

2023 BAYLOR LAW

JOHN WILLIAM & FLORENCE DEAN MINTON

Student Awards
CEREMONY AND LECTURE SERIES

Baylor Law.

ABOUT THE JOHN WILLIAM & FLORENCE DEAN MINTON STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY AND LECTURE SERIES

The Student Awards Ceremony and Lecture Series is named in honor of John William Minton and Florence Dean Minton. Their daughter, the late Polly Minton McLeRoy of Sherman, Texas, established and endowed the lecture series in 1993 to honor her parents. In more recent years, Mrs. McLeRoy's son, the late William McLeRoy, graciously endorsed the concept of a ceremony to recognize the achievements of Baylor Law students to honor the memory of his grandparents and their lives' work, and at which the students would be addressed by a notable, inspiring speaker.

John William Minton was born in 1875 and graduated with an LL.B. from the University of Texas School of Law. In 1910, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the Texas Legislature from Sabine County; he subsequently was elected to the position and served in the Legislature through 1914. Thereafter, he had a successful practice in Hemphill until his death in 1959. He particularly was noted for his early advocacy in connection with East Texas timber interests. Florence Dean Minton was also born in Sabine County and was an active civic and church volunteer.

Mr. and Mrs. Minton had five children. Their daughter, Mrs. McLeRoy, who passed away in 2003, was a graduate of Texas Woman's University. A retired schoolteacher, she was an active member of the Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy. She had two sons, the late William and the late Richard McLeRoy. The focus of this ceremony on student achievement is one which honors the life aims of Mrs. McLeRoy as a teacher.

John Henry Minton, Mrs. McLeRoy's brother, graduated from Baylor Law in 1925. His sons, John H. Minton, Jr., of Tyler, and Robert M. Minton of Henderson, also are Baylor Law graduates. Numerous other members of the Minton family have attended and graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law.

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Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Welcome

Zane T. Thomas, *President, Student Bar Association*

Prayer of Invocation

Amanda “Mandy” G. Martin, *3L President, Student Bar Association*

Academic Award Recipients

Patricia A. Wilson, *Associate Dean, Baylor Law*

Recognition of Dean’s List Students

Dean Wilson

**Introduction to the John William & Florence Dean Minton
Baylor Law Student Awards Ceremony**

Brad Toben, *Dean, Baylor Law*

Introduction of the Distinguished Speaker

Mr. Thomas

Distinguished Speaker Remarks

Ronnie Turner, Jr.

Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company

Advocacy Award Recipients

Dean Wilson

Recognition of Interscholastic & Intrascholastic Competition Team Members

Dean Wilson

***Baylor Law Review* Award Recipients**

Cade S. Palmer, *Editor-in-Chief, Baylor Law Review*

Recognition of *Baylor Law Review* Members

Mr. Palmer

***Pro Bono* and Public Service Award Recipients & Participants**

Josh Borderud, *Clinical Lecturer, Baylor Law*

Recognition of Student Bar Association Officers

Stephen Rispoli, *Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
and Strategic Initiatives, Baylor Law*

Adjournment

Mr. Thomas

PAST DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

(Listed in order from the most recent)

Hon. Vikram Deivanayagam, *Judge, County Court at Law No. 1, McLennan County*

Jerry K. Clements, *Chair Emeritus, Locke Lord LLP*

Darrell Lee Keith, *Founder and Shareholder, Keith Law Firm, PC*

Anthony Bruster, *Bruster PLLC*

Michelle Simpson Tuegel, *Hunt & Tuegel, PLLC*

J. Cary Gray, *Gray Reed & McGraw PC*

Robert R. Little, *Member, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC*

Hon. David Sibley, *Principal, The Sibley Group, Former Texas State Senator*

Julia Luyster, *Human Rights Advocate*

Mark Slough, *NFL Sports Agent & Attorney, Ascent Sports & Entertainment*

Frederick D. McClure, *Partner, Washington, D.C. Office, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP*

Cindy Dyer, *Director of Human Rights Program, Vital Voices Global Partnership*

Noley Bice, *General Counsel (retired), Baylor University; Partner (retired),*

Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable

Hon. Ed Kinkeade, *Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas*

Dr. John M. Lilley, *President of Baylor University*

Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., *President of Baylor University*

Hon. Max A. Sandlin, Jr., *United States Representative, 1st Congressional District of Texas*

Hon. Chet Edwards, *United States Representative, 11th Congressional District of Texas*

Morris Dees, *Founder and Chief Trial Counsel, Southern Poverty Law Center*

Hon. Patricia Schroeder, *Former United States Representative,*

1st Congressional District of Colorado

Hon. Catherine Crier, *Host of The Crier Report on the Fox Network*

Hon. George J. Mitchell, *Former Majority Leader, United States Senate*

Hon. John Sharp, *Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts*

Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison, *United States Senator*

Hon. Ann Richards, *Governor of the State of Texas*

Frederick D. McClure, *Former Assistant to President George H.W. Bush for Legislative Affairs*

William Pelham Barr, *Attorney General of the United States*

Hon. Kenneth Winston Starr, *Solicitor General of the United States*

2023 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER RONNIE TURNER, JR.

