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The Criminal Law Boot Camp consists of three intense days of instruction and simulated training in jury selection, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, closing arguments, and arguments to the court.

CRIMINAL PRACTICE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Criminal Practice Professional Track is designed to provide students with a broad exposure to concepts, topics, and skills vital to prosecution and criminal defense practice. The focus is upon the classroom and experiential learning over the course of the students' enrollment.

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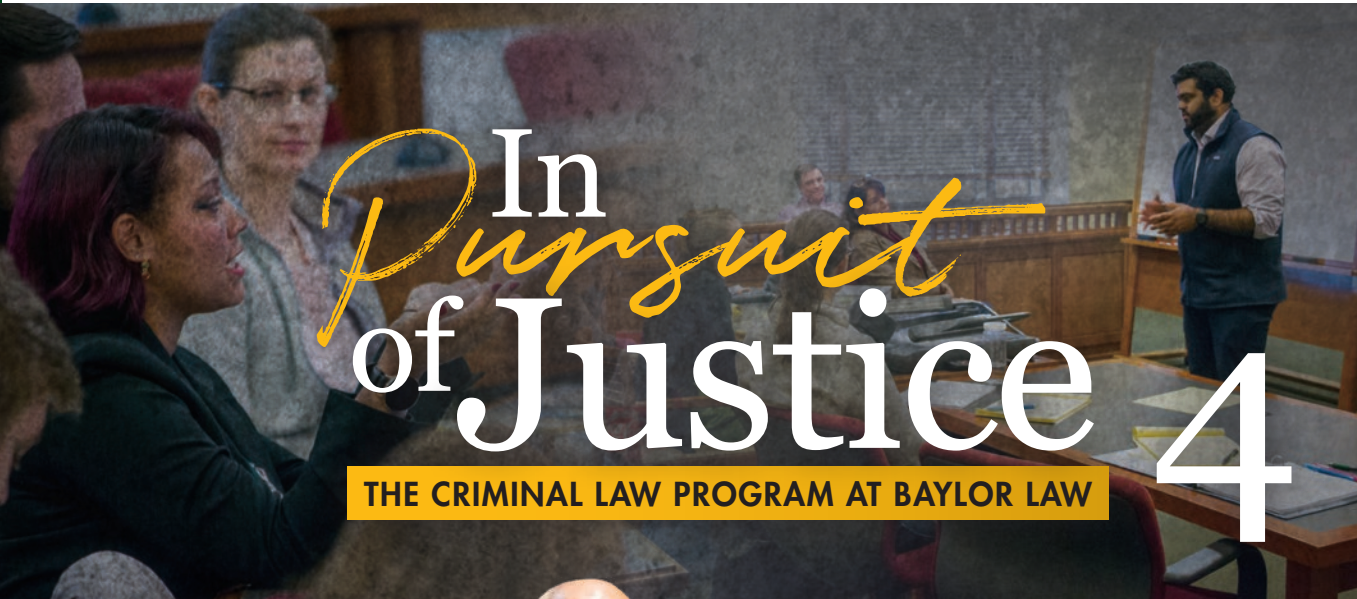
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A Message from Dean Toben

I write this letter in reflection on one of the most complex and consequential years we've seen during my time at Baylor Law.

In the year past, and continuing now, we have endured a global pandemic that has snuffed out hundreds of thousands of lives in the U.S. alone. The pandemic has led to economic upheaval, and amid this, we have witnessed pointed social unrest, and profound political discord across our nation. The human condition is such that these events have elicited both the better angels of our nature (think: frontline health care workers) and the baser demons of human nature (you choose).

In this milieu, the rule of law, and our justice system, have been tested. Our judiciary, federal and state, has navigated the impacts of Covid-19 in the face of conditions, wrought by the virus, that have relegated our free and open courts to working largely in Zoom-world. Amid a health, economic, social, and political paroxysm—including in Texas a reckoning with a crushing Arctic blast and the near collapse of our electrical power infrastructure—our courts were called upon, time and time again, to address and resolve issues arising in this past year in which the zeitgeist of our nation has reflected dissonance that has made the role of the judiciary all the more vital.

I am thankful for the fealty our judges have given to their oath to support our sacred Constitution. Regardless of how they have arrived on the bench, and amid much rancor and disruption, our judges and our courts have not been beholden to any political viewpoints or ideological objectives. Our judges have not held themselves out to be Republican judges or Democratic judges. They have held themselves out only to be true to the rule of law, the demonstrable facts, and the Constitution of our exceptional democracy.

Little note has been made by the media of the toil of the thousands of judges, lawyers, and support staff who each day adjudicate disputes, ranging from the earth-shaking to the pedestrian. In this issue, we look at our criminal justice system in which so many Baylor Lawyers make our system work.

Baylor Law has a long and storied reputation for developing outstanding, talented advocates in the courtroom, practicing the art and science of advocacy before juries and judges. Many of them are prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

Several years ago, we noted that much of our efforts in our advocacy program were directed to the civil side, while we had many of our students sharing their desire to work in the criminal justice system in a prosecution or defense role. My faculty and staff colleagues came to believe that our programming in criminal law, while well-supported by our broad and lauded advocacy program, would bear improvement and expansion to expose our students to both the conceptual and practicing, experiential world of being a prosecutor or a criminal defense lawyer.

Baylor Law continues to strive towards excellence and growth in our Criminal Law program. In this issue of *Docket Call* we share information on our Criminal Law Program, including our criminal law curricular developments, the addition of Richard Alpert and Malcolm Bales to our adjunct faculty team, our Criminal Law Boot Camp (involving many practitioners), and other developments. We also highlight a few outstanding alumni who strive every day to promote and protect our system of justice while endeavoring to make the American promise of equality under the law a reality.

As I watch the world and think about Baylor Law's mission, I am more convinced than ever that the world needs you, our Baylor Lawyers, your dedication to service, and your passion for justice.

*Enjoy this issue of
Docket Call.*



Brad Toben, JD '77
DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW



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THE CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAM AT BAYLOR LAW

The Criminal Law Program at Baylor Law is distinctively suited to training lawyers to excel in investigative, prosecutorial, defense, or judicial roles.

A high-profile crime. Celebrity defendant. Salacious evidence. Emotional, impassioned closing arguments. Contentious cross-examinations. While scenes like this might make for great TV-drama, the day-to-day reality of practicing criminal law is often quite different, but no less important. Whether dealing with day-to-day nuisance crimes or life-shattering violent crime, lawyers in the criminal justice system must excel at communication and client counseling skills. They must be able to face procedural, evidentiary, and constitutional legislative challenges related to their cases. While the specifics vary, the same critical traits are required whether serving in an investigative, prosecutorial, defense, or judicial role. A good lawyer must have knowledge of the substantive criminal law, a deep understanding of criminal evidence and procedure, and a firm grip on the unwavering dedication to seeking justice.

The Criminal Law Program at Baylor Law is distinctively suited to training lawyers to excel in these roles. Staffed by some of the most distinguished criminal law scholars and practitioners in the state, these outstanding professionals have an untiring dedication to preparing future Baylor Lawyers with the tools and knowledge necessary to promote and pursue criminal justice.

While every Baylor Law student, upon graduation, will have a familiarity with and basic understanding of our criminal justice system and criminal procedure. For those students who wish to dig deeper—and perhaps pursue a career in criminal justice—Baylor Law offers the Criminal Practice Professional Track and other practical training opportunities. The professional track provides students with robust, deep instruction and training experiences in the dynamics of criminal law practice, enhanced by the nationally renowned, centenarian Practice Court Program. Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben explains, “By recognizing our core strengths in trial practice and public service training that intersect in the criminal law sector, Baylor Law has produced, once again, an outstanding trial advocacy training ground—this time in the criminal law space.”

Students in the Criminal Law Practice Professional Track gain experience in criminal law practice from both a prosecution and defense perspective as well as exposure to the state and federal jurisdictions. The program also provides students skills and experiences both inside and outside the courtroom. Students are exposed to (1) clients and courtroom experiences in our clinical programs, (2) criminal procedure, evidence, and practice strategies in specialized criminal law classes, (3) Practice Court experiences, and (4) crucial perspectives from experienced prosecution and defense attorneys in intimate and intensive boot camp programs. Students can put their classroom knowledge immediately into practice by participating in one of Baylor Law’s Trial Advocacy Clinics or via externship opportunities in a district or county attorney’s office or in a federal prosecutor’s office.

CRIMINAL PRACTICE SPECIAL DISTINCTION

Students who wish to obtain a ‘Criminal Practice Special Distinction’ must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.3 in all Criminal Law courses, complete additional courses from the Criminal Practice Professional Track, and complete a Capstone Project. The capstone requires successful completion of Baylor Law’s unique Criminal Law Boot Camp. Students are also assigned a dual criminal / civil case requiring them to conduct a criminal PC “Big Trial” in addition to the standard civil PC “Big Trial.” Both PC trials will be based upon the same fact situation giving rise to a criminal prosecution occurring in parallel with a civil liability case. Students are required to navigate the various legal issues that arise with parallel criminal / civil proceedings in consultation with faculty advisors. Students draft and submit various investigative and trial related documents.

“In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.”

– Albert Einstein

Baylor Law’s Criminal Law Practice Professional Track

REQUIRED COURSES

- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Practice & Procedure
- Post-Conviction Procedure: Sentencing
- Prosecutorial Field Placement

ELECTIVES

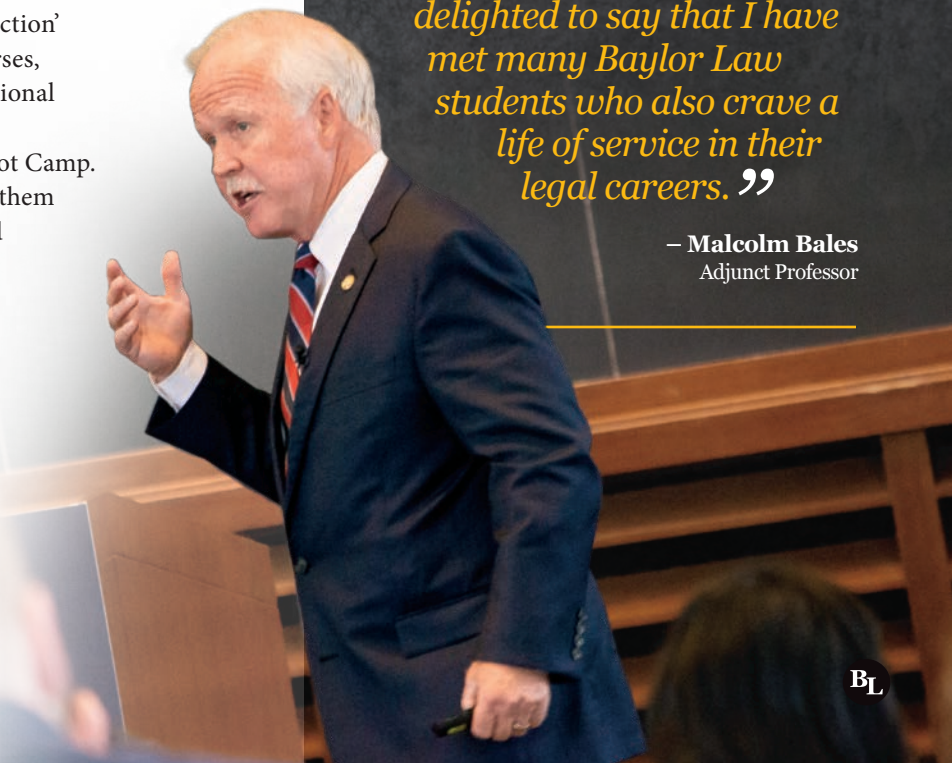
- Client Counseling
- Criminal Law Capstone
- Healthcare Fraud & Abuse
- Immigration Law
- Juvenile Justice
- Post-Conviction Procedure: Criminal Appeals
- White Collar Crime

TRACK OFFERINGS

- Extensive Criminal Law Course Load
- Dedicated, Experienced Criminal Law Faculty
- Criminal Law Boot Camp
- Practice Court Criminal Jury Trial
- Trial Advocacy Clinic
- International Criminal Law Internship (UPZambia)

“Baylor Law is unabashedly teaching its students that the legal profession is a service profession. I like that message and I want to amplify that message in my classes by talking about public service, specifically the law enforcement experience. I am delighted to say that I have met many Baylor Law students who also crave a life of service in their legal careers.”

– Malcolm Bales
Adjunct Professor



PRACTICE COURT AND CRIMINAL LAW

Over the last several years, Baylor Law's Practice Court Program has undertaken several strategic enhancements of its criminal practice offerings to replicate real world situations that students may face. Students who want to focus on Criminal Law are now assigned sequential criminal and civil "Big Trials"—where they learn that what works in your favor in the criminal trial—may cut against you in the civil trial.

"We are replicating real world issues in a realistic, simulated environment," stated Professor James Wren. "Law students frequently want there to be a nice, clean, right and wrong answer. The

convergence of civil and criminal issues rarely has a nice clean answer, because your objectives and consequences are different. These consequences are real, and they are painful," added Professor Liz Fraley.

"We are replicating real world issues in a realistic, simulated environment."

— James Wren
Leon Jaworski Chair
of Practice & Procedure

Recently, thanks to collaborations developed by Professor Jerry Powell, Baylor Law's Criminal "Big Trials" have incorporated trailblazing collaborations with experts, both within the Baylor community, and beyond, to improve case files and courtroom experiences for Baylor Law students. Retired Texas Ranger and Baylor University Senior Lecturer James (Jim) Huggins has worked with the Practice Court team to help stage murder scenes and complex blood spatter analysis issues. Undergraduate students in the 'Expert Witness Testimony Course,' are required to testify during Practice Court trials. Sharing about the course, Huggins remarked, "It is an extremely popular course with

forensic students and there are a number of pre-law students that take the course as a requirement or as an elective. They get real experience, in a teaching environment, about what it's like in a courtroom setting." He added, "It's a win-win situation for both sides. I am grateful to Professor Powell for allowing us the opportunity to give real experience to those who will provide scientific testimony in their future careers."



Outside Funding Supports Equal Justice

Alicia Alvarado, JD, '19, provides direct legal services to immigrants held in detention centers and advocates for immigrant rights in Waco and Central Texas, thanks to a two-year fellowship with Equal Justice Works (EJW). EJW is a national program that connects financial support to recent law school graduates who engage in legal advocacy at a qualified non-profit that supports underrepresented populations. Alicia is the first Baylor Lawyer to receive one of the coveted fellowships and works alongside fellow Baylor Lawyer Analí Looper, JD '14, at the non-profit American Gateways in Waco. Funding for Alicia's fellowship is provided by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, with which Baylor Law has a long association through its *pro bono* clinics program.

Most detained immigrants are unable to secure adequate legal representation, and this lack of representation dramatically impacts their outcomes. Detained immigrants in Central Texas have limited



access to affordable legal counsel because of the lack of capacity among public interest organizations in McLennan County. Simply put, there are not enough public interest attorneys to work with detained immigrants in these communities. With the funding provided by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Alicia provides direct legal representation to detained and recently released immigrants. In addition, Alicia assists *pro se* asylum seekers and non-citizens who are going through the immigration system while dealing with criminal charges on their immigration matters. She also works to develop legal strategies to assist criminal defense attorneys to better inform their immigrant clients of the immigration consequences caused by the complex intersection of criminal law and immigration law.

Professor & Chair of the Psychology and Neurosciences Dept. at Baylor University, Dr. Charles Weaver, a nationally known expert on eyewitness identifications, has collaborated with Professor Powell in developing case files and issues regarding the limited correlation between the eyewitness confidence vs. the eyewitness accuracy of testimony—and what that means for future Baylor Lawyers trying cases before a jury. Dr. Weaver and his Ph.D. candidates have served as expert witnesses for a number of cases.

