd be remembered for his generosity as much as he was regarded for his rigid demand for excellence. David Schubert, JD '86, tells how Powell reached out to him as he was trying to get his career off the ground.

"Professor Powell put me in touch with his old firm in Dallas and apparently convinced them to hire me," Schubert said. At the same time, Powell's wife was helping to arrange interviews for Schubert's wife with the company she'd just left. "In short, Professor Powell, above and beyond his legal brilliance and ability to teach the law and trial skills, took a personal interest in me and my wife."



Dominic Ayotte, JD '01, tells of the time when Powell walked into the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in which he and three fellow students were studying for finals:

“Professor Powell came in and asked, ‘What are you boys up to? The final is coming up. Using your time well?’ We showed him our outlines and he even asked a question or two. He then left us to study. A few minutes later, four pies were delivered to our table by a server, from the ‘handsome older gentleman you were speaking to a few minutes ago.’”

—Dominic Ayotte, JD '01

“Professor Powell impacted my life in a profound way. He was always prepared to lecture. To this day before a trial begins, I go through a mental exercise where I assume Powell is opposing counsel. As a result, I am always sufficiently prepared. I appreciate the value he placed on our time. I try my best to treat a jury the same.”

—David Lane, JD '01



Leah Jackson Teague, David Guinn, Angus McSwain (Baylor Law dean, 1965–84), Louis Muldrow, Thomas Featherston Jr. and Gerald Powell.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Although Powell may have trained his final crop of lawyers, he continues to be driven by a love of trial law. Having already co-authored two books on Texas evidence law, Powell recently turned his attention to fiction writing. Last year, he published *The Sporting House Killing*, the first book in a series of legal thrillers set in Texas in the late 1800s. The central character is “an old warhorse of a trial lawyer” named Catfish Calloway.

A quick study of the Calloway character might lead one to conclude that Powell has, even if unintentionally, given Calloway many of his own traits. The fictional Calloway is fiercely loyal. He’s shrewd. He is uncompromising in his pursuit of truth.

But he’s also dogged by a past failure, leaving him with the feeling that he’s lost his touch, a notion that seems almost impossible for someone like Powell to contemplate, having been a source of encouragement for thousands of young lawyers-in-training for so many years.

In fact, the remarks Powell made in his last commencement address as a Baylor Law faculty member reflect a belief that there’s nothing to be gained by worrying about the past. There’s too much to look forward to in the future.

“We are all going out together,” Powell told the summer 2021 graduates. “Whatever mark we were going to make at Baylor Law, we made it. Time to go mark up something else. Let’s go make the world a better place.”

About the Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award

The Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award is given annually to an outstanding alumnus/a who has brought honor and distinction to the Law School and to the legal profession. Recipients are selected based upon criteria listed here.

1. The nominee’s legal ability and achievements as a lawyer
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Laws of Nature

After acquiring a slice of East Texas land, Nelson Roach, JD '84, trades his vision of casual recreation for one of impassioned restoration.



With its legions of towering, sunlight-arresting pine trees and a denseness that is both exhilarating and unnerving at the same time, it's not surprising how many stories there are about people who walk into the Pineywoods of East Texas and become immediately and hopelessly lost.

Nelson Roach has spent a number of years losing himself in those woods. In doing so, he has found an extraordinary sense of purpose.

When Roach decided to buy 1,400 acres in the Pineywoods, he was simply looking for a place to periodically escape the demands of his busy litigation practice in Daingerfield and do some hunting.

But several years later, having expanded the property to more than 7,500 acres, Roach's vision for the piece of land known as Couch Mountain Ranch began to shift, as he immersed himself in restoring the natural balance between plant and animal life.

"It just gradually sucked me in," he said, explaining the change of focus to conservation.

Roach began to subscribe to the idea of "land ethic" championed by Aldo Leopold, an American conservationist considered by some to be the father of wildlife ecology and the United States' wilderness system. This concept expands the boundaries of one's ethical obligation to include the soil, water, plants, and animals as parts of the "community" for which the person bears responsibility.

Roach set off on his crusade by first working with Texas conservationists and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve the natural beauty of a creek that runs through the property and, more importantly, to restore the quality



Roach has found that sharing his passion with others is its own reward. Couch Mountain Ranch has become a destination for local Longview Boy Scouts who spend the weekend fishing, camping, and earning merit badges. Wildlife and biology teams from the Pittsburg ISD also use the property to identify plant and animal species. Stephen F. Austin State University biologists have also been given free rein to explore the

mimic the appearance of an alligator's skin. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department recently seized several of these turtles being sold illegally for their meat and released them on the Couch Mountain property after fitting them with trackers.

"It has been a mutually beneficial relationship," Roach said about sharing his land with guests that range from children to biologists.

It seems fitting that what started out as Roach's personal search for work-life balance has evolved into a quest to achieve equilibrium on a much grander scale.

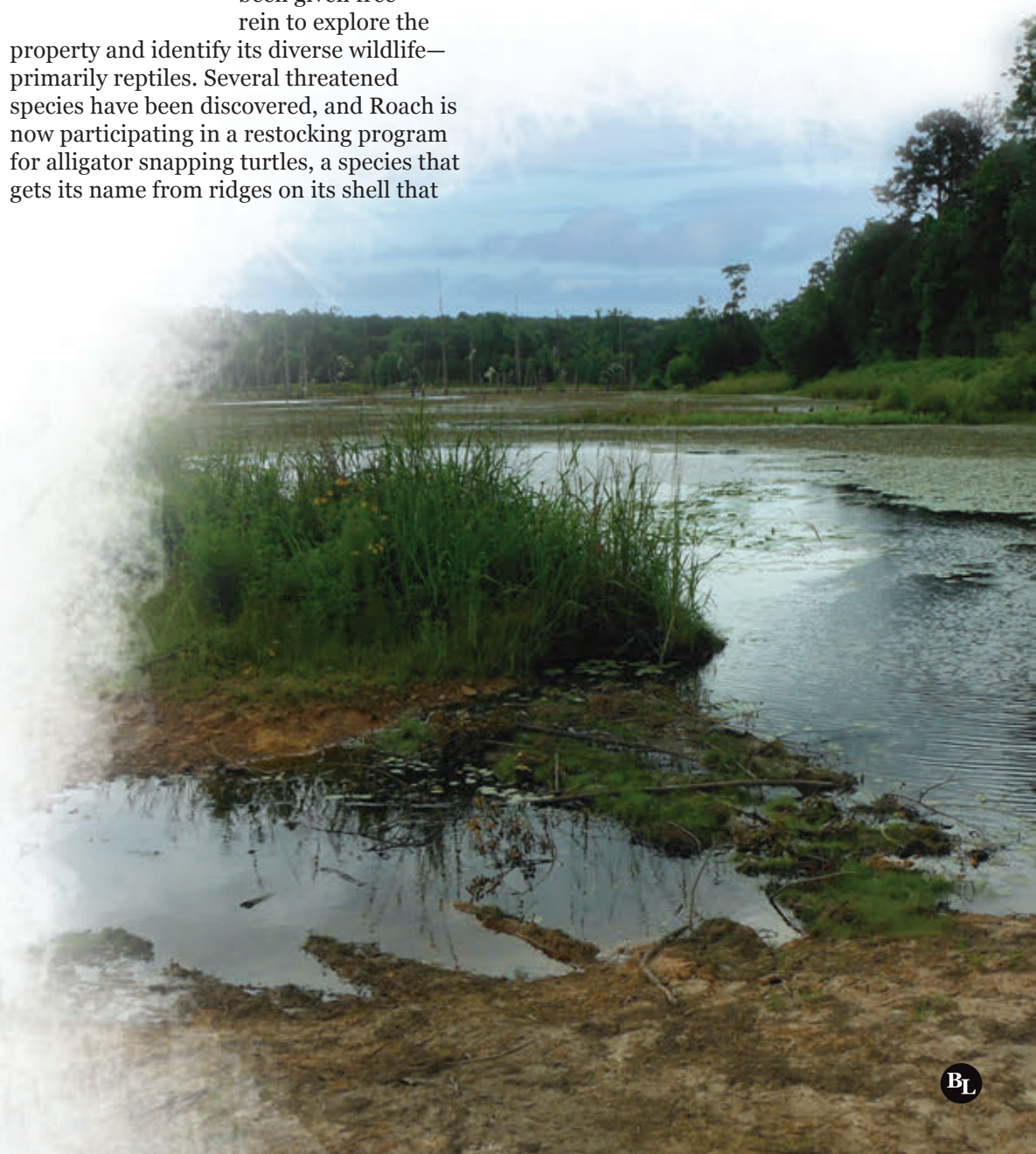
"I'm fascinated by continuously understanding the importance of the interrelationship between all plant and animal species, the importance of predator and prey, and how the plant environment affects the animal," Roach said, "and the balance that must be maintained."