Ronnie Turner, Jr. (JD, '10) serves as Senior General Attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He is also the reigning Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year. The honor was publicly bestowed to him earlier this year at a gathering of the Houston Baylor Lawyer Network.

Turner was born and raised in Houston, Texas. The son of a pastor, his namesake, Turner grew up in church — being there sometimes eight times a week. Turner received his bachelor's degree from Lamar University in 2007 and graduated from Baylor Law in 2010. While at Baylor Law, he was an accomplished student and an effective advocate, becoming a finalist in the Mad Dog intramural Top Gun Mock Trial Competition. He was also a member of several successful Baylor Law Mock Trial Competition Teams. Turner was an active student leader in the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and was president of Diversity in Law.

After graduating from Baylor Law, Turner began his legal practice at the Provost Umphrey Law Firm in Beaumont, Texas, where he practiced for over a decade, winning several trial verdicts listed on the Top 100 Verdicts in Texas and obtaining the single largest wrongful death settlement in the firm's history. He has been perennially listed as both a Texas Rising Star and Best Lawyer in America, and has been listed as one of Texas' Top 100 Up and Coming Lawyers by *Texas Monthly*.

Since 2020, Turner has served as Senior General Attorney for Union Pacific Railroad, serving on its personal injury litigation leadership team, as the primary legal advisor to Union Pacific's Locomotive Department, and as senior service unit attorney.

Turner remains actively involved with Baylor Law and has served as a member of the Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee. He is an active member of his local church, serving as an associate minister, and is an avid soccer fan — his favorite team being Arsenal F.C. He is married to his lovely wife, Brianna Turner. They have one child; Nuria Bailey Turner, who is two years old.



ACADEMIC AWARDS

Joe B. Allen Administrative Law Award

Annual awards given to a maximum of two students who have demonstrated an interest in administrative law by completing, with distinction, at least these three classes: Legislative and Administrative Power and Procedure (LAPP), Municipal Government, and Texas Administrative Law. Given in honor of Joe B. Allen by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

Elena M. Folgueras

Jordan Pratt

Joe B. Allen Administrative Practice Professional Track Award

Annual awards given to a maximum of two students who have done outstanding work while pursuing the Administrative Practice Professional Track. Given in honor of Joe B. Allen by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

No Recipient

Baylor Law Civility Award

This award recognizes law students who epitomize the highest professional standards of civility, courtesy, and integrity. The recipients of this award are selected by the front-line staff members of Baylor Law.

Carlos Antunes

Michael Brunger

William Cole Geist

Jillian H. Ginger

Amanda G. Martin

Baylor Law Spirit Award

This award recognizes a student who is known by faculty, staff, and peers as embodying the core values of Baylor Law School: academic excellence, selfless service, and fidelity to mission. This student brings the best of one's self to the classroom, courtroom, and student lounge.

Lily A. Gillam

Best Draft Financing Documents Award

An annual award given to the student(s) who drafted the best Series A financing documents in the Venture Capital course. Given by Professor Allen Page.

Marissa Baird

Gardner Bain McNeil

Best Mergers & Acquisitions Mark-Up Award

An annual award given to the student(s) who drafted the best mark-up to the merger agreement in the Mergers and Acquisitions course. Given by Professor Allen Page.

Hope A. Burkhalter

Rion C. Gurnell

Bracken Student Government Award

An annual award given to the SBA President recognizing his or her leadership and time commitment in the promotion of student welfare and the facilitation of strong dialogue among students, faculty, and administration. Established by Sarah Lou Bracken in honor and memory of W. Earl Bracken, Jr., who dedicated his life to improving society through local government service.

Zane T. Thomas

Excellence in Entrepreneurship Clinic

This award recognizes students who have devoted substantial time and effort in the representation of clinic clients during the past academic year, while demonstrating excellence in their work product and communications.

Julia C. Cantu

Chandler Marie Webb

Professor George Durham Brown Endowed Memorial Award

The Professor George Durham Brown Endowed Memorial Award is underwritten by Ernest L. and Mina Jones O'Bannon in honor of the donors' late classmate and friend, Professor George Durham Brown of the Baylor Law faculty. Students receiving this award will be designated as Brown Scholars.