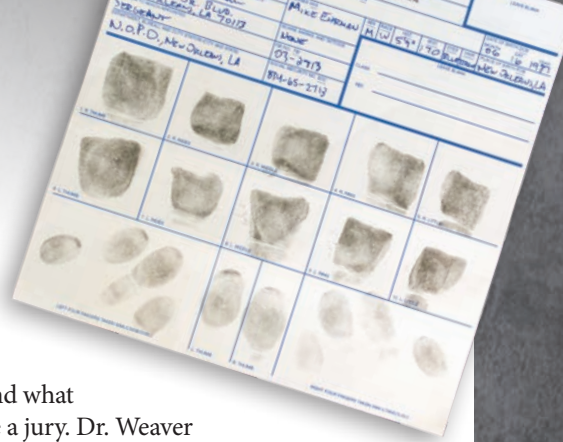
Over the past several years, the Practice Court team has pioneered unique collaborations with experts beyond the Baylor campus as well. Recently, the Practice Court team has developed a groundbreaking collaboration with Dr. Billy James and Dr. Michael Jumes of the Kerrville State Hospital, a mental health facility for people hospitalized on forensic commitments. Dr. James is the site supervisor for UT Health San Antonio's Forensic Psychology Residency Program at the hospital, training doctoral candidates to be expert witnesses in criminal cases that involve defendants with mental health issues, including appropriate procedures for giving video depositions and in-court procedures. While Dr. James' Ph.D. students are exposed to a real-world model of the litigation experience, future Baylor Lawyers also learn about the effective use of expert witnesses in trials. Often, the Ph.D. candidates cannot return to Baylor Law for "Big Trials," providing the perfect opportunity to train our criminal law students on how to preserve testimony in a way that presents well to the jury—for both direct and cross-examination.

CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY

Recognizing the need for fellowship and support in today's COVID-changed world, Baylor Law students have revitalized Baylor Law's Criminal Law Society. The Society is a means to expose the entire Baylor Law student body—not just students in the Criminal Law Program—to aspects of the criminal law system through special speakers, sharing resources, and offering networking opportunities.

Recently, the society has sponsored webinars on various important topics including, 'Confronting Racism in the Criminal Justice System' with Brazos County District Attorney Jarvis Parsons; 'Advice on Getting Criminal Law Internships & Jobs,' a panel discussion with Professor Richard Alpert, Assistant County/District Attorney, adjunct, and Jaworski Fellow, Beth Toben, and Baylor Law's Senior Assistant Dean, Angela Cruseturner, JD '02. Clay Abbott, former prosecutor and DWI Resource Prosecutor at the Texas District & County Attorneys Association, recently offered a session on "The Ethics of Being a Prosecutor."

"Camaraderie and the ability to get to know people is especially important for the field of criminal law because I believe, like Professor Alpert, that there truly is a calling to being a prosecutor," noted Daniela Vakulchik, the Society's immediate past president and current student advisor. Nicole DeVincenzi, the Society's immediate past vice-president agreed and added, "I want to provide a community for people who have a passion for being prosecutors or working in criminal law who don't have the opportunity in their current classes to get that perspective and knowledge or have the opportunity to be with people who want to do the same thing."



Baylor Law Criminal Law Society

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TRIAL ADVOCACY CLINIC

Having met the challenges of Baylor Law's unrivaled Practice Court Program, students interested in criminal litigation can put their skills to the test in courtrooms, with real cases, before sitting judges—through Baylor Law's Trial Advocacy Clinic. Open to third-year students, the Clinic connects student-volunteers to clients through two programs: one focusing upon Juvenile Court and another focusing upon Municipal Court.

The Juvenile Court program was created by the Hon. Gary Coley Jr., JD '93, presiding judge of the 74th Judicial District in McLennan County and Josh Borderud, Baylor Law's Director of the Veterans Clinic and Clinical Lecturer. By appointment of the Court, the Trial Advocacy Clinic has represented over 300 juveniles at their initial detention hearings. Under Borderud's supervision, students meet with the prosecutor, probation officers, parents or guardians, and the accused to gather information about the case. For Baylor Law students, this is a crash course in thinking on their feet, learning how to address the court with confidence, and effectively advocating for clients. For the court, it provides consistent and effective legal representation.

Likewise, the Municipal Court program affords students the opportunity to advocate for defendants who, because of cost, would likely go unrepresented. Focusing on Class C misdemeanors, students step into a world they've been trained for—as they stand and deliver before the court, examine witnesses, interact with opposing counsel, and advise their client through each phase of the proceedings.

These "above and beyond" opportunities build poise and confidence in students, as they see their years of preparation pay off. Most find the experience both valuable and fulfilling, knowing that they were able to help make a difference on behalf of someone in need.

FIELD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Baylor Law, through its network of prosecutors, offers for-credit field placement opportunities designed to immerse future Baylor Lawyers into the day-to-day workings of a local prosecutor's office. Every field placement is slightly different, depending on the needs of the local elected prosecutor, but most offer students the chance to build their practical skills in case evaluation, witness interviews, gathering discovery, formulating plea offers, and doing legal research. Students also participate in various criminal court proceedings under attorney supervision. In addition to their work in the prosecutor's office, students are required to complete specific

academic tasks that are reported to Baylor Law's Career Development Office and their faculty advisor. These unique opportunities help our students gain valuable work experience and build their personal networks that further their chances of becoming a prosecutor after graduation.

"Field placements allow students to apply the knowledge and skills gained in the classroom at Baylor Law in a real-life setting and are often the key in determining a student's ultimate career path," states Senior Assistant Dean Angela Cruseturner, JD '02. "We deeply appreciate the many lawyers who volunteer their time to supervise Baylor Law externs throughout the year."

Baylor Law currently has externships in three local prosecutorial offices—the McLennan County District Attorney's Office, the Limestone County Attorney's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas in Waco. Additionally, the Law School offers Judicial field placements in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (Waco Division) and several local courts. Students can also work with the Career Development Office to create their own prosecutorial externship. Baylor Law recently expanded criminal field placement opportunities by establishing a program with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, in Waco.

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— **Angela Cruseturner**
Senior Assistant Dean

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Michael Heiskell

A PASSIONATE AND ACCOMPLISHED CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYER

Michael P. Heiskell, of Fort Worth law firm Johnson, Vaughn, & Heiskell, is an aggressive trial attorney. A former state and federal prosecutor, Michael focuses his practice on criminal defense—primarily white collar cases—and also represents civil rights litigants. He is unwavering in his dedication to each client and is fearless in the courtroom. Michael is past President of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and the Galveston County Young Lawyers Association. He is the former Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Northern District of Texas and a Trustee of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a 1972 Baylor University graduate and the first African American graduate of Baylor Law, receiving his JD in 1974. Michael is the Vice-President elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, serving on its Executive Committee. He also serves on the Baylor University Board of Regents.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

- Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth and Federal Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION:

- Baylor University, JD, 1974
- Baylor University, BA, 1972

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Criminal Law (White Collar)
- Administrative, Securities Law, and Civil Rights

ACCOLADES:

- 2015 Inductee into Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Hall of Fame
- Recipient of the 2020 Blackstone Award by the Tarrant County Bar Association in recognition of a legal career that exemplifies professional aptitude, integrity, and courage
- Recognized in *Texas Lawyer* as one of the “Extraordinary Minorities in Texas Law”
- Recipient, “Lawyer of the Year Award,” Tarrant County Black Bar Association, 1995 and 2000
- Lifetime Member, Baylor Law Alumni Association

“My passion for criminal defense work emanates from my firm belief that ours is an honorable profession rooted in our Constitution and born of the belief from the Enlightenment ideal that all humans are born free and equal in dignity and rights that must be protected. We exist to serve them, rather than the prosecution and/or the courts, and we must always put our clients at the center of our discussions and actions. My experiences at my beloved Baylor Law School—especially the Practice Court sessions under the tutelage of Professor Matt Dawson—taught me the requisite processes and communication skills necessary to serve in this crucial role in our society.”

– Michael P. Heiskell, JD '74

CRIMINAL LAW BOOT CAMP

The brainchild of award-winning prosecutor and Baylor Law professor Richard Alpert, the Criminal Law Boot Camp is an intensive three-day, hands-on workshop designed to expose students to a real-world experience in the practice of criminal law in the State of Texas.

For more than 20 years, Professor Richard Alpert was a supervisor of new prosecutors in Tarrant County, TX. He has extensive experience and a deep understanding of what is required for someone to succeed as a prosecutor. Joining Professor Alpert is an all-volunteer faculty. The Criminal Law Boot

Camp faculty is a combination of current and former prosecutors, defense lawyers, and judges. The Boot Camp, over the course of three days, consists of instruction and simulated training in jury selection, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, closing arguments, and arguments to the court. It effectively combines traditional lectures, strategic breakout discussions, and mock trial exercises. Each Boot

“When I was in law school, I felt like there was little tangible support for students who wanted to be prosecutors. My goal is to ensure no Baylor student ever feels that way.”

— **Richard Alpert**
Adjunct Professor

Camp is limited to 16 students per camp. Faculty work closely with students, offering guidance and critiquing the students’ strategies and their work. Unrivaled at any other law school, the Criminal Law Boot Camp has almost a one-to-one faculty-to-student ratio. “Our goal is to introduce Baylor Law students to the practical skills they will rely on as new prosecutors so that they will start their new positions as prosecutors or defense attorneys better prepared to handle the challenges of the profession,” explained Alpert.

Students have the option of obtaining an additional credit hour if they select the criminal trial option for their major case in Practice Court and attend a lecture on search warrants. After the lecture, they must draft a search warrant based upon a hypothetical fact pattern. The Boot Camp was initially offered twice a year, but demand has been so great that a third boot camp is now offered each year.



Insights in Criminal Law

*Q&A with Criminal Law Professors
Malcolm Bales & Richard Alpert*

Baylor Law professors Malcolm Bales, a career prosecutor and former U.S. Attorney, and Richard Alpert, one of the nation’s foremost experts in the prosecution of intoxication related offenses, share their experiences in criminal law.

Q&A *What attracted you to work in Criminal Law?*

Richard Alpert: I entered law school with a dream of being a trial attorney. By the end of my first year, there was no type of law I had encountered that I wanted to pursue when I graduated. The only thing that came close was Criminal Law but even that introductory course did not convince me it was the type of law I wanted to practice as it was almost exclusively weighted towards constitutional issues and criminal defense. It wasn’t until I had a real-time encounter with the profession of prosecution that I understood the type of law I was called to practice. After graduating from college, I spent the summer participating in the *Shakespeare at Winedale* program. Win Bandy was also a participant in the program and we became close friends. My enlightenment came when Win invited me to visit her home and meet her father, Billy Bandy. At the time he was the District Attorney for Henderson County. During that visit he allowed me to shadow him for a day at the Courthouse. By the end of that day, I knew that this was the type of practice I wanted to pursue.

Malcolm Bales: When I was a kid, my family watched the television series, “The FBI,” and I was fascinated with the cases profiled in each episode. Later, as a teenager looking at attending college, I sensed that I wanted to be like my dad and serve the national interest, just not exactly like he did. As a sophomore in college, I saw the movie “Serpico” and just knew that my service would be in law enforcement, specifically with the FBI. I had no idea how I would accomplish that goal except I had heard that the FBI wanted lawyers and accountants. I had no intention or any interest in being a lawyer; UT Law was the means to the end, the end being the FBI.

Did you have any key mentors or people who deeply influenced who you are, what you believe in, and what you’re committed to in your work and life?

Richard Alpert: Billy Bandy opened my eyes to the career path of my dreams and stayed in touch with me, offering advice and encouragement. I don’t know where I would be without his assistance. Tim Curry, JD ’63, hired me to work in Tarrant County two weeks after losing my first job as a prosecutor. As I was promoted up through the ranks in Tarrant County, he never wavered in his support of me and my goals. He trusted my judgment and gave me the honor of supervising the misdemeanor section for 20 years. He supported

my passion for teaching and allowed me the freedom to pursue opportunities to teach and mentor prosecutors throughout the State. He allowed me to specialize in intoxication cases and gave me a voice in the creation of office policies related to those cases. I doubt I would have stayed in the profession as long as I did if I had not had the benefit of working for Mr. Curry.

How do you handle ‘a loss’ (when a case doesn’t have the outcome you were fairly certain it would?)

Malcolm Bales: I have lost a few cases. I was tortured about them because I was absolutely certain that the defendant was guilty. But the jury did not think so and that is all that matters. I certainly learned more lessons from the losses and usually it was my own error that led to the acquittal. I tried to never make the same error again.

Richard Alpert: I won’t pretend it doesn’t hurt to lose but over time I realized that losing is an essential part of the learning experience. No one in my profession would ever respect someone who has never lost a case. My losses inspired me to work harder and to constantly strive to improve. I also had the support of my family. I am speaking of my personal family, my wife and kids, and my professional family. For every setback, I ever encountered there were friends and colleagues who refused to let me dwell on the loss and were quick to remind me that there were better results around the corner.

Losses are something to be avoided, but as a prosecutor, losses can never be allowed to become something you fear. A prosecutor who is afraid to face tough cases can become paralyzed by his or her fear of losing. The best prosecutors run towards challenging cases, not away from them.

What would you say to a current Baylor Law student considering working in Criminal Law?

Richard Alpert: I would recommend they take as many of the criminal law courses as possible that Baylor Law has to offer. I would encourage them to find out as much about the actual day-to-day life of the job of a prosecutor as well. The best way to accomplish that is by way of an internship at a District or County Attorney’s Office. In the alternative, they can speak to someone who has done that job. That person can be me, or Beth Toben, or any of the Criminal Law Boot Camp guest speakers or faculty members. I would tell them it is not going to be an easy path, but the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices made along the way. If they truly wish to make a difference in the lives of citizens of their community, of their State, they will find no better vehicle to accomplish that goal than working as a prosecutor.

Malcolm Bales: I have met many students, and the number seems to be growing, who are very interested in Criminal Law, both on the prosecution and the defense side. Both sides are essential and require lawyers who are true believers in the American ideal of justice.

Hanging out with them in class, even online class, is a pure joy, but I have a special place in my heart for the few that have voiced a desire to become special agents. I know exactly how they feel—part of the law school and yet apart. When I was in law school, I wondered why I was there, but that law degree turned out to be the best “mistake” I ever made.

At a time when the general public has growing doubts about the fairness of the American criminal justice system, would you say that the criminal justice system needs reform? If so, what needs to happen?

Malcolm Bales: The pendulum of criminal justice is constantly swinging back and forth, particularly as to the type of sentences provided for certain crimes. While there have been some outrageous results with innocent people being convicted, I know that those are still anomalous cases. We have not been very good in matching crime, criminal, and punishment—principally because Congress typically believes that if you make the penalties severe enough, there will be a general deterrence not to commit that particular, heavily punished crime. The failed war on drugs is a good example that unduly harsh punishments do not result in the crime disappearing; they just result in a false positive of progress as relatively insignificant criminals are absolutely crushed and the cost of running our prisons skyrockets. There is a pressing need for more data and different approaches to holding criminals accountable than just throwing the key away. That being said, there are very dangerous people in our midst who do need to be locked up until they are no longer dangerous, which is often a long time.

How do you want to be remembered?

Richard Alpert: As a prosecutor who won tough trials, and as a leader who brought out the best in those I taught or supervised. As a Baylor faculty member and mentor who helped launch a generation of the best and brightest criminal practitioners in the State of Texas.

Malcolm Bales: I hope that people will say that I loved God, my family, and my country with great devotion and served them all as well as I could.



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW EXTERNSHIP

In 2018, Professor Brian Serr began a pilot 'international externship' with **Undikumbukire Project Zambia**. Also known as UP Zambia, the organization partners with Zambian courts, prisons, and defender services, and now exercises the primary responsibility for defending hundreds of juveniles who are tried for crimes in Zambian courts.