of water that funneled into a reservoir supplying more than 100,000 residents. From there, he turned his attention to forest health, using prescribed burns and underbrush removal to promote tree growth, stabilize the land's soil composition and reduce runoff.

Having improved Couch Mountain's water sources and plant life, Roach turned his attention to its wildlife. In a collaborative effort, Roach and his neighbors created a "turkey co-op," whereby 10,000 acres of good turkey habitat were developed. Joining forces with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Roach participated in a turkey restocking program that relocated turkeys from overpopulated areas, reintroducing them into northeast Texas. While Roach says it's still too early to call it a success, the poults they are now seeing every year indicate they are reproducing as planned.

Roach's conservation efforts have not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized with the 2018 Texas Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Land Stewardship Award and the Lone Star Land Steward Award for the Pineywoods Region. He was also nominated for the National Private Lands Fish and Wildlife Stewardship Award.

property and identify its diverse wildlife—primarily reptiles. Several threatened species have been discovered, and Roach is now participating in a restocking program for alligator snapping turtles, a species that gets its name from ridges on its shell that



From a Little Spark May Burst a Flame

Refocused by a professor's quiet encouragement, Shannon Sedgwick Davis, JD '00, plunges into a lifelong fight for international human rights.

Shannon Sedgwick Davis pushed an unruly lock of sandy hair behind her ear and glanced down at the emerald landscape rushing beneath her.

She was more than 8,000 miles from home, flying over one of the most remote regions of Africa. As much as the young Texan may have looked out of place, she was deeply immersed in her element. Feeling the helicopter begin its earthward descent, her pulse quickened, as if to match the cadence of the thrumming rotor blades.

She was looking for Joseph Kony, head of the murderous Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and one of Africa's most brutal warlords. To the casual observer, this was unthinkable dangerous and dirty work. For Shannon Sedgwick Davis, it was unthinkable that she would be doing anything else.

Now in her 15th year as the CEO of Bridgeway Foundation, Sedgwick Davis, JD '00, reflects on a career that has taken her to many dark corners of the world in pursuit of sex traffickers, terrorists, and other human rights violators. Bridgeway Foundation is the charitable arm of Bridgeway Capital Management, an investment firm that helps fund organizations whose goal is to end genocide and protect human rights.



SHANNON
SEDGWICK
DAVIS



Shortly after taking over as CEO, Sedgwick Davis realized that while Bridgeway played an essential role, it was falling short of its true mission. While it was providing funding on the front end of conflicts and financing rebuilding efforts in their aftermath, it wasn't making headway in stopping atrocities and ending violence. Instead of changing the mission statement, Sedgwick Davis decided that Bridgeway would redouble its efforts to do what it initially set out to accomplish: stop genocide and end human rights violations.

"The nature of philanthropy is to shrink," Sedgwick Davis said. "You should do your job so well that there is no longer a need for it."

Sedgwick Davis' journey as a philanthropist and activist can be traced back to a pivotal event during her time as a law student. Having come home from a spring break trip to an earthquake-devastated region of Turkey, she was faced with the choice of continuing her volunteer efforts at the expense of her schoolwork. She recalls Professor Brian Serr encouraging her to listen to that call, leading her to realize that she had an exceptional opportunity to help people in a significant way.

"That trip was so formidable for me and steered me towards international human rights," she said. "You have to zero in on those passions because you are able to have outsized effects in those areas."

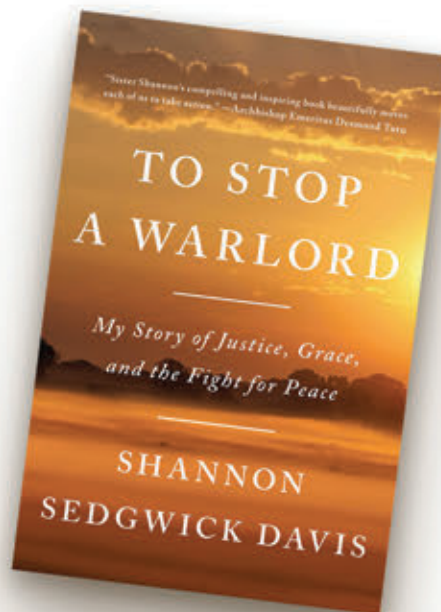
After graduation, Sedgwick Davis accepted a position with a Dallas law firm. She knew that was not her real purpose and after only a year, she made the decision to leave. Fearing that she might never answer her true calling if she didn't make the leap soon, she packed her car and headed for Washington D.C. There, she joined International Justice Mission, a global organization whose goal is to protect impoverished people from trafficking and slavery, police abuse of power, and violence.

Sedgwick Davis' time with IJM was formative and she said she is grateful for the opportunity to be mentored there. As IJM's director of public affairs, her eyes were opened to the scope of injustice in places like India, Southeast Asia, Cambodia, Latin America, and parts of Africa.

"If you don't address issues of impunity, the problems will never go away," Sedgwick Davis said, explaining how one of their goals was to ensure that punishment for sex trafficking had

a deterrent effect. "You can sell a bag of rice and not make much money, but you can sell a girl for a lot of money. If you go to prison for 20 years for selling that girl, you might decide to sell that bag of rice instead."

Working undercover in Cambodia, Davis and her team gathered evidence instrumental in prosecuting several sex traffickers, but the elation of that victory was also tempered by disappointment. Many "customers" of these traffickers were Westerners who were reported to the U.S. Department of Justice but never prosecuted.



A CHANGE OF DIRECTION

Having been approached by Bridgeway to join their foundation on two previous occasions, Sedgwick Davis relented when asked a third time, in 2007.

"They were ... willing to take risks. I knew we would be allowed to pilot different solutions to bigger problems and fail, and then try again," she said.

