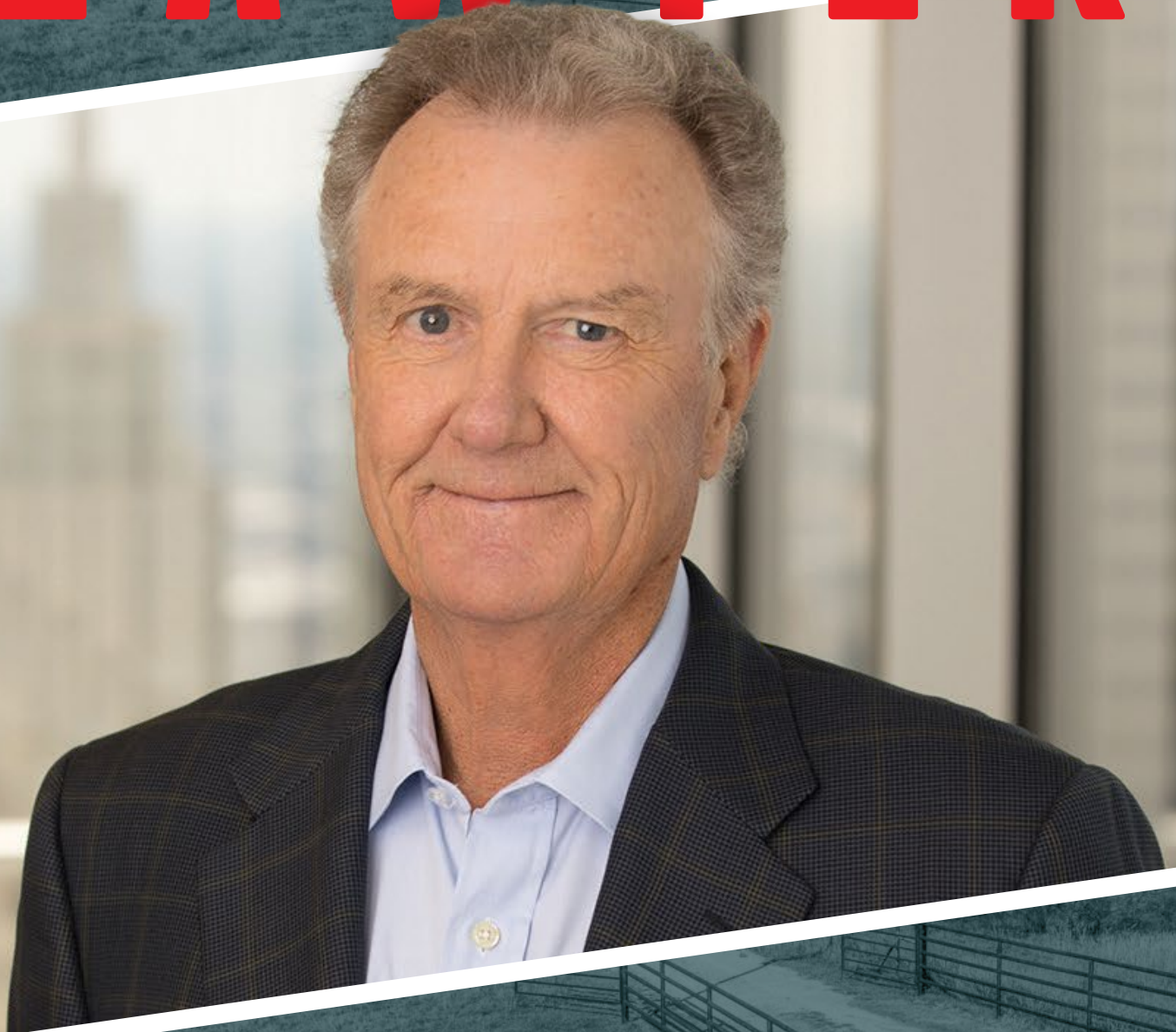


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Dean's MESSAGE



► *Greetings from the Dean's Suite!*

I am very pleased to say that this year we achieved great success at the Law School while dealing with great adversity. Tech Law's students, faculty, and staff have risen to the challenge again and again. And the outpouring of support from our alumni and friends has been tremendous.

We continue to have outstanding success with practical training, curriculum, and value. We were again ranked No. 1 in the nation in Advocacy by the American Bar Association in their Skills Competitions Championship. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked our legal practice program 12th in the nation and the top program in Texas. We also remain a top 10% "Best Value" law school nationwide.

This fall we welcomed an enthusiastic new class of 1Ls with the highest LSAT and GPA medians we have seen in several years. These eager new students joined our wonderful 2L and 3L classes for a total enrollment of over 400 students.

We continue to work hard to put our students first and implement careful plans that promote education, health, and safety.

To maximize safety, our curriculum this year has offered a balanced mix of in-person, hybrid, and online courses, with almost all classes available in an online format for students who choose to attend remotely. Our professors have trained hard for the shift to online learning — over spring and summer and into the fall. Thanks to the Texas Tech Law School Foundation and its generous donors, we have been able to provide laptops, microphones, webcams, and emergency funds for all our students in need.

Following University and CDC guidelines, we have worked together to implement a broad range of health and safety measures. We have reconfigured classrooms, common spaces, and study areas for social distancing. Students and employees follow the University's face-covering policy, and the Law School has provided a Tech Law mask to every student so they can keep safe while showing their school pride. We participate in the University's testing, tracing, monitoring, and quarantining procedures.

Life at the Law School remains vibrant. We are celebrating Professor Chuck Bubany's fifty years of distinguished service to the Law School and our students. We are also very fortunate to welcome back Professor Amy Hardberger '05. She rejoins our faculty as the George W. McCleskey Professor of Water Law and Director for the Center for Water Law and Policy. She is an outstanding hire for the Law School. We also continue to hold a wide array of virtual events to connect, engage, and inform our community. We have also worked harder than ever to foster a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive environment where every student can thrive.

- Our May graduates have had great success on the bar exam despite exam delays and other pandemic-related challenges. A large number of our 2020 graduates took the New Mexico Bar exam this year in September and had to adjust their schedules to arrive in New Mexico to meet a two-week quarantine requirement. The Law School was able to provide much-needed financial support through the generosity of our faculty and alums. These graduates were determined to overcome all obstacles to succeed and had an outstanding 100% pass rate with all 58 students from the class of 2020 passing the New Mexico bar exam!

- I am also pleased to relate that we ranked No. 1 in the state—with the highest bar passage rate of any Texas law school in the October administration of the Texas Bar Exam! We had an outstanding 92.31% pass rate for our first-time test-takers. We have the second highest bar passage rate of any Texas law school in the combined results from the September and October administrations of the Texas Bar Exam — also a 92.31% pass rate.

- Overall, the pass rate this fall is an outstanding 97% for our May 2020 graduates who took either the New Mexico bar exam or one of the two Texas bar exam administrations! These results are a testament to the talent, hard work, and resilience of our graduates. We are so proud of them.

- Through all these challenges, it has been wonderful to see the Texas Tech law family join together. We know we can count on each other and on our many friends and supporters. Texas Tech Law will come though this pandemic stronger than ever, and our best days are ahead of us.

~*Jack Wade Nowlin*
Dean and W. Frank
Newton Professor
of Law

Our alumni network is more than 8,500 strong, and connecting with you is one of my favorite things to do. And while I have missed traveling this year, I look forward to catching up virtually during one of our small group "Coffee and Conversation" events. Please contact my office today, and let's get to know one another!

Reach out to Karen Holden,
Director of Development and
Donor Relations, at
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806-834-4910

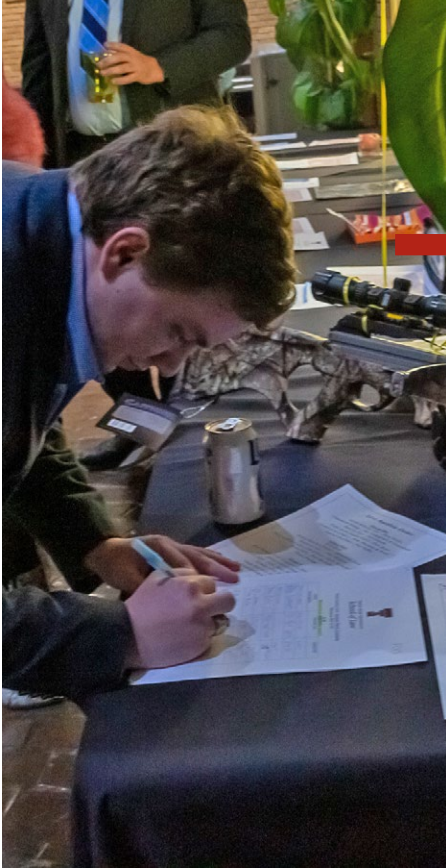
YEAR *in* REVIEW

Looking back over this past year, we have much to celebrate. We regularly hosted fun and thought-provoking events that inspired our community both in person and virtually. The Class of 2020 never imagined their commencement would be virtual and the bar exam delayed, but they took these developments in stride and excelled. We were touched by the ways in which our Texas Tech law family came together to make this year successful, and we look forward to an even more remarkable 2021!

SECOND ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Kimberly McNair Brock and Lisa McNair were the keynote speakers for the Law School's second annual MLK Celebration. Kimberly and Lisa are the sisters of Denise McNair, one of the four young girls who lost their lives in the Birmingham, Alabama bombing of 1963. They spoke about the tragic event, the impact the bombing had on their family and community, and their thoughts on the documentary, *4 Little Girls*, which was screened prior to the discussion.





2020 PUBLIC INTEREST AUCTION

The Texas Tech Law Public Interest Auction has continued to exceed expectations since the event was revived in 2018. In February, the Lubbock Area Bar Association and Texas Tech law community joined together and raised over \$18,000 in scholarships, far exceeding the \$15,000 goal set at the beginning of the semester.

The funds raised support Texas Tech law students serving as unpaid summer interns with public defenders, nonprofits, district attorneys, and other public-interest employers. Receiving a Public Interest Award is the result of a competitive process. The Public Interest Award Committee selects the recipients in April based on an applicant's commitment to public interest, as demonstrated by a personal statement detailing how they have advanced the public interest in law school and beyond; financial need; and how greatly the type of internship they have acquired serves the public interest.

WALTER B. HUFFMAN DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

The *Texas Tech Law Review* welcomed Lieutenant General Charles N. Pede, the 40th Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, as its 2019 Huffman Distinguished Lecturer in early March. Lieutenant General Pede is the senior uniformed lawyer in the Army, leading over 6,000 attorneys around the world. He graduated from the University of Virginia, receiving a commission through R.O.T.C. He holds an LL.M. in Military Law and a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. LTG Pede attended Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Graduate Officer Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. As a Major, he worked directly for then-Major General Huffman, who was serving as Judge Advocate General.

Lieutenant General Pede shared the six constants he has instilled in the Corps and believes every good lawyer should follow: work hard, maintain a positive attitude, engage in lifelong learning, avoid being a jerk, seek professional advice on law and policy grounded in ethics and candor, and seek inspiration.



He also stated his belief that every student in the room has what it takes to be a good lawyer, saying “You’re dedicated, hard-working, tough, ready, and eager for a challenge, and ready to get out there and tackle whatever life throws at you.”

Generously sharing his time throughout his visit, LTG Pede attended an opening reception and luncheon at the Law School, giving our students multiple opportunities to interact with him personally. He also attended a reception with the Texas Tech Law School Foundation board and members of the first graduating class as they celebrated the Law School’s first ever 50th class reunion.

The Huffman Distinguished Lecture Series was introduced in 2010 to honor Walter B. Huffman, Dean Emeritus of the Law School, past editor-in-chief of the *Texas Tech Law Review*, and a retired major general of the United States Army.

16TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA

At what became the last in-person event of 2020 hosted by the Law School, Texas Tech Law alumni, students, and friends gathered together at the 16th Annual Scholarship Gala at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The evening's focus was to recognize Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service award winners and raise funds for student scholarships — and it was a smashing success!

After a lively cocktail hour, Dean Jack Wade Nowlin's opening remarks celebrated recent student achievements and recognized several special guests, including members of the first graduating class who were celebrating the Law School's very first 50th Class Reunion.

The first awards of the evening recognized the Law School's 2019 Distinguished Service recipients. David Segrest '70, of counsel with Foley & Lardner, LLP in Dallas, was convinced by Dean Amandes to take a chance on a then unaccredited law school as a member of its first class. He reflected on the many successes of that pioneering group and how establishing the traditions and foundation of the Law School was the driving force behind his desire to give back.

"We took great pride in getting Tech Law off to a good start," David said. "We take great pride in seeing how



Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board | **Front Row** // Dean Jack Wade Nowlin, Richard Roper '82, Chris Peirson '77, Suzan Fenner '72, Barbara Runge '74, Jo Ben Whittenburg '73, Beto Cardenas '99. **Second Row** // Darryl Vereen '92, Holly O'Neil '87, David Segrest '70, The Honorable Kem Frost '83, Jim Gill '73. **Third Row** // Roger Key '76, Doug Atrnipp '85, Foundation Board President Tom Hall '81, Wade Shelton '81, Krisi Kastl '99, Chris Antcliff '95. **Fourth Row** // Denis Dennis '90, Link Grimes '86, Glenn West '78, Paul Stafford '94.

far Tech Law has come — its many accomplishments and its many successes.”

Dean Amandes also convinced the second 2019 Distinguished Service award recipient, Jo Ben Whittenburg '73, to stay in Lubbock for law school. Jo Ben credited the Law School with preparing him to start trying cases within his first few months of practice and spoke about his service on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board.

“It was a great honor when I was asked to join the Foundation Board,” Jo Ben said. “Texas Tech Law School has been a great law school in its first fifty years, and I hope we can all work together to continue that legacy of greatness and make it an even better law school in the years to come.”

The Honorable E. Lee Gabriel '80, of the Second Court of Appeals of Texas, received the first 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award of the night. She reminisced about law school friendships, thanking Carolyn Johnsen '80; about juggling her career and motherhood, thanking her two sons; and about her career, thanking “the Law School for preparing [her] for the wonderful life [she has] today.”

With nearly three decades in higher education as a distinguished administrator, law professor, and legal scholar, Tim Perrin '87, now senior vice president for strategic implementation at Pepperdine University, joked that he “loved law school so much that when the chance came, [he] decided to spend [his] professional life in law school.” He continued, “It's been a great

life, more than I ever could have imagined, and I'm thankful to Texas Tech for all that it did to make it possible."

The final 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award went to Wes Williams '98, equity partner at Thompson & Knight, LLP. A vocal supporter of Texas Tech law graduates who often returns to campus for recruiting, Wes told the students present, "You've made an excellent choice. This Law School will prepare you for your careers and, as long as you have the work ethic to push through it, the sky's the limit."

Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board President Tom Hall '81 closed the program by highlighting transformative gifts. He also recognized and expressed the Law School's deepest gratitude to the family and friends of Kelln Zimmer '08 for being the evening's Premier Diamond Scholarship Sponsor. Their commitment of \$30,000 to fund the new Kelln Zimmer Endowed Scholarship will inspire Texas Tech law students for generations to come. With the help of Tom's call to action and the evening's generous donors and sponsors, over \$140,000 was transferred to student scholarships!



First Class 50th Reunion | Front Row // Martin Cude, Karen Cude, Boyd Richie, Betty Richie, Paulina Jacoba, Robin Green, Bob Eames, Phyllis Eames, Mary Kay Belter, Ralph Belter.
Second Row // The Honorable Cecil Puryear, Ed Craighead, W.T. Martin, Carol Martin.
Third Row // Sarah Segrest and David Segrest.

After the ceremony, guests danced the night away. You can see photos of the festivities on the "TTU Law" Flickr page.

We look forward to honoring our 2020 Distinguished Award recipients virtually in March and to celebrating together when we can do so safely at the 18th Annual Scholarship Gala on Saturday, March 5, 2022.



2019 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients | Seated from left // Wes Williams '98, the Honorable E. Lee Gabriel '80, and Tim Perrin '87.



2019 Distinguished Service Award Recipients // David Segrest '70 and Jo Ben Whittenburg '73.

MAY 2020 HOODING CEREMONY

Each year the Law School looks forward to a very special occasion — honoring the year’s graduates during the hooding ceremony. While it was deeply disappointing that students and their families were not able to attend in person, the Law School still celebrated the accomplishment of its May 2020 graduates in a virtual commencement ceremony.

After welcome remarks from Dean Jack Wade Nowlin, the graduates were addressed by Texas Tech University System Chancellor Dr. Tedd L. Mitchell, Texas Tech University President Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, and Texas Tech University System Board of Regents Member Mark Griffin '79.



“Know that your time here at Texas Tech has prepared you well for all of life’s challenges,” Mark said. “Great things await you because you are a Texas Tech Lawyer.”

Student Bar Association President Clint Dye '20 applauded his classmates for their resilience over the last three years and over the last few months in particular as they coped with pandemic-related challenges.

“It has been a pleasure to go through this journey of law school with each of you. The growth that we have all displayed, not only as advocates, but as people, is indeed rewarding,” said Clint.

CLINICS

The Law School’s eight clinics, serving indigent clients on the South Plains, provide students with a crucial opportunity to see theory applied in practice while helping those who need it most.

Innocence Clinic students, under the direction of Allison Clayton '07, worked on briefs filed in district court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. In the highlight of the year, a client incarcerated since the 1980s walked out of prison and into the arms of his family. The case has received extensive coverage in a *ProPublica*-*New York Times* Magazine investigation and was the inspiration for John Grisham’s book *The Guardians*. Since students were not able to celebrate his parole in person, they purchased a DisneyPlus subscription so the client could catch up on all the movies he’d missed.

- The Law School’s three criminal defense clinics stayed busy all year. Criminal Defense Clinic students, under the direction of Pat Metze, handled 110 cases for 83 clients — an average student case load of over 15 cases and almost 12 clients per student. Students in the Capital Punishment Clinic each completed a major project for clients of the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic students, under its Chief Public Defender Donnie Yandell '01, handled 148 cases — 6 felonies, 135 misdemeanors, and 7 juvenile.
- The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic began its 20th year of operation in 2020 with a \$100,000.00 tax grant award. Students handled the most cases in the history of the clinic, taking on 67 new cases during the school year. Due to the pandemic,

Holland O'Neil '87, a partner at Foley & Lardner, LLP and a member of the firm's Management Committee, delivered the keynote address. Holly challenged graduates to adopt the National Parks Foundation motto "Leave It Better Than You Found It."

"You have made us so proud, and we know that you are going to carry on the long legacy of integrity, tenacity, and grit that has come to define the graduates of Texas Tech Law School," she said. "It is your actions from this day forward which, for this Law School, can leave it better than you found it."

Texas Tech law faculty and staff shared video messages of congratulations and support. Each graduate was then celebrated individually with a slide featuring their name and academic honors, as well

as a photo and personalized message to their family, friends, and professors.

In farewell remarks for the class, Angel Gutierrez '20 expressed his pride in having survived the "high pressure hostage situation" that was law school.

"We made it through together, and we share a bond that few will understand, but I know I will always cherish. ... I am incredibly proud of everything that we have accomplished – not only as individuals, but more importantly, as a class."



students represented clients during an IRS shut down and during the distribution of the economic impact payments. Despite working remotely, students helped clients understand their qualifications for the stimulus check.

Clinic Director Terri Morgeson is especially proud of the successful resolution of a matter for a client the clinic inherited from the previous clinic director. Terri vowed the clinic would not quit until the IRS discharged the client's debt. Terri said, "After reviewing the case, the IRS agreed and discharged over \$64,000 worth of debt. Our client was beyond ecstatic. She never lost faith in us, and we never lost faith in her."

Civil Practice Clinic students assume primary responsibility for the representation of clients in social security disability claims, wills and advance planning, housing issues, and other civil matters. They also participate in the Night Court Divorce Project, a program offered in collaboration with the

- Lubbock County Courts to provide representation to low-income individuals in simple divorces with hearings held before Judge Les Hatch '88 of the 237th Judicial District Court in the evening at the Law School.
- "It is gratifying to observe the development of their lawyering skills while participating in the Clinic that they will carry forward throughout their professional careers," said Larry Spain, director of clinical programs and civil practice clinic. "Each of them have gained confidence in representing clients and are now prepared to practice law."
- This year presented unique challenges for the clinics as students adapted to remote work in the spring and committed to a socially distanced in-person experience this fall. And in the face of these challenges, like they have always done, clinic students served as a bright spot for clients facing dark times and effected positive change in the community and in the lives of their clients.

2020 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Six outstanding alumni and friends have been selected by Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Association for the 2020 Alumni Association Awards. Recipients are selected for their personal accomplishments, professional achievements, community or public service involvement, and/or contributions made to the School of Law.

HERSHELL L. BARNES AMBASSADOR AWARD

The Honorable Rob Hofmann '95 exemplifies the characteristics of a goodwill ambassador through his public and private service to the citizens of his communities as well as the state and nation, especially through his work on behalf of children. He serves as judge of the 452nd Judicial District in five Hill Country counties and

was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to serve as Jurist in Residence for the Children's Commission, where he is Chairman of both the System Improvement and Foster Care & Education committees. He is a board member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and has served as a judicial representative at several national summits related to child welfare. He works on numerous projects related to improving the child welfare system and was named the 2011 Big Voices for Little Texans Texas CASA Judge of the Year.



DANIEL H. BENSON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Steven R. Miers '83 works tirelessly to represent indigent persons in death penalty cases. Board certified in criminal law and criminal appellate law, he has handled more than 100 cases on appeal and has helped shape the scope of protections of individual liberties protected by the Texas Constitution.



GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE (G.O.L.D.) AWARD

Whitney S. Ellis '12 is a leader within her firm and community, a supporter of the Law School's *Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal* and one of Midland's "Top 20 Under 40." Leading the estate group at Midland's oldest firm, Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder, Inc., she makes a huge impact for her clients while supporting and mentoring other female attorneys.





Konstantin N. Parkhomenko '10 has made significant achievements in the field of environmental law and sustainability, including litigating one of the largest environmental lawsuits in U.S. history and serving as the most senior dedicated environmental counsel for a Fortune 500 public utility company. In addition to his professional achievements, he upholds the School of Law's tradition of service to others by giving back to the community through pro bono work.

RISING STAR AWARD

The Honorable C. Michael Davis '08 was appointed to the 369th District Court of Texas by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017 and elected in 2018. Following his appointment, he immediately implemented a docket-management system to provide efficient administration and access to justice. He was selected as a member of the 2013 State Bar of Texas (SBOT) leadership class and tapped to attend the 2012



American Board of Trial Advocates National Trial College at Harvard Law School. He currently chairs the SBOT Local Bar Services Committee and is a member of the SBOT Administration of the Rules of Evidence Committee. He volunteers his time with many local community organizations, serving as a board member for the Crisis Center of Anderson and Cherokee Counties, board member of the Palestine YMCA, past president of the Rotary Club of Palestine, and mentor to local high school students.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The Honorable James Wesley Hendrix has demonstrated his commitment to supporting Texas Tech law students by hiring judicial clerks and summer interns and by presenting the judicial clerkship workshop. He will also soon present "Federal Criminal Practice in the Northern District of Texas" to Texas Tech School of Law's Criminal Law Association and International Law Association. An active member of his community, he has volunteered as a youth baseball coach, is a member of the Texas Tech School of Law American Inn of Court, and serves on the board of directors for Partners Seeking a Cure (PSC), a medical non-profit organization.



Alumni Association Awards are traditionally presented at the annual Texas Tech Law Alumni Reception at the State Bar of Texas Annual meeting. The reception was cancelled this year due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, but recipients will be honored virtually throughout the year and in person when it is safe to celebrate together again.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

When the 156 members of the Class of 2023 walked through the doors in August, the energy in the building changed — they invigorated us with excitement. The orientation schedule was rearranged to offer every student an opportunity to safely attend a portion in person, with the entire orientation available in an online format for students who chose to attend remotely.

The class, with a median LSAT score of 156 and median GPA of 3.56, has the highest LSAT and GPA medians the Law School has seen in many years. It is a wonderfully diverse group with students of color making up 35% of the class. There are also 34 first-generation college students in the class, all of whom received scholarships.

The start of their law school journey has been unique, but their experience over the next three years will be transformational. The Class of 2023 is full of accomplished and inspiring students. They will leave as outstanding lawyers, leaders, and public servants.



2020 BAR EXAM SUCCESS

The coronavirus pandemic presented significant challenges for 2020 law graduates preparing for the bar exam across the country. But even before the pandemic, Texas Tech law's graduating 3Ls were presented with a unique decision — to take the very last administration of the Texas bar exam or not!

With Texas accepting Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) transfers from other states such as New Mexico but not yet administering the UBE, students were incentivized to take an out-of-state UBE and transfer results to Texas.

Cassie Christopher, the associate dean for bar success, worked with students individually to help them make that decision over the course of the fall semester. She also hosted the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners and the Texas Board of Law Examiners on campus for a joint Q&A presentation in October to review the different options.



Alumni and friends braved the cold weather and served lunches to the Texas Tech law graduates taking the Bar Exam in New Mexico.

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I am speechless right now; words cannot reflect how grateful I am for the Law School's administrators and the Foundation. With stress mounting as the bar exam nears, this financial assistance is nothing less than a miracle.



Manuel E. Lopez III

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After deciding which bar exam to take, graduates reasonably believed the only remaining challenges were preparing for and taking the exam. Enter the coronavirus pandemic.

Many licensing jurisdictions across the country revised their original plans for administering the bar exam in July 2020 in response to the pandemic. Both the New Mexico Board of Bar Examiners and the Texas Board of Law Examiners rescheduled the July exam to September 9-10, 2020. The Texas Board of Law Examiners also announced an online administration scheduled for October 5-6, 2020.

For the graduates who had elected to take the exam in New Mexico, yet another obstacle arose — the financial hardship of a two-week quarantine requirement for anyone traveling to New Mexico.

The Law School community sprang to action to support our students during the stressful time. Staff worked diligently to secure a block of rooms at a local hotel and assist students with meal and travel planning. Faculty and alumni quickly came together to provide graduates with much-needed financial support. Their generosity showed our students that our entire community was behind them and allowed them to put their focus back where it belonged — on passing the bar exam.

In the end, these graduates overcame all obstacles to succeed. One hundred percent of the 2020 graduates who took the New Mexico bar exam in September passed for an overall 95.2% pass rate for all first-time test-takers in New Mexico.

The Law School also ranks No.1 in the state — with the highest bar passage rate of any Texas law school on the October administration of the Texas Bar Exam. The Law School also has the second highest bar passage rate of any Texas law school in the combined results from the September and October administrations. Given all the challenges they faced this year — exam delays, quarantines, health concerns, and more, these students' determination to succeed — and their results — are phenomenal.

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This has been a stressful time to study for the bar, and it felt like everywhere we looked, there were only more and more obstacles placed in front of us. It was an amazing relief to know that I would have help paying for my quarantine shelter. As a mom who is unable to work full time because I am not licensed as of yet, it was a saving grace to receive this financial help.



Alesha Walker

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Thank you all so much for your generosity and compassion, and the many ways in which you all have been helping me and my fellow graduates. This lodging assistance is so much more than I ever expected, and I'm honestly having a hard time expressing how grateful I am. This is such a blessing and a miracle, and I'll never forget it. Thank you all so much for everything you do, and hopefully, I'll be in a position to give back to the school sometime in the future.



Christopher C. Egbunike

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE



This year, the Law School recommitted to providing a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student can thrive.

We are building on a strong foundation, but we can and will do more each year. Our faculty, staff, students, and alumni are all crucial partners in our efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Law School.

Diversity Advisory Board (DAB)

Established in 2019, DAB is composed of student leaders who advise the Dean's Office and provide support for traditionally underrepresented student populations focusing on affirmation of identity, creating a supportive and collaborative learning environment, and allyship.

Special Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

Established in 2020, the Special Committee consists principally of alumni who work with the Dean's Office to promote a more welcoming campus environment and increase awareness of issues related to diversity.

Committees, Organizations, and Programming

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee works to provide and promote programming that fosters an environment where all members of the Texas Tech law community are accepted, valued, and empowered. Our Gender Equity Task Force strives to foster an equitable and inclusive environment for the entire Law School. Both committees are comprised of faculty, staff, and student representatives.

The Law School has six student organizations which provide outstanding support, community, and programming for our diverse student populations.

In partnership, these committees and student organizations host many events throughout the year including celebrations of Pride Week, Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Diversity Week.

This past March, during Diversity Week, the Law School community celebrated the importance of diversity, gathering throughout the week to hear from insightful



NEW STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Office of Admissions recruitment initiatives have increased diversity in the incoming classes from 28.1% students of color in 2017 to 35% students of color in 2020.

IMPLICIT BIAS SERIES

Implicit bias refers to the unconscious attitudes we have about people that can lead to prejudice and discrimination. By learning about these biases and making the implicit explicit, we can change our attitudes and help create a more diverse and inclusive environment. Join us to learn more!

