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Education

- J.D., Baylor University School of Law, Cum Laude | Baylor Law Review
- B.B.A., Baylor University, Summa Cum Laude | Beta Gamma Sigma

Leadership Roles at Baylor Law School

- Associate Dean (1991–2021) – Oversaw law school operations including admissions, alumni relations, student services, adjunct faculty, career development, clinics, marketing, IT, and facilities. Guided faculty governance and crisis response.
- Director, Leadership Development Program (2014–present) – Founded and lead one of the first leadership development programs in U.S. legal education. Program honored with ABA E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award (2022).
- Director, Business & Transactional Law Program (2021–2024) – Advanced recruitment, alumni engagement, and experiential opportunities for business-focused law students.
- Professor of Law (Tenured, 1996–present) – Courses include Leadership Development, Business Basics for Lawyers, Client Relations, Transactional Drafting. Faculty supervisor, Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic (nonprofit tax-exempt clients). Previously taught courses include: federal income taxation for individuals and entities, real estate finance, wealth transfer, and immigration.

University-Wide Service to Baylor University

- Civil Discourse Imperative Steering Committee (Civil Discourse focus), 2025–2026
- QEP Development Committee (Civil Discourse focus), 2025
- Baylor Fellows (Civil Discourse focus), 2024–2025
- Vice Provost for Global Engagement Search Committee, 2022–2023
- Illuminate Academic Strategic Initiative, Chair, 2018–2020
- University-Wide Student Leadership Initiatives, 2015–2018
- Leadership Visioning Committee, 2014–2015
- Faculty Diversity Committee, 2013–2015

- Strategic Themes Committee, 2010–2011
- Academic Research Committee, 2007–2010
- Bush Presidential Center Steering Committee, 2001–2006
- Search Committees – Vice President of Development (2011); Men’s Basketball Coach & Athletic Director (2003)

Professional Service

- American Bar Association – Ethics Advisory Committee (2025–present)

American Bar Association Foundation Fellow (2023–present)

- American Association of Law Schools Section on Leadership Development – President 2019; Executive Committee (2017–2020; 2022- present)
- Texas Federal Tax Institute – Board Member (2014–present); Executive Committee (2015–present)
- Texas Bar Foundation – Sustaining Fellow (2002–present)
- Texas Committee on Professional Ethics (2012–2014)
- Texas Women in Higher Education, Inc. – Founding Board Member (2006–2016)
- American Council on Education – Women’s Network Executive Council (2012–2018)
- Waco-McLennan County Bar Association – President (1999–2000)

Recent Scholarship (2020 to present)

Leah Teague, *Lawyer Leadership in an AI-Disrupted Era: Best Practices for Professional Identity Formation and Rule-of-Law Stewardship* (forthcoming Clinical Legal Education Association’s Best Practices Book Series 2027).

Leah Teague, *Lawyers as Leaders in an AI World* (forthcoming ST. THOMAS L. J. 2026).

Leah Teague, *From Aspiring Lawyers to Future Leaders: The Evolution of Leadership Programs in Legal Education*, 74 J. LEG. ED. 1 (2026).

Leah Teague and Kellye Testy, *The Shifting Landscape for Diversity Initiatives: A Leadership Challenge* (forthcoming 18 TENN. J.L. & POL’Y __ 2025).

LEAH W. TEAGUE & ELIZABETH M. FRALEY, *FUNDAMENTALS OF LAWYER LEADERSHIP*, 2nd Ed. (2024).

Leah Teague, *Leadership Training and Character Development to Equip Graduates for Ethical Leadership and Service*, 2024 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture (2024).

Leah Teague, *Civility Matters: Why Law Schools Must Teach Students to Disagree Without Being Disagreeable*, 76 BAYLOR L. REV. 1 (2024)

Leah Teague, *Modernizing Legal Education through Leadership Development Programs*, 58 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 943 (2023)

Leah W. Teague, Elizabeth M. Fraley, and Stephen L. Rispoli, *Creating a Culture of Professionalism: Equipping Students for the Practicalities and Paradoxes of the Legal Profession*, 20 ST. THOMAS L. J. 879-921 (2024).

