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When Thomas Jefferson ran for President of the United States in 1800, he was asked if his skills as a trial lawyer made him a better political candidate. Jefferson responded that his legal training taught him how to think and decide, and those attributes would make him a better president.

Or, as Tony LaRussa, a lawyer and the extraordinarily successful baseball manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, stated, “Law school didn’t teach me how to hit the ball or how to run or how to pitch. But because of law school, I see the game playing out in front of me on the field in a very different way. My legal training taught me to put myself in our opponents’ dugout. Law school taught me how to analyze and to best deal with a specific situation.”

“The best degree a baseball manager can get is a J.D.,” he said. “The law degree taught me how to study, how to think, and how to develop and implement a strategy.”

And closer to home, Robert Rowling, the long-time chairman and chief executive officer of Omni Hotels and 1979 Southern Methodist University Law graduate, said, “Often I am asked if I had it to do all over again, since I practiced law such a short period of time, would I go back to get a law degree or would I get a MBA? I can tell you that I would not trade my law degree from SMU for any MBA in the country. I got a tremendous background at SMU in corporate law, corporate tax, and partnership tax. The professors were just unbelievable. They gave me a background for business that I don’t think I could have gotten any place else. Today, if you need to find a great commercial law school, you couldn’t beat SMU.”

Lawyers have always been crucial to the success of an organization or company, but for the past several decades, lawyers have been confined to the role of general counsel or compliance officer. The position of chief executive officer and board chairman, it was believed, was better suited for those educated and trained in business, management, finance, engineering, or even political science. The thinking was that lawyers were simply not good at business.

There have been, of course, a few notable exceptions over the years. Southwest Airlines co-founder and former chairman Herb Kelleher and former Time Warner chairman Richard Parsons come immediately to mind. But they were, at the time, considered the exception, not the rule. The viewpoint of Wall Street was that the lawyers didn’t lead, they litigated. Great business leaders looked to the future, while lawyers held onto the past with their love of precedent and stare decisis.

But that perspective has been steadily changing.

Today, eight of the top Fortune 50 chief executive officers have law degrees – double the number from a decade ago. And many Wall Street insiders predict that boards of directors at large public and private corporations in the United States and abroad will give significant consideration to a lawyer as a leader.

Of the eight top Fortune 50 CEOs, three received their law degrees from SMU’s Dedman School of Law – the most of any law school in the country. Harvard Law School comes in second with two. In fact, only Harvard Business School had more graduates (five) among the top 50.

The three SMU Dedman Law graduates – David B. Dillon of Kroger Inc.; Edward R. Rust Jr. of State Farm Insurance Companies; and Angela F. Braly of WellPoint, Inc. – all agree that their legal education and training played a significant role in their becoming C-level corporate executives (CEO, CFO, COO). Individually, they have been named by Forbes, the Wall Street Journal, Fortune, BusinessWeek, and other prominent publications as among the most powerful and influential leaders of business and public policy.

Braly, Dillon, and Rust took different paths from law school to the chief executive’s chair. Braly wanted to be a lawyer. Rust was in the joint JD/MBA program with an eye toward business. Dillon admits that he went to law school simply to further his education. He had no idea what he would do for a career, except that it would have something to do with groceries.

But the trio agrees that their journey through torts and contracts, bankruptcy, and tax law classes provided them with key skills that allowed them to be successful corporate leaders. And all three concur that the value of a legal education far exceeds the simple preparation to practice law; it shapes leaders, they say.

“The law experience, or that training orientation, pretty much prepares you for about whatever might come,” says Mr. Rust, who received his law degree from SMU in 1975 and
received the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988. "I think the legal training and the academic process and rigor around it serves you quite well, regardless of what you do after law school. I think I have benefited significantly from law school. I think the law school experience just really focused and honed my skills."

Braly, Dillon, and Rust say their legal education at SMU instilled in them basic skill sets that they employ as CEOs, including identifying and evaluating potential risks, having an analytical and impartial approach to problem-solving, understanding and navigating increasingly regulated industries, and being an effective communicator and negotiator.

Dillon says that he took "a wide variety of law classes," which he believes have directly helped him as a business leader. He points to real estate law and tax law, which have helped him think through complicated development projects and complex tax transactions.

"Those taught you lots of the basic principles of business," he says. "Law school helped me to learn how to think. The thing I like is thinking from both sides."

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**EDWARD RUST '75**

Edward B. Rust Jr. is one of the longest serving chief executive officers in the country. At a time when the average tenure of a CEO at a Fortune 100 company is 4.7 years, Rust has been in the top seat at Bloomington, Illinois-based State Farm for 23 years. He serves on the boards of directors at Caterpillar Inc., Helmerich and Payne Inc., and McGraw-Hill Companies. He also served as co-chair of the Business Roundtable.

Rust’s grandfather and great-grandfather were lawyers. "My dad, when he finished his undergraduate studies in 1940, thought about going to law school," he says. "My grandfather’s advice was, ‘Don’t! There’s no future in it.’ At that time, a lot of people who were coming out of law school were not able to find jobs as lawyers."

“Something my grandfather did not recognize at that point in time was what would happen through the rest of the 1940’s and the 50’s in terms of growth in government and in terms of regulation,” he says. “A host of things went on that all of a sudden spawned a demand. Law schools started marketing themselves, trying to expand their student base in the late 60’s and the 70’s. Some of this came out of the 60’s with young people who wanted to make a change in the world—the environmental movement, the anti-war movement, and how can I change society. The civil rights movement, the consumerist movement and some people starting to see a way to influence outcomes by pursuing a career in the law.

“I tell people, my three years in law school were some of the best times and experiences” says Rust. “I’m glad I did it. I would not change it, but I would not do it again! It’s like being struck by lightning once; you don’t need to go through that experience again. But for most people, I think law school has a profound impact on how they think.”

Rust joined State Farm’s regional office in Dallas directly out of law school in 1975. He was later assigned to the Corporate Legal Department in Illinois, where he had a mentor who would regularly meet with the legal team to discuss new court decisions and legislative trends.

“He would immediately take the other side of an argument to test your thinking and clarity of rationale,” says Rust. “The head of Sony years ago made a comment, ‘I love to listen to crazy ideas.’ I totally agree with that statement. There’s tremendous value in hearing a variety of ideas and perspectives. I’ll try to have in a meeting five or six people and they don’t all..."
see things the same. It helps to better understand the scope of an issue. It’s like the old adage of ‘ten blind men touching an elephant and trying to describe what it is.’ I figure the more hands or the greater the variety of explanations or experiences ultimately gives you better insight.”

Rust says that his SMU experiences taught him to “look at issues from a multitude of perspectives” and to evaluate situations where “you may not have a complete set of facts.”

“What do you do with what you have? What adjustments do you make? I often come back to the process of ‘thinking like a lawyer’. I have found it very helpful... it’s part of that critical development experience that helps a lot of things. It’s a matter of time, judgment, experience, and exposures to things that shape one’s intuition. The discipline of the law is a much more multi-faceted approach than strictly coming up from accounting, or whatever it might be.”

However, Rust says that the thought process is only step one. The next equally important attribute he thinks law school instills is “the articulation of a response.”

“How you conceptualize and communicate idea are essential components of leadership,” he says. “In business leadership, so much is communication and communication at different levels. If I’m practicing law, I might approach a case differently in presenting something to an appellate court, or to a district judge than if I am speaking to the jury.” A lot of work has to be done on “how to connect with people, how to connect with your audience. Basically, the granularity or lack of granularity of a message is dependent upon who that audience is and what it is that you are trying to convey.”