STAFF | MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 | NOON
Room 105 (lunch provided) | RSVP to lyn.karnavasattu.edu

FACULTY | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 | NOON
FCR (lunch provided) | RSVP to lyn.karnavasattu.edu

STUDENTS | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 | NOON
Room 109 (lunch provided)

TOWN HALL | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 4:00PM
Forum, facilitated by Dr. Carol Sumner, Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA)
- Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
- Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)
- Immigration Law Student Association (ILA)
- Organization of Women Law Students (OWLS)
- OUTLaw (representing LGBTQIA students & Allies)

speakers presenting on a variety of topics. The week started with the “RespectAbility” panel, highlighting challenges, opportunities, and resources related to the participation of lawyers with disabilities in the practice of law. OUTLaw and SELS then hosted former NFL player, Ryan O’Callaghan as a guest speaker. His speech, “My Life on the Line,” addressed his experience being closeted in the NFL and the contracts that kept him from being himself. The week concluded with the “Connecting the Global Community” panel discussion. Panelists discussed practicing law in an international context as well as working with diverse clients around the world.

We are striving to provide even more programming in the next academic year that fosters an environment where all members of the Texas Tech Law community are accepted, valued, and empowered. We pledge to partner with our students in this effort and continue to listen and work with them to foster the community that we all want and deserve.

NEW DIRECTORS OF DIVERSITY

Professor Wendy Ross and Associate Dean Sofia Chapman both serve as Leaders Engaged in Advancing Diversity (LEAD) Fellows for the University in which they help train deans, administrators, and chairs on diversity issues in preparation for the hiring process. They have also been appointed directors of diversity at the Law School.



Professor Wendy Ross



Dean Sofia Chapman

STRAIGHT WASHING THE CENSUS WITH **KYLE VELTE**

Monday, October 14th
4:30 p.m. Reception
5:00 p.m. Presentation
Lanier Auditorium

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SELENA MOVIE NIGHT

Collaborative Commons
September 19th, 2019
6pm

Free snacks, Door Prizes

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
black law students association

FIRST FRIDAY ART TRAIL
Feb. 7 - 6pm
starting at Ice House

ANNUAL POETRY SLAM
Feb. 15 - 6pm
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OL Student Middle School

CANDID CONVERSATIONS
Feb. 25 - 12noon
forum

MOVIE NIGHT
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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY School of Law

Diversity Week
March 2-4, 2020

Join us for our Annual Diversity Week Speaker Series!

Monday, March 2 12:00 p.m. Lanier	RespectAbility The panelists will highlight challenges, opportunities, and resources related to the participation of lawyers with disabilities in the practice of law. Lunch provided.
Tuesday, March 3 12:00 p.m. Lanier	My Life on the Line Former NFL Player Ryan O'Callaghan will share his experience in the National Football League and adhering to contracts that prevented him from coming out. Lunch provided. Co-sponsored by OUTLaw and SELS.
Wednesday, March 4 12:00 p.m. Lanier	Connecting the Global Community The panelists will discuss practicing law in an international context as well as working with diverse clients around the world. Lunch provided.

ADVOCACY

Students participating on national teams started the year by immediately building upon the Law School's legacy for outstanding performance in regional and national competitions.

In January, the team of Patricia Cabrera-Sopo, Emily Fouts, Drake Pamilton, and Michael Samaniego bested nine other teams, including a win over another Tech Law team in the semifinals, to claim the Law School's 46th national championship at the American Bar Association (ABA) arbitration finals.

Both teams earned the Law School points toward the ABA Competitions Championship, where the winner is based on achievement and participation in the four ABA Law Student Division competitions: arbitration, negotiation, client counseling, and national appellate advocacy (moot court).

In late April, for the second straight year, the Law School was named the 2019-2020 ABA Competitions Champion.

"I think what I'm most proud of is that we're doing this consistently," said Rob Sherwin, Champions in Advocacy Endowed Professor of Law and director of the Advocacy Program. "We were No. 1 this year, No. 1 last year, and No. 2 the year before that. What that shows is, we're doing something right when it comes to training our students to fiercely advocate for their future clients. The students who contributed to this ranking should be commended for their performances, but it also shows something larger, which is that there's no Texas law school better at preparing its students than Texas Tech."

The shift to virtual competitions format in response to the pandemic created an opportunity for increased student engagement. Without the financial burden associated with travel expenses, the number of national advocacy teams exploded — 23 teams competed this fall, more than twice the number that competed the previous fall. Since many of the competitions in the spring will likely continue to be held online, Professor Sherwin's goal is to give

- every student an
- opportunity to try
- out for a team.
- The Board of
- Barriers, the student
- organization that
- hosts in-school
- competitions, also
- adjusted beautifully
- to the changes required by the pandemic. The
- Executive Board — all-female for the first time in
- the Law School's history — forged ahead, holding
- competitions in an online format. An incredible 57
- teams — 114 1L students — enrolled in the first-
- year negotiation competition. The Board took on
- an incredibly important role this year, when those
- all-important first-year friends had to be cultivated
- almost entirely online, by matching 1Ls with partners
- for the competition. Many students entered the
- competition just so they could meet other people and
- get connected with the Texas Tech law community.
- After adjusting to virtual competitions, students
- participating in national teams ended the year with
- amazing results. The team of 2Ls Jorge Dominguez,
- Evan Johnson, Sean Lewis, and 3L Drew White
- claimed the Regional Championship and will defend
- last year's national championship at the national
- finals ABA Arbitration Competition in January.
- The team of Sara Baumgardner, Sarah Jo Lambert,
- and Billy Langford took second place at the regional
- rounds of the National Moot Court Competition,
- qualifying them for a spot in the national finals in
- early February. Sara was named the tournament's
- Best Advocate.
- Whether in person or online, Texas Tech law students
- continue to put advocacy to practice both at the Law
- School and on the national stage. With outstanding
- engagement here at home and incredible results on
- the road, advocacy brings our Law School community
- closer together and ensures our reputation for
- success precedes us.



The team of second-year students Michael Samaniego, Patricia Cabrera-Sopo, Emily Fouts, and Drake Pamilton won the ABA arbitration competition championship in January.

Points of Pride



OUR
NUMBERS
ADD UP TO

SUCCESS



A
Community
Designed for
Impact

Class of 2023



#1

in the nation by the **American Bar Association** in its **Competitions Championship Ranking**

#12

Legal Writing Program in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (#1 in Texas)

#18

Best Value Law School in the nation by the *National Jurist*

#25

in the nation in **Debt-to-Starting Income** by Spivey Consulting (#1 in Texas)

92.55%

Ultimate Bar Passage Rate by the ABA

91.11%

Overall Employment Rate for the Class of 2019

1427

Applications Received

156

Incoming Students

156

Median LSAT

35%

Students of Color

46%

Female Students

22%

First Generation College Students

73%

Incoming Students with Scholarships

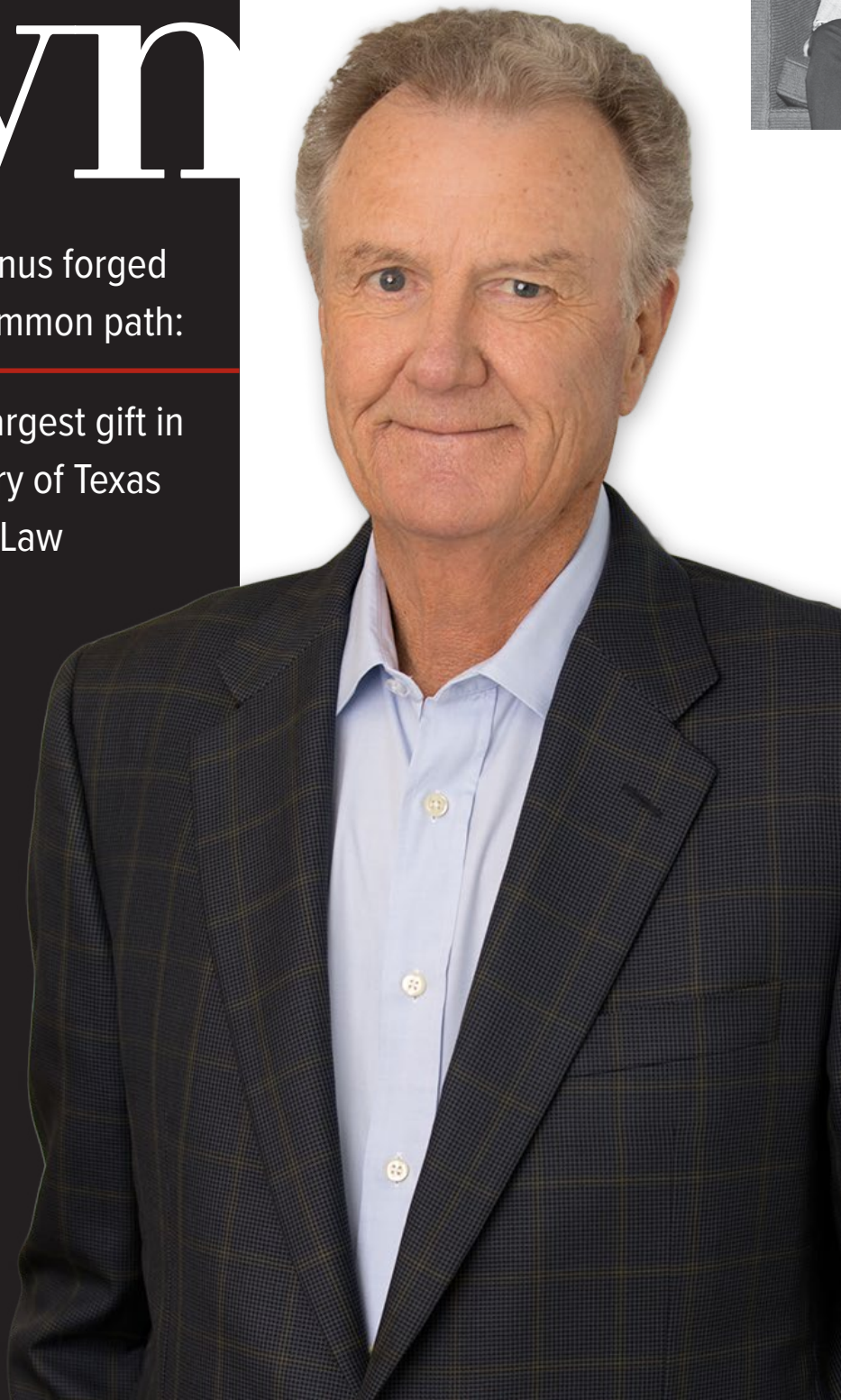
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Median GPA

do your own

Alumnus forged
uncommon path:

left largest gift in
history of Texas
Tech Law



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by Staci Semrad



Texas Tech Law Review Volume IV Board of Editors.
Seated from left // Tom Duren '72, Stephen Anderton '73, Charles Hurd '73, Bob Collier '73. **Standing from left** // Arliss Marvin Champlin '72, Daniel Peck '73, Annette Marple '73, Cody Wales '72.



In 1972, a poster hanging in the student publications office of Robert Don “Bob” Collier '73 featured an expression in a foreign tongue that seemed to guide his life. Then editor-in-chief of the *Texas Tech Law Review*, he translated the poster for peers and others who inquired.

It means, “Do your own thing,” a tall, trim Bob sporting shoulder-length hair would tell visitors, as fellow classmate and alumnus Tom Duren '72 recalls, adding, “That was Bob. He did his own thing and was a remarkable student and remarkable person.”

Bob’s intellectual life as a student at Texas Tech University School of Law contrasted with the laborious work he did growing up in Friona, a small farming community in the Texas Panhandle, where young men typically pursued careers in agribusiness. No one in his family had been to college, much less law school. In fact, when he applied to law school, he had never even met a lawyer.

But Bob blazed boldly forward. He worked hard and was number

Inspired by his tax courses with professors David Cummins and Reed Quilliam, Bob went on to earn his LL.M. in New York University School of Law’s renowned tax law program. While at NYU, he served as the graduate editor of the *NYU Tax Law Review*.

Bob spent most of his practice years in Dallas and became one of the most successful federal tax law and litigation attorneys in the country. He co-founded the elite tax law firm in Dallas known today as Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, L.L.P.

Though Bob routinely rubbed shoulders with the rich and powerful, he conveyed a spirit and style uniquely his own.

“Bob was a brilliant tax lawyer but came across as a really humble, down-to-earth, regular guy,” says Jack Wade Nowlin, dean of the Law School. “I think everybody appreciated that about him. He was such a good and genuine person, and so dedicated to the Law School.”

one in his graduating class, Order of the Coif, and editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*.

Bob’s professional credits were numerous. He was named to Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Litigation and Controversy and Tax Law from 2016-2020 and was named the “Lawyer of the Year” in Tax for Dallas in 2014. Bob was also named to the Texas Super Lawyers list from 2003-2020 in the area of Tax Practice.

Using his expertise in federal tax law and litigation, Bob represented Texas Tech University in the highly unusual situation of the University being an intervenor in the federal case of Estate of Proctor. The U.S. Tax Court decision in the case established that the University was the owner of a 60,000-acre Texas Panhandle ranch under a contested charitable devise. The eventual sale of the property and subsequent matching funds established a trust that provided funding for eight of the University’s colleges, including the Law School.

He was Board Certified in Tax Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and was a member of the tax sections of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas and Dallas Bar Associations. He

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Bob accepting his 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award. In his speech, Bob said that “Finding Texas Tech Law was one of the luckiest moments I’ve ever had. I owe the success I’ve had since to the education I received here. I’m also fortunate for the fact that I truly enjoy going to work most days.”



served as the Chair of the Dallas Bar Association Tax Section in 1996. He was also a member of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association, a Life Fellow of the American and Texas Bar Foundations and a Founding Life Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation.

was respected as a leader by his fellow alumni. Bob also donated considerable sums of money to endow scholarships, including: one for active members of the *Law Review*; one for graduates of Texas Panhandle high schools; and

In recognition of his outstanding career, Bob was named a 2014 Texas Tech University School of Law Distinguished Alumnus. He gave generously of his time in serving on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board, where he

another created in his name by his law firm for students interested in estate planning and tax law, other areas of business law, and white-collar criminal law.

This past spring, Bob died unexpectedly at the age of 73, leaving Texas Tech Law a multi-million-dollar gift that is the largest it has ever received.

“Bob’s gift speaks volumes about his belief in the Law School and our students and will be crucial to ensuring the Law School’s future success,” says Dean Nowlin. “Endowments are a kind of promise – a promise to future generations that Texas Tech Law will have the resources to continue its mission to educate our students far into the future. As one of the youngest law schools in Texas, we have to



The 2014 Texas Tech University School of Law Distinguished Award recipients celebrating together at the 11th Annual Scholarship Gala. **From left** // Bob Collier '73, Jerry Dixon '81, The Honorable Kem Thompson Frost '83, and Wade Shelton '81.



work harder to build on that promise and move the school forward. Bob's faith in us will take us much farther down that path."