It was here that Sedgwick Davis became involved in the hunt for Kony, a Ugandan militant who formed the LRA in 1987. In a reign of terror that spanned four decades and spilled across several countries, Kony abducted tens of thousands of people, mostly children, to staff an army that committed

widespread human rights violations. The LRA was responsible for murders, abductions, mutilations, child-sex enslavement, and the recruitment of child soldiers. Wanting to help but not knowing where to begin, Sedgwick Davis realized that the answers could be found among the people who were most affected.

"They have the better solutions ... (because) they live with it every day," she said. "These mothers were hiding their children in banana leaves at night so they wouldn't be kidnapped."

Sedgwick Davis' ability to connect with the locals afforded her team an extra measure of protection as they set out to take down Kony. Over a period of almost eleven years, she coordinated efforts between the Ugandan army and private military contractors against the LRA. In a culmination of all their hard work and intelligence gathering, they narrowly missed capturing Kony, who escaped after being tipped off.

"There were lots of tears that day. I thought we had failed but I'm most proud of how we decided to pivot," Sedgwick Davis said. "We were trying to cut the head off the snake but instead decided to cut the snake from the head."

Considering many of Kony's soldiers had been kidnapped as children, Bridgeway sought to appeal to their "inner child"—the one that had been thrust into a nightmare and was trying only to survive. They began by looking for living relatives of the LRA's leaders. Many of the soldiers did not know the fate of the families from which they were stolen. Offering them amnesty for their surrender and the return of those who had been kidnapped, they began playing recorded messages and songs from their mothers. Helicopters outfitted with loudspeakers hovered over regions where they thought they were hiding, their loved ones imploring them to give up.

The tactic worked—780 soldiers walked out, effectively dismantling the group. Since then, abductions and killings for which the LRA is responsible have been reduced by more than 90 percent. Although Kony remains at large, the LRA has been neutralized, shrinking from an estimated 3,000 members at its peak to around 100 soldiers.

Sedgwick Davis, who was recently named the World Affairs Council's 2022 International Citizen of the Year, has never been one to rest on the laurels of a major success—nor deterred by the setbacks that are invariably part of her line of work. She is now planning her next mission, which involves confronting a breakoff of ISIS in the Northeastern Congo.

"You have to try and be willing to fail," she said.

Louder *than* Words



CAREN

*Caren Lock, JD '95,
adapts her litigation
skills to empower women
without a voice.*

LOCK

Simultaneously balancing the roles of public affairs executive, community volunteer, yoga instructor, and mother of three, Caren Lock is accustomed to wearing more than one hat at a time.

“I was the perpetual, ‘I don’t know what I want to be when I grow up’ kind of lawyer,” she said, reflecting on a life and career influenced by broad interests.

Lock is regional vice president and associate general counsel for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), a position she’s held for 14 years.

Although she’s an agile juggler of multiple demands on her time, Lock concedes that she’s reached a point in her life where she wants to stop saying “yes to everything” and concentrate on the things that really matter to her. She credits her Baylor Law education with teaching her how to adapt her talents to fit whatever role she has needed to fill at various times in her life and professional career.

Now seeing her priorities through a narrower lens, Lock said she feels she is able to focus her time, talent, and energy on the cause that’s most important to her: changing the narrative on women’s initiatives to effect real change in policy for women.

As the first Advocacy Committee Chair for the Texas Women’s Foundation, Lock saw an opportunity to use her litigation and lobbying



experience to help women trying to escape the cycle of oppression—addressing the problem through legislation. Although supportive of the role “street-level” outreach services play in helping women in need, Lock said she knew the issue would never be resolved if it wasn’t dealt with comprehensively. That required a more fundamental change—rewriting the law.

With a special interest in helping women caught in the web of human trafficking, Lock believed that prevailing attitudes toward trafficking and the labels placed on victims only kept them ensnared in the cycle of abuse.

“We became the subject matter experts in the state,” Lock said, explaining that women’s issues had to be handled in a way that recognized that there weren’t any

one-size-fits-all solutions. “The needs of a young, impoverished woman versus a senior woman are very different. There’s childcare, transportation issues, basic healthcare needs. We needed legislators to look at what a woman needs and acknowledge that it is not the same as a man’s needs.”

From that starting point, Lock has broadened her advocacy efforts to include Asian women’s initiatives in the North Texas area. According to Lock, Asians receive less than 1% of philanthropic dollars, but she added that a strong current of community involvement is helping to fill that void.

“I’ve found a phenomenal group of women in the Asian community who help raise money for our own,” Lock said. “We all live here and give here in our own community and will be giving out over \$400,000 this year to help other Asian women that live among us.”

Although Lock’s advocacy work is publicly visible, her efforts are driven by some very personal convictions. Now that her three boys are young adults, Lock says she hopes she has raised them to be “champions for women.”

“I want them to speak up because their voices can be heard in places I don’t have access to,” Lock said. “I want my boys to remember that women are just as important as men and to speak up for women when we aren’t in the room.”



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ANNUAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP RECEPTION

Baylor Law students networked with federal judges and their clerks at the Annual Judicial Clerkship Reception. Judges Andrew Hanen, Ed Kinkeade, Amos Mazzant III, Nicole Mitchell, and Chris Steger were in attendance.





JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP SEMINAR

U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant III, JD '90, spoke about the value of judicial clerkships during a recent Professional Development Program seminar.



CRIMINAL LAW BOOT CAMP

Award-winning prosecutor, author, and Adjunct Professor Richard Alpert led Baylor Law's tenth Criminal Law Boot Camp, where students were exposed to the legal, practical, and ethical challenges prosecutors and defense attorneys face in Texas.





Getting Down to Business

Energized by new leadership, the Business Law Program looks to expand its influence.

Baylor Law has cultivated a longstanding national reputation as an elite training ground for trial lawyers. But a few years from now, the summer of 2021 may be remembered as the point at which the school's Business Law Program plotted a similar course toward national prominence. That's when longtime Associate Dean Leah Jackson Teague, JD '85, became Baylor Law's first Director of Business Law Programs. Teague stepped away from her associate dean position after almost 30 years to accept this new challenge, saying



that the decision was made “after much prayerful consideration.” Although the decision may not have been an easy one, Teague said it's a move that will allow her to focus on improving recruitment and elevating the national and regional profile of Baylor Law's business and transactional programs.

“Our transactional faculty team has worked diligently to enhance our corporate, business, and transactional courses and programming so that we are as equally skilled at producing business and transactional lawyers as we are trial lawyers,” Teague said. “While we have made great strides toward that goal in recent years, more is needed.”

The emphasis being placed on this area is timely, as a growing percentage of legal work is now focused on corporate, commercial, business, and fiduciary matters. Along with the infusion of Teague's leadership, the programs and competitions outlined below are at the forefront of Baylor Law's effort to push its business and transactional law programs to greater prominence.