Christian D. Spendlove

James R. Dickson, Jr. Award

An annual award given to the student holding an outstanding record in the field of Commercial Law. Given in memory of James R. Dickson, Jr. by his son, J. David Dickson.

Sarah Megan Erb

John B. and Eula Berly Fisher Award in Constitutional Law

An endowed annual award given to the student having the best record in Constitutional Law and related subjects. Given in memory of John B. and Eula Berly Fisher by their children, John B. Fisher, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Fisher Powell.

Christina A. Manansala

Cade S. Palmer

Leadership Development Fellow

Students who complete the requirements set forth by the Leadership Fellow Program are designated as a Leadership Development Fellows. Leadership Development Fellows have demonstrated a commitment to personal growth and professional development, a better understanding of team dynamics, and understand the importance of making a difference in their communities. These students receive an award and special recognition at graduation.

Alison K. Basta

Riya V. Chaudhari

Christian D. Spendlove

Michael Brunger

Jono Cooper

Laura M. Theobald

Norton Rose Fulbright Outstanding First-Year Student Award

An annual award given to the outstanding students in the first-year class. Given by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

Kama A. Woodall

Anna K. Schmidt

Outstanding 1L Legal Writer

The Legal Writing Center faculty recognize by this award the Outstanding 1L Legal Writer based on writing assignments in LARC 1, 2, and 3.

Savannah K. Simons

Outstanding Achievement in Business Litigation

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to business litigation and has achieved excellence in his or her coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Business Litigation Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Connor A. Kidd

Outstanding Achievement in Business Planning and Corporate Law

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to business planning and corporate law and have achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Business Planning Professional Track and Business Planning Special Distinction and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

John Kerns Dickson, Jr.

Lauren Camilla Dickson

Outstanding Achievement in Criminal Law

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to criminal law and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Criminal Law Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of criminal law.

Allison T. Brittain

Outstanding Achievement in Estate Planning

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to estate planning and administration and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Estate Planning Professional Track and the Estate Planning Special Distinction and have demonstrated the knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Joshua M. Chandler

Outstanding Achievement in Fiduciary Litigation

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to fiduciary litigation and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Fiduciary Litigation Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Megan D. Baumhardt

Outstanding Achievement in Health Care Law

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to health care law and have achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Health Care Law Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh

McKenna G. Williams

Outstanding Achievement in Tax Law

An annual award recognizing students who have exhibited a commitment to tax law and have excelled in their coursework in this area.

Megan D. Baumhardt

Samuel H. Pumphrey

Outstanding Administrative Law Student Award

An annual award for a student who has demonstrated significant aptitude and interest in Administrative Law along with stellar character and potential excellence as a future Baylor Lawyer.

Stephen C. Hirschbuehler

Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

This award is presented to a student who models inclusivity and has demonstrated a commitment to diversity through the contribution of considerable time, resources, and talents to promote diversity and belonging in the Baylor Law community.

Haylie L. English

Outstanding Real Estate/Natural Resource Law Student Award

An annual award for a student who has demonstrated significant aptitude and interest in Real Estate and/or Natural Resource and/or Environmental Law, along with stellar character and potential excellence as a future Baylor Lawyer.

Casey M. Cooper

Outstanding Student Achievement in Family and Juvenile Law Award

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to family and/or juvenile law through his or her course selection, internships, and involvement with the community. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses listed in the Family Law Practice Professional Track and exemplify the balance of empathy and mastery of the law required to excel in the field.

Riki Haase

Outstanding Student Ambassador Award

This award recognizes a Student Ambassador who has represented Baylor Law exceptionally well this year by being consistent and responsive; by investing a significant amount of time in giving campus tours, participating in events, connecting with prospective and admitted students; and by frequently stepping in when unique or last-minute requests were made.

Mariana Jordan

Outstanding Student Leader Award

This award recognizes student organization leaders who have demonstrated leadership ability, committed themselves to a thriving student life at Baylor Law, and invested significant time promoting the goals and events of their organizations.

Joshua M. Chandler – Christian Legal Society

McKinsey R. Meeker – Business Law Society

Garrett Farrel – Criminal Law Society

Rhasean T. Stephens – Black Law Students Association

Amanda J. Hildebrand – Student Bar Association

Outstanding Student Organization Award

This award recognizes the paramount achievement of a student organization over the year that causes the organization to stand out as compared to other organizations. The criteria for the award are reflective of the organization's ability to meet its goals and objectives, as well as think creatively to develop new opportunities for student engagement. The awarded organization will have demonstrated a high level of achievement in many areas, including membership involvement, organization development, leadership training and opportunity, active participation in Baylor Law campus activity, and community service.