When COVID-related restrictions are lifted, Professor Serr oversees eight Baylor Law students who participate in 30-day externships with UP Zambia. During their time in Zambia, students do legal work under the direction of staff lawyers with UP Zambia. Students meet directly with minors detained in adult prisons, accompany them to court, and if necessary, draft their appeals. In addition to their role in advocating for juveniles detained at Kamwala Remand

Prison and Lusaka Central Prison, Baylor Law students work to meet the immediate physical needs of the juveniles for whom they are advocating, helping them access proper medical care, food, blankets, and other essentials.



Back to School: TDCAA and Baylor Law's 17 Year Relationship

For the past 17 years, District and County Attorneys from across the Lone Star State flock to Baylor Law to attend week-long Advanced Trial Advocacy Courses to improve their trial skills for felony trial prosecutions. During the week-long training put on by the Austin-based Texas District & County Attorneys Association (TDCAA), participants attend intensive workshops on a variety of topics, including issues of indictment, jury selection, confessions, opening statement strategies, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments, among others.

Participants then break into small groups to practice in one of the law center's courtrooms. During this time, the 'students' are recorded and critiqued on their skills. Highly experienced prosecutors and judges serve as faculty during the

week, while local police officers and staff from the McLennan County District Attorney's Office act the part of witnesses. Local residents serve as jury members or for *voir dire* exercises.

"The partnership between the TDCAA and Baylor Law is a long-running one of which we are proud," said Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. "Given that our own program is marked by such a high-profile reputation in advocacy education and training, this

partnership is a natural one. We are honored to provide a host venue for these public servant prosecutors, especially as they hone their trial skills," he said.

Every year, the TDCAA course focuses on a different aspect of felony trials. Homicide, narcotics, sexual assaults, child abuse, and appellate arguments are just a few of the intensive sessions that TDCAA has hosted.





The Power of the ROBE

CHANGING THE CRIMINAL LAW SYSTEM, CHANGING LIVES

Hon. Gary Coley Jr., JD '93, Judge of the 74th Judicial District in McLennan County, has taught the Juvenile Justice course at Baylor Law for over six years. As the juvenile court judge in McLennan County, he brings a wealth of experience from his time on the bench and from his time as a prosecutor and defense attorney. In 2017, Judge Coley co-developed the juvenile law component of Baylor Law's Trial Advocacy Clinic. Judge Coley has served tirelessly on issues relating to children and veterans, mentoring future Baylor Lawyers, and creatively solving vexing systemic problems in both the judicial system and society at large. Thanks to Judge Coley's efforts, lives have been dramatically changed.

AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN IN THE COURTS

For more than 12 years, Judge Coley has served as the presiding judge of juvenile court in McLennan County. Until the creation of the statutory child protection court in 2015, he also served as the presiding judge of McLennan County's substantial CPS docket.

In 2016, after seven years presiding over juvenile and CPS cases, Judge Coley was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families, known as the Texas Children's Commission. Of the appointment, 54th District Judge Matt Johnson, a McLennan County colleague on the bench, remarked, "I think Judge Coley genuinely has the child's best interest at heart in every decision he makes and that he places the child's interests first."

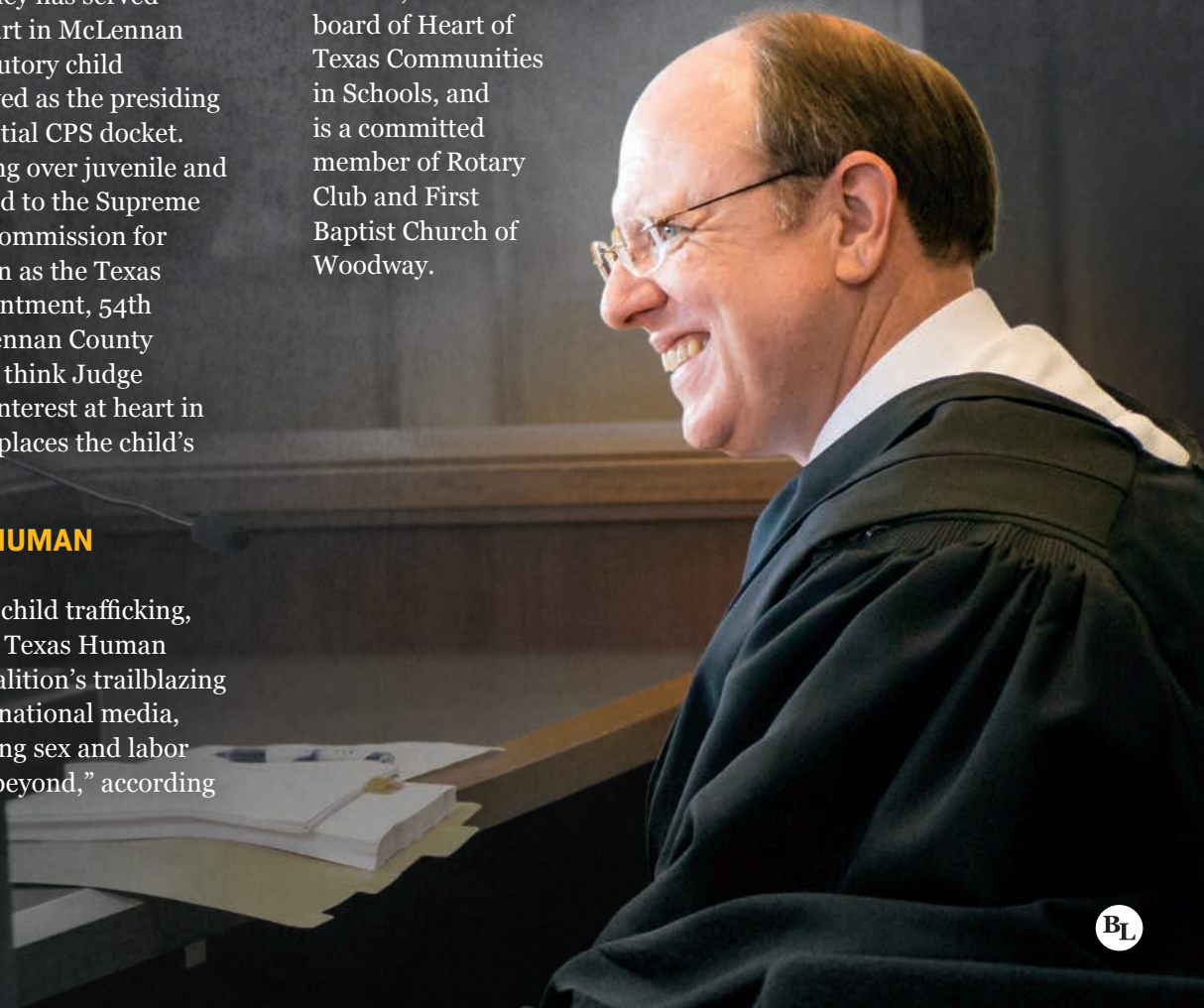
LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Deeply troubled by the horrors of child trafficking, Judge Coley co-founded the Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition in 2014. The coalition's trailblazing work, which has been highlighted in national media, has been "at the forefront of combating sex and labor trafficking throughout the state and beyond," according to *Waco Today Magazine*.

HELPING VETERANS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Drawing on his relationships with the bar, the bench, nonprofits, the veterans community, and local mental health professionals, Judge Coley led the effort to establish a treatment court for criminal defendants in McLennan County with prior military service who need treatment for their service-connected condition. With representatives from the Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center, Baylor Law, and the McLennan County Veteran's Service Office, he led a coalition of stakeholders in developing policies and procedures for the court, now known as the McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court.

As an exemplar of Baylor Law's emphasis on service, Judge Coley has also been active in committee work for the Midway Independent School District, serves on the board of Heart of Texas Communities in Schools, and is a committed member of Rotary Club and First Baptist Church of Woodway.



Both *of the* Sides

Q&A with Veteran Prosecutor Beth Toben and Criminal Defense Attorney Russ Hunt

Beth Toben, a 33-year veteran prosecutor, and Russ Hunt, JD '77, a defense attorney with over 40 years of experience, sat down recently with Dean Brad Toben to discuss their interest in, and experience with, criminal law practice.



Q&A *Dean Toben: Russ, when you graduated, you went directly to the McLennan County DA's office. What took you at that point, as a new law graduate, to prosecution?*

Russ Hunt: At that time I was interning in the District Attorney's office because I thought it would be interesting. It was, and they offered me a job. I thought, "Well, jobs are good. I need a job." I worked there for four years. After the first six months as a misdemeanor prosecutor, they said, "Well, why don't you be a felony prosecutor?" I was a felony prosecutor for three and a half years after that and truly loved prosecution. I just really enjoyed it.

Dean Toben: Beth, when you finished Practice Court in your time at Baylor Law, what did you do?

Beth Toben: I applied at the 10th Court of Appeals to become a briefing attorney. I thought that up there on the fourth floor of the courthouse I could survey the legal profession in McLennan County and see where I might fit. I briefed for two years with Justice Bob Thomas. I loved Judge Thomas and I loved the people who worked at the 10th Court, but I learned that I am not a researcher. There was no variety. You had to work on that one case until it was done. Being somewhat isolated on the fourth floor of the courthouse, I figured out I needed contact and interaction with people. I went into private practice with Jim Barlow, who was a former prosecutor and former County Court-at-Law judge here in McLennan County.

Dean Toben: You each had the benefit of having mentors. What's the importance of mentorship for a young lawyer?

Russ Hunt: I think it's fantastic if you can find one. The problem is we have a lot of young lawyers who don't realize that's important. They go out and they attack their windmills and do it wrong. Nobody's there to say, "Hey, there's a better way to do this." Over the years, I've had lots of interns who have gone with me on cases. My goal has been to help them learn what to do and have a good time doing it.

Dean Toben: Sometimes you hear it said that lawyers should not get emotionally attached to their clients or to a case. Tell us what you think about that.

Russ Hunt: It's interesting to me. I've had several clients that say, "Well, listen, I need to know that you're on my side, that you totally believe what I have to say. That's important to me." I always tell them, "What's important to you is that I need not make up my mind about what happened because if I buy into a story, then I'm going to be blind to the other side. I've got to keep my mind open. So, no, I don't believe you but I don't disbelieve you either. Let's work on it from that basis."



Beth Toben has tried to a jury verdict over 225 felony cases and is in her 33rd year as a prosecutor. She has principally handled child and adult sexual abuse and assault cases through her career. She is a Jaworski Fellow in the Baylor Law Practice Court Program and a sponsor of the Criminal Law Society.

Russ Hunt began his career as a prosecutor, but has practiced criminal defense for over 40 years. He is certified in criminal law by state and national organizations and has tried to a jury verdict a multitude of cases including numerous high-profile capital cases.

Dean Toben: *If you were visiting with a law student, uncertain about which way they want to go into law and being kind of a blank slate, what would you advise them to be doing regarding testing out the waters in the criminal law space?*

Russ Hunt: I think the advice that Jim Barlow gave to Beth, a long time ago, was good advice. That is if you want to learn criminal law and you want to be comfortable in the courtroom, you ought to start out in a District Attorney's Office. I think that's great advice. That's what I did, and I think it was an immense benefit to me. That's a great place to start. Lots of people go from the state District Attorney's Office into the U.S. Attorney's Office. Then you can go as far as you want to go. You can be the next Attorney General of the United States. You can do all kinds of things. I think that's a great plan. If you want to stay with prosecution, great, if you want to try the defense side after you get to know some of the people that work as prosecutors, that's fine too.

Dean Toben: *Each of you have decades of experience in the courtroom. Would you do it again?*

Russ Hunt: Absolutely, I would do it again. Yes. One case that comes to mind is of a fellow I represented who absolutely insisted that he was innocent of the two sexual offenses for which he was accused. After listening to his story, I thought, "I think he's telling the truth." We took it to a jury. When they came back and acquitted him, I thought, "The system is working." That was a great feeling. I would do it all again. My goal is to do this for 50 years, so I still got a few left.

Beth Toben: Yes, I would do it again. It's not just the time spent helping victims that's been meaningful to me, but also mentoring students and young lawyers and seeing them become successful. I recently got a call from an FBI agent. One of my former interns is applying for a judgeship and she had to have clearance. Though our work together was years ago, I'm so honored that I was one of the people she had listed. I see prosecutors who have been interns of mine and they are doing a great job. It's just so satisfying to know that I was maybe a little part of inspiring them or helping them learn how to do it.

The complete hour-long conversation with Brad, Russ, and Beth will be available to view on Baylor Law's YouTube channel soon.

I'm going to be as objective as I can because to do a good job, I've got to be that way. Some clients like that better than others.

Beth Toben: When I was in defense work, I used to meet with my clients and I would say, "Tell me what they've got on you. Not what did you do, but what do they know or what are they going to tell me that you did." It wasn't about whether they did it. We just talked about what the evidence was going to show. It took out that emotional "she doesn't believe me" aspect. As a prosecutor, I'll be honest, with some of my victims I get close and I'm passionate. Instead of viewing that as a negative, I view it as a positive. It's how I got into child abuse cases and how that became my area of prosecution.

Dean Toben: *Russ, I'm going to venture that you have been asked many times, "How do you represent someone who's guilty?"*

Russ Hunt: The answer really is, it's easier to represent somebody who's guilty than somebody who is not guilty but falsely accused. That's a tough one. Or the person who absolutely demands that they're innocent and I can't find the facts that would show that. That's tough. It really is. Most of the time, it's one of those cases. Well, I'll do my best and that's what's important to me. If I've done my best, I live with the verdict.

AlumniNOTES

1960's

T. John Ward, JD '67, Of Counsel with Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC in Longview, was recognized for his work in intellectual property litigation in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1970's

Lewis R. Sifford, JD '71, received the 2020 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award. The award is presented annually by the Dallas Bar Association and the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism to exceptional attorneys who, through their conduct and character, best exemplify professional traits that other attorneys admire and should strive to emulate.

Honorable Stephen B. Ables, JD '73, was reappointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott as Presiding Administrative Judge of the 6th Judicial Region of Texas. Judge Ables was the Judge of the 216th District Court prior to retiring after 20 years of service.

Michael Heiskell, JD '74, of Fort Worth's Jackson, Vaughn & Heiskell, was presented the Blackstone Award by the Tarrant County Bar Association. The Blackstone Award, named after Sir William Blackstone — a British legal scholar in the 18th century — has been awarded annually since 1963 to an attorney who shows consistent ability, integrity, and courage. Leaders from the Tarrant County Bar Association stated that "Michael Heiskell exemplifies all these qualities. He is widely known in our profession for his professionalism, legal prowess, and commitment to our community. He gives back selflessly to the profession and has helped citizens, both well known and unknown, the powerful and the powerless."

Lynda Beck Fenwick, JD '75, released her third book this month, *Prairie Bachelor: The Story of a Kansas Homesteader and the Populist Movement*. Lynda is the award-winning author of *Should the Children Pray: A Historical, Judicial, and Political Examination of Public School Prayer* and *Private Choices, Public Consequences, Reproductive Technology and the New Ethics of Conception, Pregnancy, and Family*.

Kenneth Stohner, JD '75, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Hon. Steve Ellis, JD '76, retired after 24 years as the District Judge of the 35th State District Court in Brown County, Brownwood, Texas. He will continue to serve as Senior Judge.

Georgia Crump, JD '78, with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., was recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. She heads the Energy and Utility Practice Group for the firm.

Carmen Eiker, JD '78, with Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, was recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and was named to the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list, both in the area of Family Law.