Bob credited the Law School for his professional success and rise in prominence.

"It totally changed almost every aspect of my life," he said in a video interview not long before his death.

"Bob was a true visionary. He was a leader on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board, and he always spoke passionately about the importance of growing the Law School's scholarship endowment," says Lisa Green, chief operating officer of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation. "He was also a man of action. He knew that including the Law School in his estate meant he could have an impact on the lives of our students for years to come. With his gift of over \$10 million dollars, Bob made an enormous difference for the future of this Law School and generations of Texas Tech law students."

FROM THE PANHANDLE PLAINS TO THE LIBRARIES OF LAW

Born in 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico, Bob moved as a young child with his family to Friona, where he started and finished school. His mother worked as a homemaker, and his father was a cook in the U.S. Navy before becoming a farmer, according to Brian Scott, a close friend of Bob's and brother of Bob's longtime girlfriend.

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- Dean Nowlin

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As a teenager, Bob worked on the family's cotton farm near Friona and at one of the mills in town, according to Chuck Meadows, who co-founded Bob's firm.

The first in his family to attend college, Bob earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences from Texas Tech University in 1969. He might have continued in that direction if not for a professor who encouraged him to go to law school, Brian says.

In the interim between college and law school, Bob did highway construction work for a year, which influenced his career decision, Tom Duren learned in law school. "He told me he figured out pretty quickly there was something bigger for him to do."

Bob seemed to understand that his strong drive and independent spirit would thrive best if self-governed. As he explained in recent years, "The Law School is really special to me because, when I decided to attend law school, I was looking for something I could do other than work for someone."

Tom Duren and Bob entered law school in the fall of 1970 and got better acquainted in subsequent years as part of the *Law Review* editorial staff.

"We had a lot of small-town roots in common, and we got along real well because of that. Of course, Bob, he was kind of a do-your-own-thing kind of guy.

He had kind of long hair, and that was back when long hair may not have been quite as popular as it is today."

Bob was well liked by peers and had a reputation for being studious and brilliant.

"Bob was the smartest person I ever knew, quite frankly," Tom Duren says. "... I can certainly see how he became a very successful tax lawyer. His study habits and brilliant mind – they were just out of this world."

THE 37TH FLOOR

Instead of long days in the West Texas sun, Bob ascended each day up an elevator to the 37th floor of a downtown Dallas building, where he presided over a renowned tax law firm.

"Bob was a West Texas kid who got an opportunity to get off the farm to get an education, and it took him to the tallest buildings in Dallas in terms of doing high-level tax work, and that's a long journey," says Tom Hall '81, president of the Texas Tech Law Foundation Board.

Bob never took for granted the privilege of being a lawyer. He approached each case with tenacity and great care, resulting in his becoming a widely respected and admired specialist in federal tax law, litigation, and estate planning.

Bob and his law partner, Chuck, met in 1975 just a couple of years out of law school when working at a law firm in Dallas called Durant Mankoff. Chuck remembers Bob being quiet and reserved at the time but friendly and

open with those he knew. They became friends and decided in their 30s, along with a few other attorneys there, to pass up offers from large Dallas firms and instead break off in 1983 to form their own firm, Davis, Meadows, Owens, Collier and Reed.

Chuck knew Bob was an honest, hard-working man who would make a great business partner: “He was very bright and paid close attention to details. He had genuinely good judgment. He was very careful in what he did and had high ethics. That’s what gave me confidence.”

Bob did not like to speculate about answers or assume anything “and didn’t like for others to assume anything either,” Chuck says.

People close to Bob describe him as organized, cautious, frugal, and politically conservative.

“Collier was a guy who was very careful with his financial affairs,” Chuck says.

Though not usually a risk-taker, Bob courageously took the plunge of starting a new firm because he did not want to work for someone else, Chuck says.

Their investment proved fruitful.

“We ended up the next year making more money than we had ever made practicing law,” Chuck says.

Because he was well respected, Bob served as the firm’s managing partner from the beginning until he went into semi-retirement some 32 years later, Chuck says.

Alan Davis '88, who later became a partner at the firm, remembers being a young lawyer in awe of the firm’s founders when he came to work there in 1990, and viewing Bob as “larger than life.”

“Bob was an amazing attorney. His knowledge of tax law and his ability to represent clients was unparalleled. He was really a giant in tax law, tax planning, and tax litigation,” Alan says.

During the course of his career, he was the senior briefing attorney on several precedent-setting, landmark cases in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, including *United States v. Marshall*, *Keller v. United States*, *Kimbell v. United States*, and *Adams v. United States*.

“He basically drafted the briefs that went to the Fifth Circuit that won the cases,” Alan says, “so he was a tremendous analyst and writer.”

Through work with a real estate client heavily involved in the timeshare industry, he became a major contributor of related legislation in multiple states, including the 2013 Texas Timeshare Owners’ Association Act.



Seated from left // Tom Hineman, David Colmenero '97, Bob Collier, Todd Kraft, and Trey Cousins.



Bob enjoying time in the great outdoors.



People who worked with Bob describe him as a perfectionist and a principled man.

“When he had you working on something, he expected brilliance and perfection,” Alan says. “When Bob was on a case with you, you had a lot of hard work to do, but you knew you were going in the right direction.”

But Bob was not all work and no play. As managing partner and one who loved the great outdoors, he organized annual retreats in the mountains of New Mexico for the partners.

“He’d take all these city-slicker tax lawyers out to the middle of the mountains to fly fish,” Alan says.

Alan believes Bob was purposeful in the planning of those trips: “Getting out in an isolated place where all we really

had to do was talk to each other and have dinners cooked by the campfire – I think that was all very important to the building of camaraderie and closeness and just making sure we were all connecting with each other outside of the office.”

A WOMAN NAMED MARY

Perhaps no relationship mattered more to Bob than the one he developed with Mary Scott. Prior to meeting her in 1981, he worked seven days a week and had a limited social life, Chuck says. She changed that.

Bob was about 34, and she 23 when they met at the firm, where she was a legal secretary.

“Mary loved animals, and Bob loved animals, and that was their connection,” her brother, Brian, says. “Mary never saw an animal she didn’t want to save, and Bob didn’t either.”

They both dressed well for work, and Bob paid particular attention to his hair, Brian says, recalling, “He always took good care of his hair. I used to tease him about it all the time.”

When Bob and Mary began dating, she went to work for another Dallas law firm. Though they never married or had children, they lived together until she died in 2002.

“She was an extrovert and really brought Bob out a lot,” Chuck says. “Mary generated their social life.”

Of course, Bob’s work also enhanced his social confidence. He gradually



Mary and Bob relaxing with each other outside on a terrace.

came out of his shell by working with clients and making public speaking appearances around the state.

“People saw how intelligent he was and how careful he was during those speaking engagements, and it really brought him out a lot,” Chuck says.

BACK AT THE RANCH

In addition to Mary, Bob loved buying land and ranching. The hard manual labor of keeping up his ranches on weekends was an outgrowth of Bob’s love of the outdoors and contrasted with his intellectual legal work during the week.

Over the course of his life, Bob acquired nearly 3,000 acres near Energy in Comanche County and 460 acres near Beebe, Arkansas, as well as some 600 cattle, mostly Charolais. Bob raised and sold quality registered cattle for people who used them for breeding and building big herds. The cattle business was not profitable for Bob, but he engaged in it for tax deductions that enhanced his investments in land, Brian says.

As an owner of prime deer-hunting land, Bob probably could have made

Mary and Bob enjoying time together while feeding cows at the ranch.



more money leasing it for hunting than by raising cattle on it. But he was an animal lover who did not want hunters damaging his land, so he never let them hunt on his place, Brian says.

Bob also took a different approach than other landowners to caring for cattle. A lot of ranchers took their chances doing their own veterinary work on cattle to save money, whereas Bob paid to take his to a professional veterinarian.

“He didn’t care how much it cost; he was going to take care of his animals,”

Brian says. “And in all the years he ranched — I don’t know anybody like this — he never slaughtered one of his own cattle or had a cow sent to slaughter for meat. He just wouldn’t do it.”

Bob was not a vegetarian, Brian says, adding, “I just think he didn’t want to eat his own beef. He was a big-time animal lover and probably couldn’t do it.”

There was, however, one incident that might have tested his affection for cows.

“Bob told me a story not too long ago about this calf he had to bottle feed because its mother died during the delivery,” recalls Cheryl Boehme, a legal assistant who worked with Bob for nearly four decades. “He said that calf would always run up to him after that and pull on his pant leg, etc., more like a pet. Time goes by and he was with his ranch hand taking care of some business when all of a sudden this same cow weighing hundreds of pounds jumped up from behind, put both front legs on his shoulders, throwing him hard to the ground, then, thankfully, leaped over him.



“I was so worried he had been hurt. He said if it hadn’t been for the mud and all of the hay on the ground, that cow would have been sent straight to McDonald’s!”

A SENSITIVE MAN

Bob was not known for showing much emotion other than occasional frustration. Whatever emotions he felt, “he would handle them inwardly and very carefully,” Chuck says.

So when Mary and their dog Buster were tragically killed on the way to the ranch in a head-on collision near Hico, Bob handled it like other things, “mostly inwardly,” Chuck says.

That fateful day in March 2002 was one of the most significant of Bob’s life, and his drive from the ranch back to Dallas-Fort Worth was one of the hardest journeys Bob ever made, says Chuck, who visited him at his Dallas house that night.

Brian remembers Bob coming to Arkansas for the burial.

“I never saw him get emotional but one time in all the years I knew him, and that was at Mary’s graveside memorial service, where he was crying,” Brian says.

Bob’s love of both Mary and animals shined through in how he took it upon himself to ensure that Buster, too, had a proper burial. Buster was a large, mixed-breed dog who had been dumped at the ranch a year or two earlier.

“Buster was Mary’s dog, and Buster didn’t like men. Buster would bite you

in a second if you got close to Mary,” Brian says.

At the site of the crash, a rancher who drove by knew the trooper working the accident and offered to take the dog’s body and bury it.

“Bob went and found that rancher a few days later and had him take him to where he buried the dog. Bob dug up the dog and carried it to his and Mary’s ranch and buried it,” Brian says. “That blew my mind when I heard about that. I think Bob knew that Mary would want Buster buried at the ranch.”

A NEW BOB

Mary’s death dramatically changed Bob, Brian says. In addition to scrapping his plans to retire and throwing himself back into his work at the firm, he became friendlier and more compassionate.

Before her death, he was all business.

“I used to call, and when he’d answer the phone, I’d say, ‘Hey Bob. How’s it going?’ Instead of responding, Bob would just say, ‘Here’s Mary.’ He never would talk to me on the phone,” Brian says.

When Bob came to Arkansas for Mary’s memorial service, he stayed with her brother’s family at their ranch.

“He really liked the land, and he started calling me every week and would always say, ‘If that land ever comes for sale, let me know,’” says Brian, who has been a part-time rancher for years.

In 2015, some land near Brian’s ranch finally came up for sale, and Bob bought it. Though Bob remained based

in Dallas and continued to maintain his Comanche ranch, he spent an increasing amount of time in Arkansas with Brian’s family.

“Bob would come up here for Christmas, and we would go to my in-laws, and there would be 20 to 30 little kids running around. We’d sit in the corner, and he’d just watch and be amazed. One day, he said, ‘Doesn’t anybody in this family know anything about birth control?’” Brian recalls, bursting into laughter. “There would be all these kids running around, but he enjoyed it. ... I think he just enjoyed seeing the circus. I really do.”

A few years after Bob bought land in Arkansas, he built his own home there. After that home was completed, he began coming to Arkansas once every month or two.

“During the week, of course, I was at work, but if I was home on weekends, we pretty much were together the whole time,” says Brian, who retired last year from his job as captain over investigations for North Little Rock Police Department. “I introduced him to everybody as my brother-in-law. He was my best friend, but he was also family to us.”

Bob and Brian would spend a typical day there doing ranch chores, such as fixing fences, working cattle, and whatever else needed to be done that day.

“Every once in a while, he’d want to go drive around the country and look at land for a couple or three hours,” Brian says.

Indeed, Bob was always keeping an eye out for land to buy.



Brian and Bob spending time together on the patio.



“There are a lot of things he taught me, not only about cattle but also about buying land,” Brian says.

Likewise, being around Brian, whose life was family-centered, taught Bob some things.

“He enjoyed coming up here and eating family meals. He liked it up here,” Brian says.

Bob had not been very fond of children most of his life, which is why he never had any, but over time, Bob’s heart softened toward little ones, Brian says.

“Every time Bob would come to visit, he’d ask how the kids were doing, and he would actually hold my grandson, which would have been totally out of character for Bob 20 years before. He became more of a family person,” Brian says. “About three months before he died, he mentioned to me that he kind of regretted not having kids.”

Brian remembers another occasion involving Bob and children. Over the July 4, 2019, holiday, Bob was in Arkansas with the family as they prepared fireworks for the young ones. Brian and

Bob were sitting on the porch watching family members set up the fireworks about 100 feet away when Bob said, “I don’t like those fireworks. Hell, they’re dangerous.”

Brian reassured him they were safe the way his family did them. Famous last words.

“Of all things to happen, the one big rocket thing they bought turned over and shot those fireworks under the porch where Bob and I were by ourselves sitting. And Bob had sparks in his hair and tried to get the fire out of his hair. Bob just looked at me with a go-to-hell look and said, ‘I told you those things are dangerous.’ I was too busy laughing to tell him I was sorry,” Brian recalls, still laughing today.

A LOYAL RED RAIDER



Bob also got a bang out of going to Texas Tech games and being active in the life of Texas Tech Law.

In serving as a Texas Tech Law Foundation board member from 2016 until the time of his death, Bob vice-chaired the development committee, was instrumental in the creation of the

new Texas Tech Law Giving Societies and associated interactive digital Donor Honor Wall, and led his class of '73 fundraising effort for the school’s 50th anniversary “Go for Gold” campaign.

Along the way, he enjoyed the many opportunities his involvement afforded him to reconnect with old classmates.

“He liked to try to get fellow alumni engaged, reconnected, and inspired,” Dean Nowlin says.

Bob made phone calls to just about every member of his class to encourage them to participate in the class competition to endow a scholarship.

“Bob didn’t always receive the charitable contributions he wanted, but he really enjoyed reconnecting and reminiscing about the school and being able to share how important it was to him to give back,” says Karen Holden, director of development and donor relations.

“*Everything I have in my life I owe to Texas Tech School of Law.*”

One such classmate he contacted for fundraising help was Tom Duren, who obliged.

In fall 2018, the two men met in person for the first time since law school when Bob invited him to a fundraising social in Texas Tech Law’s football stadium suite.

“He was serious about trying to raise money for the scholarship fund for our class,” Tom Duren says.