Women's Legal Society

Riki Haase – President

Angelica L. Chernin – Vice President

Madison Yasenchok – Secretary

Taylor M. Tilmon – Treasurer

Erin Stevens – Student Relations Officer

The President's Award

An endowed annual award designated as the President's Award in memory of Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds. Awarded to the outstanding student at the completion of his or her second year who is most worthy of the honor in the judgment of the President of the University and the Dean of the Law School. Established by the late Professor Emeritus David M. Guinn and Professor Emeritus & Mrs. Michael D. Morrison.

Joshua M. Chandler

David & Zandra Swenson Endowed Intellectual Property Law Award

An annual award given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the area of Intellectual Property. Given by Professor Emeritus David and Zandra Swenson.

Julia Keck

Sigrid Weidenweber Federalist Society Student Award

This award recognizes the achievements of an outstanding member of the Federalist Society at Baylor Law. The recipient of this award has exhibited exemplary leadership and character while serving in an officer role in the Federalist Society chapter, and through his or her work that has significantly contributed to the events and dialogue for the benefit of the Baylor Law student body.

Tiffany D. Dunkin

Albert and Ginger Witcher Award

An award given to a deserving Baylor Law student, with a preference given to a student who has a young dependent child. Given in honor of her parents, Albert and Ginger Witcher, by Professor Leah Witcher Jackson Teague.

Kristi Sanger

Buck J. Wynne Environmental Law Award

An annual award given to the student making the highest grade in the Environmental Law course. Given in memory of Buck J. Wynne by the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section.

Casey M. Cooper

Buck J. Wynne Natural Resources Award

An annual award given to the student making the highest grade in the Natural Resources course. Given in memory of Buck J. Wynne by the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section.

Samuel H. Pumphrey

DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION

Spring 2022

Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh	Andrew Cowden	Daniel J. Hall
Tansy Ackermann	Ryan M. Cox	Danielle N. Hayes
Patrick J. Aguilar	Sarah C. Crouch	Ilya E. Hefets
Grace Elizabeth Albritton	Mackenzie K. Dalton	Ryan S. Hering
Kyle R. Anderson	Luke M. Davis	Canon Parker Hill
Taylor E. Ash	Alexa De La Vega	George E. "Trey" Hinkle
Maximilian E. Atchity	Ashley L. Deatherage	Stephen C. Hirschbuehler
Antonius Bassili Attia	John Kerns Dickson, Jr.	Reagan P. Hovey
Marissa Baird	Jake R. Dima	Sara J. Johnson
Allison Barber	Yizhen Ding	Devon B. Johnston
Christine L. Barfield	Emily B. Duckworth	Conagher D. Jones
Alison K. Basta	Tiffany D. Dunkin	Elizabeth D. Kane
Megan Danielle Baumhardt	Kiala E. Ellingson	Connor A. Kidd
Elias Bejany	Erika A. Emmons	Jacob J. King
Jennifer Bloodworth	Haylie L. English	Carson J. Lacy
Justin L. Bontrager	Sarah Megan Erb	Miriam C. "Neali" Lambert
William Andrew Boone	Garrett Farrel	John Wesley Laughlin
Cooper R. Bradbury	Margaret C. Farrell	Reese D. Leonard
Tanner C. Brennan	Brian J. Field	Corey Lesser
Winston M. Bribach	Andrew D. Florence	Lauren S. Leveno
Allison Towson Brittain	Matthew A. Francis	Caleb M. Long
Paige E. Browne	Jaymi R. Furniss-Jones	Christopher Ryan Lopez
Dandee Cabanay	Brody L. Gall	Genesis J. Lozano
Joshua D. Candelario	Madeline Gay	Samuel James Lutes
Julia C. Cantu	William Cole Geist	Christina A. Manansala
Andrew L. Casso	Madeleine G. Gerhard	Tory A. Martin
Elois E. Caswell	Cole D. Gimenez	Camdon N. Maydew
Riya V. Chaudhari	Jillian H. Ginger	Nicholas J. McCarthy
Katie R. Clausen	Jackson A. Goodwin	Ashlyn Louise McCowan Perez
Mackenzie A. Cooper	Caitlin Elizabeth Grieve	Wesley W. McCutcheon
Casey M. Cooper	Rachel N. Hales	Daniella McDonagh