Rust points out that just because someone is extremely smart or a great lawyer, does not mean that the individual would make a good CEO.

“You can find extremely bright, capable people who might not be able to find their way out of a paper bag,” he says. “A business leader needs to develop a reasonable level of self-confidence. I say reasonable because if you become overly confident, then you are likely going to shut off or dissuade a lot of input that you really should be considering.”

“So much in life is finding a balance,” says Rust. “I think with the legal training and that experience--be it in the case method or just in the sparring back and forth on ideas and arguments--it gives you a level of discipline, of insight, of confidence. It forces you to better understand the other person’s argument and position at least as well as they do. If you don’t, then you put yourself at a disadvantage.”

Rust says that leaders in successful companies have an inherent entrepreneurial itch.

“The thing that’s always nagging at you is, what have I missed or what can we do better?” he says. “What’s the next incremental idea or change? What have I missed? It’s not what I don’t know that bothers me, it’s that I might not know what I don’t know.”

The law classes that had the biggest impact, Rust says, were property, contracts, securities law, trusts, tax, and business associations. He said some of his law professors “talked about looking around corners.”

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When Rust’s attention isn’t focused on State Farm, he’s concentrating on the future of education. He has developed an international reputation as a leading thinker on education reform. He served on the bi-partisan No Child Left Behind Commission. He is the former chairman of the Business Higher Education Forum and the former chair of the Business Roundtable’s Education Initiative.

“I have found it both fun and a little frustrating,” he says. “How do you drive change in an environment that has been resistant to change for years? Ultimately we’re talking about the future of our kids and, from a more patriotic standpoint, we’re talking about the long term strength and success of this nation. Countries like China and India who we economically compete against have taken to heart what we have known all along: that a strong system of education that helps kids achieve at high academic levels drives long term opportunity and national prosperity and security.

“Unfortunately, we get a little bit of this rah-rah attitude, that we’re the best in the world when it comes to education. Our best kids are great,” says Rust. “But too many people are blind to the fact -- that toughest economic competitors are focused on bringing their best up along with those in the middle, and in the lower part; and we’re sitting around here thinking that, ‘It was good enough when I went through school, it ought to be good enough for my kids.’

“Well, that simply isn’t good enough,” he says.

Angela Braly, who graduated in 1985 from the SMU Dedman School of Law, is the youngest of the trio at age 46.

In June 2007, after serving as the company’s general counsel and chief public affairs officer, she was named president and CEO of WellPoint Inc., the nation’s largest health benefits company with more than 35 million Americans covered through its health plans. WellPoint employs more than 41,000 associates and has annual revenues exceeding $60 billion.

“I didn’t want to be a litigator,” Braly says of her law school experience. “In fact, I was terrible at Moot Court. So, I knew right away that I had to do the corporate stuff and wanted to do it anyway.”

A native of Dallas, Braly is the only woman CEO to lead a Fortune 50 company -- a fact that disturbs her greatly.

“It is incredible, isn’t it? There should be 25 women in the Fortune 50,” says Braly, who was listed by Fortune magazine as fourth on its list of the “50 Most Powerful Women.” The Wall Street Journal named her number one on its list of “Women to Watch.” In August 2008, Forbes declared Braly the fourth “Most Powerful Women in the World.”

“We ought to think about diversity from a much broader perspective and it’s not just about gender,” she says. “I mean, it seems such a natural thing for me, because 77 percent of our associates are women. Health care decisions are made by a woman 70 percent or more of the time because they tend to be caregivers of children, husbands, and parents. But it also makes perfect sense when you think that 50 percent of my law school classmates were women.

“Fifty percent are coming of age to be in these jobs; so you would think you would start to see more (women) than we’ve seen before,” says Braly. “The question is, are we managing our businesses with an eye towards diversity, and not just gender diversity, but ethnicity. There are lots of ways to think about diversity -- because if you’re not, you’re missing out and you could be stronger. Fortunately, in my company, people were very thoughtful and created good pathways for great leaders to come up and rise through. WellPoint excels at talent management and succession planning, so I think that’s what businesses need to think about it in terms of diversity overall.”

Braly is equally passionate when discussing the issue of health care and the tens of millions of Americans who are uninsured. She describes it as the “most significant issue impacting people’s daily lives.”

“What could be more important to you than your life, your health and the health of your family? There is a lot that doesn’t work in health care in the United States and elsewhere in the world,” says Braly. “We need to create a better way to navigate the health care system. Our job is to find and be the champion for value in health care.”

“WellPoint is one of the largest Medicaid, managed-care companies and we provide Medicare products. So we are in a public/private partnership right now in health care delivery,” she says. “It is part of the fabric of our society. But the question is, how do we drive innovation? How do we drive that ability to
find the value in health care, because we don’t do it with broad-scale government programs? We think the private market does that and does that well. So, we strongly believe in public/private partnerships, and I think it will continue.”

“We have an action plan for the uninsured,” Braly says. “About 12 million of the uninsured are currently eligible for government programs but not enrolled. We must solve that problem on the upper end of that scale where there are a lot of people who are uninsured who could afford health insurance. Current health benefits are available in the individual market but people often go uninsured because they choose to.”

“And the middle part is the one that we think we have to solve with a combination of a public/private solution,” she says. “Programs where an employer stays involved and the employee stays involved, but maybe there is a subsidy arrangement for the working poor, who really have a difficult time affording even their contribution. Ultimately, it’s a partnership.”

Prior to joining WellPoint in 1999 as general counsel, Braly was a partner in the St. Louis law firm Lewis, Rice & Fingersh.

“Somebody said, how would you like to do this, and I said that would be great,” says Braly, referring to moving from private practice to become president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri. “I loved it and then I was hooked. And then I went back to being a lawyer, which was a hard thing to do. I served as general counsel (of WellPoint) after I had been the president of the Missouri plan, and I said...I don’t know if I want to do that. I was loving the business so much. So, I said that as long as I kept some business operations as general counsel, I was willing to do it.”

“Once you go there, I think it’s hard to go back (to being just a lawyer), because you don’t see the whole business like you do when you’re running a business,” she says.

Braly says there’s a big difference in the viewpoint and expectations being a lawyer at a law firm working for a client versus being in-house as a general counsel.

“I was both. The thing is, when you’re the inside counsel, the general counsel, you have to live with your mistakes. You have to live with it for a longer term perspective and I think you have a more holistic view of all the consequences of your decision-making. When you’re an outside lawyer, you tend to come in and go out, you know, and you don’t always get the full picture.”

While the risk assessment skills that law school taught Braly have helped her as CEO, she says the transition from being a lawyer to being a business leader also caused her to be much less cautious than when she was general counsel.

“I had to go from being the risk assessor to being the business person, meaning you almost have to say, ‘Stop me if this is going to create a legal problem because I’m not going to regulate myself,’” says Braly. “You have to kind of give up that role and not think about all the reasons you have limitations. So, you have to free yourself from that. I think ultimately we probably bring those risk assessment skills from law school to the table. But if you manage a business completely to avoid risk, you would be in big trouble.”

DAVID DILLON ‘76

David Dillon, a 1976 graduate of the SMU Dedman School of Law and the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2002, says he understands and agrees with Braly.

“I try not to think like a lawyer when it comes to assessing risks,” says Dillon, who is 57. “I leave it to the lawyer to give me some caution, because otherwise you won’t do anything. I say well, I have a risk here and a risk there. You do have to sometimes balance those things.”

Dillon became CEO of Cincinnati-based Kroger in 2003 and added the role of chairman of the board a year later. He says that he has always been pretty good at risk assessment, partially thanks to his legal education.