As vice chair of the development committee, Bob also canvassed other law schools to study how they engaged with alumni and structured their giving societies. He then helped Texas Tech Law create policies and rules relating to its own giving society.

“Bob was an intense guy. He did not do anything halfway. Whatever the subject was, he was going to master it,” Tom Hall says.

He remembers chatting with Bob at a Texas Tech Law scholarship gala in recent years and thanking him for all the hard work he did for the school. Bob looked away pensively and said slowly, “Everything I have in my life I owe to Texas Tech School of Law.”

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Bob has left a living legacy for people who come behind him, and that’s thinking about others until you take your last breath.

-Tom Hall '81

THE PARADOX OF THE POSTER



Until the day he died, Bob lived a life of purpose doing his “own thing.” He could have imitated others, but he chose instead to pursue his own unique path and passions and follow his own internal compass and conscience. Paradoxically, the

priority he placed on his inner drive and individualism grew into a selfless outward preoccupation with the needs and dreams of others.

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In his final years and passing, Bob honored Texas Tech Law and the students of tomorrow with his gifts of boundless energy and dedication, culminating his life’s work with an unwavering commitment to ensure that deserving students could access the kind of quality legal education that had transformed his life.

“Bob has left a living legacy for people who come behind him, and that’s thinking about others until you take your last breath. That’s pretty profound,” Tom Hall says. “That’s the way he lived his life.”

Likewise, one of the few times Alan ever saw Bob show emotion was when talking passionately about the opportunities that Texas Tech Law provides to help students get through law school.

“He always talked about how Texas Tech was dear to his heart,” Alan says.

Bob had empathy for students needing financial assistance, as revealed in a video interview in which he spoke about letters he received from recipients of his scholarship fund who said they could not have made it through school without his help.

“Some of the letters I get, you almost get tears in your eyes when you read them, so it’s extremely rewarding,” Bob said.

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY

Gifts from wills, trusts and retirement accounts are a wonderful way to leave a lasting philanthropic legacy.

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JAMIE J. BAKER

Associate Librarian of Law and Interim Director of the Law Library

Based on Associate Dean Baker’s previous research on artificial intelligence and legal research, she was invited by Atomium – European Institute for Science, Media and Democracy to participate in “The AI4People’s Ethical Framework for a Good AI Society.”

She is the only member on the Legal Services Industry Committee from the United States, and she will lend her expertise to create a practical, industry-specific framework for the use of ethical artificial intelligence in law.

AI4People is a multi-stakeholder forum, bringing together all actors interested in shaping the social impact

of new applications of AI, including the European Commission, the European Parliament, civil society organizations, industry, and the media. Dean Baker also presented her forthcoming work, “The Intersectionality of Law Librarianship & Gender,” at the Annual *Villanova Law Review* Norman J. Shachoy Symposium.



DUSTIN B. BENHAM

Professor of Law

Professor Benham continues to study and write about court transparency and litigation issues. Last October, he presented on court transparency and the First Amendment at Yale Law School. Over the summer, he was a featured presenter on civil justice issues at Washington D.C.’s Pound Civil Justice Institute and was subsequently elected an Academic Fellow of the Institute.

His most recent law review article, “Foundational and Contemporary Court Confidentiality,” will appear in *Missouri Law Review* in early 2021. Professor Benham also co-authored two textbooks,

one on evidence and the other on Texas procedure. He is the incoming Chair of the Teaching Methods Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).



GERRY W. BEYER

Governor Preston E. Smith Regents Professor of Law

Professor Beyer focused on students, both professionally and personally, by developing innovative teaching methods for his in-person classes and the virtual and hybrid classes necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. He was an invited presenter, either in-person or virtually, at over thirty programs for the nation’s most prestigious estate planning conferences. Professor Beyer’s prolific writing included authoring new editions of two books and co-authoring the national two-volume treatise, *Irrevocable Trusts*.

His scholarly impact on SSRN remained in the top .001%. Professor Beyer maintained leadership positions in prestigious legal organizations, including

serving as a regent for the American College of Trust and Estate Council, the editor of an American Bar Association magazine column, and as the editor-in-chief of the *REPTL Reporter*, the official journal of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT).



STEPHEN BLACK

Professor of Law

Professor Black was the Norton Rose Fulbright Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Houston during the 2019-2020 academic year. He taught Data Regulation in Corporate Practice, Income Tax, Tax Policy, and Corporate Tax. Professor Black’s article, “CyberDamages,” appeared in the *Santa Clara High Technology Law Journal*.

He participated in over a dozen invited presentations, podcasts, and news stories dealing with cybersecurity and breaches, was the keynote speaker at two information security industry events, and moderated a

panel between attorneys for Microsoft and the United States Department of Justice at the RSA Conference in San Francisco.

Professor Black was also involved in the Houston Federal Bureau of Investigation chapter of Infragard and served on the Audit Committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.



BRYAN CAMP

George H. Mahon Professor of Law

Professor Camp continues to publish weekly short-form scholarship in his popular “Lesson From The Tax Court” series on “TaxProfBlog.” Each lesson takes a newly published Tax Court case, explains it, and critiques it. He has done this every Monday since September 2017 and has now published well over 150 blogs, receiving over 1.4 million page views in 2019.

Professor Camp also continues to produce long-form scholarship, publishing his article on Jurisdictional Time Periods in the Tax Code in fall 2019 and his article on Taxation of Electronic Gaming in spring 2020. He coaches the Texas Tech Law Tax Moot Court team in partnership with Professors Outenreath and Black.

In August 2020 he filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in the case of *CIC Services v. IRS*, involving one of his favorite

subjects: The Anti-Injunction Act. He is currently working on a follow-up article to publish after the Supreme Court renders its decision.



ERIC A. CHIAPPINELLI

Frank McDonald Endowed Professor of Law

Professor Chiappinelli is completing a law review article entitled “Patterns of Dysfunction in Couple-Led Family Businesses.” This is the first of a trilogy of articles on family business dysfunction.

He is also working on a law review article exploring the American Law Institute’s attempts to restate corporate law and corporate governance principles. His scholarship continues to be widely cited by other scholars. He is frequently listed among the top ten percent of legal scholars on SSRN, the premier database for new legal scholarship.



CATHERINE MARTIN CHRISTOPHER

Associate Dean for Bar Success; Professor of Law

Associate Dean Christopher published the article “Normalizing Struggle” in the *Arkansas Law Review*. Her article “Error Correction Mechanisms for Transactional

THANK YOU to our adjunct professors for choosing to teach at Texas Tech Law! You play a significant role in broadening our curriculum and enriching our students’ academic experience. We appreciate you sharing your professional insights that link legal theory with practice.

- C. Richard “Dick” Baker
- Brandon Beck '12
- Charles “Chuck” P. Bubany
- B. Allison Clayton '07
- Aaron R. Clements '96
- Donna L. Courville '94
- Ronnie “Ronn” Garcia '08
- Sarah M. Gunter '01
- Hon. Leslie F. “Les” Hatch '88
- Jennifer B. Horn '94
- William H. “Willie” Hornberger
- Hon. Melissa J. McNamara '94
- Rebecca Moss
- Dean Pawlowic
- Don R. Richards '84
- David Smith
- Paul K. Stafford '94
- Stephen Stone
- David N. Strange
- Gary R. Terrell '77
- Lori Truitt '08
- D. Gene Valentini
- Denette Vaughn '81
- Roderick E. Wetsel
- Ty Wood '06

Script Smart Contracts” is forthcoming in the *Kansas Law Review* in 2021.

Associate Dean Christopher presented “Normalizing Struggle” at the Texas A&M University School of Law Associate Deans Conference and at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting in the second-most attended panel of the entire conference.

She also presented on bar preparation initiatives and “Unwinding Smart Contracts: No Good Options” at the Central States Law Schools Association 2019 Annual Scholarship Conference.



J. WESLEY COCHRAN

Jack F. Maddox Professor of Law

Professor Cochran served as president of the University Faculty Senate for 2019-2020. In that role, he was the voice of all university faculty in matters of university governance, meeting regularly with the President, Provost, and other members of the administration.

His position posed particular challenges this year given the onset of the COVID-19 protocols enacted last spring. A new edition of Professor Cochran’s gaming and racing law casebook is scheduled for publication by Carolina Academic Press in the spring of 2021. In addition, he is working on a student study aid focused on Texas community property law.



DELEITH DUKE GOSSETT

Professor of Law

Professor Gossett was a panelist at the August 2020 Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference on the topic of “Partnering with Practice: Bringing Practitioners into your Classroom to Make Law Practice Real.”

She was also instrumental in bringing to campus her friends Kimberly McNair Brock and Lisa McNair, the sisters of Denise McNair, who was killed in the 1968 bombing at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, for the second annual Martin Luther

King, Jr. commemorative event hosted by Texas Tech Law.

The sisters participated in a question and answer session following the screening of Spike Lee’s documentary, *4 Little Girls*, and spoke to Rawls business students and Estacado High School honor students about the tragic event, the impact the bombing had on their family and community, and their thoughts on the film.



SALLY M. HENRY

John E. Krahmer Banking and Commercial Endowed Professor of Law

Professor Henry serves as president of the West Texas

FACULTY AWARDS

Several Texas Tech law faculty were honored for their achievements and contributions in teaching, research, and service to the university at the annual Faculty Honors Convocation.

- ▶ Jamie Baker received the Outstanding Researcher Award.
- ▶ Dustin Benham received the Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award. This award represents one of the most prestigious honors granted to faculty members throughout the Texas Tech University System.
- ▶ Wendy-Adele Humphrey '01 received the Texas Tech Parents Association Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award.
- ▶ Rick Rosen received the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award.

Texas Tech law faculty also received several other significant awards throughout the year recognizing them for their service and leadership in the larger Lubbock community and the State of Texas.

- ▶ Wendy-Adele Humphrey '01 was selected to receive the 2020 YWCA Women of Excellence Award, honoring women in the Lubbock community who have achieved excellence in their careers or professions and whose contributions to business, industry, organizations, and the community are crucial to their success. These women inspire others in Lubbock not only with their professional achievements but also with the work they do for others
- ▶ Brian Shannon was awarded the Governor’s Trophy, a part of the Lex Frieden Employment Awards given by the Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities (GCPD) within the Office of the Texas Governor. The Governor’s Trophy is the committee’s highest honor, awarded to the person who has achieved the highest success in enhancing the empowerment and employment of Texans with disabilities. The Governor’s Trophy recognizes long-term commitment and outstanding efforts at both the community and state level.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FACULTY ON THESE WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITIONS!

Bankruptcy Bar. In October, she presented a continuing legal education program on recent Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals cases. In addition, she is serving as treasurer of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association. Professor Henry has also been busy with research this year, publishing three updates of the treatise *Ordin on Contesting Confirmation*, for which she is now the sole author. She also published the 2020 edition of *The Portable Bankruptcy Code and Rules*, which contains an essay updating the bar on recent changes to the Bankruptcy Code.



WENDY-ADELE HUMPHREY '01

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Dean's Distinguished Service Professor of Law; Director of Assessment; Director of the Texas Tech University Pre-Law Academy

Associate Dean Humphrey serves as the associate dean for Academic Affairs, the director of Assessment, and the director of the Texas Tech University Pre-Law Academy. Among other awards, she received the campus-wide 2019-2020 Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award and the community-wide 2020 YWCA Women of Excellence Award. Associate Dean Humphrey also continues to serve the legal profession at the state and national levels: she proudly serves as a director on the State Bar of Texas.



VAUGHN E. JAMES

Judge Robert H. Bean Professor of Law

Professor James' new book, *Texas Elder Law: 2020 Edition* was published by Full Court Press. His presentations included "Managing the Inventory" and "Administering the Estate Effectively" at the National Business Institute CLE Seminar and "Quo Vadis, the Ministerial Exception" at the Atlantic Union Attorneys' Virtual Conference. Professor James is also a contributing editor of the "Nonprofit Law Prof Blog" where he and a group of tax law professors from around the country blog on a rotating basis on issues relevant to taxation of tax-exempt entities. During the past year, Professor James also contributed nearly 217 hours of pro bono legal service to indigent citizens.



WILLIAM R. KEFFER

Professor of Practice; Janet Scivally and David Copeland Endowed Professor of Energy Law; Director of Energy Law Lecture Series; Assistant Director of Bar Preparation Resources

Professor Keffer is the Program Director for Texas Tech University's new Master of Science in

Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS) in Energy degree, which launched this fall. The online advanced degree program targeting working professionals offers introductory courses in oil and gas, renewables, law and policy, and business and includes some in-person weekend visits on campus.

Professor Keffer set a new attendance record of 301 participants as the Course Director for the 22nd Annual Permian Basin Oil & Gas Law Conference in Midland in March. He also made presentations at the Environmental Law and Enforcement Conference in Odessa, to high-school juniors and seniors at Lovington High School in Lovington, New Mexico, to students at Frenship High School in Wolfforth, and to the International Association of Drilling Contractors in Midland.



ARNOLD H. LOEWY

George R. Killam Jr. Chair of Criminal Law

Professor Loewy published two new book editions this year: the 6th edition of *Criminal Law in a Nutshell* and the 4th edition of *Criminal Law*. Additionally, he co-authors a biweekly column called "It's Debatable" in the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.



DWIGHT MCDONALD

Clinical Instructor

Professor McDonald was elected as the SBOT chair of the Criminal Justice Section for the 2020-2021 term. He also serves as a board member for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Secretary for the Lubbock Area Bar Association, and the chair of the Lubbock County Census Committee. Professor McDonald appeared on a panel at the SBOT Annual Convention in June discussing the COVID-19 pandemic and the criminal justice system in Texas.



PATRICK METZE

Professor of Law and Director of Criminal Defense Clinics

Professor Metzger was named the Texas Tech University School of Law Criminal Law Association Professor of the Year. He continues to serve as a board member on the Texas Tech University Institutional Review Board. Professor Metzger also presented "Punishment Enhancements" at the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association 33rd Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Seminar in San Antonio and "Collateral

Consequences” at the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association’s Prairie Pups Nuts and Bolts Seminar.

For 2019-2020, The Humanities Center at Texas Tech awarded Professor Jill Patterson of the English Department and Professor Metzger the Theme of “Justice,” which carries with it a \$35,000.00 budget to feature lectures, films, and podcasts by humanitarian writers and artists looking to energize the humanities into action.



RICHARD MURPHY
AT&T Professor of Law

This year Professor Murphy has been working on three forthcoming law review articles: “The DIY Unitary Executive” in *Arizona Law Journal*, “UnFoxing Judicial Review of Agency Policy Reversals” in *University of Richmond Law Review*, and “Due Process, Political Questions and Kill Lists” in *Loyola Law Review*. In addition, he co-authored a new edition of the casebook, *Administrative Law: Cases and Materials*, and authored updates for Volumes 32 and 33 of the treatise *Federal Practice and Procedure*.