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Professor of Law and Director of Business Law Programs

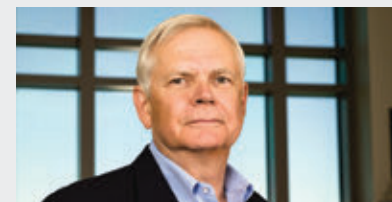


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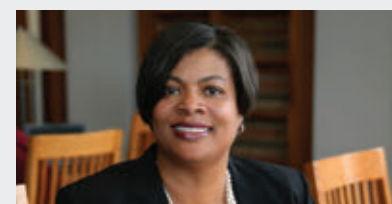
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TOM FEATHERSTON

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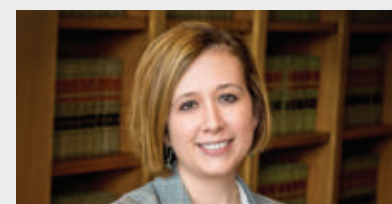
CONNIE NICHOLS

Professor of Law



ALLEN PAGE

Assistant Professor of Law



KAYLA LANDEROS

Legal Writing Lecturer

“The Closer” National Transactional Law Competition

In five short years, The Closer has drawn considerable national attention to Baylor Law’s transactional law program. It is an exclusive competition—only schools that have distinguished themselves in transactional law training are invited. This unique competition was created by Professor Beth Miller to provide opportunities for practical training under challenging circumstances. The Closer is widely recognized as the most prestigious transactional law competition in the country.

Business Law Boot Camp

Another intensive experience created by Professor Miller is a one-week program which gives a select group of Baylor Law students the opportunity to interact with and learn from transactional lawyers from across the country. Specifically created for Baylor Law students interested in business transactions, the course covers topics such as commercial borrowing, trademark and advertising issues, succession planning, selling a business, contract drafting, and negotiation skills.

Transactional Law Clinics

In addition to Professor Connie Nichols’ Trademark and Patent Law Clinics, Assistant Professor Allen Page’s new Entrepreneurship Clinic gives students meaningful transactional experience working with startup businesses. Professor Teague supervises students as they help non-profit organizations seek tax-exempt status. Students interested in estate planning work under the supervision of Professor Tom Featherston to prepare wills and other estate planning documents in the Estate Planning Clinic for veterans and first responders.

Legal Analysis, Research and Communication Program (LARC)

The LARC program prepares students to engage in effective written communication from the moment they enter practice as lawyers. Baylor Law students take Transactional Drafting early in their second year of school where they focus on transactional documents such as basic contracts and letters of advice. In a newly added elective course, Contract Drafting and Negotiation, Legal Writing Lecturer Kayla Landeros builds on those fundamental principles and covers the art of dealmaking, problem-solving strategies and negotiation tactics.

Professional Tracks

Students interested in pursuing transactional practice can choose from among several “Professional Tracks” that provide deeper dives into specialized areas such as business planning, estate planning, healthcare law, intellectual property, and transactions involving real estate and natural resources.

Transactional Capstones

Capstone courses offer students a one-on-one experience with faculty members as they carry out tasks similar to those assigned to first-year law firm associates. Students meet with their professor weekly, completing assignments that build on fundamental concepts learned in courses such as Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, Taxation, and Trusts & Estates.

In-house Externship Program

Baylor Law’s partnership with companies that have in-house lawyers gives students the opportunity to observe the practical skills used every day. These firsthand experiences are complemented by classroom instruction and discussion in areas such as ethics, working with outside counsel, dealing with conflicts of interest, compliance, and conducting internal investigations.

Transactional Cases in Practice Court

In Practice Court, “big trial” cases drawn from transactional areas of practice integrate students’ Practice Court experience with their future specialization.

Transactional Competitions

Internally in the Transactional Law Practice Lab, students work in teams of two on a hypothetical corporate transaction. The class ends with a competition in which teams engage in negotiations judged by practicing transactional lawyers. Participating on a Baylor Transactional Law Team gives students the opportunity to test their analytical, drafting, client counseling, and negotiating skills against teams from other schools in several national contests. Baylor Law teams routinely bring home trophies!

Transactional Law Mentoring Program

In this new program, Baylor Law students are paired with “mentor” lawyers from various transactional practices. Students meet with their mentors regularly during a fall or spring term to discuss their career paths, get advice on coursework, and learn real-world applications.

Transactional Dual Degree Programs

Baylor Law has shared a long-term partnership with the Hankamer School of Business to offer dual degree programs in which students can earn a JD degree with a Master of Taxation or a Master of Business Administration. To keep pace with an increasing demand for healthcare administrators, Baylor Law has created a path for law students to complete a Master of Business Administration with a specialization in healthcare administration.

Get involved

in Baylor Law’s Business Law Programs. Contact Professor Leah Teague at Leah_Teague@baylor.edu to find out how.



GraduationDAY



FALL 2021

Congratulations to the Baylor Law graduates of the Fall 2021 Commencement ceremony! Dean Brad Toben presided over the ceremony and conferred the degrees. Associate Dean Patricia Wilson presented the class. Member of the class Maen Hisham Elaiwat gave the invocation and Cristina Marie Vargas addressed the graduates as the highest-ranking student. Professor Matthew Cordon delivered an inspiring address and Dean Toben, Dean Wilson, and Senior Assistant Dean Angela Cruseturner presented the diplomas. Professors Luke Meier and Rory Ryan hooded the graduates.



StudentNOTES



Fall "Mad Dog" Mock Trial Competition

Matthew Maupin won the 2021 Bob and Karen Wortham Fall Practice Court "Mad Dog" Mock Trial Competition. Maupin received a \$4,000 prize given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham. Pictured here are Judge Christine Nowak, Maupin, and finalist Kristopher Ruiz. Ruiz received a \$1,500 prize.



FINALIST:

Kristopher Ruiz

FINAL ROUND JUDGES

PRESIDING JUDGE:

Judge Christine Nowak, JD '04, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Texas

SCORING JUDGES:

Kinsey Lakey, JD '21, summer 2021 "Mad Dog" winner
Jessie Cox, JD '21, winter 2020 "Mad Dog" winner



2021 Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition

Julia Cantu and Zane Thomas won the 2021 Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition. In each round, teams of two students interviewed and counseled a "new client" with an undisclosed problem. They discussed practical issues such as confidentiality, fees, conflicts of interest, general litigation procedures, and alternative dispute resolution methods with their clients.

FINALISTS:

Peyton Maddox
and Danica McBain



Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court Competition

Congratulations to the team of Lexie Ammons, Michael Tagliabue, and brief writer Sarah Megan Erb who won first place at the 2022 Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Invitational Championship. Ammons also won 'Best Speaker' honors. The team was coached by Professor Larry Bates and Associate Dean Pat Wilson.

Fall '21 - Winter '22 Practice Court Class

There's nothing like the final day of the gauntlet known as Baylor Law's Practice Court Program. Congratulations to the Fall '21-Winter '22 Baylor Law PC class! #SicEmBaylorLaw



AlumniNOTES

1960s

D. Bradley Hutchison, JD '69, received the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award from Paris Junior College. Brad was recognized for spending his career supporting the community of Paris through his law practice and his service to numerous local organizations and nonprofits.

1970s

Larry G. Holt, JD '71, was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott as a member of the Texas Public Finance Authority. Larry recently completed two terms as a commissioner of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. He is in private practice in Bryan, Texas.

Hon. Ralph H. Walton, Jr., JD '72, retired after 27 years as Judge of the 355th District Court of Hood County, Texas. Judge Walton continues to serve as a Senior District Judge.