“I tend to think in terms of cash flows and internal rate of return, in terms of cash in and cash out and over a period of time and how you balance that,” says Dillon. “That’s what our business really is. You make an investment in stores, which is cash out, and then you get cash in from the customers over time. The question is, are you going to get enough cash in to return on the cash out. Conceptually, it’s pretty simple, but in practice, it’s very complicated.”

Unlike Braly and Rust, Dillon says he went to law school because he simply felt he needed and wanted more education. Even though he took the bar exam and was admitted, he never seriously considered practicing law.

“I went to law school mostly because I did not think I was finished with formal education, and I wanted to understand how the whole legal process worked,” says Dillon. “I had always been enamored by that and politics, and been enamored by how society comes together and stays together and doesn’t kill each other. And I’ve wondered how all of that happens, and the rule of law has a lot to do with that. So I wanted to understand that better.”

Dillon’s favorite course in law school was the Criminal Justice Clinic.
"The whole thing I learned there was that I couldn't defend somebody until I understood the case from every possible direction," he says. "F. Lee Bailey wrote a book a long time ago, and it essentially said that you have to do your homework. You have to understand the case better than the prosecutor does. And so whenever I had a case, I understood it from the point of view of the prosecution, I had it understood from the point of view of the defense, and I understood it from the point of view of the reporter reporting on the case. And that perspective has helped me immeasurably in work. So I do think it fits."

"I do think it’s how to think," he says. Dillon admits that some of his ideas as a leader, instilled in him by law school, go against the grain of most CEOs.

"I have the characteristic that most people, if writing about leadership, would disagree with me on this, but I think they are wrong," he says. "Good leaders, it is said, establish a direction, and stay with it and never waiver. Kind of like politicians when they like to say they don’t flip-flop. My belief is that, and I’ve said this pretty openly in the organization, that I’m willing to change my decision on any matter anytime in the face of new information and that I’m willing to flip-flop if in fact the facts have changed from what we originally thought.

"A lot of leaders try to get the momentum going in a direction and they stick with a strategy come hell or high water," he says. "That’s just not right. It’s wrong. And I think being an attorney has helped me recognize how that sea might change as you move through time."

Dillon says that he encounters issues or problems as a CEO that cause him to quickly remember the teachings of some law school professors. For example, he points to SMU Contracts Law Professor William Flittie, who taught him how, as a lawyer and risk assessor, to view a binding agreement.

"He said that as a lawyer, you may have to tell your client that their best alternative was to breach the contract and respond in damages," says Dillon. "I thought to myself when he said that in class, I’m not sure I agree with that. And yet from an attorney’s perspective, it’s the right statement. And only occasionally have I ever even thought like that as an executive. My view is that if I promise something, I’m going to do it."

That basic core value is something instilled in him by his family. Dillon’s great-grandfather started a self-service grocery store in Sterling, Kansas; Dillon’s grandfather expanded the business into a chain of stores. Then his father, Paul Dillon, took the company, Dillon Stores, public.

"My whole career has been in groceries," says Dillon. "I ended up at Kroger, because Kroger bought our company in 1983. I’ve never done anything other than groceries, really. So, I don’t know that I could be as successful in other jobs."

Dillon says that even though he has never practiced law, he has not ruled it out as something to do in retirement.

"I start with the basic belief in human rights. I grew up at a time when the Civil Rights Movement was gaining steam in the U.S. The civil rights movement had a gigantic impression on my sense of fair play and justice," says Dillon, who is the chairman of the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati.

"I was one of the few people in civics class in high school that was saying, ‘Yeah, right on!’ I believe these things. They were important to me. That’s what appealed to me about the Criminal Law Clinic. It still appeals to me. What I learned about criminal justice in America scared me actually, because it is more of a game and it is more random than just.

"We had a phrase that we made up in the clinic, that you could beat the rap, but you can’t beat the ride," says Dillon. "The system is going to make you feel like you’ve been through hell, even if you get out. Whether you get out or not is more dependent on luck and counsel than it is whether you did it or not."

"One of the things I want to do in retirement is work with one of the Innocence Projects," he says.

Dillon says that individual law professors made a significant impact on him and how he operates. He recalls one professor that he hadn’t seen in more than a year, when he bumped into him one day at a Dairy Queen.

"He said, ‘Hi, Mr. Dillon. How are you?’ I said, ‘You got to be kidding. How do you do that?’ He said, ‘It’s pretty simple. I decided early on that it was important for me to remember people’s names. And so, I made one of my objectives going into class to remember who people were.’"

Dillon says he told his kids when entering into college that they “could learn more from a professor on a topic that isn’t in a field that you even thought you were interested in. If you would just listen to them and ask yourself, ‘What makes this so appealing to them? What are they seeing in this topic? And then all of a sudden the topic comes to life.”
The Dedman Foundation designated the first $8 million of their $20 million naming gift to match endowment gifts for law scholarships, faculty chairs and faculty research grants. The Dedman match has been extremely successful – creating 26 new scholarships (including 6 full scholarships), 19 faculty research funds, and 2 chairs/professorships.

Robert H. Dedman Jr. ’84 explained, “We hope that this challenge grant will encourage others to accelerate their support of the great progress the law school continues to make with attracting and retaining its outstanding faculty and most deserving student scholars.” The match has done that and more.

The Dedman match has exceeded expectations - generating a total of $11,876,422 in gifts from alumni and friends. This year, the law school raised $5.45 million to complete the second match.

When the Dedman family named the law school in February 2001, originally they gave $5 million to match other donors’ gifts for scholarship and faculty endowment. Because of the success of this match, the Dedman Foundation designated another $3 million of their gift for matching. “The Dedman matching gift is yet another example of the Dedmans’ foresight in supporting the law school’s rise into the ranks of the top law schools,” Dean John B. Attanasio said. “The Dedmans’ generosity has encouraged many to follow in their footsteps.”

The Dedman Foundation was established by the late Robert H. Dedman, Sr. ’53, the founder of ClubCorp, who earned a LL.M. degree from SMU, and his wife, Nancy, who received a bachelor’s degree in political science from SMU and was named an honorary alumna of the Dedman School of Law.

The Foundation board includes their daughter, Patricia Dedman Nail, who earned a master’s degree from SMU; and their son, Robert H. Dedman, Jr., who received both J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from SMU and serves on the law school’s Executive Board. Robert Dedman, Jr.’s wife, Rachael Redeker Dedman, holds a master’s degree from SMU.

This year, the Noel family generously gave $4 million to endow the Deanship, creating the Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law, in honor of their father, a former Federal Court District Judge in Houston. (See Noel Family Endows the Law School Deanship for $4 Million in Honor of Judge James L. Noel, Jr. ’38 herein.) The Dedman Foundation matched this endowment with $1 million establishing a $5 million endowment for the Deanship. The Noels previously gave $100,000 under the first match to create the James L. Noel, Jr. Scholarship Endowment.

Dr. Helmut Sohmen ’66 added an additional $1 million to the prestigious Helmut Sohmen Chinese Scholars Endowment. Each year, the Sohmen Scholars Program brings at least four top scholars from China to study in the international LL.M. program. The scholars are awarded a full scholarship plus living stipend for the year. This gift will bring another scholar here annually. Dr. Sohmen’s gift closed out the match allocated for scholarships, resulting in a matching gift of approximately $460,000. Dr. Sohmen previously utilized the match by giving $2 million to create the Sohmen Chinese Scholars program, all of which was matched by the Dedmans.

Rick Scott ’78 added $250,000 to the Richard L. Scott Family Scholarship Endowment. The Scotts previously gave $100,000 to create this endowment. The Dedman Foundation matched both gifts.