David C. Kent, JD '78, with Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Dallas, received a Presidential Citation for his service to the State Bar of Texas from State Bar President Randy Sorrels at the meeting of the SBOT Board of Directors. He was also appointed to a 3-year term as a Commissioner on the Texas Board of Legal Specialization's Civil Trial Law Examination Commission.

Marilea Whatley Lewis, JD '78, partner at the Dallas based family law firm Duffee + Eitzen, was awarded Top 50 Female *Super Lawyer* and Top 100 DFW *Super Lawyer* recognition. She was also recognized by her peers for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for Family Law. In addition, she was recognized for Mediation and Family Law Mediation.

Harper Estes, JD '79, has been awarded the Luther (Luke) H. Soules III Award by the Texas State Bar Litigation Section.

1980's

Hank Judin, JD '80, was elected President of the Texas Association of Specialty Courts for 2020-2021. TASC is the statewide association founded and maintained to assist in funding, education, and collaboration of specialty courts.

Keith D. Calcote, JD '81, received the 2020 *Pro Bono* and Community Service Award from the Houston chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

John D. Penn, JD '82, Firmwide Chair of the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice of Perkins Coie LLP, was recently recognized by *Best Lawyers 2021* for both Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation - Bankruptcy. He has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America in those categories each year since 2003. John is also recognized in Bankruptcy/Restructuring by Chambers & Partners, publishers of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Michael K. Branyon, JD '83, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list and the 2021 *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Stephen Gibson, JD '84, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas, is included in the 27th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Cynthia Olsen, JD '85, a shareholder with Wilson Cribbs + Goren in Houston, Texas, has been named to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Hon. R. Jack Cagle, JD '86, has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Task Force on Disaster Issues Affecting Persons Who Are Elderly and Persons Who Are Disabled for a term set to expire in February 2025. Judge Cagle has served as County Commissioner for Harris County Precinct 4 since 2011.

Randy C. Cain, JD '86, received the 2020 "Lawyer of the Year" recognition for Government Relations Practice in Austin. He has been continuously recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the area of government relations since 2007.

Susan Kelly, JD '86, has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as Judge for the 54th Judicial District Court in McLennan County.

Bruce A. Smith, JD '86, with Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC in Longview, was recognized for his work in personal injury litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Len A. Wade, JD '87, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list and the 2021 *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Glenn Callison, JD '88, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas, is included in the 27th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Sheila L. Old, JD '89, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Board of Directors. The GBRA oversees water resources for the communities in its ten-county district.

Angela Tekell, JD '89, was recently re-elected as the Board President of the Waco ISD Board of Trustees. She was elected to the Board in May 2010 and first elected as the Board President in May 2019.

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1990's

William Holms, JD '91, just released his first suspense/thriller novel entitled, *The Killing of Faith*.

Phillip Linder, JD '91, founder of The Linder Firm, was recently profiled in the *Attorney at Law Magazine* for his thirty years of service to the profession. Aside from his dedication to law, the article highlights his passion for cycling and his tenets for success: wisdom, integrity, perseverance, and patience.

Steven Jansma, JD '92, has been named the co-leader of the U.S. litigation practice at Norton Rose Fulbright, one of the nation's largest law firms. Steven will lead the firm's U.S. litigation and disputes team alongside Dallas-based attorney Richard Kumholtz. A specialist in mass tort and complex product liability lawsuits, Steven has represented multinational corporations in the automotive, energy, and manufacturing sectors. He's currently lead counsel for German automaker BMW in litigation over defective airbags that led to the recall of millions of vehicles.

Jonathan J. Bates, JD '93, with Kinser and Bates, LLP in Dallas, was named co-recipient of the Fellow of the Year Award for 2020 by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Jonathan is the Treasurer for AAML national, 2020 CLE Chair and Secretary for the Texas Chapter of AAML. He also serves as Chair-Elect of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

David Clouston, JD '93, of Sessions Fishman Nathan & Israel in Dallas, has earned selection to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* based on his work for clients in commercial litigation. He was also recognized for the 12th consecutive time on the annual *Texas Super Lawyers* list and for the 5th consecutive time on the yearly list of the *Best Lawyers* in Dallas by *D Magazine*. David is consistently called on for his expertise in securities law matters, commercial litigation, and employment disputes.

Chad Everingham IV, JD '93, with Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC in Longview, was recognized for his work in intellectual property and patent litigation in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Ashley Chapman Hoff, JD '94, was appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas. Ashley has spent 26 years as a public servant and prosecutor. She has been with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas for more than 17 years.

Cynthia "Cindy" Scheopner, JD '94, completed a PhD in philosophy and MA in Spanish at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she is the Director of Research Compliance and Scholarship for the College of Social Sciences.

Wade Emmert, JD '95, board-certified Health Law attorney, has joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP as partner in the firm's Dallas office. Wade also serves as an adjunct professor at the Texas A&M University School of Law, where he teaches courses on Health Care Transactions and Antitrust, and Health Care Fraud and Abuse. He has been recognized on Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers* listing and among the top 1 percent of America's Most Honored Professionals.

Cindy Tisdale, JD '95, has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for a three-year term which began September 1, 2020.

Hon. Vikam "Vik" Deivanayagam, JD '96, of the County Court at Law for McLennan County, received the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award from the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Craig Jones, JD '96, was elected County Attorney of Hutchison County on November 3. His daughter, Carson Jones Lacy, is a student at Baylor Law.

Tiffany Soltis, JD '96, a shareholder with Wilson Cribbs + Goren in Houston, has been named to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Elizabeth C. Freeman, JD '97, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

David F. Johnson, JD '97, has been named to the board of directors for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS). David is serving a three-year term that began in July of 2020.

Michael W. Moran, JD '97, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 *Chambers USA Guide* (Construction), the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list and in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Deborah Perry, JD '97, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas, was named to the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list for her work in Business/Bankruptcy and was included in the 27th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Jason Stephens, JD '97, founder of Stephens Law, a Fort Worth law firm focusing exclusively on serious personal injury and wrongful death claims, received multiple professional recognitions from his peers and the media in 2020. He received his 17th consecutive appearance on the *Super Lawyers* list, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for the fifth year in a row, was selected to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100, was named *Fort Worth Magazine's* Top Lawyer every year since 2003, was named to *360 West's* Attorneys Worth Knowing, and was recognized as "The Face of Personal Injury Law" by *76107 Magazine*. He is also a Lifetime Member of the Multi-Million-Dollar Advocates Forum and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Brad Taylor, JD '98, was appointed to the board of Iconic Labs PLC as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director.

Christopher B. Trowbridge, JD '98, Bell Nunnally managing partner, is featured in the 2021 edition of *The Dallas 500*, a publication featuring 500 North Texas business leaders across 56 categories. Christopher is recognized in the category of Law-Business and IP Litigation.

Craig D. Cherry, JD '99, joined Steckler Wayne Cochran Cherry, PLLC.

Kirk Pittard, JD '99, partner at Durham, Pittard & Spalding, was named to the Top 100 attorneys in Texas, Top 100 attorneys for the Dallas/Fort Worth area and as a Super Lawyer by *Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers Magazine* in the Appellate category.

2000's

James Stainton, JD '00, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as the District Attorney of the 271st Judicial District in Jack and Wise Counties. James has served as Wise County Attorney since 2009. He is a member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, a former board member of the Wise County Domestic Violence Task Force and a founder of Wise County Teen Court.

Marsha Quiroz, JD '01, has joined Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP in Dallas, one of the largest firms in the United States focused exclusively on insurance law.

Andrew S. Williams, JD '01, was appointed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to fill a vacancy on the Allen County Superior Court bench. Andrew is a partner with the Fort Wayne law firm of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros, where he has practiced since 2002.

AlumniNOTES

2000's

Lori Krasienko, JD '02, of the Krasienko Law Firm PLLC in Waco, received the Baylor Law Veterans Clinic Advocate of the Year Award.

Rachel Donnelly, JD '03, was appointed Assistant General Counsel of USAA Real Estate.

Matthew Matheny, JD '03, was named equity partner at Provost Umphrey in Beaumont. He is board certified in Personal Injury Trial Law and was honored as the Baylor Law Young Lawyer of the Year in 2015.

Greg Moreman, JD '03, has been named Director of Legal Compliance Services for Level 2 Legal Solutions in Dallas.

David A. Skeels, JD '03, of Fort Worth's Whitaker Chalk Law Firm, has been named a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Jason W. Webster, JD '03, of Tehachapi, California, was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom as judge to Kern County Superior Court. He has served as commissioner of the court since 2017.

Leslie L. Hunt, JD '04, serves as the Civil Division Chief for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. In that role she leads a team of 30 Assistant Criminal District Attorneys who provide legal representation to Tarrant County on a variety of topics, including employment related matters. Leslie was recently selected for inclusion in the 2020 *Texas Super Lawyers* list and as a Top Attorney in Employment Law by *Fort Worth Magazine* in 2020.

Amanda Garrett Taylor, JD '04, has been selected as the Practice Group Leader for Butler Snow LLP's Appellate Practice. Amanda is a Board Certified Civil Appellate Specialist. She will lead a team of appellate advocates in offices throughout the U.S., representing clients with complex civil disputes in both state and federal court at the trial and appellate levels.

Robert Little, JD '05, Baylor Law's Director of Advocacy Programs, has been elected to serve as Treasurer on the Executive Board for the newly created National Association of Legal Advocacy Educators (NALAE).

Jenny Palmer, JD '05, became the District Attorney for Henderson County.

Joshua Powers Searcy, JD '05, serves as Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Joshua follows retiring Judge Bill Parker.

Daniel R. Tilly, JD '05, has been promoted to Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Campbell University Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law.

R. Heath Cheek, JD '06, partner with Bell Nunnally in Dallas, has been named a lawyer "On the Rise" by *Texas Lawyers* as part of its "Texas Legal Awards 2020" (TXLA).

Misty Cunningham, JD '06, serves as the Executive Director of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Millstone Project. Misty founded the organization to address and expose child trafficking and exploitation in Texas. The Millstone Project focuses on assisting victims and their families and provides resources to other Texas organizations that aid abuse victims.

Brad J. Robinson, JD '06, recently became partner of Sbaiti & Company in Dallas. He handles complex litigation and personal injury matters for the firm.

Stephen Garner, JD '07, was named the Chief Executive Officer of the Abrazo Health Arrowhead Campus in Glendale, Arizona. Stephen rejoins Abrazo after two years as Tenet Palm Beach Group Chief Operating Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, Florida.

Devon D. Sharp, JD '07, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas, is included in the 27th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and was named to the 2021 Texas "Rising Stars" list by *Super Lawyers*.

Jude T. Hickland, JD '08, was elected partner at Faegre Drinker. Jude is an attorney in the firm's business litigation practice group in the Dallas office. He advocates for clients facing class actions and other complex litigation and maintains a national practice with automotive, engineering, insurance, consumer health care, and commercial real estate clients.

Richard A. Howell, JD '08, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list.

David Lovell, JD '08, joins the business and entertainment law firm Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP in Dallas, to expand its intellectual property and corporate legal expertise. David's practice focuses on patents, trademarks, and trade secrets.

Danielle Ahlrich, JD '09, has joined Reed Smith LLP in Austin as partner. Danielle has represented taxpayers challenging assessments and seeking refunds of overpaid taxes before the Texas Office of Administrative Hearings, in state district courts, and on appeal.

Joshua G. Borderud, JD '09, has been selected to receive the prestigious Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service from the American Inns of Court. The award is given each year to honor an American Inn of Court member in practice for ten or fewer years for excellence in public interest or *pro bono* activities. Joshua was also elected to the Waco City Council.

2010's

C. Tyler Atkinson, JD '10, was recently appointed as the Presiding Judge for the City of Denton in Texas.

Anne Idsal Austin, JD '10, former Chief of the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation, has joined Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in the Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas, offices. Anne will counsel clients on state and federal environmental regulations and policy as well as industry transitions.

Jessica Kirker, JD '10, has been promoted to Vice-President of Legal with Torchy's Tacos.

T. Hunter Lewis, JD '10, partner at the Dallas based family law firm Duffee + Eitzen, was named a *Texas Super Lawyer* in the practice of Family Law. He was also recognized by his peers for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for Family Law. He has been included on the list each year since 2016. Lewis was also selected for the 2020-2021 Leadership SBOT class, a small group of lawyers who will ultimately become State Bar leaders.

Dillon Meek, JD '10, was sworn in as Mayor of Waco on November 17, 2020. He follows another Baylor Lawyer in service to the community, Kyle Deaver, JD '93. Dillon served on the Waco City Council from 2015-2020 and serves as the general counsel for First Title Company in Waco.

Cody W. Stafford, JD '10, with Dobrowski, Larkin & Stafford LLP, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Elizabeth A. Voss, JD '10, was elected partner at Dykema. She works in the Dallas office in the area of Labor & Employment.

Jason T. Weber, JD '10, has joined the Dallas office of Polsinelli as a shareholder in the firm's Labor and Employment Department. Weber is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and focuses his practice on business disputes and employment-related consulting and litigation. Jason has been named to the 2021 *Best Lawyers* "Ones to Watch" list, has been recognized as one of *D Magazine's* 2019 and 2020 "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas," was named to the 2019 and 2020 "Top 100 Lawyers Under 40" list by *Texas Super Lawyers*, has been recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer* "Rising Star" for 2016-2020, and was named a *Texas Lawyer* "Litigator of the Week" in 2015. He is also a member of the State Bar of Texas Employment Law Section, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, and William "Mac" Taylor, Jr. American Inn of Court.

Andrew Guthrie, JD '11, has been promoted to partner at Haynes & Boone LLP. He focuses his practice on appeals and critical trial court briefing across an array of subject matters, including business disputes, government investigations, bankruptcy, energy, products liability, intellectual property, and the False Claims Act. Andrew was also selected as the 2020 recipient of the Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award by the American Bar Association (ABA) Center for Professional Responsibility.

Sameer S. Karim, JD '11, Labor and Employment Shareholder with Munsch Hardt, was recently named to the 2021 Texas "Rising Stars" list by *Super Lawyers*.

Abby Lee, JD '11, is the new Deputy General Counsel of the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, JD '11, was elected President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Lauren Sepulveda, JD '11, was appointed by the McAllen City Commission as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of McAllen.

Amanda Stephens, JD '11, was promoted to partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Amanda is a member of the firm's Public Finance team, based in Houston. Recently named a 2020 *Bond Buyer* Rising Star, Amanda is a leading advisor on charter school financings, having counseled on more than \$2 billion of both publicly offered and privately placed charter school financings. Amanda also serves as bond, disclosure, issuer's, borrower's, lender's, and underwriter's counsel on a broad range of public finance matters. She serves on the Executive Council and as Board Secretary for the Texas Women in Public Finance and serves on the Board of a Houston charter school.

Scott W. Weatherford, JD '11, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list.

Jared Wood, JD '11, joined Sellmark Corporation, an industry-leader in outdoor lifestyle products and brands, as General Counsel and Director of Business Enhancement.

Justin Chakrabarty, JD '12, was recently promoted to Senior Legal Officer and Director at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Whitney Keltch Green, JD '12, family law attorney, has joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP as partner in the firm's Dallas office. Her work has earned recognition from the *Best Lawyers in America* in Family Law for 2020 and 2021, *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers Under 40, and *Thomson Reuters' Texas* Rising Stars. Whitney is also the President of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Adrienne Griffis, JD '12, has been elected to partnership in the Little Rock law firm of Dover Dixon Horne. She practices family law.

Steven A. Lopez, JD '12, has joined the personal injury litigation practice, Hill Law Firm, in San Antonio.