1980s

John Penn, JD '82, has received the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes John's sustained and deep commitment to the leadership and governance of the organization in multiple leadership roles over many years. An ABI member since 1988, John served as its president from 2005 to 2006, a time during which the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 became effective. He later became ABI's chairman and continues his service to the organization as a co-chair of the ABI Task Force on Veterans and Servicemembers Affairs. John is the firm-wide chair of Perkins Coie's bankruptcy and restructuring practice. He is also a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy.

Susan J. Lambert Barnett, JD '89, recently made partner in the faith-based estate planning and elder law firm of Haiman Hogue, PLLC in Frisco, Texas.

Dick Tye, JD '89, has joined Clark Hill PLC in San Antonio as of counsel in the tax and estate planning practice. He is board certified in estate planning and probate law and tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is past president for both the San Antonio Estate Planners Council and the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

1990s

Todd Boykin, JD '90, of Amarillo, has been reappointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors.

Kyle Hooper, JD '95, has joined Jackson Walker as partner in its Dallas office. Kyle represents clients in mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures, and he also provides guidance on corporate, partnership, and individual taxation issues at both the federal and state levels. He has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* and was recently recognized as a 2021 Texas Super Lawyer.

Brad A. Allen, JD '96, has returned as a partner to Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom LLP after 13 years at USAA. For the past eight years, Brad managed USAA's Texas staff counsel operations. He previously was part of USAA's team that managed a national docket of extra-contractual litigation involving property, auto and class-action cases. Brad is joining MDJW's San Antonio office, focusing on South Texas and Hill County litigation involving first- and third-party disputes. Brad brings an in-house perspective to creating strategies, building teams and leading trial lawyers to proactively manage litigation dockets, try cases, and manage risk for corporations. Brad is glad to be back home with the firm where he first made partner many years ago.

Deborah M. Perry, JD '97, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC in Dallas, has been named a 2021 Texas Super Lawyer in the area of bankruptcy. She was also recognized in the list of Top Women Attorneys in the area of business bankruptcy.

Tracy Wolf, JD '97, has joined Husch Blackwell as a partner in its Dallas office. She is working in their healthcare, life sciences, and education industry group.

Brian Hermes, JD '98, has been appointed chief legal officer of Keystone Agency Partners, headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Brian will lead the legal and human resources functions and advise the board and management team on complex legal, regulatory, and governance matters.

Charles Myers, JD '98, of Ward & Myers LLP, in Midland, was named a 2021 Texas Super Lawyer in the area of family law. He was also voted Best Divorce Lawyer in Midland for 2021.

Christopher B. Trowbridge, JD '98, managing partner with Bell Nunnally in Dallas, has been named a 2021 Texas Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation. He was also included in the Super Lawyers Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth list.

2000s

Matthew Matheny, JD '03, has been made an equity partner with Provost Umphrey Law Firm in Beaumont, Texas.

Steven Ogle, JD '05, has been promoted to the role of deputy director at the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. He will also continue to serve as general counsel.

Brian Shaw, JD '06, has joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP in Dallas as partner. His business litigation work earned recognition in the 2021 Texas Super Lawyers legal guide.

Angela Buchanan, JD '09, joined Phillips Murrah in Dallas as an of counsel attorney. Angela is a litigation attorney whose primary focus is complex commercial litigation and disputes.

Dean J. Roggia, JD '09, has been appointed city attorney of Laredo, Texas.

2010s

Cassie Hoyer, JD '10, has assumed the role of chief of staff for Rep. Brian Harrison, who serves District 10 in the Texas House of Representatives.

Stuart White, JD '10, has joined Liles White PLLC in Corpus Christi/Santa Fe. He is board certified in truck accident law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Jessica L. Dunne, JD '11, with Farrow-Gillespie Heath Witter LLP in Dallas, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list for trusts and estates and trusts and estates litigation. She was also named a "Rising Star" on the 2021 Texas Super Lawyers list and made *D Magazine's* list of 2021 Best Lawyers under 40. Jessica practices in the areas of probate, guardianship, and fiduciary litigation and administrations, with a special interest in adoptions.

Chelsea Woods, JD '12, is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP in Fort Worth, working with the corporate and securities group.

Saba F. Syed, JD '13, senior associate with Bell Nunnally, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list.

Logan Adcock, JD '14, has joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr. His practice focuses on construction law, including construction-related transactions and litigation matters.

Katie R. Beaird, JD '14, senior associate with Bell Nunnally, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list.

Shay P. Talbitzer, JD '14, joined Fraser Stryker PC LLO in Omaha, Nebraska, as an associate attorney in their commercial litigation, products liability and professional negligence practice areas.

Arianna Smith, JD '15, has joined Brousseau Naftis & Massingill in Dallas as an attorney handling civil litigation and family law matters. In addition to her legal work, Arianna volunteers with the Marbridge Foundation and provides *pro bono* services for the Texas Civil Rights Project.

Alexandria M. Risinger, JD '16, associate with Bell Nunnally, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list.

M. Spencer Turner, JD '16, with Farrow-Gillespie Heath Witter LLP in Dallas, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list for trusts and estates and trusts and estates litigation. He practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, guardianship, and fiduciary litigation and administrations.

J. Travis Underwood, JD '16, has joined Gillam & Smith LLP in Tyler. His focus is on patent and personal injury cases in Texas federal and state courts.

Tania Sethi, JD '17, joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP in Dallas as a litigation associate. Tania is also a certified alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mediator.

J. Reid Burley, JD '18, associate with Bell Nunnally, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list.

Carlos E. Alferez, JD '19, has joined Bell Nunnally as an associate. He is a member of the transactional team, focusing his practice on real estate and general business matters.

Kyle Gardner, JD '19, has joined Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann in Dallas.

Mason G. Jones, JD '19, associate with Bell Nunnally, has been named to the 2022 Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" list.

2020s

Sarah Biemer, JD '21, has joined the real estate practice of Munsch Hardt in Dallas.

William Gober, JD '21, has joined Cantey Hanger LLP in Fort Worth.

Preston Polk, JD '21, has joined Cantey Hanger LLP in Fort Worth.

James Wilson, JD '21, has joined the real estate practice of Munsch Hardt in Dallas.

Katie Wolters Mayo, J.D. '15, LL.M. '21, has joined Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD) in Austin as Senior Corporate Counsel supporting the company's rapidly growing Datacenter GPU and Accelerated Processing business unit.

Out&Abouts



TDCAA Annual Conference

Baylor Law faculty, staff, and students joined Baylor Lawyers from District Attorneys offices around Texas at the Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) Annual and Civil Law Conference in Galveston.



Veterans Clinic Advocates of the Year

Darren Obenoskey, JD '90, and Gavin Lane, JD '16, were honored as the 2021 Advocates of the Year by Baylor Law's Veterans Clinic. They were presented with the award by Director of Clinical Programs Josh Borderud and Dean Brad Toben at the Waco-McLennan County Bar Association Fall Luncheon.



Off the Record

Hosted by a distinguished group of Baylor Law female faculty and alumnae, the "Off the Record" luncheon provided 3L Baylor Law students with insights on what it takes to succeed and the challenges women face in the legal profession.