Leah Teague, *Training Law Students to Converse Respectfully: Public Discourse Workshop*, Holloran Center Professional Identity Implementation Blog (May 2023).

Leah Teague, *Baylor Law's Professional Identity Formation History and the Influence of the Carnegie Report and the Holloran Center on Baylor Law's Continual Professional Identity Formation Efforts*, Holloran Center Professional Identity Implementation Blog (March 2023).

Leah Teague, *Difference Makers': Professional Identity of Lawyers in America*, Holloran Center Professional Identity Implementation Blog (Dec. 2022).

Leah Teague, *Growing Number of Leadership Programs and Courses Supports Professional Identity Formation*, 2021 Leadership Symposium Issue, 62 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 149 (2022).

Leah Teague & Stephen Rispoli, "The Study of Leadership Theories: Great Leaders Are Made, Not Born," ABA Law Practice Magazine (Nov./Dec. 2021).

Leah Teague, *Making Progress in Legal Education: Leadership Development Training in Law Schools*, 73 BAYLOR L. REV. 1 (2021).

LEAH W. TEAGUE, ELIZABETH M. FRALEY & STEPHEN L. RISPOLI, FUNDAMENTALS OF LAWYER LEADERSHIP, (2021).

Elizabeth M. Fraley & Leah Witcher Jackson Teague, *Where the Rubber Hits the Road: How Do Law Schools Demonstrate a Commitment to Training Leaders?* 14 TENN. J. L. & POL. 369-434 (2020).

Don Polden & Leah Jackson Teague, *More Diversity Requires More Inclusive Leaders Leading by Example in Law Organizations* 48 Hofstra L. Rev. 681-703 (2020).

Recent Presentations (2020 to present)

Leah Teague, Jennifer A. Henfey & Greg Miaracki, "Leadership Development in Legal Education: Building Programs That Fit Your Law School," AALS Section on Leadership Webinar (July 29, 2026).

April Barton & Leah Teague, "AI & Leadership," AALS Section on Leadership Webinar (Jun 25, 2026).

Leah Teague & Erika Point, "Lawyers as Leaders in an AI World: Professional Identity Formation for Client Service and Public Citizenship," Inaugural Holloran Center Conference & St. Thomas Law Journal Symposium, Minneapolis, MN (Apr 25, 2026).

Leah Teague, "Cultivating Resilience for Lawyers and Law Students During Crisis and Disaster," Association of Law Schools, New Orleans, LA (Jan 8, 2026).

Jonathan Shapiro, David Grenardo & Leah Teague, "Confronting Incivility: A Practical Guide (To Dealing With Jerks)," American Bar Association Ethical Lawyer Series, online (January 7, 2026).

Jonathan Shapiro, David Grenardo, Leah Teague & Jayne Reardon, "Lawyers as Leaders: Civility and Professional Responsibility in Divided Times" American Bar Association Ethical Lawyer Series, online (November 20, 2025).

Leah Teague "Demonstration of Professional Identity Formation Exercises," Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, FL (July 28, 2025).

Aric Short, David Grenardo, Kendall Kerew, Leah Teague (Moderator) "Teaching Civility and Civil Discourse as Leadership Development," Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, FL (July 27, 2025).

Moderated Discussion Group, "Leadership Development to Equip Lawyers for Success, Service, and Significance," Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, FL (July 27, 2025).

Meredith Brown, Shaillini George, Aric Short & Leah Teague, "Encouraging Students as Next Wave of Leaders," Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Pheonix, AZ (July 17, 2025).

Neil Hamilton, Kenneth Townsend & Leah Teague, "Advancing Lawyer Leadership: Why Scholarship Matters," AALS Section on Leadership, online webinar (May 29, 2025).

Leah Teague, "Leading with Integrity: The Lawyer's Role in a Changing World" Chief Justice Colloquium on Civility and Ethics, Oklahoma City, OK (May 6, 2025).

Leah Teague, "Leading with Integrity: The Lawyer's Role in a Changing World" Inns of Court, Tulsa, OK (May 5, 2025).

Leah Teague, "Designing and Leading Leadership Courses and Initiatives in Law Schools," Wake Forest University School of Law Leadership and Character in the Law" Winston-Salem, NC (March 28, 2025).