ALISON MYHRA
Dean's Distinguished Service Professor of Law

Professor Myhra stepped down as senior associate dean and associate dean of Academic Affairs in July, after serving in the Law School’s administration for six years. She has returned to full-time teaching and is thrilled to be devoting one-hundred percent of her time to her students.



ALYSON OUTENREATH '00
Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Erwin and Elaine Davenport Endowed Professor of Law

Associate Dean Outenreath fills an important role in the life of the Law School as the associate dean for Faculty Development. She continues to serve in the SBOT Tax Section on the Past Chair Advisory Board, as a council member where she serves as a Law School representative, and as co-chair of the Law School Outreach Committee.

She also serves as an advisory board member to the Texas Federal Tax Institute. Her most recent

article, “Battle Against Liquor: Will Wal-Mart Soon Be at the U.S. Supreme Court?” is being published by the *Mississippi Law Journal*.



JORGE A. RAMÍREZ
Walter and Anne Huffman Professor of Law

Professor Ramírez taught a course on international trade law for the seventh time at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. In the spring, he began teaching Commercial Law for the first time to help fill a vacancy left by the passing of Professor John Krahrmer, who taught the course for 46 years.

Professor Ramírez also moderated several panels throughout the year, including one on the role of judges for the Mexican American Bar Association, another entitled “Economic Inclusion and the Law” for the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and another on “Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion” for the Law School’s 1L orientation.

On Texas Tech’s main campus, Professor Ramírez continued working with a televised campus-wide conversation program called “Civil Counterpoints,” aimed at stimulating thoughtful and respectful discussion of volatile contemporary issues.



RICHARD ROSEN
Glenn D. West Endowed Professor of Law; Director of the Center for Military Law & Policy

Professor Rosen co-authored a treatise with Professor Walter Huffman entitled *Military Law: Criminal Justice and Administrative Process* which was published by Thomson-Reuters in 2020. He published a 2020 supplement to the Second Amendment chapter for the casebook *Constitutional Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems* published by Wolters Kluwer. His law review article, “Vaccines and the Armed Forces: There ‘Ain’t’ No ‘Anti-Vaxxers’ in the Military” was published in the *Journal of Biosafety, Biosecurity, and Biodefense Law*. In addition to his publications, Professor Rosen participated in a panel discussion of the Texas Tech University School of Theatre and Dance production *Black Girl, Interrupted* at the JT & Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts. He also served as keynote speaker for the 19th Annual Global Biosecurity Law Symposium, presenting on the topic “COVID-19 and the Armed Forces.”



WENDY TOLSON ROSS

Professor of Law; Director of the Family Law and Housing Clinic; Director of Diversity

Professor Ross was recognized at a virtual luncheon hosted by the Texas Tech University Office of Institutional Diversity for her contributions to academia in October 2020. She also served on the Committee to Review Nomination for the Kent R. Hance Chair in Entrepreneurship. In addition to her work as the Director of Diversity for the School of Law, Professor Ross joined the newly-formed Law School alumni Special Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.



BRIAN SHANNON

Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor; Texas Tech University Faculty Athletics Representative

Horn Distinguished Professor Shannon is widely regarded as the state’s leading expert on mental health law. This year he organized the third Texas Tech Mental Health Law Symposium. He also prepared a detailed analysis of recent, key Texas mental health legislation

in an article for the *Texas Tech Law Review*, and the sixth edition of his book *Texas Criminal Procedure & the Offender with Mental Illness* was published in early 2020. Professor Shannon continued to serve on the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health and chaired a legislative subgroup.

He is also a member of a Model Law Drafting Group that is developing new national standards for court-ordered mental health services. Professor Shannon continues in his role as Texas Tech’s NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative and just completed two years as chair of the Big 12 Conference Faculty Athletics Representatives.



BRIE D. SHERWIN '01

President’s Excellence in Research Professor of Law; Director of Dual Degree and Concentration Programs

In addition to teaching at the Law School, Professor Sherwin continues to teach in the Department of Public Health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Her latest law review article, “Anatomy of a Conspiracy Theory: Law, Politics, and Science Denialism in the Era of COVID-19,” will be published in the *Texas A&M Law Review* in spring of 2021. This past year, Professor Sherwin also co-wrote a

book chapter with Professor Alison Drake that will be published in 2021 by Carolina Academic Press in the legal textbook, *Integrating Doctrine and Diversity: Inclusion and Equity in the Law School Classroom*.

Their chapter provides an overview of how they created curriculum in partnership with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas and Texas Housers to bring local, legal issues into the law school classroom and teach legal research and writing through a lens of equity and inclusion.



ROBERT T. SHERWIN '01

Champions in Advocacy Endowed Professor of Law; Director of Advocacy Programs

Professor Sherwin’s direction of the Law School’s Advocacy Program continues to make national headlines. For the second straight year, Texas Tech Law placed first in the country in the American Bar Association’s Competitions Championship. The school also finished second in the previous 2017-18 competition, which ranks law schools’ performance in moot court, arbitration, negotiation, and client counseling.

Professor Sherwin’s work as the Reporter for the Uniform Law Commission’s Drafting Committee on Anti-SLAPP Legislation

culminated in July, when the Commission approved the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act. Now he joins the Commission’s Enactment Committee, which will focus on persuading states to adopt the Uniform Act. Professor Sherwin also continues to speak and publish on the topics of advocacy and litigation bullying. In August he spoke to more than 100 fellow advocacy professors at the Training Advocates Conference, and in September, he addressed more than 200 Texas judges at the 2020 Judicial Education Conference.



LARRY SPAIN

Alvin R. Allison Professor of Law; Director of Clinical Programs and the Civil Practice Clinic

Professor Spain spoke regarding “Ethical Considerations when Declining or Withdrawing, when Necessary, from Representation” at the SBOT Poverty Law Conference in Austin and presented on the topic “Legislative and Case Law Update of Interest to Mediators” at the Office of Dispute Resolution *CLE*. He serves on the SBOT Professionalism Committee and the Texas Access to Justice Commission Law School Advisory Committee. Professor Spain also chairs the Lubbock Area Bar Association Pro Bono Committee and the Lubbock

FIFTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CELEBRATING PROFESSOR CHUCK BUBANY

Charles “Chuck” P. Bubany has served Texas Tech University School of Law with the highest possible distinction since starting as a Professor of Law in 1971. That’s right — this year we celebrate his fifty years of distinguished service to the Law School and our students!

Throughout his career, Professor Bubany has been a favorite teacher in courses such as Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Texas Criminal Procedure while serving as the faculty advisor for the Board of Barristers for twenty years. He was also an influential mentor as the coach of numerous national advocacy teams, including the national and international championship 1987 ABA Client Counseling team.

Professor Bubany’s numerous published works in such areas as family law, client interviewing and counseling, and

criminal law and procedure brought esteem to the Law School. He has been honored for his achievements throughout his teaching career, receiving the Faculty Ethics Award three times, the Outstanding Law Professor Award six times, the Texas Tech Continuing Education Award, and the Faculty Service to the Professions Award from the National University Continuing Education Association.

Professor Bubany served as the George Herman Mahon Professor of Law from 1996 to his retirement from full-time teaching in 2003. But retirement has not stopped Professor Bubany from sharing his expertise as Adjunct Professor of Law, and he continues to regularly teach courses and mentor students.

The Charles P. Bubany Endowed Scholarship was recently established



to carry on the legacy of a lifetime of dedication to Texas Tech law students. Recognizing that Professor Bubany is beloved by generations of law students, the Law School will host opportunities for alumni to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Be on the lookout for your chance to connect virtually and share messages of admiration, respect, and gratitude as we proudly celebrate Professor Bubany and these remarkable 50 years.

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VICKIE SUTTON

Associate Dean for Digital Learning and Graduate Education; Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor; Director of the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy; Director of the Law and Science Certificate Program and the JD/MS Program in the Life Sciences Texas Institute of Environmental and Human Health

Associate Dean Sutton serves on Texas Governor

Greg Abbott’s Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. This year, the task force provided critical information and recommendations regarding COVID-19 issues to Texas citizens. She published the article “Asynchronous, E-Learning in Legal Education: A Comparative Study with the Traditional Classroom” in the *Syracuse Law Review* and blog posts, including “Racism in Administrative Law Symposium” in the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. Associate Dean Sutton’s documentaries *The Court Martial of Apache Kid* and *Space Biocontamination — the Risk is Not Zero* were official

selections for several film festivals. She also served as the Native American Cultural Advisor for *Bronco Billy, the Musical*, which was scheduled to play in London’s Broadway district prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.



JOHN WATTS

Charles B. “Tex” Thornton Professor of Law

At the Law School, Professor Watts chaired the admissions committee,

served as an honor code investigator, and served on the post-tenure review committee and scholarships and awards committee. In November, Professor Watts was a panelist on Texas Tech University’s “Civil Counterpoints” series discussing “Impeachment and the Constitution.” The event was open to the public and was televised locally on PBS. Also in November, Professor Watts and Professor McDonald traveled to Prairie View A&M University to teach a mock torts class and discuss the study of law at Texas Tech with members of the Blackstone Pre-Law Society.



JANEEN WILLIAMS

Reference & Educational Programs Librarian; Associate Librarian of Law

Professor Williams joined the Texas Tech Law Library faculty in January 2020. She is currently writing an article on team effectiveness in academic law libraries.

Professor Williams is the vice chair/chair-elect of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also a member of the AALL Annual Meeting Programs Committee that evaluates and develops programs for the AALL annual meeting, and she was selected as an AALL 2020 Leadership Academy Fellow.



DONNIE YANDELL

Clinical Instructor

Last year started with a win for Professor Yandell. A Caprock Regional Public Defender Office (CRPDO) client was in jail for a minor drug charge. Because the State failed to file charges within the time frame

required, CRPDO filed a Writ in the District Court. The Writ was denied, but CRPDO immediately filed an appeal. In October of last year, the Court of Appeals granted CRPDO relief and the client was released on a personal recognizance bond. From August 2019 through July 2020, CRPDO has handled over 300 cases, including 272 misdemeanors, 31 felonies, and 17 juvenile cases.

AMY HARDBERGER '05 RETURNS TO LEAD CENTER FOR WATER LAW AND POLICY



After an extensive national search for a new Water Law professor with strong applicants from states across the nation, we were very fortunate to welcome Amy Hardberger '05 back to Texas Tech University School of Law as the McClesky Professor of Law and Director for the Center for Water Law and Policy.

Professor Hardberger returns to the Law School, where she earned her law degree in 2005. While in law school she was a member of the *Texas Tech Law Review* and had several articles published as a student author. She graduated with honors and taught as a visiting professor in 2011. In 2015, she was honored with the Graduates of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) Award.

Professor Hardberger brings extensive experience in water and environmental law issues to the center. She has served as an attorney in the Texas office of the Environmental Defense Fund, leading partnerships with cities and working with state agencies on municipal water

conservation policies, energy-water issues and sustainable water planning.

“I am very excited to return to Texas Tech and be given the opportunity to expand my water work by adding a policy element to the amazing water research happening across campus departments,” Professor Hardberger said.

In addition to her duties directing the Center for Water Law and Policy at Texas Tech, Professor Hardberger also teaches courses in property law, water law, land use planning, international water law, and environmental law. Her academic writings cover everything from the nexus of energy and water to water pricing, the human right to water, and Texas groundwater law.

A registered geoscientist in Texas, Professor Hardberger worked as an environmental consultant, project manager, and geologist for Universe Technologies at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. She also clerked for U.S.

District Judge William Wayne Justice in the Eastern District of Texas.

Professor Hardberger currently serves on the board of trustees for the San Antonio Water System, and since 2013, has been a member of the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee for the City of San Antonio.

“We are very fortunate to welcome Professor Hardberger back to the Law School,” said Jack Wade Nowlin, dean of the School of Law. “Her expertise and professional achievements are outstanding and will be a tremendous asset to our students and to the center. She has already put her stellar reputation to work cultivating new relationships and exciting conversations on behalf of the center. I look forward to watching her advance the center to new heights.”

NEWS

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alumni.law@ttu.edu

1974:

At its 2020 Annual Meeting, **Rodney Acker** was named the 70th President of the American College of Trial Lawyers ("College").

The College is widely considered the premier professional trial organization in North America and is the only organization who counts every Justice on the United States and Canadian Supreme Courts as Honorary Fellows. Membership is by invitation only, with candidates nominated confidentially by Fellows who have observed them in trial and judged them to be of the highest skill, ethics, and collegiality.



Rodney Acker was elected as President at the American College of Trial Lawyers 2020 Annual Meeting. He stated: "It is a great honor to be elected and to serve as President of the College. I look forward to working with Fellows on initiatives to uphold the administration of justice, increasing Fellow engagement, and mentoring young lawyers."

Rodney was inducted into the College in 1997 and was elected a Regent of the College in 2011. He was elected Secretary in 2017, served as Treasurer in 2018-19, and as President-Elect in 2019-20.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the College, and I am proud to be the first Texas Tech lawyer to serve in a College leadership position," Rodney said.

"Norton Rose Fulbright has a long history of supporting the College and its mission, and I thank my partners for their support during my presidency. To serve in the same position with the College as Mr. Jaworski and Mr. Eidman is truly a privilege."

Rodney focuses his practice on civil trial law as a partner with Norton Rose Fulbright. He is the third lawyer from Norton Rose to serve as College President, joining Kraft Eidman (1977-78) and Leon Jaworski (1961-62). He is also one of 13 Texas Tech lawyers practicing at the firm, with another Tech lawyer joining as a new associate in January and a Tech law student joining as an intern this summer.

Rodney is also a fellow/member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers,

the International Society of Barristers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Patrick Higginbotham Inn of Court (emeritus).

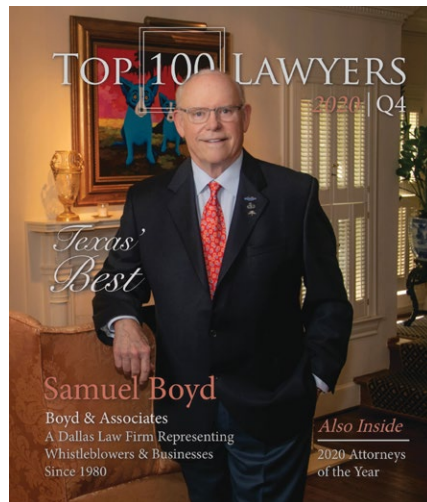
In recognition of his extraordinary career, Rodney was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the Law School in 2014.