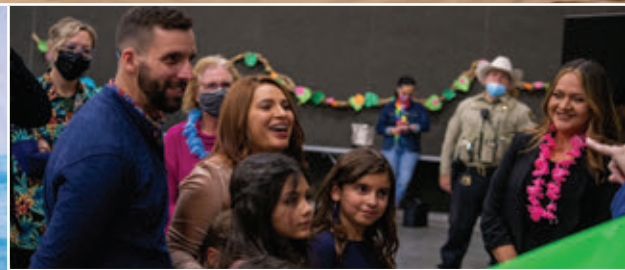




50th Year Reunion
 The Baylor Law classes of 1970 and 1971 were recognized and celebrated as "50 Year Baylor Lawyers" at a reunion luncheon held in their honor at the Baylor Club.



Adoption Day
 Baylor Law faculty, staff, and students helped celebrate the adoption of 20 children at the Moana themed 2021 McLennan County Adoption Day.



Remembering “The Godfather” 1939-2022

Baylor Law pays tribute to Professor David Guinn, JD '63, mentor to more than 7,000 students over a half-century.



David Michael Guinn Sr., 82, departed this life on January 6, 2022.

David was born on February 24, 1939, in Cleburne, Texas, to Ernest and Dorothy Guinn. He grew up attending Main Street Methodist Church and Cleburne public schools until his graduation in 1957, where in high school he was Senior Class President. He earned a football scholarship to attend Baylor University that fall. His hopes of entering the medical profession ended that August with a severe knee injury that forced him to drop a biology class because he could not stand up for the three-hour lab. Upon the wise counsel of his advisor, Dr. Robert



Miller, he enrolled in a political science course. That class sparked in David a new interest in becoming a lawyer.

No longer on an athletic scholarship, David was awarded an academic scholarship provided by Dr. W.P. Ball of Cleburne. After completing 90 hours of coursework, David utilized Baylor's then available "3-3" program, enrolling in law school in 1961 for both his senior year of undergraduate coursework and his first year of law school. He graduated from Baylor Law with his Juris Doctor degree in 1963.

David first worked for the Jack Altaras firm in Cleburne, then the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Fort Worth. He then worked for two years at the firm of Harris & Ball in Arlington. In the fall of 1965, he was admitted to the University of Michigan Law School, where he obtained his LL.M. in International Law in May of 1966. That same month he began teaching at Baylor Law, where he would continue for 54 years until his retirement in 2020.

During his career at Baylor, David initially taught many courses, including Criminal Law, Admiralty, International Law, Administrative Law, and Local Government, earning tenure in 1972. However, it was in the disciplines of Constitutional Law and Civil Rights that he made his mark and greatest contributions as a teacher.

Respected and loved by the more than 7,000 Baylor Law students he taught, Baylor University bestowed upon him the prestigious title of "Master Teacher" many years ago. His students and alumni lovingly referred to him as "King David" or "the Godfather." In 2013, he was named Baylor Lawyer of the Year, the highest honor given by the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

In a tribute to the esteem with which he regarded education, during his years teaching, David took pride in completing six hours of coursework that he was lacking to obtain his undergraduate degree by studying at Queens College in Oxford, England, for three hours of credit and at McLennan Community College for a three-hour computer course, finally earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000.

He served as Baylor's Faculty Representative to the Southwest Conference, Big 12 Conference, and NCAA, chairing the Big 12 Conference Council of Faculty Athletic Representatives and serving on several Big 12 standing committees, including Finance and Long-Range Planning. For many years, David's advice and services were regularly sought by Baylor presidents and administrators, including his longtime friend, Judge Abner V. McCall. Texas

Governors Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, and other public office holders sought his advice navigating matters of constitutional importance.

In addition to his teaching duties, David undertook additional work, teaching part of the Finkelstein Bar Review, acting as a special counsel for the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists under Attorney General Jim Mattox, and counsel for the Western Institute of Science & Technology, a Dept. of Agriculture Program that assisted the Bahamas with programs to teach beef



cattle husbandry. He also assisted in drafting the Texas Administrative Procedures Act. In October of 1978, he and fellow professor Michael Morrison began their practice as Guinn & Morrison, specializing in voting rights work, representing more than 300 political subdivisions throughout Texas in redistricting matters.

David was admitted to the State Bar of Texas and the United States Supreme Court, was a Fellow of the American Bar Association, and was a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society and the Federalist Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Dorothy Guinn.

In 1983 he married Cyndi Patton of Gustine, Texas, and had one daughter, Catherine. He maintained a uniquely close relationship with her even until his death. He was married to Carol Hooker in 1962 in Fort Worth, Texas, and had two sons, David Jr. and John.

He is survived by his former spouses; younger brother, John Bedford Guinn of Pidcoke; son David and wife Wendy of Idalou; son John of Waco; and daughter Catherine Dudley and husband Lane of Gustine. He also is survived by his three grandsons, Randal and wife Stephanie of Houston, Taylor and wife Callie of Longview, and Robert of Longmont, Colorado. He also was blessed with three great-grandsons, Graham, Grayson, and Holden of Longview, Texas.



Alumni OBITUARIES

Richard R. Morrison III, JD '65, of Austin, passed away on October 2, 2021. Richard was born on June 9, 1939 to Richard R. Morrison Jr. and Emogene Morrison, in Marshall, Texas. He graduated from Daingerfield High School in 1957 and the University of Texas in 1962. After receiving his JD degree from Baylor University and being admitted to the bar, Richard joined the law firm Wellborn Houston in Henderson, Texas, in 1965. Three years later, he co-founded the Daniel Morrison firm in Liberty, Texas. In 1976, Richard became a partner at Gray Roche Burch Morrison in Houston, later joining Krist Gunn Weller Neumann Morrison in Clear Lake in 1978. He was admitted to the U.S. District Courts, Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits. Richard was a member of the Houston Bar Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors (1986–87), the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

As a trial lawyer handling civil and criminal cases, Richard appeared as trial counsel in hundreds of cases in Texas and several other states. He made his name representing the working men and women of Texas in precedent-setting cases involving workers' compensation, personal injury and products liability.

His involvement in environmental and conservation matters on the Gulf Coast helped preserve what we all enjoy today. He served on many boards and committees that dealt with protecting, preserving, and enhancing the environment. Richard chaired the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District (1973–74) and devoted many years of service to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission as commissioner (1983–89) and vice chair (1987–89). He was also a member of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Emeritus Society (1995). Richard served on the Governor's Advisory Panel on Offshore Oil and Chemical Spill Responses and the Advisory Panel on Shrimp and Oysters. He was founder of the Galveston Bay Foundation, also serving as its vice chair (1987–89), chair (1989–90) and as a member of its Executive Committee of Board of Trustees (1987–93).

Additionally, Richard devoted much time and energy to the Lower Laguna Madre Foundation Executive Committee of Board of Trustees (1991–93); Mayor Bob Lanier's Transition Team on the Environment (1992–93); the Gulf Coast Conservation Association Board of Directors; the Bayou Preservation Society of Houston Board of Directors; the Wetlands Habitat Alliance of Texas Board of Directors; Quail Unlimited, Houston Chapter Board of Directors; the Armand Bayou Nature Center Board of Directors (1992–93); and the Committee for Safe Seafood and Recreation, serving as its chair (1989).