Others taking advantage of the match this year include Alan Feld ’60. He donated $100,000, taking advantage of his IRA rollover, to name a scholarship in honor of his parents and his wife Anne’s parents, creating the Henry R. and Rose S. Feld and Morton H. and Hortense Sanger Scholarship Endowment. The Dedman family matched this gift.

Grant ’88 and Nelda Sanchez Adamson ’88, who meet in law school, gave $100,000, all matched, to establish the Nelda Sanchez Adamson Endowed Scholarship. Nelda was a single mother who worked her way through law school with the help of a scholarship. They read about the match in last year’s Quad and decided to take advantage of this opportunity.

“The Dedman family’s generosity provides others the opportunity to maximize their gifts,” said Lynn Bozalis ’90, Director of Development and External Affairs for the law school. “At the same time it has enabled us to focus on our priorities of endowing more scholarships and chairs to attract and retain top students and faculty.”
SMU Dedman Law Receives Historic Endowment

Noel Family Endows the Law School Deanship for $4 Million in Honor of Judge James L. Noel, Jr. ‘38

The Noel family has endowed the law school deanship with a $4 million gift in honor of their father, the late Judge James L. Noel, Jr. ‘38. The Dedman family has matched this gift with $1 million, for a total endowment of $5 million. Judge Noel’s five children, James L. Noel III, Carol Noel King ’76, Edmund O. Noel ’75, William D. Noel ’82 and Robert C. Noel ’80, ’89, and their spouses endowed the Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law.

“This is a wonderful way to honor Judge Noel and truly a historic moment in the law school’s history,” said Dean John B. Attanasio. “Only a relatively small number of law schools have the deanship endowed, and even fewer at the $5 million level. We express our sincere gratitude to the entire Noel family for their investment in SMU Dedman School of Law’s present and future.”

Judge Noel graduated from SMU School of Law in 1938 with an LL.B. and received two bachelors’ degrees from SMU as well. After working as an assistant district attorney in Dallas County while in law school, he became an assistant Texas attorney general upon graduation. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Judge Noel joined the Navy and served as a legal officer in Hawaii. He then returned to the Texas attorney general’s office as its lead oil and gas lawyer before joining the Houston law firm Butler, Binion, Rice & Cook. He later established his own law firm in Houston. President John F. Kennedy appointed Judge Noel to the federal district court bench in Houston in 1961 where he served until he took senior status in 1976.

Judge Noel was married to Virginia Grubbs Noel, who practiced law at Baker Botts during World War II, before leaving her practice to raise their five children.

The Noel family, all of whom live in Houston, has longstanding ties to SMU. Four of the five Noel children have SMU degrees, including three from the SMU Dedman School of Law. Carol Noel King, Will Noel and Robert Noel all received their J.D.s from SMU. Ed Noel and his wife Patrice both received their undergraduate degrees from SMU. Jim Noel, also a lawyer, stayed in Houston to work in the family business while attending law school. Jim and his wife, Melinda have a daughter, Mindy (McGehee) Riseden, who graduated from SMU Dedman School of Law in 2003. Carol’s and Robert’s spouses, J. Stephen King and Deanna Moore Noel, also hold SMU Dedman Law degrees. Will Noel, married to Barbara, has served as a long time member of the SMU Dedman Law School Executive Board.

He and Barb are very involved in the law school community.

A celebration of this historic gift will occur this fall.
On September 12, 2008, SMU officially launched the Second Century Campaign. The broad campaign goals include enhancing student quality, faculty and academic excellence, and the overall student experience. As SMU Dedman School of Law continues to excel and become a solid top 25 law school, key priorities for SMU Dedman School of Law include increasing the endowment for student scholarships and faculty chairs. Competition for top students and faculty only increases as the school becomes more competitive. Investments in scholarships and chairs are essential to attract and retain top students and faculty.

Volunteers will be essential to our efforts. SMU Dedman School of Law is pleased to announce that Alan Feld ’57 ’60 has agreed to serve as the convening co-chair for the Law School. Mr. Feld serves as the long-standing Chairman of the Law School Executive Board and is one of the four Senior Executive Partners with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. Nancy Dedman has agreed to serve as an honorary co-chair. Four others have agreed to serve as co-chairs - Marilyn Hussman Augur ’89, Ron Barger ’81, George Bramblett, Jr. ’63, ’66 and Phil Wise ’78, ’81. All serve on the Law School Executive Board. All but Ms. Augur have a law degree from SMU Dedman School of Law. Ms. Augur received her MBA from the Cox School of Business. She formerly owned North Texas Mountain Valley Water, and is involved in numerous civic and philanthropic efforts throughout Texas and around the world. Mr. Barger is General Counsel of the Archon Group, LP, an affiliate of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Mr. Bramblett is a partner in the Business Litigation Section at Haynes and Boone, LLP. Mr. Wise is a Founder of Cienda Partners, which focuses on making entrepreneurial investments in activities that improve the quality of the life in communities. Last year, Cienda Partners donated the land in Dallas that linked the Katy and the Trinity Trails.

As the University moves into the public phase of the campaign, volunteers are joining the Law School Campaign Committee. They will meet this fall to assist the Law School in its campaign efforts. “This is an exciting time in the Law School’s history. There is tremendous momentum and strong support from alumni and friends,” said Lynn Switzer Bozalis ’90, Director of Development and External Affairs for SMU Dedman Law. “I feel privileged to be working with such a talented group of co-chairs and committee members.”

“This campaign, if successful, should propel the SMU Dedman School of Law into the top ranks of American legal education. The last campaign enabled us to dramatically improve entering student credentials, attract a number of outstanding faculty, build community through the dining hall and influence the path of law through projects like the Rule of Law Forum,” said Dean John B. Attanasio.
SMU Dedman School of Law had over 2,700 J.D. applicants for fall 2007, an increase over the number of fall 2006 applicants. The increase is notable in a year when there was a decrease in the number of applicants to law school nationally. For the fifth straight year, less than a quarter of the full-time applicants were admitted, making for a highly competitive selection process.

But it is not just the number of applicants that continues to increase. The Dedman School of Law’s median LSAT score for the full-time program has reached an all-time high of 164, surpassing the 90th percentile of all LSAT takers. The median LSAT score for the program has been climbing for the past ten years. According to Virginia Keehan, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, “We were thrilled to achieve a 90th percentile LSAT median. It is just one aspect that demonstrates the wonderful quality of students who are choosing to enroll at SMU Dedman School of Law.” Additionally, students from minority groups comprised an unprecedented 27.3 percent of the 2007 entering class.

The law school’s evening program also continues to gain recognition. Since the re-emergence of the program, the credentials have increased annually, attracting a deep pool of highly qualified applicants. Nearly a quarter of the 2007 entering class had obtained a graduate degree prior to entering the evening program. Evening law students hail from a wide variety of careers. This year’s class includes a veterinarian, a pharmacist, consultants, IT professionals, engineers, and teachers, among many other professions. The median undergraduate GPA of the evening program increased to a record high of 3.54. This, combined with the median LSAT score of 159, resulted in the most impressive entering class to date.

Over 50 undergraduate institutions are represented in the 2007 entering class. All of the major universities in Texas had graduates in the entering class along with other outstanding universities such as Harvard, Dartmouth, Stanford, USC, Wake Forest, Notre Dame, and Vanderbilt.