David Weinstein '81 was a member of the first Tech Law team to win the national championship at the National Moot Court Competition in New York City, which is co-sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers. "Rodney's election as president of the College is a tremendous honor of international recognition," says David, a Fellow in that organization, who served as chair of its National Moot Court Competition committee for four years.

"There are only a few Tech Law grads in the College, and Rodney's ascendancy to the top reflects great credit on his stellar career as an advocate and on our Law School. We can all take great pride in this gold standard achievement."

1977:

Samuel L. Boyd has been honored by the Top 100 Registry as the 2020 Attorney of the Year. Sam is a practicing Attorney and Founder of Boyd & Associates, in Dallas, Texas. His firm concentrates their practice in



Samuel L. Boyd was honored as the 2020 Attorney of the Year and featured on the front cover of *Top 100 Registry's* quarterly *Top 100 Lawyers* publication.

Whistleblower & Business Fraud Cases. Sam is not only an experienced and accomplished litigation attorney, but he is also an active member of the civic community and a decorated Vietnam Veteran. He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the Law School in 2015.

1983:

Mike Farris has published his tenth novel, *Miles Apart*, which tells the story of three generations of love and devotion, and a family secret that has been buried for 80 years. The novel was inspired by a packet of letters that Mike found following the death of his father. The letters were written in the first half of the Twentieth Century between Mike's grandparents who were separated by a financial hardship. Mike is the author of multiple of books, including the non-fiction account of his successful lawsuit regarding royalties to the *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy, that resulted in a \$13.2 million judgment for his client (with whom he co-wrote the book), entitled *Fifty Shades of Black & White: Inside the Litigation Behind a Publishing Phenomenon*.



1987:

Holland O'Neil, a partner at Foley & Lardner and a member of the firm's Management Committee, has been selected to serve on the Texas Tech Foundation Board of Directors. The board of directors oversees the foundation and its investments on behalf of donors and the Texas Tech University System. Holly is one of the premier bankruptcy attorneys in Texas. She also serves on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board of Trustees.

1988:

David Oliveira, partner at Roerig, Oliveira & Fisher law firm, has been appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to serve on the Strike Force to Open Texas. This team of nationally recognized medical experts and private and public leaders will advise the governor on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1989:

Mike Thompson, Jr., associate general counsel at Texas Association of Counties, has been named Government Lawyer of the Year by the government law section of the Texas State Bar. The award was created to show the section's appreciation of one attorney who exemplifies excellence, dedication to public service, involvement in tough issues of the day, and most importantly, who serves as a role model and mentor to up-and-coming attorneys.



Mike Thompson, Jr. received the Government Lawyer of the Year award from the government law section of the Texas State Bar.

1992:

Jay K. Farwell has been appointed to The San Antonio Bar Foundation (SABF) Fellows Program newly-elected 2020 class. The SABF Fellows are a group of friends who serve as patrons of the charitable heart of the legal community. Together, these elected members make a difference in expanding civics education, filling the gap for access to justice, and supporting the pipeline of future leaders in the San Antonio legal family. Fellows of the SABF are selected for their professional achievements and their commitment to the legal community.



T. Allen McConnell

T. Allen McConnell joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP's Corporate and Securities practice group as a partner in the firm's Dallas office. Allen focuses on corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, and securities regulation for public and private companies in Texas, Colorado, and across the country.

1993:

After practicing appellate criminal law in Texas for over 20 years and making new law 12 times in federal and state court in addition to many other appellate victories, **John Bennett** joined the appellate division of the New Mexico public defender in Santa Fe. Since law school, John has earned a B.D. with honors from the University of London, an M.Th. with distinction from the University of Wales, a Ph.D. in church history from the University of Birmingham, and most recently, an LL.M. with merit from the University of Northampton. He has also written three articles published in scholarly historical journals based on his doctoral research.

1994:

Ector County District Attorney **Bobby Bland** will retire from the District Attorney's office and go into private practice at the end of the year. Bobby, appointed in April 2006, is the longest-serving district attorney in Ector County history.



Paul Stafford

Paul Stafford has been elected Chair-Elect of the State Bar of Texas African-American Lawyers Section. He was also appointed to serve as a member of the Law School's newly-formed alumni Special Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice.

1996:

Andrew R. Evans with Sprouse Shrader Smith PLLC has been selected to serve as a 2020-2021 Texas Bar Foundation Nominating Chair for District 13. Nominating Chairs of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and

their demonstrated commitment to the Texas Bar Foundation. Selection is a mark of distinction and recognition of Andrew's contributions to the legal profession. Andrew is a civil trial lawyer with over 20 years of experience. He regularly represents clients in estate, trust, and fiduciary litigation matters, including will contests, estate and trust administration issues, and officer and director liability.



Andrew Evans

Lubbock Area Bar Association, and the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and a former member of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association and the National District Attorneys Association.

John E. Mitchell joined Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP as a partner in the Dallas office. John has been practicing bankruptcy law for over 25 years, advising clients, many of whom operate in the energy industry, through commercial reorganization and restructuring. He also represents manufacturing, retail and restaurant, commercial finance, and transportation industry clients.

1997:

M. Patrick Maguire of M. Patrick Maguire, P.C., municipal judge for the city of Kerrville, has been appointed to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct by the Texas Supreme Court. The commission is an independent Texas state agency responsible for investigating allegations of judicial misconduct and judicial disability.

1998:

Michael McCabe, senior partner at Munch Wilson Mandala in Dallas, has been named a chair of the firm's complex litigation/dispute resolution section. Michael is also a member of the firm's executive committee and leads the firm's employment litigation cases. Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Labor and Employment Law, he was co-lead counsel of the litigation team that won a \$77 million judgment for theft of trade secrets in 2015.

2000:

Governor Greg Abbott appointed **Douglas H. Freitag** as judge of the 140th Judicial District Court in Lubbock County for a term set to expire on December 31, 2020. He was unopposed in the general election. Doug is a member of the State Bar of Texas, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association,

Tricia Lee joined Dechart LLP's global private funds practice as a partner based in Texas. She will work closely alongside the firm's global private equity practice to advise clients throughout the fundraising cycle. Tricia focuses her practice on the formation, structuring, and operation of private funds, and has represented private equity, real estate, credit, distressed, and other types of private funds.



Denika Caruthers

2001:

Denika R. Caruthers has been named General Counsel for the Dallas County Juvenile Department. She has served as both Interim Assistant and Interim Director of the Juvenile Department. Denika coordinates all aspects of legal representation for the Juvenile Department and serves as a member of its executive team. She

assists with guiding the operations of all areas of juvenile services, programs, and facilities, and is committed to providing high-level legal consultation, advice, and representation to the Juvenile Department, Juvenile Board, Academy for Academic Excellence Charter School, and Charter School Board. She also manages the Juvenile Department's Contract Services Unit, which is responsible for all residential and non-residential programs.

Wendy-Adele Humphrey, associate dean for assessment and strategic initiatives for the Law School, received the Texas Tech Parents Association Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award.

Lewis Brisbois Denver Partner Jon J. Olafson was recently appointed to the Colorado Bar Association's (CBA) Executive Council. In this role, Jon will be part of a diverse team that guides the CBA in its mission of advancing members' practices, supporting the justice system, and enriching Colorado communities. The CBA serves as a leader in providing its members throughout the State of Colorado with various tools to be successful and a community in which to build lasting relationships. Jon is a member of Lewis Brisbois' Labor & Employment Practice. He has extensive experience advising clients on trade secret and corporate espionage matters, complex commercial disputes, wage and hour issues and class/collective actions, FAA regulatory matters, and C-suite transitions. He is also the founder and co-editor of the firm's labor & employment law blog, "The Grindstone."

Juan Carlos Rodriguez joined the firm of Garcia & Block, PLLC in San Antonio. He is a Board Certified Immigration Attorney by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Prior to joining Garcia & Block, Juan Carlos was a partner in the law firm of DeMott, McChesney, Curtright, & Armendariz, LLP where he spent a decade representing hundreds of clients before the Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services.

Justin B. Underwood has been awarded the 2020 Outstanding Lawyer award by the El Paso Bar Association for his outstanding community service and dedication to the legal profession. Justin practices criminal defense and personal injury with WyattUnderwood. He is a Member of the Texas Defense Lawyers Association, the El Paso Bar Association, the UTEP Alumni Association, and currently serves as the president of the El Paso Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

2003:

Leon Reed completed a 200-mile walk from his home in Fort Worth to Austin and spent 35 days outside the Texas Capitol advocating for improved police and community relations. He continues his fight for reforms and can be followed on the "Walk for Reform" Facebook page. Leon will share his vision and



Leon Reed Jr. on his Walk for Reform. He spent 10 days walking more than 200 miles from Fort Worth to the steps of the Texas Capitol to advocate for reforms to improve police and community relations.

inspirational message with the Texas Tech Law community this February.

2004:

Governor Greg Abbott appointed **Melinda Mitchell Jones** to the Nursing Facility Administrators Advisory Committee for a term set to expire on February 1, 2025. The committee provides the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services with recommendations for licensure sanctions and rule changes for the Nursing Facility Administrator Licensing Program. Melinda is a Distinguished Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing.



Jason McMinn and his client celebrate the successful resolution of her case.

Jason McMinn won the highest jury trial verdict in Texas for an underinsured motorist case. A Travis County jury awarded \$462,624 to a McMinn Law Firm client who suffered serious injuries at the hands of a drunk driver who was underinsured. Brothers Jason and Justin McMinn '06 are both graduates of the Law School and are partners at McMinn Law Firm in Austin.

Josh Reno has been appointed by Attorney General Ken Paxton to serve as Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice. Josh has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Williamson and Lubbock Counties and, during his time as a Prosecutor, he built a record of outstanding litigation and was awarded Lubbock County District Attorney's Prosecutor of the Year in 2010.

2005:

Priscilla Camacho joined the Alamo Colleges District's Communications team as Director of Government and Community Relations. Priscilla previously served as the senior

vice president of public policy at the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce (DRC). While there, she led a team responsible for all advocacy efforts to support the North Texas region. Although a native of Laredo, Priscilla has strong ties to the San Antonio community and local leadership. Prior to working at the DRC, she spent almost five years with the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce as vice president of education and workforce development.



Stafford Davis and Shane McGuire '06 celebrate their jury award of \$1.9 million for their client in a truck accident case in Ward County.

2006:

Shane McGuire, along with co-counsel Stafford Davis, secured a jury award of \$1.9 million for their client in a truck accident case in Ward County. Shane is founder of The McGuire Firm that handles personal injury cases across the state of Texas.

Derek L. Montgomery joined Kelly Hart as a partner in the firm's Litigation and Appellate practices. He will be based in Kelly Hart's Midland office. Derek handles a variety of complex civil litigation and appellate matters for individuals, corporations, and other institutional clients. He has extensive experience representing



Derek L. Montgomery

plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of matters, including business disputes, oil & gas litigation, and wind energy matters. He is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, Member of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, and Member of the Tarrant County Bar Association and the Midland County Bar Association.

Leah G. Robertson has been sworn in as judge of the 385th Judicial District Court in Midland County after being appointed to the bench by Gov. Greg Abbott. Leah is a counsel attorney at Ward & Myers, a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Midland County Bar Association, and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

2007:

Lindsay H. Ferguson joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP's Corporate and Securities practice group as a partner in the firm's Dallas office. Lindsay's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and private equity.

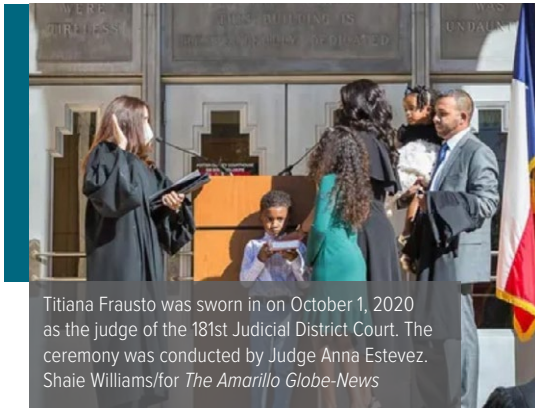
2008:

Lindsay Kinzie, legal program director with The Gatehouse – Grapevine, was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to serve on the Texas Crime Victims' Institute Advisory Council. The council is charged with conducting an in-depth analysis of the impact of crime on victims, close relatives of deceased victims, guardians of victims, and society. Lindsay also received the 2020 J. Chrys Dougherty Legal Services Indigent Defense Award. The Indigent Defense Awards are presented by the State Bar's Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters Committee. The J. Chrys Dougherty Legal Services Award recognizes an outstanding legal services staff attorney. Lindsay was the creator of the legal program now implemented at The Gatehouse, a non-profit serving women leaving a crisis and seeking to become financially independent and fully self-supportive. She has also been involved both locally and statewide in the assistance of helping domestic violence and financial abuse survivors find relief in their legal situations.

2009:

Lead Writer in the Texas Tech University Office of Advancement **Stacy Stockard Caliva** will serve on the 2020-2021 Texas Tech University Staff Senate as President-Elect. The Texas Tech University Staff Senate contributes to the welfare of its staff employees, serves as a liaison among staff, administration, faculty, and students, and advises the administration in matters affecting the staff.

Governor Greg Abbott appointed **Titiana Frausto** as Judge of the 181st Judicial District Court in Potter and Randall counties. She will be the first ever female judge of the 181st Judicial District Court and the first-ever African American



Titiana Frausto was sworn in on October 1, 2020 as the judge of the 181st Judicial District Court. The ceremony was conducted by Judge Anna Estevez. Shaie Williams/for *The Amarillo Globe-News*

District Judge in Potter and Randall Counties. Her term is set to expire December 31, 2022. Prior to her appointment, Judge Frausto was an attorney and shareholder at the Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo. She is the immediate past president of the Panhandle Family Law Association and a member of the Amarillo Area Bar Association and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel.

Chauncey M. Lane joined Reed Smith as a partner in the Dallas office. Chauncey regularly advises domestic and international clients on buy- and sell-side mergers, divestitures, asset acquisitions, going-private transactions, debt and equity offerings and corporate governance. He also counsels private equity and venture capital fund sponsors on all aspects of fund formation, capital raises, and investment adviser compliance, often serving as outside general counsel.

Matthew G. Rittmayer joined the Dallas office of The Blum Firm. Matthew's practice focuses on helping clients establish estate plans that consider tax aspects and non-tax aspects such as family dynamics and efficient transitions from generation to generation. He also works with clients on probate, estate administration, trust modifications, and guardianship matters.

Dallas-based lawyer **Lauren White** is among the new partner class at Haynes and Boone, LLP. She is a member of the firm's Investment Management and Tax Practice Groups, advising a range of businesses regarding business planning and tax issues from initial formation and operation to disposition. She has experience working with partnerships, limited liability companies, private and publicly held corporations, and individual investors. She assists clients in structuring and forming new business ventures and provides ongoing governance and operational advice to joint ventures,

operating companies, investment funds, family offices, and other businesses. Lauren also advises clients on a range of federal and state tax matters.