Gardner Bain McNeil	Quinn R. Roberts	Zane T. Thomas
Emily Means	Duncan K. Robinson	Taylor M. Tilmon
Jamie A. Mills	Kristopher Manuel Ruiz	Bailey O. Timmis
Bethany M. Mitchell	Tanner M. Scheef	Emily L. Ullom
Emily G. Mouser	Olivia J. Schoffstall	Jack Ray Vickery
Brock B. Neurohr	Ethan Scroggins	Matthew L. Vitale
Mary Nichols	Savannah K. Simons	Nicholas R. Walter
Emily Paige Norman	Tiffani A. Skroch	Jake A. Weathers
Ariana Noshari	Courtney P. SoRelle	Chandler Marie Webb
Vivian C. Noyd	Mark W. Stahman	Kathryn E. Womble
Melanie Elizabeth Pace Bates	Sarah W. Starks	Ashlynn Wright
Cade S. Palmer	Sheridan A. Steen	Maryam Yakou
Caroline Lindsay Perren	Kaitlyn E. Stegner	Carla M. Yepo
Connor T. Porter	Erin Stevens	Maria P. Zermeno Simon
Hannah E. Pruitt	Michael L. Tagliabue	Riley W. Zoch
Samuel H. Pumphrey	Gigi E. Tartaglino	
Michala Katlin Quillen	Meghan S. Thomas	
Lidia Ramotowski	Mark F. Thomas	

Summer 2022

Grace Elizabeth Albritton	Gabriele J. Lesieur	Hannah M. Sutton
Laura E. Cook	Taylor B. Mann	Gigi E. Tartaglino
William T. Cronin	Ashlyn Louise McCowan Perez	Bailey O. Timmis
Kevin Delgado	Catherine C. McKinney	Allison L. Toy
Tiffany D. Dunkin	Logan Adele Miller	Nicholas D. Valenzuela
Garrett Farrel	Michael C. Morin	Jack Ray Vickery
Brian J. Field	Lidia Ramotowski	Riley Wade Waters
Paul C. Gray	Brook W. Scarpinato	Chandler Marie Webb
Danielle N. Hayes	Ethan Scroggins	Walter L. Welch
Canon Parker Hill	Waverly M. Shannon	Maria P. Zermeno Simon
George E. "Trey" Hinkle	Holly A. Shockey	Riley W. Zoch
Seth C. Howton	James M. Shultz	
Tayler D. Kennedy	Christian D. Spendlove	

Fall 2022

Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh	Archibald D. Cruz	Stephen C. Hirschbuehler
Tansy Ackermann	Luke M. Davis	Adam R. Holtz
Grace Elizabeth Albritton	Dave Deloit	Seth C. Howton
Greta W. Andersen	Jordan D. Dobbs	Kendall M. Huddleston
Celeste C. Apsey	Kamryn L. Dow	Amber C. John
Drew Arnold	Emily B. Duckworth	Sara J. Johnson
Taylor E. Ash	Tiffany D. Dunkin	Devon B. Johnston
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Megan Danielle Baumhardt	Sarah Megan Erb	Connor A. Kidd
Jason Beall	Dogan Ervin	Carson J. Lacy
Natalie Elaine Bennett	Margaret C. Farrell	Miriam C. “Neali” Lambert
Emma M. Bissonnette	Elena M. Folgueras	John Wesley Laughlin
Jennifer Bloodworth	Matthew A. Francis	Reese D. Leonard
Savannah Elizabeth Bond	John R. Freese	Gabriele J. Lesieur
William Andrew Boone	Keagan Galbraith	Corey Lesser
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Winston M. Bribach	Madeline Gay	Lauren E. Lewis
Allison Towson Brittain	William Cole Geist	Caleb M. Long
Blake M. Bryan	Madeleine G. Gerhard	Christina A. Manansala
Lisa-Marie Burckhardt	Cole D. Gimenez	David Martin
Dandee Cabanay	Jillian H. Ginger	Stone Martin
Camille E. Callaway	Jordan N. Gonzales	Tory A. Martin
Mary Katherine Camp	Paul C. Gray	Justin H. Maxwell
Joshua D. Candelario	Caitlin Elizabeth Grieve	Wesley W. McCutcheon
Andrew L. Casso	Rion C. Gurnell	Daniella McDonagh
Joshua M. Chandler	Daniel J. Hall	Catherine C. McKinney
Abigail C. Cibulka	Danielle N. Hayes	Gardner Bain McNeil
Katie Raeann Clausen	Ilya E. Hefets	Emily Means
Casey M. Cooper	Paige E. Heitkamp	Jamie A. Mills
Mackenzie A. Cooper	Ryan S. Hering	Bethany M. Mitchell
Andrew Cowden	Amanda J. Hildebrand	Walker R. Montjoy
Ryan M. Cox	George E. “Trey” Hinkle	Emily G. Mouser