Further, the Masters in Law for foreign law school graduates brings students who are both diverse and highly accomplished to the law school. In 2007, our International LLMs represented seventeen different countries including: Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, Republic of Georgia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, and United Kingdom. These students, who are all licensed attorneys in their home countries, come to SMU for one year to learn common law, then return home to incorporate this into their already successful practices. One such student, Victor Odhiambo, a Kenyan civil rights attorney, has taken what he learned at SMU Dedman School of Law to work with the RCN Justice and Democracy of Sudan. There, Victor helps to re-engineer the Judiciary of Southern Sudan towards a common law legal system. Victor’s work involves educating the judges of Southern Sudan's judiciary on the fundamentals of common law and its underlying principles.

SMU Dedman School of Law continues to receive national and international recognition. High entering student credentials, along with the success of our graduates in finding employment, and the reputation these graduates earn once employed, are leading factors in the law school attracting highly qualified candidates that continue to raise the bar for future classes.

“Employers constantly rave about both our day and evening students, which makes us very proud.”

–Dean John B. Attanasio
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Technological Services

Over the last year, the Office of Career Services (OCS) reached a pivotal goal in improving the technology services offered to assist law students, alumni, and employers. “From working with the evening program students over the past four years, as well as the very tech-savvy millennials, we recognized the need to have more online resources available on a 24/7 basis where they could be accessed when they are needed,” said Karen Sargent, Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services.

The first major technological improvement was implementing Symplicity, a new web-based, fully functional recruiting system. Through Symplicity, law students can manage the on-campus and off-campus recruitment programs, from the application process to scheduling interviews. Students also use Symplicity to conduct research on legal employers and access the online job bank for job opportunities. Access to the online job bank is also available to law school alumni who wish to search for attorney positions. Through the web-based features of the system, law students and alumni have the ability to access these services on campus and from the convenience of their home computers. Additionally, employers are able to directly access the job bank to post positions and even have the capability of requesting that applicants apply for positions directly online through the system.

OCS has added an additional feature on Symplicity to allow online networking between students and alumni. “Many alumni have expressed an interest in serving as a mentor to our students to advise them on issues such as practice areas, legal markets in specific geographic areas, and other career related topics,” says Karen Sargent. “As a mentor, an alum merely needs to register on Symplicity and agree to make their contact information available to students who may want to ask career-related questions. By doing this, our alumni will not only help our law students and recent graduates in their professional development, they will also stay connected to the law school, its students, and fellow graduates.”

The OCS also recently revised and updated the content of its website to provide more resources to law students, alumni, and employers. Many of the career related resources that were once only available in print are now posted on the website for both current law students and alumni to access.

In addition to all the online resources, the office’s Technology Center, which is available to both law students and alumni, is equipped with computer terminals, printers and a scanner to provide access to online research of the legal market and legal employers. Through these technological improvements, the OCS has been able to provide more streamlined services and resources to law students, alumni, and employers. The OCS has also allowed the office staff to focus on other important goals, such as marketing law students to the legal community and generating job opportunities for both law students and alumni.
Evening Program

The evening program students now make up over 38 percent of the JD population at SMU Dedman School of Law. The achievements and paths to employment for evening law students have been highly competitive. OCS has been working with four classes of evening law students, including its first graduating class, the class of 2008. Many of these graduating students participated in traditional summer clerkships. Other evening students transitioned during their third or fourth years to full-time or part-time employment with law firms or other legal employers. Frequently, legal employers have extended an offer of permanent employment to evening students who began working for them prior to graduation. For some students, their legal education has opened up new opportunities in business.

As the Class of 2008 makes its way into the legal community, the OCS believes these graduates will continue to enhance the reputation of the evening program and serve as a resource for career development to the classes that follow them. “Throughout this year, our office has been able to advertise an increasing number of employment opportunities for our students as legal employers continue to discover the year-round availability of evening program students, the value of their prior work experience, and their strong work ethic,” said Tennessee Nielsen, Associate Director of Career Services for the Evening Program.

Employment Statistics

For the past three years the employment of law students has reached the high levels seen before the downturn in the market in the early 2000’s. Six to nine months after graduation, 97.7 percent of the 214 graduates were employed, compared to a national percentage of 94.2 percent, according to the placement statistics compiled by the OCS and the National Association of Law Placement 2007 National Summary Report.

“The legal employment market over the past few years has been exceptionally strong,” Sargent said. The majority of the 2007 graduating class—70 percent—went into private practice, with the class well-diversified between small firms and large firms.

“Our law school continues to serve the Texas regional market. Over 90 percent of our graduates chose to remain in Texas, with 82 percent staying in the DFW area,” Sargent said. The remaining students relocated among twenty-four states, with the larger percentages moving to California, Colorado and Georgia, and two foreign countries, Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Korea.

With the recent increase of starting salaries among the large firms, the median starting salary was $110,000 for graduates entering private practice. The median starting salary for all employed graduates in every sector (private practice, business, government, public interest and academic) increased from $76,500 in 2006 to $82,000 in 2007, compared to a national median of $65,748.

Recruiting on campus this year will feature two interview programs. In September the Fall On-Campus Interview Program will begin with Early Interview Day on Saturday, September 6, 2008 and will continue through September 19, 2008. Fall Recruiting: Phase II, which is a new, time-flexible program free of charge for smaller law firms, government and non-profit agencies, will be held from October 20-31, 2008. Interested alumni are invited to contact the OCS to register for either program at (214) 768-2797.
Julie Forrester Promoted to Professor

Julie Forrester is a leading figure on the national stage in the areas of property and real estate finance. As her article in this issue of The Quad demonstrates, her far-sighted work on predatory lending and the subprime exemplifies the importance of legal scholarship."

—Dean John B. Attanasio

Professor Julie Forrester obtained her B.S.E.E. with highest honors from the University of Texas at Austin. She then earned her JD from the University of Texas in 1985, with honors. In Law School, she was a member of the Texas Law Review and the Order of the Coif. Prior to joining the SMU Law faculty, she practiced for the law firm of Thompson and Knight primarily in the areas of real estate and other transactional law.

Professor Forrester teaches in the areas of Property, Real Estate Transactions, and Land Use. She is an outstanding teacher, regularly commanding large enrollments in her elective courses. Professor Forrester also has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She currently chairs the Law School's Financial Aid Committee, and is a member of the Law School's Appointments Committee.


Most recently, Professor Forrester has coauthored Property Law: Cases, Materials, and Questions, with Professor Edward Chase and published by Lexis-Nexis. This past spring semester, she lectured at Columbia Law School and at the Dallas meeting of the Society of International Business Fellows.
Jenia Turner Receives Tenure and is Promoted to Associate Professor

Jenia Iontcheva Turner received her JD from Yale Law School in 2002, and her B.A. from Goucher College. At Yale, she was a Schell Fellow in International Human Rights, a Coker Fellow in Civil Procedure and Articles Editor for both the *Yale Law Journal* and the *Yale International Law Journal*. At the University of Chicago Law School, she was a Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law, teaching Comparative Criminal Procedure and Legal Writing.

At the SMU Dedman School of Law, she has taught Criminal Procedure; Topics in Advanced Criminal Procedure; Comparative Criminal Procedure; International Organizations; and International Crimes. She also taught an unusual course in which SMU law students were able to write legal memoranda actually used by the Iraqi High Tribunal. She is an excellent teacher, who cares deeply about her students and shows mastery of her subject matter.


Professor Turner’s scholarship focuses primarily on a wide variety of criminal procedure and international issues. Her methods include interdisciplinary research, comparative research, and empirical research. She has also lectured widely on her work, including having taught a short course in international organizations at Vanderbilt University Law School. She has lectured or delivered faculty workshops all around the country and internationally including: Yale Law School; Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice; Washington University; Humboldt University, Berlin; the American Association of Law Schools; and the International Academy of Comparative Law, Utrecht, The Netherlands. She has also been a frequent lecturer at the Rule of Law Forums. In partnership with Professor Jeff Gaba, Professor Turner has developed the law school’s faculty forum series, one of the most comprehensive in the country.