Taylor Lyons Mohr, JD '12, founded Mohr Law Group, an innovative new law firm focusing on family law, estate planning, probate, and criminal law. Mohr Law Group handles cases throughout the DFW Metroplex. Taylor has been named a Rising Star by *Texas Super Lawyers* for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 and as a Top Attorney Under 40 by *D Magazine* in 2020 and has also been selected as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Michael C. Roberts, JD '12, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list and the inaugural edition of *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

David R. Schlottman, JD '12, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list and the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Amanda K. Crouch, JD '13, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list and the inaugural edition of *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Kevin Keller, JD '13, will be serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law for the spring 2022 semester teaching "Topics in Prosecution." Kevin was awarded the 2019-2020 Prosecutor of the Year Award by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police.

Jason M. Milam, JD '13, with Milam & Fanning in Waco, was awarded Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas by the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Jeremy I. Sheng, JD '13, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the 2020 Rising Stars list.

Claire M. Carroll, JD '14, in Commercial Litigation/Litigation-Real Estate with Munsch Hardt Kopft & Harr, P.C., was recently named to the inaugural edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, which recognizes attorneys who are earlier in their legal careers.

Lauren Teel, CPT, U.S. Army, JD '14, transferred to the Defense Appellate Division. She will defend soldiers before the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court. She resides in the Washington DC area.

Connor Buchanan, JD '15, has been elected a shareholder of the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, & Allen, P.C. Connor's practice includes representation of local governments in the areas of ad valorem taxation, valuation, and litigation.

Joseph Craven, JD '15, has been named a partner at The Carlson Law Firm. Joseph's practice focuses on mass torts and product liability at the state and federal level.

AlumniNOTES

2010's

Jacqueline W. Davis, JD '15, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the inaugural edition of *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Bart C. Frederick, JD '15, has joined Moorman Tate as an associate attorney.

Joshua Weaver, JD '15, has been selected as director of the Texas Opportunity & Justice Incubator (TOJI).

Jessica L. Schwartz, JD '16, with Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in the inaugural edition of *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Taylor Thompson, JD '16, was named a non-equity partner at Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP. He specializes in personal injury law. Taylor coaches Beaumont's Kelly High School mock trial team and serves on the board of directors for the Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association.

Andrew Valencia, JD '16, an Associate with Ballard Spahr Litigation, has been accepted into the Downtown Denver Partnership's 2021 Leadership Program. The Leadership Program educates participants about the economic importance of downtown Denver and engages them in the creation of the area's future. The participants represent a cross-section of

metro-area employees and public, private, and non-profit employers. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to the community, a passion for downtown Denver, and an interest in building their leadership skills. Andrew represents and defends commercial clients in a range of matters, including antitrust and internal investigations, mediations, and discrimination claims.

Aynsley K. Young, JD '16, Commercial Litigation Associate with Munsch Hardt, was recently named to the 2021 Texas "Rising Stars" list by *Super Lawyers*.

Brittany N. Bunch, JD '17, joined the international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Dallas. Bunch joins Weil after having served successive one-year clerkships with U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey of the Northern District of Texas, and with Judge Joel M. Carson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Roswell, New Mexico. Prior to her judicial clerkships, she was an associate at another global law firm, where she worked on numerous litigation matters, ranging from copyright infringement and breach-of-contract suits to securities litigation.

Ross Reyes, JD '17, associate attorney with Littler Mendelson, has been appointed to the Commission on Jail Standards by Governor Greg Abbott.

Kieron Buck, JD '18, has joined The Kelly Legal Group PLLC in Austin as an Associate Attorney. He will focus his practice on real estate and business legal issues.

Daniel M. Krchnavek, JD '19, the Regulatory and Compliance Counsel for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, was awarded the State Superintendent Award for Excellence in Public Education for exemplary service to North Carolina students, teachers, and educational community.

Clayton Robison, JD '19, has joined the New Braunfels law firm Langley Banack & Pfeuffer as a new associate. Clayton will work primarily as a litigator in the Family Law Practice Group.

2020's

Carson May, JD '20, has joined the Litigation practice of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas.

Caitlin Morrell, JD '20, has joined Fenley & Bate, L.L.P. in Lufkin, Texas, as an associate attorney.

Brandon Stendara, JD '20, has joined the Litigation practice of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas.

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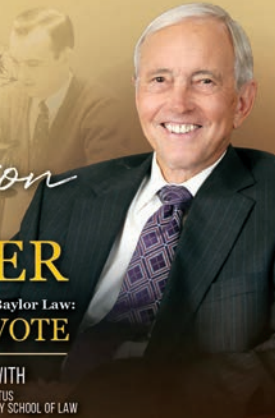
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FacultyNOTES

Larry Bates Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *Sales Problems and Materials, Revised First Editions*, Cognella (2020)

Ron Beal Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- "Texas: A Weak Governor's State or Is It?", *St. Mary's Law Journal* (Fall 2020)

Matthew Cordon Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *American Law Yearbook*, Contributing Author and Editor (2020)
- *Gale Encyclopedia of American Law*, Fourth Ed., Contributing Author and Editor
- *Legal Analysis, Research and Communications*, Author, Tophatmonocle Corp.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Baylor Faculty Senate, 2020-21

Jeremy Counsellor Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence*, Rev. 2, ALM Media, New York, Co-Authored with James Wren (2020)

Thomas M. Featherston Jr. The Mills Cox Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *West's Texas Practice Guide-Probate 2020/2021 Edition*, Three Volumes, Co-Author
- "Texas Marital Property Law: An Estate Planning and Administration Perspective," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (June 2021)

PRESENTATION

- "Texas Marital Property Law: An Estate Planning and Administration Perspective," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (June 2021)
- "Marital Property Characterization After a Change of Domicile or Situs," General Practice Institute, Baylor Law School (May 2021)
- "Marital Property Characterization After a Change of Domicile or Situs," Estate Planning Council, San Antonio (May 2021)
- "Marital Property Characterization After a Change of Domicile or Situs," Tarrant County Probate Bar Association (May 2021)
- "Marital Property Characterization After a Change of Domicile or Situs," Community Property and Estate Planning Symposium, Texas Tech School of Law (February 2021)
- "Gift and Estate Taxation," ABA, Real Property, Trust and Estate Section, Skills Training for Estate Planners (August 2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 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 six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of American Bar Association
- Member, Publications and CLE Committees of the ABA's Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Member, Legislative Review Committee, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Elizabeth M. Fraley Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Executive LL.M. in Litigation Management

PUBLICATIONS

- "Fundamentals of Lawyer Leadership," *Walters Kluwer* Co-Authored with Leah W. Jackson Teague and Stephen Rispoli (2021)
- *Texas Commercial Causes of Action: Claims, Defenses and Remedies*, Rev. 3, Fastcase Inc., Washington D.C., Co-Authored with James Wren (2020)
- "Where the Rubber Hits the Road: How Do Law Schools Demonstrate a Commitment to Training Leaders?" *University of Tennessee Law Review*, Co-Authored with Leah W. Jackson Teague

Bridget Fuselier Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Baylor Teaching Fellow
- Executive Director, Baylor Veterans Clinic
- Editor, Easements & Covenants, REPTL Reporter
- Contributing Editor, Real Estate, *General Practice Digest*

Laura A. Hernández Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Latina Commissioner, Hispanic National Bar Association

Chris Jaeger Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Empirical Reasonable Person," 72 ALA. L. REV. 887 (forthcoming 2021)

Kayla Landeros Legal Writing Lecturer

PRESENTATIONS

- "Back to Basics: A Review of Important Contract Drafting Rules to Help Keep Your Contract Out of the Courtroom," Baylor Law School Online CLE, (September 2020)
- "Keeping Your Contract Out of the Courtroom: Contractual Rules for Drafting Partnership and Operating Agreements," presented with Robert Keatinge of Holland & Hart, Texas MCLE, 29th Annual LLCs, LPs, and Partnerships (July 2020)

Elizabeth Miller

M. Stephen and Alyce A. Beard Professor of Business and Transactional Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *Texas Methods of Practice, Texas Practice Series, Vol. 13*, Co-Author, West (2020-2021)
- *Business Organizations, Texas Practice Series, Vols. 19, 20 & 20A, Annual Supplement*, Co-Author, West, 3rd ed. 2011 (2020-2021)
- "Overview of Fiduciary Duties, Exculpation, and Indemnification in Texas Business Organizations," 49 TEX. J. BUS. L. 1 (2020)
- "Miscellaneous (Non-Delaware) Partnership and LLC Cases," 2020 LLC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities, American Bar Association (November 11, 2020)
- "Fiduciary Duties, Exculpation, and Indemnification in Texas Business Organizations," 13th Annual Advanced Business Law, State Bar of Texas (November 5, 2020)
- "Model Company Agreements for Closely Held LLCs," 29th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law, (July 23, 2020)
- "Case Law Update: A Survey of Recent Texas Partnership and LLC Cases," 29th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law, (July 23, 2020)

PRESENTATION

- "Case Law Update (Non-Delaware)," 2020 LLC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities, American Bar Association (November 11, 2020)
- "Fiduciary Duties," 13th Annual Advanced Business Law, State Bar of Texas (November 5, 2020)

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- "Case Law Update: A Survey of Recent Texas Partnership and LLC Cases," 29th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 23, 2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Joint Editorial Board, Uniform Unincorporated Organizations Acts, Uniform Law Commission and American Bar Association
- Chair, Editorial Board of Publications of the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association
- Founding Fellow and Board of Directors, American College of LLC and Partnership Attorneys
- Member, Business Organizations Code Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
- Elected Member, American Law Institute

Stephen Rispoli Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Pro Bono Programs

PUBLICATIONS

- "Fundamentals of Lawyer Leadership," *Walters Kluwer* Co-Authored with Leah W. Jackson Teague and Elizabeth M. Fraley (2021)
- "Courting Access to Justice," 29 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Soc. Just. (Fall 2020)

PRESENTATION

- "Contesting Your Property Taxes," Baylor Law People's Law School (February 13, 2021)
- "Contesting Your Property Taxes," Baylor Law People's Law School (February 15, 2020)
- "Pro Bono and Public Service: Pillars of Democracy and the Legal Profession," Moderator, Association of American Law Schools 2020 Annual Meeting (Jan. 4, 2020)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- McLennan County Young Lawyers, Past President, 2020
- American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Legal Innovation Team Member
- American Association of Law Schools, Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities Section: Newsletter Editor-2020, President-2019
- American Association of Law Schools, Leadership Section: Newsletter Editor-2019-Present
- State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Workgroup
- 2020 Lone Star Legal Aid Remote Legal Services, Community Partner Award
- 2019 State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Coordinator Award

Rory Ryan Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- "Amicus Letter in *Credit Suisse AG v. Claymore Holdings, LLC*, Texas Supreme Court," (August 2020)

Walt Shelton Adjunct Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- "God's Plan: Not About You, but About All of Us," *Austin American Statesman* (Mar. 6, 2021)
- "We Need to Listen to Care About Others," *ProgressiveChristianity.org* (February 19, 2021)
- "Find the Wisdom in Life's Experiences Every Day," *Austin American Statesman* (January 9, 2021)
- "Practicing Law in Unexpected Seasons," CLE ethics publication, upcoming Oil & Gas Disputes 2021 Webcast, TexasBar CLE, (Jan. 2021)
- *The Daily Practice of Life: Practical Reflections Toward Meaningful Living*, CrossLink Publishing (2020)
- "Remembering to Care For Others Even When You Don't Agree," *Austin American Statesman* (December 19, 2020)

- "Five Practical Ways To Use Your Experiences To Make You a Better Parent," *CrossWalk.com* (Dec. 3, 2020)
- "What Can You Do in This Life Rather Than Waiting for the Next?" *Austin American Statesman* (Nov. 28, 2020)
- "Practical Ideas to Enhance Effective Leadership," *JMLalonde.com* (November 18, 2020)
- "How a Systematic Approach Might Lessen Erratic Days," *DawnKlinge.com* (Nov. 4, 2020)
- "We Can Learn From Steps of Repentance During Jewish High Holy Days," *Austin American Statesman* (October 3, 2020)
- "The Choice To Do Good in Biblical Times and in Pandemic Times," *Austin American Statesman* (August 22, 2020)

PRESENTATION

- "Part 1: The Necessity of Transformative Faith," Podcast, *praywithourfeet.libsyn.com* (Mar. 19, 2021)
- "Part 2: Jesus Is Synonymous With Social Justice," Podcast, *praywithourfeet.libsyn.com* (Mar. 19, 2021)
- "Is Having a Routine and Practice-Oriented Approach Essential for Meaningful Living?" Podcast, *TheBadChristian.com*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Liaison, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas with the Section of the Environment, Energy and Resources of the American Bar Association
- Contributing Editor, *General Practice Digest*, State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law
- Chair, Law School Committee of the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

Leah W. Jackson Teague Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- "Fundamentals of Lawyer Leadership," *Walters Kluwer* Co-Authored with Elizabeth M. Fraley and Stephen Rispoli (2021)
- "Where the Rubber Hits the Road: How Do Law Schools Demonstrate a Commitment to Training Leaders?" *University of Tennessee Law Review*, Co-Authored with Elizabeth M. Fraley

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Past Chair, AALS Section on Leadership
- Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Texas Federal Tax Institution
- Board Member, Start Up Waco

Bradley J.B. Toben Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Elected Member, American Law Institute
- Board Member, Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc.
- Chair and Accreditation Inspector, American Bar Association (ABA)
- Master of the Bench, Abner V. McCall American Inn of Court
- Member, Board of Directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce

Greg White Legal Writing Lecturer

PUBLICATIONS

- "Writing Your First Appellate Brief," Kendall Hunt Publishing (August 2020)

Patricia Wilson Associate Dean

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Governing Board Member, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Chair of Legal Committee
- Vice-President, Waco-McLennan County Bar Association
- Board Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, ABA Law Student Division, Client Counseling Subcommittee
- Contributor, *General Practice Digest* (Family Law)

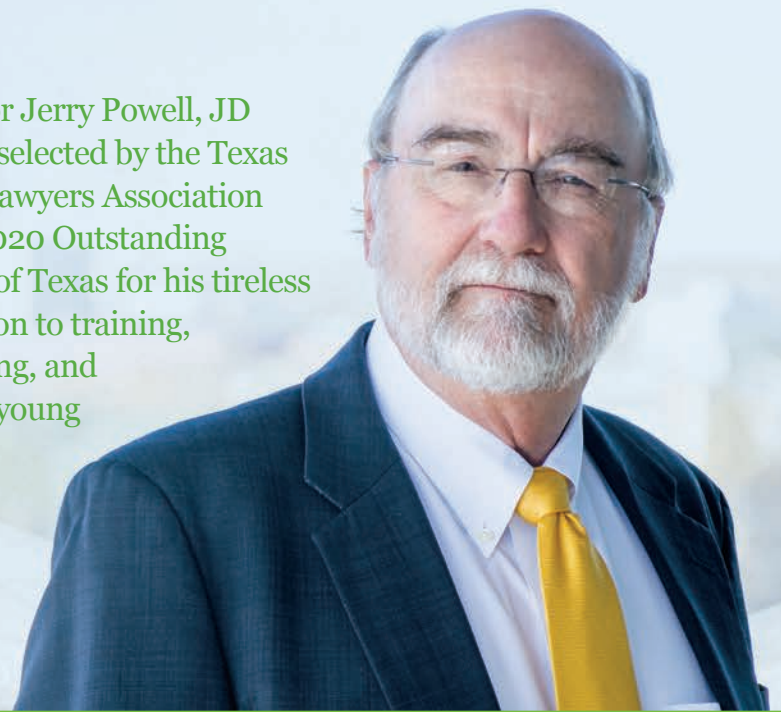
James E. Wren Leon Jaworski Chair of Practice & Procedure

PUBLICATIONS

- *Proving Damages to the Jury*, Rev. 4, James Publishing, San Francisco, Co-Authored with Laura Brown (2020)
- *Texas Commercial Causes of Action: Claims, Defenses and Remedies*, Rev. 3, Fastcase Inc., Washington D.C., Co-Authored with Elizabeth M. Fraley (2020)
- *Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence*, Rev. 2, ALM Media, New York, Co-Authored with Jeremy Counsellor (2020)

Professor Powell Receives Outstanding Mentor Award

Professor Jerry Powell, JD '77, was selected by the Texas Young Lawyers Association as the 2020 Outstanding Mentor of Texas for his tireless dedication to training, mentoring, and guiding young lawyers.