Alexia N. Nelson	Olivia J. Schoffstall	Baldemar Torres
Vivian C. Noyd	Stephanie Elisabeth Scoggin	Cassidy A. Tresidder
Rachel Paige O'Day	Conrad S. Scott	Emily L. Ullom
Errol "Will" Onyeike	Holly A. Shockey	Matthew L. Vitale
McKenzie Lynn Oviatt	James M. Shultz	Dana E. Watkin
Melanie Elizabeth Pace Bates	Savannah K. Simons	Jake A. Weathers
Cade S. Palmer	Michaelina Sirkel	James G. Welch
Lauren Brynn Peterson	Tiffani A. Skroch	McKenna G. Williams
Drake H. Pew	Courtney P. SoRelle	Alicia Genell Willoughby
Alexis Pineda	Edward A. Sotelo	Kathryn E. Womble
Connor T. Porter	Christian D. Spendlove	Christina Woodall
Jordan Pratt	Madison Stahl	Kama A. Woodall
Hannah E. Pruitt	Kaitlyn E. Stegner	Madison T. Yasenchock
Lidia Ramotowski	Amanda C. Sturm	Carla M. Yepo
Leah A. Reyes	Mark F. Thomas	Derek M. Younkers
Duncan K. Robinson	Meghan S. Thomas	Riley W. Zoch
Tanner M. Scheef	Zane T. Thomas	Claire Marie Zurovec
Anna K. Schmidt	Bailey O. Timmis	

ADVOCACY AWARDS

Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy

An annual award given to a graduating 3L who has demonstrated the best potential to excel in appellate advocacy in practice, as reflected by the student's academic performance; research, writing, and oral advocacy skills; work ethic; understanding of legal strategy and tactics; professionalism; and good judgment. Given by the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section.

Michael L. Tagliabue

Bruster and Langston Intellectual Property and Advocacy Award

An annual award given to a student who demonstrates excellence in the areas of Intellectual Property and in the Practice Court Program. Given by Anthony Bruster and Keith Langston.

Joel L. Hernandez

The Clark Hill Award for Outstanding Achievements in Advocacy

This award recognizes a student who has displayed a high level of achievement in competitions, whether mock trial, moot court, negotiations, mediation, or client counseling.

Tanner M. Scheef

Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP Moot Court Awards

Annual awards given to students who excel in the Faegre Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition of the Baylor Law intrascholastic moot court program. Given by Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

First-Place Team:

Kingrey Sullens

Kelton S. Munch

Second-Place Team:

O'quilla Z. Jones

Rachel M. Brooks

Semi-Finalist Teams:

Asna Poonawalla

Antonio R. Pana

Kamryn L. Dow

Melanie C. Green

Best LARC 3 Team:

Kingrey Sullens

Kelton S. Munch

Best Oralist:

Walker R. Montjoy

Leighton B. Dawson and Dawson & Sodd Moot Court Awards

Annual awards given to students who excel in the Dawson & Sodd, PLLC Fall Moot Court Competition of the Baylor Law intrascholastic moot court program. Given by the late Professor Emeritus and Mrs. R. Matt Dawson in honor of Mr. Dawson's law partner of many years, the late Leighton B. Dawson, and by Dawson & Sodd, PLLC.

First-Place Team:

Catherine C. McKinney

Maria P. Zermeno Simon

Second-Place Team:

Danielle N. Hayes

Tiffany D. Dunkin

Semi-Finalist Teams:

Nicholas Gadowski

Tayler D. Kennedy

Ashley C. Tran

Jack R. Vickery

Best LARC 3 Team:

Catherine C. McKinney

Maria P. Zermeno Simon

Best Oralist:

Catherine C. McKinney

Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC Client Counseling Competition Awards

Awarded to students who excel in the Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC Winter Client Counseling Competition. Given by Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC.

First-place team:

Emma C. Scofield
Meghan S. Thomas

Second-place team:

McKinsey R. Meeker
Emily L. Ullom

Outstanding Contribution to Baylor Interscholastic Transactional Law Team

This award recognizes students who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Baylor Interscholastic Transactional Law Team.

Tanner C. Brennan
Audrey Erin Edwards

John Wesley Laughlin

W.W. Naman Memorial Award

An endowed annual award given to a student for excellence in the Practice Court Program. Given in memory of W.W. Naman by the Waco-McLennan County Bar Auxiliary.

Mark W. Stahman

Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP Evidence Award

An annual award given to the student displaying the best command of the law of evidence in classwork and in intra- or interscholastic moot court or mock trial competitions, and having at least a “B” grade average overall. Given by Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP.