“Jenia Turner is developing into one of the leading voices on criminal procedure in the world. She is already a mentor to many of our young faculty.”

—Dean John B. Attanasio
The SMU Dedman School of Law is pleased to announce the addition of Associate Professor of Law, D. Aaron Lacy. Professor Lacy’s scholarship focuses on employment law and employment discrimination law, as well as critical race theory. His primary research project is to investigate and reveal the nuanced and sophisticated nature of contemporary discrimination and examine its implications for legal doctrine.

“Aaron Lacy was highly sought after by several prominent law schools, we’re proud to have him here,” said Dean John B. Attanasio.

D. AARON LACY  
Associate Professor

“His record of publications and presentations is outstanding.”  –Dean John B. Attanasio

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of Maryland in 1993, Professor Lacy obtained his Juris Doctor degree in 1996 from the University of Florida School of Law. While in law school, he served as an executive editor of the University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy, as a judicial law clerk for Florida’s Fifteenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and as the President of the Law College Council.

Following law school, Professor Lacy spent eight years in practice in Maryland and Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, specializing in civil rights violations, especially employment discrimination issues. While working full-time, he earned a Master of Laws degree in Law and Government with a concentration in Labor and Employment Law from American University Washington College of Law in 2003.

Professor Lacy began his teaching career as an Assistant Professor of Law at Florida’s Barry University School of Law in 2005, after publishing five law review articles on employment law. He has a forthcoming article titled “The Most Endangered Title VII Plaintiff?: Exponential Discrimination Against African-American Males” scheduled for publication in the Nebraska Law Review and another article, “The Aftermath of Katrina: Race, Undocumented Immigrants and The Color of Money”, due for publication in the Texas Wesleyan Law Review.

In addition to presenting his scholarship and serving on panels at numerous conferences throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, Professor Lacy has spoken at conferences held in Germany and England. “Aaron’s recognized expertise in the area of employment law and discrimination will be a valuable asset to our students and faculty,” Dean Attanasio said. “His record of publications and presentations is outstanding.”
RUTH CROSS Appointed as Associate Dean of Administration

Ruth A. Cross was recently named the Associate Dean for Administration. As the Associate Dean for Administration, Cross oversees the law school facilities, junior staff, events, website, and special projects. “I hope to help the law school continue to run smoothly and to meet the needs of the faculty and staff as I am able,” says Cross.

Cross is no stranger to the law school. Her vast teaching and administrative experience has had a substantial impact on campus. She began her career at SMU in 1984 as an adjunct professor of Legal Research and Writing. In 1999, she later became the Director of the Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy program, a position she still holds today. “Ruth has done a fabulous job in making our Legal Research and Writing program one of the best in the country,” says Dean John B. Attanasio. Cross also is a Senior Lecturer teaching courses in Texas Pre-Trial Procedure and Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure.

“Ruth is a person of exceptional talent, experience and quality. She is attuned to the academic environment – having an excellent academic background,” says Dean John B. Attanasio.

Cross said, “I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching -- that is why I’ve done it all of these years. I’m excited to also have the opportunity to work in an administrative role at the law school, and I’m hoping that my familiarity with the school will help me in this new role.” According to Martin L. Camp, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, “Ruth is the perfect person for this position, because she has been at the law school for many years teaching legal writing and upper level classes, so she has a good understanding of issues facing students and faculty.”

While at the law school, Cross has also served as the executive editor of The International Lawyer, taught in the Lawyering Program, and currently serves as the faculty advisor for the Jackson Walker Moot Court Board, where she helps develop and research the fact pattern that is the basis for the first year brief and oral advocacy competition. Other career highlights include working in the Dallas offices of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, & Feld and Arter & Hadden as a civil litigator with an emphasis on appellate practice and clerking for the Dallas Court of Appeals.

Cross graduated magna cum laude with a Plan II degree from The University of Texas. She also received her J.D. from The University of Texas. She and her husband Terry, an oil and gas attorney at McClure & Cross, have three children, Adam, Andrew, and Danielle.

Cross’ position was formerly held by Christine Szaj, who resigned in June to become the Vice President and Chief of Staff at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

“Ruth is a person of exceptional talent, experience, and quality. She is attuned to the academic environment.” – Dean John B. Attanasio
Nielsen joined the Office of Career Services in July 2007 to counsel students in the JD Evening Program, and the students in the tax and international LLM programs. Her enthusiasm for the Evening Program was cemented when she attended one of the periodic informational sessions the law school offers potential applicants. “I was so impressed with the caliber of people considering the Evening Program and their compelling backgrounds, that I knew it would be exciting to work with them as law students,” Nielsen said.

Nielsen grew up in Dallas and is a 1980 graduate of the law school. She earned her A.B. magna cum laude in 1994, and her M.A. in 1997, from the University of Texas at Dallas in Literary Studies. She earned her J.D. from the SMU Dedman School of Law in 2003, where she was a member of the SMU Law Review and Order of the Coif. She received awards for best student law review comment and best brief.

After graduation, Ms. Stobaugh joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal in Dallas as an associate where she has practiced in the area of business litigation and commercial contracts. Ms. Stobaugh has also participated in the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program. She is teaching in the area of legal research and writing, as well as trial advocacy.
Rebekah Steely Brooker '04
Assistant Director of Development and External Affairs

Rebekah Steely Brooker '04 joined the law school as the Assistant Director of Development and External Affairs in fall 2007.

"It’s exciting to return to the law school. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to give back to an institution that offered me a wonderful education and provided me with the ability and insight to pursue my legal career. My life has been significantly shaped by my time here."

Prior to returning to SMU, Brooker practiced business litigation and estate planning as an associate at Passman & Jones. She received her B.B.A. in management with an international emphasis from Texas A&M University in 2000 and a J.D. from the SMU Dedman School of Law in 2004. During law school, Brooker was selected to the Order of the Barristers, which recognizes excellence in oral advocacy competitions. She also served as a managing editor for the International Law Review Association, was elected Vice President of the Student Bar Association, and was inducted as a member of the Barristers.

Michael Law
Web Developer

Michael received a B.A. degree in MIS from the University of Mississippi and has ten years’ experience in the area of website design, management, and project development. Prior to joining the law school, he served as Web Developer for CompUSA where he was responsible for developing major web systems and applications. After streamlining CompUSA online marketing and revolutionizing the department workflow, he was promoted and awarded with CompUSA President’s Award for Outstanding Performance. Michael will be the primary person responsible for maintaining our website and developing web pages and products for new initiatives. He will also assist in providing technical support to law school students, faculty and staff.

Kristy Offenburger
Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing

Kristy Offenburger is our Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Texas at Dallas and has over five years experience working as a graphic designer at TWG Advertising, Inc. and ClubCorp. She will be responsible for producing the law school’s annual magazine The Quad and for developing and designing marketing and communications materials relating to the law school for distribution to the public and other constituencies.
Tonight we celebrate the achievements of some very distinguished individuals who reflect brilliantly the caliber of alumni who come from one of the greatest law schools in the country.
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WILLIAM L. HUTCHISON ’55
The Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement

In presenting the highest award the law school bestows, SMU President R. Gerald Turner pointed out that “in one of the most difficult periods of time in SMU’s history, when someone needed to come forward and provide strong leadership for the SMU Board of Trustees, Bill Hutchison came forward and provided that leadership.” He added that “there have only been seven people who have served on the Board of Trustees over all the years of SMU’s existence that were named Trustee Emeritus and Bill Hutchison is one of them.” President Turner concluded his remarks by declaring that the history of SMU to be written in connection with the coming Centennial Celebration will include an expression of gratitude for the courageous leadership of Bill Hutchison on the SMU Board of Trustees.