Leah Teague, "Ethical Leadership," Leadership Waco, Waco, TX (February 18, 2025).

Heather Crabbe, Anjali Desai & Leah Teague “Leadership Development Programs in Law Schools,” National Association for Law Placement, online webinar (February 12, 2025).

James Beard, Allie Russell & Leah Teague, “Tax Fundamental and Hot Topics,” People’s Law School, Waco, TX (February 12, 2025).

Leah Teague, et al, AALS Discussion Group “Developing Courageous Leaders: Trailblazing and Diverse Approaches to Leadership Education for Law Students,” Association of Law Schools, San Francisco, CA (Jan 11, 2025).

Leah Teague, “The Shifting Landscape for Diversity Initiatives: A Leadership Challenge,” University of Tennessee Institute for Professional Leadership, Knoxville, TN. (Oct. 2024).

Leah Teague, Kenneth Townsend and Tania Luma, Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning (Oct. 2024)

Leah Teague and Elizabeth Fraley, Aspen podcast with Patty Roberts

“Leadership Development to Equip Lawyers for Client Success, Service and Significance,” North Carolina Bar Association’s Professionals, Colleagues, Friends and Adversaries – The Key Role of Civility in Attorney Relationships and Communications Program, Raleigh, NC (December 1, 2023).

“Leadership Development Programming Satisfies the New ABA Standard While Better Equipping Graduates for the Important Role of Lawyers as Leaders and Influencers,” 2023 Complying with ABA Standards Conference, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, Sacramento, CA (June 1, 2023).

“Leadership Development for Success, Service and Significance,” Norton Rose Fulbright Webinar (April 26, 2023).

Leah Teague and Stephen Rispoli, “Incorporating Values and Leadership and Well-Being into Doctrinal Classes,” St. Thomas Holloran Center Workshop on Professional Identity Formation, Minneapolis, MN (April 21, 2023).

“Modernizing Legal Education: Leadership Development to Equip Lawyers for Success, Service and Significance,” Leading Change in the Legal Profession, Wake Forest Law Review 2023 Spring Symposium, Winston-Salem, NC (February 24, 2023).

"Ethical Leadership," Leadership Waco, Waco, TX (January 19, 2023)

“Leadership Development Programs Provide ABA Standard 303 Training,” Workshop on Professional Identity Formation, St. Thomas Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership, Minneapolis, MN (May 23, 2022).

Leah Teague and Pat Wilson “Modern Law Students Need to be Trained for Leadership: Associate Deans Can Influence Those Efforts” AALS 2022 Annual Meeting, Associate Dean Section (Jan. 2022).

"Ethical Leadership," Leadership Waco, Waco, TX (January 19, 2022)

“Growing Movement: Leadership Development in Law Schools,” Santa Clara University

School of Law, Santa Clara, CA (May, 2022).

"Ethical Leadership," Leadership Waco, Waco, TX (January 19, 2021).

Introductory Remarks at 2020: Vision for Leadership Conference, AALS Section on Leadership and the Baylor Law Review, Waco, TX (Sept 14 - 17, 2020).

"Ethical Leadership," Leadership Waco, Waco, Tx (January 21, 2020).

Community Service

- Creative Waco – Vice-Chair (2025), Board Member (2023–present)
- Waco Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, Inc. (dba Start Up Waco) – Board Member and Chair of Governance Committee (2018–2022)
- Association of Good Government – Board Member (2018–2025)
- American Heart Association – Waco Heart Walk, Chair (2014)
- Greater Waco Education Alliance – Executive Committee (2008–2010)
- Midway ISD Education Foundation – Founding Director, President (2001–2007)

Honors & Recognition

- Baylor Law School Leadership Development Program honored with ABA E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award (2022)
- Midway High School Distinguished Alumni (2005)
- Woman of Distinction, Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council (1997)
- Leadership America (1997); Leadership Texas (1996)
- Leadership Waco Outstanding Alumni (1996)

Faith Engagement

- First Baptist Church of Woodway – Sunday School Teacher (1994–2004; 2006–2013; 2025-2026); Compensation Committee (~2006-2009)
- Harris Creek Baptist Church – Chair, Pastor Search Team (2019)