Michael L. Tagliabue

Transactional Law Competition Awards

Awarded to students who excel in the Baylor Law Spring Transactional Law Competition. Given by Professor Elizabeth S. Miller.

First-place team for Buyer:

Andrew Cowden
Ryan M. Cox

First-place team for Seller:

Emily M. Garrett
Samar Keilan K. Kabalaoui

Bob and Karen Wortham Fall Practice Court Mock Trial Competition Award

Annual awards given to the students who excel in the Bob and Karen Wortham Fall “Mad Dog” Practice Court Mock Trial Competition. Given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham.

First-Place:
Errol “Will” Onyeike

Second-Place:
Tanner M. Scheef

Third-Place:
Christopher J. Grant
Scarlet E. Petrucci

Bob and Karen Wortham Spring Practice Court Mock Trial Competition Award

Annual awards given to the students who excel in the Bob and Karen Wortham Spring “Mad Dog” Practice Court Mock Trial Competition. Given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham.

First-Place:
Rachel Ann Rickel

Second-Place:
Alexis Regina Ammons

Third-Place:
Patrick J. Aguilar
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2022–2023 INTERSCHOLASTIC TEAMS

MOOT COURT

American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition

*William Andrew Boone, Dandee Cabanay, Emily B. Duckworth, Catherine C. McKinney,
Tiffani A. Skroch, Michael L. Tagliabue
Coach: Professor Brian Serr*

Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition

*Lauren S. Leveno, Stone Martin, Ameyali Sanchez, Savannah K. Simons, Courtney P. SoRelle,
Alicia G. Willoughby
Coach: Professor Greg White*

Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition

*Taylor E. Ash, Luke M. Davis, Ryan S. Hering, Stone Martin, Olivia J. Schoffstall,
Nicholas R. Walter
Coaches: Professor Lee Ann James and Professor Kayla Landeros*

Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition

*Juliet R. Hernandez, Emma M. Mersereau, Emily G. Mouser, Duncan K. Robinson
Coach: Tyler Talbert*

**The Elliot Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition of the Bankruptcy Law Section
of the State Bar of Texas**

*Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Casey M. Cooper, Madeline Gay, Amber C. John,
Jacob J. King
Coaches: Professor Larry Bates and Professor Deborah Perry*

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

*Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Casey M. Cooper, Madeline Gay, Amber C. John,
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Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition

*Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Katie R. Clausen, Kiala E. Ellingson, Amber C. John,
Devon B. Johnston
Coach: Professor Larry Bates*

Hispanic National Bar Association Herrera Moot Court Competition

*Julia C. Cantu, Ameyali Sanchez, Maria P. Zermeno Simon
Coaches: Professor Laura Hernández and Katie Quillen*

Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship

Sarah Megan Erb, Vivian C. Noyd, Michael L. Tagliabue
Coaches: Professor Larry Bates and Associate Dean Patricia Wilson

Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition

Greta W. Andersen, Cooper R. Bradbury, Carisa E. Brawley, Alexia N. Nelson,
Tiffani A. Skroch, Madison T. Yasenchok
Coach: Kathy Serr

National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition

Allison T. Brittain, Paige K. Houston-Hencken
Coach: Baleigh West

National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

Elena M. Folgueras, Jamie A. Mills, Varun C. Reddy
Coach: Kathy Serr

National Health Law Moot Court Competition

Drew Arnold, Taylor E. Ash, Luke M. Davis, Tory A. Martin
Coach: Haley Owen

The National Moot Court Competition

Carisa E. Brawley, Stephen C. Hirschbuehler, Ashley Y. Zarate
Coach: Professor Laura Hernández

The National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law

Drew Arnold, Katie R. Clausen, Paige K. Houston-Hencken, Tayler D. Kennedy
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National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition

Dandee Cabanay, Casey M. Cooper, Ryan S. Hering, Olivia J. Schoffstall
Coach: Professor Larry Bates

Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Law Moot Court Competition

Lisa-Marie Burckhardt, Gabriele J. Lesieur
Coach: Professor Greg White

Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition

Megan D. Baumhardt, Jhoanny K. Gonzalez, Lily A. Gillam, George E. “Trey” Hinkle,
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Coach: Tyler Talbert

TYLA State Moot Court Competition

William Andrew Boone, Giliana Canales, Kristopher Manuel Ruiz
Coach: Kathy Serr

Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

Tiffany D. Dunkin, Waverly M. Shannon

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McKinsey R. Meeker, Vivian C. Noyd

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Carisa E. Brawley, Canon Parker Hill, Errol "Will" Onyeike, Rhasean T. Stephens