The Outstanding Mentor Award, given annually since 2007, recognizes one attorney each year who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community. Professor Jerry Powell is the most recent attorney to receive the honor.

A Baylor Lawyer who has served on the faculty for thirty-five years, Powell has served as the Director of Baylor Law's highly acclaimed Practice Court Program. He also has served as the Judge Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence Law, and since 2005, has held Baylor University's coveted Master Teacher designation, the highest honor granted to Baylor faculty members.

"Professor Powell has shaped and influenced my life in more ways than we have time for me to describe. I would not be here, literally, if it were not for him. He has opened doors for me and mentored me at each step in my life. Words cannot adequately describe my gratitude," stated Baylor Law's Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and *Pro Bono* Programs, Stephen Rispoli, who nominated Powell for this year's award. Former student and now co-Practice Court Professor Elizabeth Fraley added, "Perhaps no one has influenced my career more than Powell. He taught me evidence and advocacy. He taught me courage and character. He is the mentor I most trust and value, and he is most deserving of this award."

Baylor Law's Dean Brad Toben noted, "Few individuals have had such an immense impact on the training of young lawyers as Jerry Powell. It has been an honor and a privilege to witness the work of this master teacher in the classroom and courtroom." The President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Jeanine Rispoli, JD '11, observed, "Powell is both brilliant and terrifying in the classroom and courtroom.

What I can see so clearly is his genuine love for what he does and for helping others. He sees potential in us even when we don't, especially when we don't, and he doesn't let us give up."

Earning his bachelor's degree from Baylor in 1974, Powell received his Baylor Law degree with honors in 1977. As a law student, he was a member of the National Mock Trial Team and executive editor of the *Baylor Law Review*. Following graduation, he joined the Dallas law firm of Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox, where he had an active trial and appellate practice with the firm and was made a partner in 1982. Four years later, Powell returned to Baylor Law School to teach, and in 1987, he was appointed the Judge Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence Law. Powell is an associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and was appointed by the President of the State Bar of Texas to the Court Reorganization Task Force. He has served on the Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee for the State Bar of Texas.

He has written and spoken extensively on evidence, procedure, and trial advocacy topics and has co-authored two books on Texas evidence, *A Practical Guide to the Texas Rules of Civil Evidence* and *Texas Rules of Civil Evidence with Objections*. His first fiction book, a courtroom drama, of course, *The Sporting House Killing: A Gilded Age Legal Thriller* was released in early 2021.

Professor Powell has also been actively engaged in the Waco community. In addition to his teaching duties at the Baylor Law, Professor Powell teaches adult education classes to senior citizens, helped establish and fund the Doris Miller Memorial, and was active in Boy Scouts for many years. Professor Powell has also volunteered to teach history classes for the local "Lifelong Learners." Through these classes, Professor Powell teaches senior citizens. He also includes them in Baylor Law's Practice Court Program as jurors in the mock trial exercises for our law students. All told, Professor Powell has shaped thousands of lives and has had an immeasurably positive impact upon our community and the legal profession.

In October of 2020, Powell was also honored with the 2020 Outstanding Mentor Award by the Waco-McLennan County Young Lawyers Association.

Professor Powell, along with Dean Brad Toben, recently shared their thoughts on the 100th Anniversary of Practice Court on NPR affiliate KWBU's podcast 'Baylor Connections.' Listen to the complete episode at www.baylor.edu/law/PC100YearPodcast

"Whether it was on a backpacking trip or a canoe trip, Mr. Powell allowed many young men, including myself, to step up and lead and then learn from our many successes and many mistakes. His calm demeanor and strong intellect allowed for excellent feedback and mentoring sessions that developed us into resilient men of character who could lead when needed but also humbly follow," stated David Tipton, Capt. USAF, former Boy Scout under Scoutmaster Jerry Powell.

"Powell has shaped and influenced my life in more ways than we have time for me to describe."

— Stephen Rispoli
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
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Dean Brad Toben presided over the ceremony and Baylor University's Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., conferred the degrees. Professor Jim Wren delivered the commencement address and Professors Jeremy Counseller and Laura Hernández hooded the graduates. Member of the class Katherine Janell Fort gave the invocation and Jackson Webb Wren addressed the class as the highest-ranking graduate.





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Dean Brad Toben presided over the ceremony and conferred the degrees. Professor Jeremy Counseller delivered the commencement address and Professors Mike Morrison and Jim Wren hooded the graduates. Professor Bridget Fuselier gave the invocation and Cody MacJackson Carter addressed the class as the highest-ranking graduate.



WINTER 2020/21

Dean Brad Toben presided over the ceremony and Baylor University's President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., conferred the degrees. Professor Matt Cordon delivered the commencement address and Professors Luke Meier and Greg White hooded the graduates. Member of the class Austin Clay Byrom gave the invocation and Ryan Katherine Golden addressed the class as the highest-ranking graduate.



StudentNOTES



Christian Carson-Banister and Alisa Trejo



Hunter Slocum and Noah Patrick



Professor Larry Bates, Alexis Winter, Caitlin Huettemann, and Alejandra Garcia Castro

ABA Regional Negotiations Competition

Congratulations to Christian Carson-Banister and Alisa Trejo who won the 2020 ABA Regional Negotiations Competition and qualified for nationals. Hunter Slocum and Noah Patrick were finalists

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

Congratulations to the team of Caitlin Huettemann, Alexis Winter, and Alejandra Garcia Castro who won the 2021 Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition national championship.



Jean-Marie Anderson



Christine Barfield

Faegre Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition

Jean-Marie Anderson and Christine Barfield were the winners of the 2021 Drinker Biddle Spring Moot Court Competition.

FINALISTS:

Daniel Seavers and Michael Tagliabue

SEMI-FINALISTS:

Caitlin Grieve, Mandy Martin, Aradhana Polley, and Ashlynn Wright

TOP SPEAKERS:

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| 1. Michael Tagliabue | 6. Zane Thomas |
| 2. Noah Lombardoizzi | 7. Matthew Vitale |
| 3. Archibald Cruz | 8. Elias Bejany |
| 4. Jacob King | 9. Andrew Boone |
| 5. Daniel Seavers | 10. Tanner Scheef |

FINAL ROUND JUDGES

CHIEF JUSTICE: W. Neil Rambin, JD '79, Senior Counsel with Faegre Drinker in Dallas

SCORING JUDGES: Deborah Alsup, Professors Jessica Asbridge, Rory Ryan, and Jim Underwood, and winners of the 2019 Faegre Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition, Sidne Drewry and Logan Krulish

National Civil Trial Competition

Tori Cooper, Jessie Cox, Conner Sheets, and Amanda Wayne advanced to the semifinals of the 2020 National Civil Trial Competition.

Veterans Law Moot Court

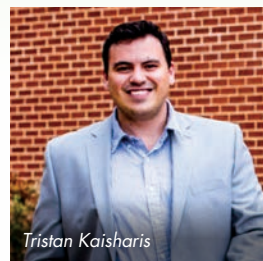
Congratulations to the team of Caitlin Huettemann and Jessie Nelson who won first place at the 2020 National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition. Nelson was also named second place oral advocate. Alejandra Garcia Castro served as the team's student coach. Alexis Winter and Lauren Johnson advanced to the quarterfinals.



Kris Ruiz



Daniela Vakulchik



Tristan Kaisharis



R.J. Ammons

UCLA Transactional Law Competition

Congratulations to the team of Tristan Kaisharis and R.J. Ammons who received the Best Negotiation Team Award at the 2021 UCLA Transactional Law Competition.

Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, Client Counseling Competition

The team of Pawandeep Singh and Alex Thompson won first place and the team of Noah Patrick and Hunter Slocum finished second in the 2020 Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC Client Counseling Competition.

Summit Cup Mock Trial Competition

The team of Amanda Wayne, Jessie Cox, and Grace Bregard advanced to the semifinals of the 2020 Summit Cup Mock Trial Competition.

Mack Kidd Administrative and Public Law Moot Court Competition

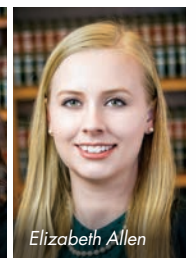
Congratulations to the team Kris Ruiz and Daniela Vakulchik who won first place at the 2020 Mack Kidd Administrative and Public Law National Moot Court Competition. Ruiz was also named Best Oralist. The team of Luke Marvin and Matt Maupin advanced to the semifinals.



Grant Jones



Caroline Lowery



Elizabeth Allen

John R. Brown National Admiralty Law Moot Court Competition

The team of Grant Jones, Caroline Lowery, and Elizabeth Allen advanced to the finals in the John R. Brown National Admiralty Law Moot Court Competition. Allen also won the Best Petitioner's Brief Award.

AWARDS CEREMONY



Harold and Carol Ann Nix
Academic and Advocacy Center
Gavin Jaco, Josh Marquette, Professor Allen Page, and
Tamer Abouras

Duke Interscholastic Transactional Law Competition

Congratulations to the team of Tamer Abouras, Gavin Jaco, and Josh Marquette who won First Place (buyer) and Best Buyer Draft and Mark-Up awards at the 2021 Duke Interscholastic Transactional Law Competition. The team of Audrey Edwards, Jackson Hayden, and Daniel Yu finished in Third Place (Buyer).



Jessie Cox

Conner Sheets, Judge Harris, and Jessie Cox

Conner Sheets

Fall Mad Dog Mock Trial Competition

Jessie Cox was the winner of the 2020 Bob and Karen Wortham Fall Practice Court "Mad Dog" Mock Trial Competition. She received a \$7,000 prize given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham and an 18" bronze statue of Matt "Mad Dog" Dawson.

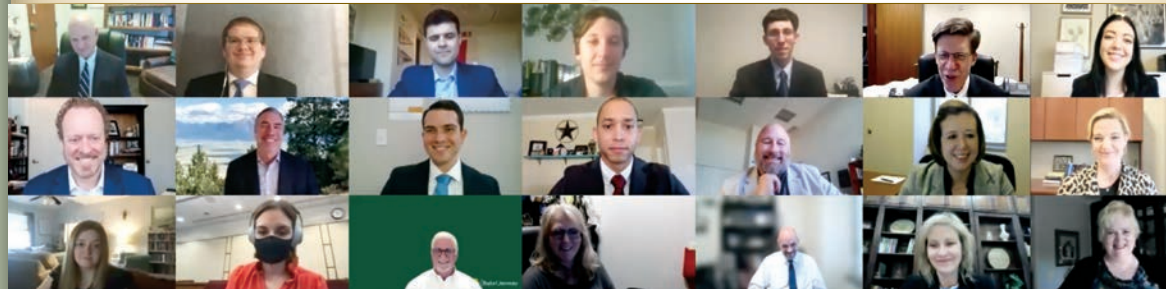
FINALIST:
Conner Sheets

SEMI-FINALISTS:
Sara K. Babineaux
Amanda R. Wayne

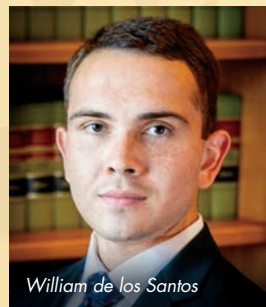
FINAL ROUND JUDGES

PRESIDING JUDGE:
Judge Lee Harris, JD '83

SCORING JUDGES:
Robert Little and
Professor Liz Fraley



William de los Santos drafted the best legal document, winning first place in the fifth annual Ultimate Writer legal writing competition. For his efforts, he was awarded a \$3,000 cash prize and an opportunity to interview with the prestigious appellate law firm Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP in Dallas, Texas. Grace Bregard finished second, Catherine Helm finished third, and Timothy Phillips and Tom Evans were named honorable mentions.



William de los Santos

For the last five years of the competition, the Legal Writing Center has scoured real appellate case files to find the perfect complex scenario that will test students' abilities to review a modified packet of materials and draft a real-world document based on a packet of information and a brief writing prompt. This year, competitors were challenged to prepare a legal memorandum discussing whether admissions of silence while in custody are admissible in federal court.

"Baylor law recognizes that quality legal writing is the foundation for a successful career in the law," stated Matt Cordon, Director of the Legal Writing Program. "This year's competitors have met an incredibly high standard of professional legal writing and choosing our winners was no easy task," he added.

"This year's competition presented a fantastic and challenging question," stated the 2021 Ultimate Writer, William de los Santos. "Without having to conduct the legal research, the Ultimate Writer

allowed for the competitors to focus exclusively on comprehending the issue presented and writing the response. I am very grateful for everyone involved at Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP, Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP, and, of course, Baylor Law for making this opportunity possible," he added.

In addition to cash awards for the top three competitors, each were awarded an opportunity to interview for an internship with the prestigious appellate law firm Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP, in Dallas, Texas. Professor Cordon, speaking about the unique competition stated, "This competition is an incredible opportunity for our students. Not only do they get the chance to demonstrate their legal writing skills, but they also have the opportunity to clerk with an incredible firm. We are thankful to our sponsors for their time and investment in Baylor Law."

Lisa and Charlie Frazier, JD '86, of Alexander Dubose Jefferson LLP graciously underwrite the Ultimate Writer through their Endowed Fund for Excellence in Writing at Baylor Law. The appellate law firm of Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, sponsors clerk opportunities for the top Ultimate Writer students.

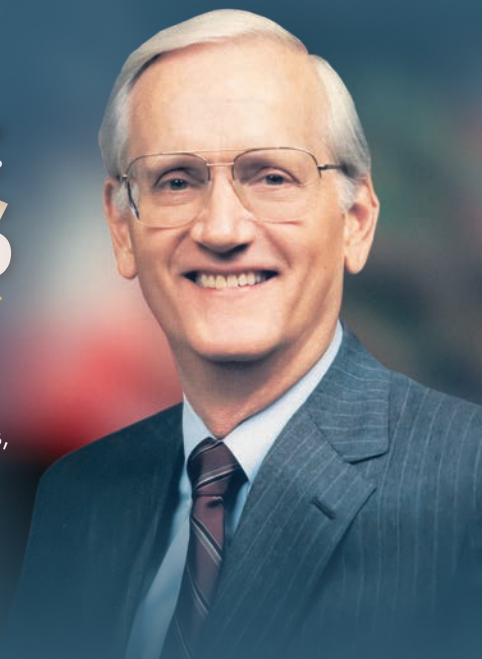
"We are so grateful for Charlie and Kirk's involvement in not only our Ultimate Writer Competition, but their personal support and investment in our legal writing program," stated Legal Writing Lecturer, Greg White. "They are the backbone of this competition and their dedication to helping us teach and mentor future Baylor Lawyers in the art of powerful, quality legal writing is inspiring," he added.

Charlie Frazier, Kirk Pittard, JD '99, Rick Thompson, and Thad Spalding served as judges for the competition.

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William SESSIONS

1930 – 2020



Baylor Lawyer William “Bill” Steele Sessions, former director of the FBI, was laid to rest in a private ceremony on Thursday, June 25, 2020. He passed away peacefully in San Antonio, Texas, on June 12, 2020.