Richard was an advocate for the Texas coast. He diligently worked to solve problems utilizing a balanced approach among competing interests while always striving to protect and preserve the Gulf of Mexico and its diverse and abundant fishery. As Texas Parks & Wildlife commissioner, he took the lead in "The Redfish Wars" by making redfish a game fish, reducing the daily possession limit and banning all gill nets in Texas bays. Also, during his time as commissioner, Texas Parks & Wildlife outlawed deer hunting with dogs in East Texas and set a minimum length for black bass. As a member of the Galveston Bay Foundation, he helped change the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' policy of open bay disposal of dredge spoil to the containerized practice used today, helping to preserve our coastal marshes and seagrasses.

Richard was a devoted father and grandfather and passed his deep love of Texas to his kids and grandkids. He took them fishing and hunting all over Texas, teaching them to respect every gun as if it were loaded, how conservation leads to abundance, and that proof of God's existence can be seen in cool, thigh-deep water at sunrise. The greatest gift he passed to his children and grandchildren was the bottomless love he had for each of them. He was always patient, always kind. He was known for his unconditional love, a man who loved the arts, beautiful music, people of all colors and religions, great jokes, and great books. Above all, he was known for his kindness.

He was a widower of Sheri Morrison. He is survived by his wife, Ann Hanna Morrison; four children, Richard Morrison IV (Allyson), Paige Morrison, James Morrison (Toni) and Jake Morrison; a sister, Charlotte Morrison; a niece, Leigh Smith; seven grandchildren, Haley McDonald (Matt), 1st Lt. Austin Morrison, USMC, John Morrison, Julia Morrison, Lauren Morrison, Joseph Morrison and Alexander Morrison; and two stepsons, Todd Hanna and Trent Hanna.

Larry Wayne Green, JD '67, of Greenville, passed away September 10, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his wife and children. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Frances Henson Green; a son, Larry Green Jr. and wife, Dr. Jan Phillips Green of Rockwall; a daughter, Laura Green of Dallas; a granddaughter, Emma June Henson Green; brother, J. L. Green Jr. and wife, Teya Green of Greenville; brother, Ronnie Green and wife Elizabeth Green, of Greenville; and numerous nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his father, James Lewis Green Sr. and mother, Billie Faye Smith Green. He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Nell Green.

Larry was born August 27, 1942 in Greenville, Texas. He attended schools in Boles, graduating from Boles High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from East Texas State College. He graduated from Baylor Law with a JD in 1967. Following his training in Quantico, Virginia, Larry served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1967 to 1970. He began his private law practice in Greenville with the firm known today as Pemberton Green Newcomb and Weis in 1970. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas for more than 50 years, serving clients through the first quarter of 2021. Larry was a respected and trusted advisor in many areas of the law. He imparted wise counsel to clients throughout his career. He served as a director, legal counsel, and trusted advisor to Quinlan State Bank, now known as Benchmark Bank, from 1970 through this past year.

Larry was committed to serving his church and the communities of Greenville and Hunt County. He served as head usher at Kavanaugh United Methodist Church in Greenville for close to 40 years. Larry was past president of the United Way of Hunt County and the Greenville Salvation Army. He served on the Greenville Independent School District Board of Trustees for 10 years, including time as president, and was a member of the local YMCA's board of directors.

Larry was a family man. He grew up in the Gooseneck community in south Hunt County with his parents, brothers and extended family—picking cotton, working in his father's Quinlan Lumber Company and constructing homes and buildings. He worked with his hands throughout his life. He was a creative visionary, always planning his next project.

He and Frances began dating before Larry started college, when he was working at the J.C. Penney store in downtown Greenville, where they met. They were married in the sanctuary of Kavanaugh Methodist Church in Greenville in

1965, the day after he turned 23. He was ready to marry the love of his life long before then, but he waited until he turned 23 due to his mother's instruction that he not marry before he reached that age. So, he married Frances as soon as he possibly could while honoring his cherished mother, Billie Faye.

Larry and Frances took their children, Larry Jr. and Laura, all over the country during their childhood, usually in a plane flown by Larry. He flew his planes around Texas and to the Northeast, Midwest, Canada, and the Bahamas. Larry loved working outside and being productive. He was a thoughtful and dedicated land steward, and he and Frances loved spending weekends on the family farm in Hunt County. With Frances, his brothers J.L. and Ronnie and nephew James Green, he helped run the family cattle and hay operation.

Eugene Z. Grenz, JD '69, of Delmar, New York, died on October 31, 2021. He was the husband of Sherry Janowitz Grenz. They shared 54 years of marriage together. Born in the Bronx, he was the son of Philip and Rose Grenz. He attended Bronx High School of Science, Yeshiva University and Baylor Law. Gene was an assistant attorney general of New York State for 20 years before opening his own firm, where he practiced criminal defense for 25 years. He served several terms as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the 3rd Judicial District of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and taught multiple years as an adjunct professor of law at Russell Sage. Gene was also a former president of Temple Israel, where he was a member for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; four children, Philip Grenz, Brooke Anne Goldberg (Allen), Hope Amsterdamer (Yishai) and Sloan Grenz; and five grandchildren, Skyler Goldberg, Jonas Goldberg, Maayan Amsterdamer, Lexi Goldberg and Agam Amsterdamer.

Arthur David Courtade, JD '70, went to meet his Lord and Savior on October 16, 2021. David was born in Fort Worth on January 10, 1947 to Ruth J. and Arthur H. Courtade. He graduated from Castleberry High School in 1965, where he was an honor student, acapella choir member, and a standout athlete. David earned his BA degree from Texas Christian University and graduated *magna cum laude*. He then attended Baylor Law, where he graduated first in his class and was editor in

chief of the *Baylor Law Review*. David was board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and began his law career at Simon and Simon in Fort Worth as a family law specialist. He later went into private practice, remaining there until his passing. He was the founding director of the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, the NTX Family Law Specialist Association and the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. David served as special counsel to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and was actively involved with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

David had a lifelong love of sports, and he coached his children's youth sports teams and enjoyed watching his grandsons compete. He also loved sharing cultural, educational, and athletic experiences with his children through travel.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ruth Courtade. He is survived by two children, Kayla Alley of Arlington, Texas and Arthur David Courtade Jr. of Fort Worth; their mother, Kay Carter Anderson; a son-in-law, Michael Alley; a daughter-in-law, Crystal Courtade; three grandchildren, Carson, Blake and Kendyl; a sister, Ruthann Teague; a niece, Stephanie Mitchell; and a nephew, Brett Teague.

John Carlos, JD '75, died unexpectedly in his home on May 16, 2021. He was 71 years old. John was born in Mangum, Oklahoma, on October 18, 1949 to Claudine and Ancel Carlos. Soon after, he and his family moved to Pampa, Texas, where he lived until graduating from high school in 1968. John was a good student, a basketball player and was once named "All Around Boy," an accolade befitting him for the rest of his life. John attended Texas Tech University, where he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, earning the nickname "Los." Upon his graduation from Baylor Law in 1975, he moved to San Antonio, where he joined Groce, Locke & Hebdon. He continued to practice trial law, civil defense, and mediation work in San Antonio until his passing, enjoying a well-deserved reputation for honesty and integrity.

In college, John worked at a fine men's clothing store, and since those days he was always impeccably dressed. This instilled in John a lifelong appreciation for fine things and the ethic to take the best care of what you had. He was a "clotheshorse" and enjoyed sourcing items from specialty clothiers across the country. His family teased him often because his closets were organized by item type, then fabric, then pattern and then color, and each hanger was perfectly spaced every half-inch.