2010:

Flores Tawney & Acosta P.C., co-founded by **James**

Tawney, hired two Texas Tech law students for clerkships this summer. James is a member of both the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association and the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and serves on the board of New Mexico Trial Lawyers.

2011:

Amber Webb Booker accepted a position as Assistant Vice President, Senior Legal Counsel in litigation at AT&T.

Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City **Kertisha L. Dixon** has been selected by The National Bar Association as one of the 2020-2021 40 Lawyers Under 40. The awards recognize the nation's top 40 lawyers under the age of 40 who exemplify a broad range of high achievement in the legal field, including in advocacy, innovation, vision, leadership, and overall legal and community involvement.

Tyler Goldthwaite joined Cantey Hanger's business law group as a partner in the Fort Worth office. Tyler joins Cantey Hanger with nine years of experience after working with another firm in Dallas and having been in-house counsel for a Fort Worth based oil & gas leasing and exploration company. His practice focuses on corporate transactional work, real estate transactions and litigation, construction, and oil & gas matters.

Max J. Starkie has been promoted at Wells Fargo to Chief Operating Officer for Wholesale Financial Crimes Risk Control (WFCRC) where he currently leads a global team of 1,300

Anti-Money Laundering professionals in the United States, Canada, London, Dublin, Hong Kong, India, and Australia. As the new COO, Max assists WFCRC leaders with ongoing organizational build-out, target operating model work, and directly leads WFCRC's operations and administration teams, namely, Financial Crimes Operations; Analytics, Reporting & Administration; Risk Intelligence & Metrics; and CDD Tools Strategy & Implementation/Delivery.

Kayla Wimberley, Associate Director of Career and Professional Development, has been named the 2020 Lubbock Area Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer.

2012:

Lauren K. Valastro has been named a litigation partner at Diamond McCarthy LLP. Lauren's practice focuses on complex and international litigation.

2013:

Stephen Higdon, with Lyons & Simmons LLP, has been recognized among *D Magazine's* 2020 listing of the Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas. Stephen focuses his practice on handling personal injury litigation and complex business disputes. He has extensive courtroom experience handling a wide range of civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels.

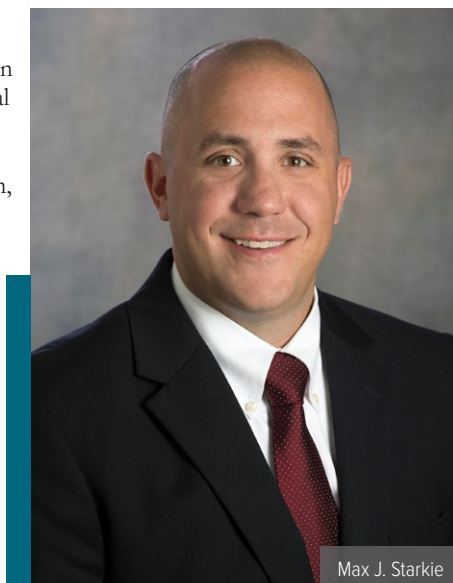
2014:

Alexander D. Good has been appointed to The San Antonio Bar Foundation (SABF) Fellows Program newly elected 2020 class. SABF Fellows are a group of friends who serve as patrons of the charitable heart of the legal community. Together, these elected members make a difference in expanding civics education, filling the gap

for access to justice and supporting the pipeline of future leaders in the San Antonio legal family. Fellows of the SABF are selected for their professional achievements and their commitment to the legal community.

2016:

Kathryn Crocker accepted a position as the new Vice President of Legal at Petros PACE Finance. Katy joins Petros from Cramer Weatherbie Richardson Oliver, LLP,



Max J. Starkie

a law firm specializing in commercial real estate transactions. She represented clients involved in a diverse range of commercial real estate and business transactions. Katy has more than 15 years of experience in the real estate industry, previously working for a real estate investment group focused on international hospitality acquisitions and as a financial analyst in the Real Estate Finance and Securitization Group at Credit Suisse.

Aubrey K. Noonan joined The Crowder Law Firm, P.C. Aubrey is an experienced state and federal criminal defense trial attorney. She is skilled at representing clients in state and federal matters including investigations, trials, and appeals. Aubrey has handled almost every type of misdemeanor and felony case, from DWIs, assaults, and thefts, to felony sexual assaults, and crimes against children. Aubrey is licensed to practice law in the U.S. District Court's Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas.

Victoria Whitehead, General Counsel for the High Plains Water District, has been appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott

to serve on the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The mission of the Board is to establish and enforce policies to ensure the best possible quality of veterinary and equine dental provider services for the people of Texas.

2017:

Jonae Chavez joined Kemp Smith law firm as an associate in the firm's business department. She focuses on the areas of corporate and business, real estate, estate planning, and probate law.

Cindy M. Vazquez joined the Moss Legal Group in El Paso. Cindy handles a wide variety of civil litigation in state and federal courts, ranging from simple car accidents to wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims. Prior to joining Moss Legal Group, Cindy practiced at a defense firm with a focus on the transportation and motor carrier industry.

2018:

Ty Taylor joined McDonald Sanders as an associate in Fort Worth. Ty works primarily

on matters involving business transactions, energy and utilities, and real estate, as well as provides support to several attorneys on a wide variety of practice areas.

FUTURE INDIGENT DEFENSE LEADERS

Marta Acosta '18, Emily Martinez '19, J. Bailey McShane IV '18, Melissa Reyes '19, and Logan Sawyer '19 have been selected to carry on the Texas Tech Law tradition of serving others as members of the 2020 Class of Future Indigent Defense Leaders, which aims to create the next generation of highly skilled Texas attorneys to represent those who cannot afford counsel.

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DAVID LEE BRIDGES OF ROCKWALL 1955-2020



David Lee Bridges lived a full life as a man of faith; loving husband, father, and grandfather; and faithful public servant before he was killed in a tragic car accident in July. After graduating third in his class from Rains High School in Emory, the offensive lineman and Eagle Scout joined the U.S. Army, where he worked as an electrician until his honorable discharge. He worked at the Tyler General Electric plant to put himself through school at Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler before earning his J.D. from

Texas Tech University School of Law. David worked as an Assistant District Attorney until joining the State Bar of Texas to help ensure the integrity of the Texas legal system, eventually becoming Senior Trial Attorney and then First Assistant in Charge of Litigation. In 1996, David was sworn in to the Fifth Court of Appeals. He served as Justice for nearly 24 years and wrote more than 2,000 opinions in his time on the Court. He was known at home and in public life as a man of the highest integrity.



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We are a school that believes in creating opportunities for students. Facing the COVID-19 pandemic this year, the strength of our endowment has never been more critical or meaningful. It is a testament to the strength of our community and a promise to future generations that Texas Tech University School of Law will have the resources to continue educating students far into the future.

Since the Law School's first two endowed scholarships were established in 1970, over 150 scholarship endowments have been created to honor or remember beloved family, alumni, and faculty members. The total value of our endowments now exceeds \$26 million dollars, with over \$13 million endowed in scholarships.

We are truly grateful to all the alumni and friends who made us a priority and established new endowments during this tumultuous year. Our students have shown incredible resilience and determination to succeed, and with the assistance that you and others have made possible, the Law School has had the resources to help them overcome all challenges – and will continue to for years to come.

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- Brad Hancock and Bob Hancock Endowed Scholarship
- Holly and Shawn Haseloff Endowed Scholarship
- Jefferson Cano Endowed Scholarship
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“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

~Robert Louis Stevenson

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW GIVING SOCIETIES

Philanthropy has played an important role at Texas Tech University School of Law since it was founded in 1967. To honor all those dedicated to supporting the Texas Tech Law School Foundation through charitable gifts, the Board of Trustees recently established the Texas Tech University School of Law Giving Societies.

The Honor Giving Society

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honors the generous donors who share documentation of a gift provision in their estate plans for the benefit of the Law School and to either or both the Texas Tech Law School Foundation or the Texas Tech Foundation. These generous individuals understand leaving a planned gift is a wonderful way to show appreciation for the Law School and its mission while accommodating their own philanthropic goals. These donors are celebrated on the Donor Honor Wall recognition display in the Law School.

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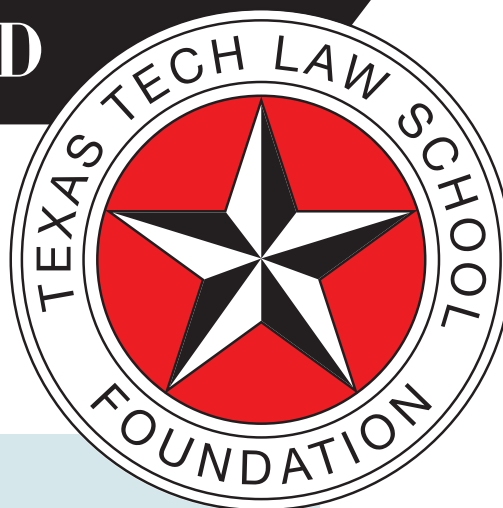
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On Saturday, March 7, 2020, the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board of Trustees and members of the Honor Giving Society and Planned Giving Society enjoyed a small ribbon cutting to unveil the new interactive digital Donor Honor Wall at the Law School. The future success of the Law School and its students depends in great part on the contributions of our alumni and friends. We are excited to recognize all those who give through these new giving societies.



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Thank you to the members of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board for the leadership, expertise, and support you provide in service to our Law School. Your contributions sustain Texas Tech Law and ensure it will continue to thrive for future generations of students and alumni.



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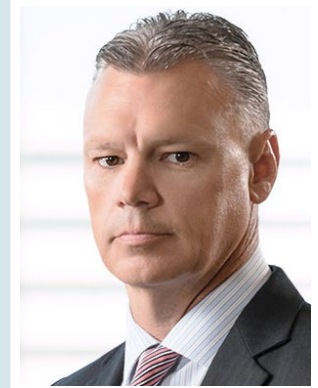
AMBER CASH '09 – ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



Amber is the managing attorney at The Cash Law Firm, focusing her practice on business, commercial real estate transactions and development. While continuing to operate her law firm, Amber also joined a local, publicly traded development company as their in-house legal counsel. Amber volunteers her time with various local organizations including New Mexico Christian Legal Aid and Children's Grief Center.

SCOTT SUMMY '90 – DALLAS

Scott is a shareholder at Baron & Budd, one of the largest firms in the United States that specializes in environmental litigation. He leads the firm's Environmental Litigation Group, which litigates complex environmental contamination cases all over the country. Scott represents public entities in litigation to recover costs of removing chemical contamination from public water supplies, governmental facilities, natural resources, and public property. He is licensed to practice law in Texas, North Carolina, and New York.



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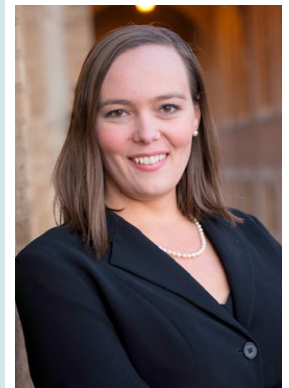


Bob was a law partner at Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam, L.L.P. for more than 25 years and remains of counsel for the firm. He served as the fourth chancellor of the Texas Tech University System from 2014 to 2018. Before becoming chancellor, Bob served in the Texas Legislature for more than two decades as a State Representative and State Senator. He received the Law School's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003 and the Distinguished Humanitarian Award in 2018. Bob served on the

Texas Tech Law School board of trustees for a number of years before becoming chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. The Board is excited to welcome him back.

ANNA GRYSKA '14 – HOUSTON

Anna is an associate in the Houston office of Winston and Strawn, LLP. Anna's practice focuses on corporate and transactional matters, with particular emphasis on representing clients with interests in the energy sector. She also regularly advises clients on general corporate and finance transactions. Anna was previously a judicial intern to Justice Jeffrey V. Brown on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals and an intern to Senator John Cornyn.



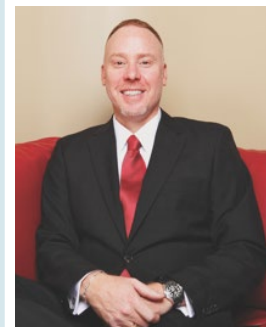
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Rankin is senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary for 7 Eleven, Inc. He is responsible for the company's legal and government affairs teams. Rankin has been with 7 Eleven for 25 years and has handled a variety of corporate matters during his tenure with the company. Before joining 7-Eleven, he was an associate at Gardere & Wynne.

GREGORY GOWAN '95 – CORPUS CHRISTI

Greg is a partner at Gowan Elizondo, L.L.P. He specializes in personal injury and is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Greg also represents minors as a plaintiff's attorney and has been appointed ad litem by both state and federal courts for hundreds of minors around the country. He is licensed to practice law in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.



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As a third-year law student, Jon Harris '20, along with his wife Dr. Katherine A. Harris, established a scholarship to support military veterans attending law school through current use funds and a planned gift.

After a long career serving others in the military and in law enforcement, Jon pursued his dream of becoming an attorney at Texas Tech Law. He graduated this past May and works in the Law Office of the Public Defender in Clovis, NM. On receiving a thank you note from the first student recipient of the Warrior's Scholarship, Jon said "We are so excited we could help another veteran in this way." The Law School is grateful to Jon and Katherine for continuing to serve others through the creation of a scholarship for veterans.

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The family and friends of Texas Tech law alumna Kelln Zimmer established the Kelln Zimmer Endowed Scholarship as the 16th Annual Scholarship Gala Premier Diamond Scholarship Sponsor. Kelln Zimmer will always be remembered at the Law School, where she served as the managing editor of the *Texas Tech Law Review* and graduated with honors. We are proud that promising students will develop into great lawyers in the *Texas Tech Law Review* office named for her, and that the Kelln Zimmer Memorial Scholarship will inspire Texas Tech law students for generations to come.

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Many families celebrate milestone anniversaries with traditional gifts like china, silver, or gold, but to celebrate Rick and Rande Rosen's 48th wedding anniversary, their children Matt, Josh, Rob '07, and Alana '20 decided instead to give their parents a gift that will keep giving back by establishing the Professor Richard and Rande Rosen Endowed Scholarship.

Professor Rosen, the Glenn D. West Endowed Professor of Law and the director of the Center for Military Law and Policy, joined the Law School in 2003 after a 26-year distinguished career as an officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is an expert in and teaches classes in torts, constitutional law, military criminal law, national security law, human rights law, and international humanitarian law.



“I was very proud of my children for providing a scholarship,” Rick said. “They had always promised that they would get me a Cadillac when they were able, but this is much better.”

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