Sessions was born May 27, 1930, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Rev. Will A. and Edith Steele Sessions. As the son of a U.S. Army Chaplain stationed in the Pacific arena during WWII, Sessions proved early in life his ability for resilience and perseverance. Stricken with polio as a teenager, he overcame the debilitating effects of the disease to regain use of his right arm and eventually excelled in track and field and swimming at Northeast High School in Kansas City, Missouri. With the escalation of the Korean War in 1951, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He continued his military service through 1955, achieving the rank of Captain. Sessions received his bachelor’s degree in political science and economics from Baylor University in 1956 and his law degree from Baylor Law in 1958. He would later give credit to former Dean of Baylor Law and tenth president of Baylor University, Abner V. McCall, for encouraging him to apply to Baylor Law—a defining moment in his life. From 1959 until the summer of 1969, he practiced law in Waco where he was a partner in the law firm of Haley, Fulbright, Winniford, Sessions & Bice.

Following more than a decade of private practice, Sessions served as the Section Chief of the Government Operations Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, based in San Antonio and El Paso. For seven years, he served as Chief United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Sessions served as the fourth director of the FBI from 1987 to 1993. In 2000, he joined Holland & Knight, LLP where he served as a partner engaged primarily in alternative dispute resolution procedures.

“Judge Sessions devoted his career to the advancement of the rule of law and administration of justice. He demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service and the Constitution,” stated Baylor Law’s Dean Brad Toben, who added, “He will be missed and will always be remembered as an iconic member of our profession.”

Sessions was a former president of the District Judges Association of the Fifth Circuit, the Federal Bar Association of San Antonio, and the Waco-McLennan County Bar Association. In 1988 he was named the Baylor Lawyer of the Year, the highest honor given to a Baylor Law alumni. He also served on numerous governmental and nonprofit boards and task forces.

Col. James B. Adams, JD ‘49, passed away April 25, 2020. Jim was born to Lynn and Florence Adams in Corsicana, Texas, in 1926. At the age of 17 he volunteered and was recruited into the Army Specialized Training Program. He spent almost two years in Tokyo as part of the U.S. occupying forces.

He earned his law degree from Baylor Law in 1949. After graduation he became the assistant prosecuting attorney in Grosbeck, Texas. In 1951, he successfully ran for the Texas Legislature and was elected—at the age of 24. Having then decided to make his career in law enforcement, he resigned from the Legislature in 1951 to accept an appointment to the FBI as Special Agent. Over his 27 years with the Bureau, he served in various roles and locations attaining the position of Associate Director, the number two position in the FBI. He held key positions in the investigation into President Kennedy’s assassination, organized crime, and cold war counterintelligence. After Watergate, because of his reputation for integrity, he was brought back to headquarters from the field specifically to identify and execute improvements throughout the Bureau. He received both the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal. In 1978 he served for a short time as Acting Director.

He retired from the FBI in 1979, becoming the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor’s Office, and then in 1980, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Rangers—a job he particularly desired and cherished as a true Texan. He retired in 1987—but continued for the rest of his life to talk about the wonderful, dedicated people he had the honor of working with in both the FBI and DPS.

In 1954, he met lone Winistorfer. Over the next 65 years he repeatedly called their marriage ‘the smartest decision he ever made’. Jim and lone had three children, James Jr., Elizabeth, and Martha Wolcheski, all three are married with children.

Hugh Edward McGee, Jr., JD ‘53, passed away on May 20, 2020. He was a self-made and resilient man who touched and influenced the lives of countless people for 91 incredible years. Hugh was born in Mount Vernon, New York, on December 20, 1928, and was the second of four children of the late Matilda and Hugh Edward McGee. Hugh attended A.B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon where he lettered in four sports and participated in two more. Upon graduation from high school in 1945, at the age of 17, Hugh enlisted in the Marines. After several domestic assignments, he was awarded a Naval ROTC scholarship and attended the University of Rochester. His family relocated to Houston in 1949. He enrolled at Baylor Law and graduated in 1953. After graduation, he completed his military service and returned to Houston, teaming up with his prior mentor and friend, Joe Allbritton, to form the law firm of Allbritton & McGee. His career in Houston as a practicing lawyer, investor, and entrepreneur lasted over sixty years.

Hugh met and fell in love with Dorothy Kelly, who became his beloved wife of 54 years. They raised five children who in turn produced eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hugh was a gifted public speaker, he was a consummate host and master of ceremonies, always knowing what to say and when to say it. As a lawyer, he was just as comfortable in the courtroom as he was negotiating a business deal. He also had a significant entrepreneurial streak. Hugh found time for a variety of charitable and civic causes, including Houston School for the Deaf (Board President), Downtown Exchange Club (President), his local neighborhood association (President), and the Houston Racquet Club (founder and President).

James Haden “Pete” Garmon, JD ‘54, loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and child of God, passed away on May 26, 2020, at age 92. Pete was born on January 27, 1928, in Brownfield, Texas, Terry County, to Joseph Haden Garmon and Birdie Etta Tate Garmon. He was a graduate of Clarksville High School and a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Texas National Guard. He graduated from Paris Junior College, where he was President of his graduating class. On July 8, 1951, he married Billie Ruth Slaton, with whom he raised two sons and two daughters. He received his Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law. He was employed by The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana for 39 years and retired as Vice-President-legal for the company in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was a member of the Texas Bar Association for over 60 years, the American Bar Association, the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, and past president of the Southeastern Claims Executives Association. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Holloway J. Martin, Jr., JD ‘59, of Mexia, passed away peacefully at his home early Thursday morning, April 2, 2020. Holloway was born April 24, 1932, in Calvert to Holloway and Flois Boatler Martin. He grew up in Limestone County and graduated from Groesbeck High School. Texas A&M University was his next stop on his educational journey, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1953, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as a Navigator until 1957. Returning home, he continued his education at the Baylor Law, where he received his law degree. Back to his Limestone County home, he served as the County - District Attorney and during this period of time, he married his best friend, Louise Carr, in 1964. Holloway went into private practice in 1970 and retired in 2017, after a long successful career. A true Southern Gentleman with a disarming, affable, and congenial personality, Holloway was a true asset to this area. There are so many things that endeared him to the people he came in contact with. He was a colorful storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor, a great family man, a fine Christian and churchman, a lover of his land and cattle, and a highly esteemed legal professional who enjoyed Louise working by his side for many years.

Frank Steelman, JD ‘62, of Bryan, passed away, on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Frank was born in Watsonville, California, to Blossom Juliet Daugherty Steelman and Frank Sitley Steelman Sr. He was their only child. He moved to Texas at age 15, after the passing of his parents. He graduated from Baylor in 1958, and from Baylor Law in 1962. While in law school, he and Diana married. After graduation, the family moved to Houston where Frank worked as a special agent for the IRS. This training enabled him to work as a trust officer at First City National Bank. He then moved the family to Bryan to work at First Bank & Trust. He also worked for Goode, Skrivaneck & Steelman, and finally, from 1974 to his passing, was in private law practice. He was the lead counselor in a landmark appellate case concerning search and seizure that was argued before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He was a municipal judge in the City of Bryan from 1986–88. He was recently honored at the Federal Courthouse for doing *pro bono* work in bankruptcy court.

Paul Eugene Lokey, JD ‘64, long-time attorney, loving husband and father of four, passed away in his home surrounded by family on December 20, 2020, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson’s disease. He was 81. Paul was born on April 19, 1939, in Okemah, Oklahoma, to Arthur B. and Minnie Ruth Turnipseed Lokey. Following the death of his father at the age of 11, he and his family moved to Gainesville, Texas, where Paul later attended Gainesville High School. Upon graduation, he received a coveted scholarship to attend Texas A&M University, which changed his life and made him a life-long and proud Aggie. He continued his education at Baylor Law where he earned a law degree and began his work as an attorney in Dallas in 1964, resulting in an illustrious career that spanned over 50 years. Paul was passionate about his family, his work, and his life.

Lee Jasper Brookshire, Jr. JD ‘65, passed away July 19, 2020. Lee was born May 4, 1936, and grew up in Lufkin, Texas. His father, Lee Brookshire, co-founded Brookshire Brothers Company where, at the age of 11 years, Lee could be found spending his Saturdays sacking groceries. After attending Tulane University for 2 years, he transferred to Baylor University to earn a B.A. degree. Deciding not to pursue a career in the grocery business, Lee went on to get his J.D. degree from Baylor Law. Lee served in the National Guard and was called up in 1960 with the 49th Armored Division. After spending a year at Fort Polk, Louisiana, he was released from active duty following the Berlin crisis. Lee worked in the banking business through law school. After managing Navarro Savings and Loan Association in Corsicana, Texas, he practiced law in Fort Worth as the general counsel for Colonial Savings Association until he retired in 2004. On January 14, 1995, Lee married Linda Haggard Lamun at University Christian Church on the TCU campus. Lee and Linda loved to attend the Fort Worth Symphony and Dallas Symphony Orchestra concerts and events. He was also an avid snow skier and SCUBA diver most of his life.

Lee is remembered for his kind heart, gentle spirit, and as Linda’s hospitality partner as they so loved to host and entertain at their home in east Fort Worth.

Gary G. Wisener, JD ‘65, passed away on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Gary was born in Warren, Ark., on Aug. 24, 1938, he grew up in Fort Smith, Ark., and graduated from Fort Smith High School before moving on to Baylor University.

At Baylor University, he played football as offensive end and was on the track and field team, where he was named All American. Gary is also a former American football wide receiver in the National Football League for the Dallas Cowboys and in the American Football League for the Houston Oilers, playing for the Oilers in their second AFL Championship season. After his time in the NFL, he returned to Baylor University to attend law school. Upon graduation, he moved to Midland, Texas, and joined Lynch, Chapel Law firm in 1965, where he practiced oil, gas, and energy law until his retirement. He was active with Fellowship of Christian athletes and an avid golfer.

Jerry Lynn Beane, JD ‘67, was born March 3, 1944, in Winnsboro, Texas. He departed this life to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, July 31, in Tyler, Texas.

Jerry was the son of Von Rhea and Charline Hawkins Beane. Jerry attended Baylor University and excelled in academics where he completed his undergraduate degree in 3 years and immediately entered Baylor Law. Jerry served as editor of the *Baylor Law Review* and graduated with his Doctor of Jurisprudence in the fall of 1967.

Jerry started his law practice in Dallas with Strasburger, Price, Kelton, Martin & Unis. In his later years at Strasburger, Jerry served as the senior partner focusing on defending federal and state antitrust cases. Jerry continued his law career by moving to Andrews Kurth law firm to head up the firm’s antitrust, corporate law division. He retired from that position a few years ago. During his time in Dallas, Jerry was very active in the Dallas Bar Association and other downtown civic organizations.

Jerry was an avid marathon runner, competing in 28 of the most prestigious events in the U.S. He was also passionate about the game of golf, which provided the perfect “man against the elements” backdrop for his dry and witty humor. He traveled the U.S. and the world with his friends and family, playing the toughest courses, measuring himself against the best.

Charles E. Schuereberg, JD ‘68, of Sherman, Texas, passed peacefully on July 17, 2020. He was a long-time resident of Mesquite and Heath, Texas. Charles was born July 8, 1944, to Mildred and Ben Milner. His father passed away when Charles was only five years old. At age 8, Charles was adopted by Walter Schuereberg. Charles graduated from Mesquite High School in 1962 and went to the University of Texas on a basketball scholarship. In 1968, he graduated from

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Baylor Law. Charles began his successful law practice, Schuereberg and Grimes, in 1972. His practice was primarily focused on family law, which he practiced until he retired in the summer of 2019. He was involved in many local community organizations, such as the President of the Mesquite and Dallas Bar Association, The Dallas County School Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Mesquite Memorial Hospital, and Vice-President of The Mesquite Champion Arena. Charles was an avid golfer and loved hunting. He and his family cherished a long tenure of 47 years, hunting and spending time together. Charles also enjoyed sports, coaching, and traveling. Nothing meant more to him than spending time with his family, 17 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Joe Don Denton, JD '69, passed away April 13, 2020, at home in Dallas. He was born October 23, 1924, in Milford, TX. The youngest of three children, Joe graduated from Milford High School in 1942 and headed off to World War II and the U.S. Army Air Corps as part of the Greatest Generation. He served his country from 1942–1948 with utmost valor as a crewman, flight engineer, and pilot. Following the war, in pursuit of higher education, Joe attended Hillsboro College and Oklahoma A&M University before graduating from Baylor Law in 1969. In March 1961, Joe launched a noteworthy career with Oak Cliff Bank & Trust Company, where he advanced from the post of Trust Officer to president and CEO. Later, when the bank became known as RepublicBank Oak Cliff, he was named regional chairman of the RepublicBank Corporation in 1986 and district director the following year, in which capacity he distinguished himself until his retirement in December 1989.

Joe was an esteemed member of numerous professional organizations, including the Texas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Dallas Estate Council, the Texas Bankers Association, and the American Bankers Association. In 1981, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Dallas Baptist University. Sports played his big role in his life and he offered his time as coach for youth baseball teams in Waco and in Dallas. He was a former director of the Texas Golf Association, the North Texas Professional Golfers Association, and the Tournament Players Division of the Professional Golfers Association. In 1981, he was named the North Texas PGA's Amateur of the Year. He also served as director of the World Golf Hall of Fame. In 1985, he founded Reunion Pro-Am Golf Tournament. In addition, he served as treasurer of the Senior PGA Tour Sponsors Association and was a member of the Senior PGA Tour Advisory Board. A former minor league baseball player, Joe was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989 for his contributions to the game.

Throughout his retirement, he continued to serve former bank clients, family, and friends with legal advice and lent support to numerous charitable efforts. In 2018, the Centennial Clock at Stevens Park Golf Course in Dallas was dedicated to him with family, friends, and notables from the world of golf in attendance.

Hon. Robert George Dohoney, JD '69, was born 1929 in Italy, Texas, as the only child of Robert Gilmer Dohoney and Kathleen George Dohoney, and died December 9, 2020, in Dallas, Texas. The family moved to Hillsboro in 1934. He married Betty Ray Smith in 1951. Their marriage lasted over 70 years and they raised three children, Kathleen Dohoney Liebendorfer, Beth Dohoney Kennard, and Patrick Smith Dohoney.

Judge Dohoney graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1947, attended Hillsboro Junior College, then graduated from Texas A&M in 1951 and Baylor Law in 1969. He was an officer in USAF from 1951 to 1953, serving in Korea and Japan. He was involved in Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle and later serving as Scoutmaster. Following his military service, he returned to Hillsboro in 1953 and entered into his father's Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealership, serving as Vice-President until 1971. He served as Hill County District Attorney from 1971–1972, was Partner in the law firm of Sims, Moore, and Dohoney 1973–1982, and District Judge 66th District Court Hill County 1983–1993, and Senior Judge from 1993–2018, altogether 35 years in the Texas Judiciary presiding in many courts around Texas.

Judge Dohoney was a member, teacher, Deacon, Elder, and Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro from 1936–2016, and a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church of Dallas from 2016 until his death. Judge Dohoney was active in many Hillsboro and Hill County civic activities. He founded the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame program, presided over its initial ceremony (1987) and later functions, and together with his wife, each received that honor in 2009. He was named Distinguished Alumnus of Hill College 1991. He was very active in the campaign that led to the re-establishment of Hillsboro Junior College, now Hill College.

Michael Jacobson, JD '69, of Margate, NJ, was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. When he wasn't practicing law, rowing, providing counsel, or raising his four children, Michael worked toward the betterment of the South Jersey community. He was born in Atlantic City, NJ, on August 3, 1943, and passed away on October 16 in Philadelphia, PA. The son of Anne and Howard Jacobson, Michael graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1961 where he was a varsity member of the school's baseball and swim teams. A graduate of Temple University in 1965, Michael was also a varsity member of the school's baseball and swim teams. Afterward, he attended Baylor Law. There, he met the love of his life, Sarah Harris, weeks before graduating. The two quickly married and settled in Dallas, where he practiced law. A few years later, together, Michael and Sarah returned to Margate, where he set up his own highly successful law practice, a joint managing practice at Jacobson & Winkelstein, and later joined Cooper Levenson as a senior partner in 1987, where he practiced until his passing. Michael believed education was the key to success and devoted his time to helping Stockton

University grow and expand. He served on both the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Board of Trustees (prior Chair of the Trustee Board for two terms) from 1985 until his passing and The Richard Stockton College Foundation Board.