Born in Dallas, William Hutchison attended Highland Park schools, and graduated in 1950. After spending a year at the University of the South (Sewanee) he transferred to SMU, where he earned his BA and his LLB in 1955. Recalling his days in law school, Hutchison said “going into that environment was indeed exciting – real lawyers telling us about real cases, real people and real events. Not only did they talk about legal theory, you also learned a great deal about business in general. The courses provided great insights into the operations of various businesses,” he said, adding “I think it was a great education.”

After practicing law for two years, primarily in the oil and gas law area, Hutchison went to work for a client, Tex-Star Oil & Gas Corporation, as its Vice President. The company changed its name to Texas Oil & Gas, and he subsequently served as Executive Vice President, president, before becoming CEO in 1975, at the age of 43. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Board from 1977 until the company was sold to U.S. Steel in 1986. Since then he has engaged in the oil and gas business as the President of Hutchison Oil & Gas Corp and ranching activities in Texas and New Mexico. He currently spends most of his time in New Mexico, either at his home in Santa Fe or on the ranch northwest of Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he raises horses and cattle. He also recently co-founded, with others, a weekly newspaper which will begin publishing in Santa Fe, New Mexico in March 2008.

Mr. Hutchinson has served on various Boards of Directors, including U.S. Steel Corp, Inter First Bank of Dallas, the Trinity River Authority, and Baylor Research Institute. He is also a member of the National Petroleum Council. He founded the Kimberly Hutchison Courtwright and Joseph W. Summers Institute for Metabolic Disease at Baylor University Medical Center, named for two of his grandchildren, and serves on its Advisory Board. He is a recipient of the Baylor University Medical Center Wings of Eagles Award.

He previously served on the Board of Trustees of SMU, and was chairman of its Board of Governors. He has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University and the Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service from the Law School. He has served on the Advisory Board of SMU in Taos, New Mexico and on the Executive Board of the Law School.
THE HONORABLE LINDA THOMAS ’73
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service

Chief Justice Linda Thomas has 29 consecutive years of service as a judge, the longest consecutive years of service of any sitting judge in the State of Texas.

Born in Athens, Texas, Chief Justice Linda Thomas moved to Dallas with her family where she graduated from H. Grady Spruce High School. She began working as a legal secretary by day and attending undergraduate classes at night, graduating with a BA from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1970. Still working as a legal secretary for the same law firm part-time, she entered law school at SMU and earned her JD in 1973.

After graduation from law school, Chief Justice Thomas remained at SMU where she served as the Associate Director of SMU’s Legal Clinic until taking a brief “sabbatical” in California, working for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Upon her return to Dallas, she began the practice of family law with the law firm she had worked for while in college.

In 1979, at the age of 30, Chief Justice Thomas won a contested election for her first term as judge of a newly created family law court, the 256th District Court of Dallas County. She served on that District Court bench until the end of 1986, when she was elected to the Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas. In 1995 she was elected to Chief Justice of that court. As the first woman Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, she continues to head the largest appellate court in the state.

Chief Justice Thomas has been a strong proponent of judicial education, serving as Dean of the Texas College for New Judges from 1988 to 1993, and serving on the faculty at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada from 1992 to the present. She has received many awards, including the Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award in honor of a distinguished legal career and civic contributions, the Louise Raggio Award for meritorious contributions to women in the law, and the Sam Emison Memorial Award for meritorious contribution to family law.

Justice Thomas reflected that “SMU has played a very important role in my career. Number one I got a heck of a good education. Then SMU gave me my first job out of law school as Associate Director of the Legal Clinic. And now, some 35 years later the Dean has given me a job again teaching family law as an adjunct professor.”

ROBERT H. MOW, JR. ‘63
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice

Bob Mow has spent more than 40 years representing clients in a wide variety of complicated litigation and is nationally regarded as a consummate trial lawyer. His expertise lies in handling difficult cases in the areas of malpractice, business torts, technology, real estate, manufacturing and crashworthiness. He has represented clients in constitutional cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and handled cases in a range of federal and state courts. Mow is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Mow grew up in Centralia, Missouri, population 1,995. He graduated with distinction from the University of Missouri in 1960, and went on to SMU Law School where he was editor-in-chief of the Southwestern Law Journal and graduated Magna cum Laude in 1963. After serving as an officer in the Army, he began his practice of law in Dallas in 1965, joining Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal. In 1985 Mow joined Hughes & Luce, now known as Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP, serving several years as its managing partner.

Mow has chaired committees of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and the Dallas Bar Association. He is an advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates and Sustaining Life Fellow in the Dallas Bar Foundation, having previously served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church in downtown Dallas and served as Chairman of the Board of the First Baptist Academy of Dallas, a school serving almost 700 children. He has volunteered his services to the poor through the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program.

Mow has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for 20 years. In 2003, the Dallas Bar Association named Mow its Trial Lawyer of the year. In accepting the award, Mow thanked the Dedman family and all the people working so hard to make the law school what it is today. “It is truly an honor to say you are from SMU given its reputation in the State of Texas and nationally. Even in the courtroom, where SMU wasn’t the most widely recognized, we are getting there. The school has a fantastic reputation,” he said.
YUKIO HORIGOME ‘71
The Distinguished Global Alumni Award

Yukio Horigome has devoted his life to serving in the judiciary of Japan. He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1964, and was appointed a legal apprentice in 1965. In 1967, he was appointed an assistant judge assigned to the Tokyo District Court. Japanese District Courts are trial courts analogous to Texas District Courts with designated territorial jurisdiction. In 1970, he came to Dallas to participate in the SMU Law School’s Comparative and International Law Program, receiving his M.C.L. Degree the following year.

In 1976, Horigome took his first administrative post in the Japanese Supreme Court, as Judicial Research Official, assisting the Justices in their work. Three years later he became Chief of the Investigation Division, Personnel Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat of the Supreme Court, and later was promoted to Chief of the Recruitment/Investigation Division, Personnel Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat of the Supreme Court.

He was appointed Judge of the Tokyo District Court in 1983, and Judge of the Tokyo High Court in 1992. The Japanese High Courts are similar to U.S. Courts of Appeals, handling appeals heard by three judge panels. In 1994, Horigome returned to handling administrative responsibilities at the Supreme Court as Director of the Personnel Affairs Bureau. He was later promoted to Vice-Secretary General of the Supreme Court and then to Secretary General of the Supreme Court. In May, 2005, Yukio Horigome was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan.

Dean Attanasio presented the Award to Justice Horigome at an impressive ceremony held in Japan in May. Many Japanese alumni and other dignitaries attended the ceremony where Horigome spoke eloquently about his student days at SMU.

EMILY A. PARKER ‘73
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Government Service

Emily A. Parker received her J.D. with honors from SMU in 1973, having received her B.A. with highest honors from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1970. Upon graduation from law school, she began her legal career as an associate with Thompson & Knight, the first woman lawyer hired by the firm. She subsequently achieved a series of firsts at the firm which now employs over 400 attorneys worldwide. She was the first woman to be made a partner; the first woman to head the Tax Section; the first woman to head any practice group; the first woman to serve as Hiring Partner; and the first woman to serve on the Management Committee.