Sports were a constant in John's life, and there has never been a more enthusiastic and dedicated Spurs fan. His family believes he died satisfied having just seen his beloved Tim Duncan—"Timmy"—make the Hall of Fame. He held season tickets in the 1980s and never missed a game on TV since. He could recall stats from years past and knew various personal and professional details about each player. He often recalled the Dallas Cowboys' glory days, telling stories about the December 23, 1973 game in which Roger Staubach threw an 83-yard Hail Mary pass to Drew Pearson, who ran it in for a touchdown. That was also his wedding day. He enjoyed golfing for many years with his son, Will.

John told goofy dad jokes, was a ridiculous dancer and resisted changes in technology. He could make a belt tie itself in a knot with the flick of a wrist. His favorite song was "What I Like About Texas," by Gary P. Nunn. He loved the patio at La Fonda on Main and late-night dinners at Mi Tierra. He took daily walks to talk with God. He always looked on the bright side of life and taught his children to do the same. His was truly unconditional love, finding joy and taking pride in his children's smallest achievements. He spoke with us daily, asking, "WFD?" (what's for dinner?) or reminding us to drive safely and lock our doors. He never failed to issue weather alerts, no matter the location. He was always available for a talk or advice, never criticized or ridiculed and was unfailingly supportive. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, the best Daddy ever, and he is greatly missed.

John was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Emily Carlos Carty (William) of Dallas and her mother, Paula Hale of Tulsa, Oklahoma; son Will Carlos of San Antonio, daughter Margaret Carlos of Fort Myers, Florida, daughter Ellen Carlos of San Antonio and their mother, Claudia Carlos of San Antonio; and a sister, Cathy McCain (Kevin) of Freeport. He is also survived by his beloved granddaughter, Katherine (Lysle) Brady, who called him "Jefe."

Michelle Marie DeVoe McIntyre, JD '91, of Houston, Texas, went to her Heavenly home on October 19, 2021. She was born to Ronald and Judith DeVoe on June 23, 1966 in Chicago, Illinois, followed by three sisters, Kara, Amy, and Lauren. While earning her degree at Baylor Law, Michelle met the love of her life, Mark McIntyre, and they were married on January 8, 1994, in Dallas. Mark and Michelle were blessed to celebrate 27 years of marriage together and share three beautiful children—Will, Dylan and Isabel—whom Michelle loved with all her heart.

Michelle was a deeply loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, neighbor, and friend. She was a pillar of strength and stability among her friends and family. The perfect example of a firstborn child, she was a great role model and mentor to her younger siblings. She thrived in the chaos of busy family life and was able to navigate any situation with an abundance of grace, thoughtfulness, and intelligence. She was always willing to help those around her any way she could, in both big and small ways. She generously gave her advice and time to help others. Her generosity and thoughtfulness were also displayed in her ability to always find the absolute perfect gift for friends and family.

Michelle cherished her summers in Colorado with her family and spoke of those times often. She had impeccable taste in food, design, fashion, and music. She loved attending the Austin City Limits music festival in the fall with her kids, friends and niece/nephew. She also cherished the time she spent with her daughter attending performances by the Houston Ballet. She was a lifelong academic, and reading was a serious passion. Her sharp wit and sense of humor were a gift to those around her. She passed her appreciation for literature, great food, travel and humor to her children.

Jeffrey Lynn Stewart, JD '85, is now in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ. He passed from this world on Friday, August 6, 2021 surrounded by his family. Jeffrey was born on November 15, 1960, in Fort Worth, Texas. He grew up in Arlington, Texas, and graduated from Lamar High School. He received both his bachelor's and law degree from Baylor University. In 1988, he married the love of his life, Joy Groen Stewart. Jeff and Joy raised their two sons in Arlington until 2010, when he pursued an opportunity in the San Antonio area and moved the family to what he considered the best little town in Texas—Boerne.

Jeff was first and foremost a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. He looked for divine appointments each day to share his faith with others. He was a deacon at the First Baptist Church in both Arlington and Boerne, sang in choir and men's ensembles and served on many committees. Jeff was uniquely gifted with teaching sixth grade boys, doing so for 30 years. He is fondly remembered as "the Dr. Pepper Guy" and took his students on many trips to the Dublin Dr. Pepper plant. Just two weeks before his homecoming, he spent a week at youth camp in Colorado, planting seeds for the future.

Next to his faith, family was the most important thing in his life. Jeff thoroughly enjoyed attending his children's events. Vacations were a highlight of their year. They enjoyed the mountains, beach, and cruises. He loved his boys and taught them to love Jesus. His most recent joy was being "Papa" to his first grandchild. Jeff never met a stranger, and rarely did an unkind word leave his mouth. He was a person everyone wanted to be friends with because he was truly kind and loyal. If Jeff wanted to get to know you, he would ask you to go to lunch. He always knew the best restaurants in every city and was considered a friend by many local restaurant owners. His men's Bible study groups in both Arlington and Boerne meant the world to him. He considered those men the brothers he never had.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Delane Stewart; his stepfather, Carl Fluke; and his grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Joy; two sons, Alex (Camryn) and Josh; a grandson, Bentley; his mother, Nevada Stewart Fluke; his sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Dan Ballenger; his brother-in-law, Jeff Groen; a nephew, Tyler Ballenger; and a niece, Cameron Collins (JD).

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PUBLICATIONS

- *Gale Encyclopedia of American Law*, 4th edition, contributing author and editor
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PUBLICATIONS

- *West's Texas Practice Guide—Probate*, 2020–2021 edition, three volumes, co-author

PRESENTATIONS

- "Texas Marital Property Law: An Estate Planning and Administration Perspective," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (June 2021)
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- Advisor, ABA Uniform Law Commission's Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act
- Senior editor, *Probate & Property*, published by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association
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PRESENTATIONS

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- "The Empirical Reasonable Person," *Alabama Law Review* (2021)

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PUBLICATIONS

- *Texas Methods of Practice*, *Texas Practice Series*, volume 13, West, 2020–2021 (co-author)
- *Business Organizations*, *Texas Practice Series* (vols. 19, 20 and 20A), West, 3rd ed. 2011; 2020–2021 Annual Supplement (co-author)

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Sex, Lies and Internet Shaming: New Media Considerations for Defamation and Privacy," Moody-Ramirez, Nichols and Lewis (under consideration with *New Media & Society*)

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PUBLICATIONS

- *Fundamentals of Lawyer Leadership*, Wolters Kluwer, co-authored with Leah W. Teague and Elizabeth M. Fraley (2021)

PRESENTATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Legal Innovation Team member, Young Lawyers Division, American Bar Association
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- State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Workgroup

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Seek out Mentors and People to Mentor to Make our World More Filled with Light," *Austin American Statesman* (October 2021)
- "God's Plan: Not About You, but About All of Us," *Austin American Statesman* (March 2021)
- "We Need to Listen to Care About Others," *progressivechristianity.org* (February 2021)
- "Find the Wisdom in Life's Experiences Every Day," *Austin American Statesman* (January 2021)

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Book of Walt: The Intersectionality of Law and Religion," *Shifting the Law* podcast with Johnny Merritt, johnnymerritt.com (October 2021)
- Part 1: "The Necessity of Transformative Faith" podcast, praywithourfeet.libsyn.com (March 2021)
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