Kelly Dwight McGehee, JD '69, of Dallas, passed away Saturday morning, November 28, at his residence in Lake Highlands. Kelly Dwight McGehee was born August 7, 1943, in Amarillo, TX, to David Kelly McGehee and Bessie Frances (Peck) McGehee. He was raised in Canyon and growing up worked the family wheat farm in Wayside, Texas. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and his law degree from Baylor Law. He served as a captain in the United States Army and was an attorney. Kelly was a long-time member of the Dallas Bar Association, Probate Section. He was also a past president of the Dallas Red Raiders Club and a member of the Baylor Law School Alumni Association. Kelly was a past president of the Dallas Gulf Coast Conservation Association and a member of the Sunova Beach Rod and Reel Club for 30 years. He married Shannon Reynolds in Dallas, TX, on September 2, 1967

Melvin Bateman, Jr., JD '71, led a life of devotion to his family, his community, his profession, and his God. He was born in Texarkana, Texas, on May 14, 1946 to the late Melvin Gray Bateman, Sr. and Biaggia Borsellino Bateman. He died on January 13, 2021. He was a proud son of Texarkana and spent his youth on Wilson Street. He attended Texas Tech University and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Baylor Law in 1971. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas and spent his entire career in Athens, Texas. He founded East Texas Title Company in Athens in June 1983. He was an adjunct professor at Trinity Valley Community College for more than 10 years and taught courses in real estate and business law. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Athens and taught the Discovery adult Sunday School class for 25 years. Lovingly known as "Coach Bateman," he coached dozens of youth sports teams. He was a founding director of the Disciples Clinic, a member of the Athens Rotary Club, and generously donated his time and legal expertise to numerous charitable endeavors.

Arthur G. Enos, JD '75, passed away on April 20 in Lubbock.

David Butler Britt, JD '76, of Temple, Texas, passed away December 4, 2020. David was born November 2, 1951 in Belton, Texas, to Ouida and Kelly Morgan Britt, Jr. He received his bachelor and law degrees from Baylor University, as well as a masters in tax law from Southern Methodist University School of Law. While at Baylor, David took part in the founding year of

the Baylor Line and was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) fraternity. After meeting their senior year of college, David and Cindy married on August 16, 1974. They settled down in Waco to raise their family, where David practiced with the Sleeper, Johnston, Helm and Estes law firm. He later served as Vice-President and Trust Officer for InterFirst Bank Waco. In 2001, David, Cindy, and their youngest daughter, moved to Spangdahlem AFB in Germany, where David worked for the U.S. Department of Defense. After almost 19 years in Germany, David and Cindy retired and moved home to Temple in November 2019.

While attending Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, David served as a preschool Sunday school teacher and an ordained deacon. Ever the outdoorsman, David grew up hunting, fishing, and camping and enjoyed passing that along to his daughters and grandchildren. In the 46 years of their marriage, David and Cindy always made their relationship and "date night" a priority and modeled a loving, Christ-centered marriage for their daughters.

Susan Terrell Potter, JD '76, passed suddenly Friday, August 7. Born August 13, 1949, in Stillwater, OK, to her parents George Edmond "Ed" Terrell, Jr., and Billie Howard Terrell. Susan graduated from Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MS. She received a BA in History from Southwest Missouri State University, a MSJ from North Texas State University, a JD from Baylor Law, and Teacher Certification in Special Education. She was a voracious reader across many genres. Susan worked at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, as an Attorney and later as a Business Manager; AT&T in Parsippany, New Jersey, as an attorney in a private practice in Gun Barrel City, Texas, and later as Assistant District Attorney and Assistant County Attorney for Henderson County, TX; and DeSoto Public Library, DeSoto, TX, as the Young People's Librarian. From 2006 to present, she taught at Creekview High School in Carrollton, TX, in the Special Education department. She was also the Head Coach for the school bowling team for two years, and later, a coach for the school UIL spelling team for three years. Susan also assisted with debate and district law academy mock trial preparation and competition judging.

Jacqueline Renee Bottoms, JD '78, passed away on September 22, 2020. She graduated from Baylor University School of Dental Hygiene, Texas A&M School of Journalism, and Baylor Law. She was an attorney in the oil business in Houston and started her own family practice. Having put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, she became a faithful member of Cypress Bible Church where she met her husband Richard, who found that he could no longer tell Aggie or lawyer jokes. Leaving her law practice, they moved to Chattanooga, where Renee joined

the staff of Leadership Ministries Worldwide, editing "The Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible" for 17 years in various Bible translations. Her work has gone throughout the world to assist those who cannot get Biblical training but are called to share God's Word. Her joy was teaching ladies Bible studies at Grace Baptist Church and encouraging individual women in their everyday walk with the Lord Jesus. Retiring the end of January, she fought through her final battle with joy, knowing she would be with her Savior, with sadness, leaving all of us whom she loved. She was a godly woman. She was always praying specifically for others. She was diligent at studying God's word. She was loving and diligent in taking care of Rick. She finished strong and left a fruitful legacy written in lives, but her highest desire was that all praise, honor, thanks, and glory be to her precious Lord Jesus who worked in and through her.

J.D. Bashline, JD '80, peacefully passed away on July 16, 2020. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 16, 1942, J.D. learned early on to depend on himself and his Lord as his parents divorced, leaving him to be raised first by relatives and then by the Presbyterian Orphanage in Redding, Pennsylvania. Not to be deterred, the young man worked hard and did very well in school, receiving a full one-year scholarship to The University of Pennsylvania. Young Bashline subsequently joined the United States Army where he flew helicopters during two tours of service in Vietnam. During this period the young warrant officer was awarded the AIR MEDAL for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Soon after, the newly commissioned second lieutenant was accepted and graduated from the prestigious U.S. Army Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. With an honorable discharge, J.D. resumed his studies first at Cameron University in Enid, Oklahoma, and then at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he completed his law degree. He moved to Galveston, Texas, in 1981 to begin his law career at McLeod, Alexander, Powell and Apffel where he became a partner and eventually retired in 2018.

Hon. Melton Cude, JD '80, passed away November 29, 2020. Melton was born June 22, 1955, to Milvern Leslie and Margaret Ann (Gettys) Cude in Decatur, Texas. He was united in marriage October 9, 1982, to Billie Arlena Hesteande in Decatur, Texas. Melton graduated from Texas A&M and Baylor Law, and joined the law firm Woodruff, Fostel, Wren, and Simpson, working there for about 6 1/2 years. He went on to be the Wise County Court of Law Place 1 Judge for many years. Melton was in the National Guard for 8 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Decatur. He was a Boy Scouts leader and a member of the Decatur Rotary Club.

Linda McMillen, JD '80, passed away on April 11. Born in Fort Worth, TX, Linda grew up in North Arlington, attending Nichols Junior High and Arlington High School (class of '66). Throughout her life, Linda was passionate about helping others. She graduated from Baylor Law in Waco and was admitted into the Texas Bar Association in 1980. She practiced law in Arlington as a sole practitioner until her retirement. During her career, she represented many underserved populations who needed family law advice, including a stint with Texas Legal Aid, both as a volunteer and as a staff attorney. Her favorite cases involved adoptions where she loved to see deserving children matched with devoted parents.

In her later years, she continued to be an advocate for those who had no voice until the end. A menagerie of animals always surrounded her and caring for her neighborhood strays was an unending devotion. Last fall, after a lifetime of wanting to live near mountains, her daughter and son-in-law offered her an opportunity to move to Albuquerque. She loved sitting in her apartment overlooking Sandia Peak, watching the radio antennas in the day and the restaurant lights at night and knowing that her family was just on the other side of the ridge.

Robert Rhodes, JD '80, passed away on August 14, 2020, at the age of 65. Rob was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, on October 26, 1954. He was admitted early to law school and graduated eighth in his class with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Baylor Law in 1980. He earned his Masters of Law in 1992 from Tulane University School of Law, where he graduated in the top three. He attended Harvard's program of instruction for lawyers in 1987.

Rob's law practice was brief. He was an associate attorney with Michener, Swindle from 1980-1982, and partner with Knight and Rhodes from 1982-1984. He was hired by TCU as an adjunct faculty member in 1982. In 1984 he became a fulltime lecturer, and in 2003 he was promoted to Associate Professor of Professional Practice. He taught at TCU for more than 35 years.

At TCU, he taught business law to undergraduate and graduate students, and he did it well. He was awarded 2020 Honors Professor of the Year by the John V. Roach Honors College, Neeley Fellows Class of 2020 Outstanding Faculty, Neeley Distinguished Professor in 2018, Top 40 Undergraduate Business Professor by Poets & Quants in 2017, Best MBA Professor seven times, EMBA Outstanding Faculty several times, Neeley Alumni Professor of the Year in 2008, and the Michael and Susan Baer Award for Outstanding Mentoring in 2008.

Martha Sherrill Davis, JD '81, passed away in Duncansville PA, on August 8, 2020. She was born to M.O. "Red" Sherrill and "Billie" Drake Sherrill, in 1939 in Austin, Texas. She married Carl Bowen Davis of Ft. Worth, in 1962. Martha went to law school, sponsored

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by two former Texas Bar presidents, one successful SCOTUS appellate attorney, and a sitting U.S. Federal Judge. After graduating from Baylor Law in 1981, she extended her schooling for a Harvard Law post doctorate LL.M. Martha began teaching law in 1982 at the University of South Dakota Law School. She authored two parts of the first comprehensive and still premier legal treatment of *Federal Standards of Review* (the path from the street to the supreme court, step by step, rule by rule). She also taught thousands of now practicing attorneys, judges, and all-around good folk. Two brain aneurysms were discovered in 2010 and 1 hour after she turned in her graded spring finals, she went under the knife, ending her legal career at Thurgood Marshall Law School, the last and fondest stop of her 26 years of teaching. Martha spent the last decade with frustrating aphasia, but was content and happy, reading mysteries again, and reminiscing with family.

Thomas Largent Davis, JD '82, was born June 11, 1958, and passed away suddenly on October 22, 2020. His legacy will be proudly remembered and joyfully celebrated by the love of his life, Liz, as well as his three children. As a natural protector and guardian, an occupation in law suited the Baylor Law graduate. He skillfully aided friends, family, and even mere acquaintances with legal disputes. Many will remember Tom as their keeper at some of their most devastating hours. Clients will recall Tom as a brilliant lawyer who brought honor and fairness to his profession. Outside of his work, Tom was an avid marathoner and traveler. He traveled as far as Alaska and Scotland, but his favorite trips were those to the beach. He was a talented guitarist and taught those in his life the joy of music. He was a man of many great qualities; he was decent, strong, good, but above all else, he was kind. He will be fiercely missed and fondly remembered by anyone who knew him.

Col. Thomas Hugh Roe, JD '85, passed away suddenly on March 26, in Bosqueville, Texas. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas, to Hugh K. and Jeanne Peters Roe on August 6, 1961. He graduated from Haltom High School in 1979. He attended Texas Wesleyan College and Baylor University. He then went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served as a private for four months. He was selected to attend Officers' Candidate School and, upon completion, was commissioned as a Lieutenant.

Tom was committed to military service, earning the Legion of Merit (2nd Award), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award), the Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), the Expert Infantry Badge, the Ranger tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault badge, the Iraq Campaign Medal with

Campaign star, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars. He earned Airborne and Ranger tabs and served multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tom met Lucia Dunn in Schweinfurt, West Germany. They married on March 23, 1990, and began a life of adventure together living all over the world. They welcomed their son, Daniel, into the world in 2001 at the Norfolk Naval Air Station in Virginia.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Tom was deployed to multiple locations globally. Prior to his retirement in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he served as the Director for the Center of Army Lessons Learned (C.A.L.L.). He served his country as a distinguished officer until his retirement at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Tom retired to Waco with Lucia and Daniel where he became even more active with his family and community. He reconnected with his former Baylor Basketball teammates and shared Daniel's passion for NASCAR. As a family, they enjoyed traveling to our nation's National Parks.

Kathleen "Kamie" Salome Smith, JD '89, passed away surrounded by family in her beloved home on Monday, Sept. 28, at the age of 56. She had been battling colorectal cancer and put up a spirited fight without losing her smile for more than 14 months. She was a loving mother of three daughters and a sister to five. She had BA degrees in Spanish and English from Vanderbilt University ('86), where she also founded the school's first Spanish newspaper. She went on to study law at Baylor Law ('89), then spent about 30 years of her life advocating for justice as a prominent and respected defense attorney in her cherished hometown of El Paso. She lived with a zest for life in all that she did, with passions in traveling, reading and shopping. An ardent collector, she prized intellectualism and independence and enjoyed many eclectic pastimes.

Chris Elliott, JD '90, passed away September 17, 2020. He was born on September 28, 1961, to Charles Proctor Elliott II and the late Paulina "Penny" Elliott. He married Maria Rose Theresa "Tish" Hinojosa Elliott on June 21, 2002, in Napa Valley, California. He graduated from high school in Commerce, Texas, and graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, in 1984. He graduated from Baylor Law in 1990. He served as general counsel for the Committee on Criminal Justice, chaired by Texas Senator Ted B. Lyon. He later served as briefing attorney for Chief Justice Bob Shannon and Justice Mack Kidd of the Austin Court of Appeals, and then as partner with his friend Joe Crews in the law firm of Crews & Elliott.

Chris was a peacemaker by nature and fittingly served as adjunct professor of alternative dispute resolution at Baylor Law. He most recently was a shareholder in the Austin law firm of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon, and Moody. In addition to general civil

litigation, he practiced fiduciary, probate, and trust litigation, which reflected his keen sense of duty. Chris lived out his desire to make the world a better place for those on the margins of society. He served on the boards of Austin Habitat for Humanity, the Capital Area AIDS Legal Project, and Mexic-Arte Museum. He long maintained a full docket of *pro bono* cases. He served as chair of the Travis County Democratic Party from 2004 to 2008. Chris also served on the boards of the Alumni "L" Association and the President's Advisory Council for Austin College, as well as chair of the Austin chapter of the American Constitution Society.

Ruben G. Reyes, JD '90, passed away December 12, 2020. He was born on March 21, 1964, to Bennie and Alice Reyes in Dimmitt, Texas. He married Melanie Raff on April 27, 1991, in Borger, Texas, and later became a father to his son, Ross, and daughter, Hannah. Ruben attended Dunbar High School, where he graduated in 1983 as Valedictorian. Ruben, the first in his family to attend and graduate from high school. He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law.

After graduating from law school, Ruben moved back to Lubbock, where he practiced family and civil law as an associate before starting and working as a partner at Hurley, Reyes, and Guinn. In 2006, former Governor Rick Perry appointed Ruben as the Judge of the 72nd District Court, which encompasses Lubbock and Crosby County. During his tenure as Judge, Ruben served as the Vice-Chair of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, presided over the Lubbock County Drug Court, sat as chair of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in 2015, and was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017 to the Specialty Court Advisory Council. In recognition of his dedication to specialty courts, Ruben was inducted into the Stanley Goldstein Drug Court Hall of Fame in August 2018.

Ruben made it a priority during his lifetime to help others reach their potential and live their best life. This is demonstrated by his unwavering involvement in Drug Court, where he helped hundreds of people break free from their drug addictions. Further, Ruben volunteered and served on several local and state boards, including New Legacy Home for Women, the Lubbock Dream Center, and sat as an executive elder for Church on the Rock.

Ruben poured his life and love into his family. His son, Ross, followed in Ruben's footsteps by attending Baylor Law and becoming a practicing attorney. His daughter, Hannah, recently graduated with her master's degree in healthcare administration from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

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