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MOCK TRIAL

American Bar Association Arbitration Competition

Archibald D. Cruz, Scarlet E. Petrucci, Aradhana Polley, Christian D. Spendlove

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American Bar Association Mediation Competition

Jenny Bloodworth, Juliet R. Hernandez, Miriam C. "Neali" Lambert, Emily Means

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American Board of Trial Advocates Voir Dire Competition

Sarah Cureton, Christian D. Spendlove, Rhasean T. Stephens

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American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition

Francisco J. Calimano, Savannah C. Cone, Ryan S. Hering, Joel L. Hernandez, Mariana Jordan, Vivian C. Noyd, Duncan K. Robinson, Ameyali Sanchez, James M. Shultz, Samantha N. Shaffer, Alicia G. Willoughby, Maria P. Zermeno Simon

Coaches: Dave Deaconson, Mason Dunnam, and Claire Harbert

Battle of the Experts National Mock Trial Competition

Greta W. Andersen, William Andrew Boone, Allison T. Brittain, Rachel N. Hales

Coaches: Mark Altman and Cahal McColgan

Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition

Taylor D. Kennedy, McKinsey R. Meeker, Hannah E. Pruitt, Riley W. Zoch

Coaches: Marcus Fifer and Kristopher Ruiz

Harvard Crimson Cup

Madeline G. Gerhard, Gage Jones, Jamie A. Mills, Emily G. Mouser, Varun C. Reddy, Waverly M. Shannon

Coaches: Colin O'Neill and Allison Luckey

National Board of Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions

Varun C. Reddy, Mark W. Stahman, Tanner M. Scheef, Matthew L. Vitale
Coach: Professor Robert Little

National Civil Trial Competition

Tristan J. Crowder, Daniel J. Hall, Joel L. Hernandez, Samantha N. Shaffer, James M. Shultz
Coaches: Dave Deaconson and Masson Dunnam

National Flash Trial Competition

Christopher J. Grant, Tanner M. Scheef
Coach: Chandler Dean

National Pretrial Competition

Giliana Canales, Laura E. Cook, Gage Jones, Michael L. Tagliabue
Coaches: Bailey Strohmeyer and Chandler Dean

National Trial Competition

Greta W. Andersen, Allison T. Brittain, Rachel N. Hales, Anna L. Puff, Tanner M. Scheef,
Emily C. Whittaker
Coaches: Professor Robert Little and Professor Greg White

South Texas Mock Trial Challenge Competition

Carisa E. Brawley, Alexia N. Nelson, Waleed A. Ovase, Rhasean T. Stephens
Coaches: Ben Yelverton and Chandler Dean

The Summit Cup Mock Trial Competition

Megan D. Baumhardt, Elena M. Folgueras, Errol “Will” Onyeike, Ashley Y. Zarate
Coaches: Colin O’Neill and Allison Luckey

Trials and Tribulations Mock Trial Competition

Robert Hayden Butler, Tiffany D. Dunkin, Margaret C. Farrell, Elena M. Folgueras,
Haleigh A. Hashem, Camdon N. Maydew
Coaches: Mark Altman, Cahal McColgan, and Bailey Strohmeyer

TRANSACTIONAL LAW

L. Edwards Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition

Rion C. Gurnell, Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh, McKenna G. Williams
Coach: Professor Pat Souter

Duke Law Transactional Competition

Tanner C. Brennan, Emily M. Garrett, John Wesley Laughlin
Coach: Professor Allen Page

Jaffe Transactional Law Invitational

Adam R. Holtz, Allison A. White
Coach: Tristan Kaisharis

Magnolia Cup Tournament

Ashley L. Deatherage, Samar Keilan K. Kabalaoui, McKinsey R. Meeker, Baldemar Torres
Coach: Professor Kayla Landeros

UCLA Transactional Law Competition

Mackenzie A. Cooper, Andrew Cowden, Ryan M. Cox, Macie S. Jones, Sofia I. Luna,
Brock B. Neurohr, Erin Stevens
Coach: Professor Allen Page

NEGOTIATIONS

American Bar Association Negotiation Competition

Conor E. Brennan, Riya V. Chaudhari, Keagan Galbraith, Hannah M. Sutton,
William A. Vermillion, McKenna G. Williams
Coach: Tony Silas

National Sports Law Negotiations

Rion C. Gurnell, John Wesley Laughlin, Michael C. Morin, Riley W. Waters
Coach: Miranda Chavez

Transatlantic Negotiation Competition

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CLIENT COUNSELING

American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition

Julia C. Cantu, Emma C. Scofield, Meghan S. Thomas, Zane T. Thomas
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Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh

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Jillian H. Ginger

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No Recipient

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