Parker has a national reputation as one of the top tax litigation lawyers in the country. She was successful lead counsel in the largest tax case ever decided by the United States Tax Court. In 2002, she was asked to resign her partnership with Thompson & Knight in order to serve in Washington, D.C. as Deputy Chief Counsel (Operations) for the IRS with responsibility for all IRS litigation. She served in that position from 2002 through 2004, and for nine months also served as Acting Chief Counsel of the IRS, the top job in the country for a tax attorney. She was responsible for executive management and field operations of over 1500 lawyers in 50 offices throughout the United States and was ultimately responsible for all legal matters at the IRS. During her tenure with the IRS, she worked tirelessly to combat abusive tax transactions and restore the highest ethics to the tax system. Following her service to the IRS, Parker returned to her position with Thompson & Knight.

In describing reactions to her decision to enter government service Parker said, “When I resigned my partnership at Thompson & Knight to go to work for the IRS in Washington, D.C., my friends, my partners, even my mother, said ‘I can’t believe you are going to the dark side.’ Then when I arrived at the IRS the IRS lawyers said ‘I can’t believe that you, of all people, are coming from the dark side.’” She described her work at the IRS as “like being in trial for two and one-half years”, but very rewarding. She said she learned quickly that “if you want to avoid a conversation with your seatmate on an airplane just tell them you work for the IRS and they won’t say another word.”

Active in the American Bar Association Tax Section, Parker currently serves on its Council and previously as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and as Vice Chair of the Appointments to Tax Court Committee. She has served as the Chair of the Dallas Bar Tax Section and on the Council of the State Bar of Texas Section of Taxation. She is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel, American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, and Dallas Bar Foundation.
ROBERT TED ENLOE, III ‘64
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service

Robert Ted Enloe earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana Polytechnic University in Ruston, Louisiana in 1961. At SMU Law School he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Southwestern Law Journal* and received his J.D. degree, cum laude, in 1964. After 5 years at the Dallas law firm of Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely, he joined Lomas Financial Corp. (NYSE) where he served as Executive Vice President starting in 1969, and President from 1975 until 1991. He also served as President of Liberté Investors (NYSE) from 1975 until 1996.

In 1999, Enloe became Vice Chairman of Compaq Computer Corp. (NYSE) and a member of the Office of Chief Executive, having become the first outside director in 1985. Since his days at Compaq, he has held interim executive positions at start-up companies in Austin and Dallas. Currently he is Managing General Partner of Balquita Partners, Ltd., a Real Estate and Securities Investment firm, and serves on the Board of Directors of several companies, including Leggett & Platt, Inc. (NYSE), Silicon Laboratories, Inc. (NASDAQ) and Live Nation, Inc. (NYSE). He also serves as a member of the Board of Aptuit, Inc. and Motion Computing, Inc.

Enloe has devoted much of his time, attention and expertise to serving the community. He is a member of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He has served on numerous Boards of Directors of non-profit organizations, including The Hockaday School, The Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Ministry to the Poor/Trinity Works, Housing & Economic Development Corporation of Dallas, Metropolitan United Way, Dallas Heart Association, and the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. He is currently a member of the SMU Dedman School of Law Executive Board, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurses Association of Texas and the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Enloe has been a frequent lecturer in the Executive Programs of Harvard Business School, Babson College and London School of Business. In addition, he authored and resourced a case study for the MBA program at Harvard Business School. He continues as a guest resource in the MBA program at SMU’s Cox School of Business.

Enloe concluded his remarks by saying, “I have immense pride in the SMU School of Law, not only for its contribution to the legal community both in Texas and nationally, but also for its contributions to our community.” He added that, “if I have message I would have to tell you that the single most important thing to move the law school forward, in addition to the leadership which is so ably provided now, is resources. I would like to thank the Dedman family for the resources they have provided and challenge everyone here to double what they gave last year, or why not a minimum of a $2,500 increase and make it a three year commitment.”
Since 2004, SMU Dedman School of Law has been privileged to host ten Rule of Law Forums. These conferences were established to promote understanding and improve relationships with emerging governments and to develop greater knowledge of government under the rule of law. Proposed by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Forum has become the prototype for other exchange programs. This year, SMU hosted two Rule of Law Forums which included high ranking delegations from China and Indonesia and senior level officials from the United States government. Each delegation visited Washington, D.C., New York City and the Dedman School of Law.

The Law School received over $3 million in grants from the U.S. Congress under Senator Hutchison’s leadership to host the Rule of Law Forums. In partnership with the U.S. State Department, the Rule of Law Forum brings leaders from a country with an emerging legal system and familiarizes them with the central ideas of the rule of law as it has developed in the United States. These meetings are conducted behind closed doors in order to allow participants to speak freely.
In November 2007, a delegation from China met with Justice Stephen Breyer, Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Mel Martinez, and officials from the State Department, the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, officials at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas Federal and State Courts, the Dallas Bar Association and faculty at the SMU Dedman School of Law. The Chinese Delegation included: a Grand Justice of the People’s Supreme Court, the Deputy Prosecutor General, a former Vice Mayor of Beijing, a former Vice-Minister of Justice, and officials from the National People’s Congress, the Ministry of Public Security, the Foreign Ministry, the China Law Society, prominent businesses, and various academic institutions. While at the law school, the delegation engaged faculty and students in an historic two-hour conversation on the current state of law reform in China.
More recently in May 2008, SMU Dedman Law hosted a group from Indonesia led by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indonesia, The Honorable Bagir Manan, a 1981 SMU Law alumnus, and U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, Cameron Hume. As an active legal scholar and civic leader, Chief Justice Manan, has been chairman of the Human Rights Society at the Faculty of Law at Padjadjaran University where he has published numerous articles and books. Ambassador Cameron Hume, author of several books on diplomacy and foreign policy provided valuable insight and perceptive awareness of both United States and Indonesian culture and practices during the meetings.

In addition to the Chief Justice, the delegation included three other alumni from the law school’s LL.M. program – Justice Mieke Komar-Kantaamadja who graduated in 1970, Dr. Haryono, Justice of the Constitutional Court, who graduated in 1981; and Hoessein Wiriadinata, Indonesian Bar Association, who graduated in 1976.

In Washington, D. C., the Indonesian leaders met with Justice Stephen Breyer and Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison, Arlen Specter, Kit Bond and Jeff Sessions, Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey and specialists from the Departments of Counterterrorism and Public Corruption at the Department of Justice; and Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte. In New York City, the delegation was hosted by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the President of NASDAQ-OMX Magnus Böcker and Executive Vice-President and General Counsel Ed Knight; Merrill Lynch Vice Chairman and General Counsel Rosemary T. Berkery and executives from the New York Stock Exchange.

The final stop for the Indonesian delegation was in Dallas where they began their visit at a reception hosted by members of the Society of International Business Fellows. The sessions at the law school were moderated by Associate Professor of Law Jenia Turner, Assistant Professor of Law Jeffrey Kahn, Dean Attanasio and Chief Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. U.S. District Judge Jane Boyle, Northern District of Texas, and newly appointed Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Catharina Haynes provided a special Memorial Day tour of the Federal Courthouse. Judge Boyle and Judge Haynes, along with U.S. Attorney Jim Jacks and Judge Boyle’s clerk, Rodney Villazor, also spoke about the United States court systems.

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Solidifying its position as a major national provider of advanced appellate judges’ continuing education, in partnership with the American Bar Association’s Council of Appellate Judges, the Appellate Judges Education Institute, headquartered at the SMU Dedman School of Law, held its annual Summit September 27 – 30, 2007 in Washington, D.C. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Attendance records were established with over 300 appellate judges, practitioners and court staff attorneys from around the country attending this year’s conference.
The highlight of the Summit came on Friday evening at a reception hosted by the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. After a brief introduction by former Texas Supreme Court Justice Craig Enoch ’75, Justice Thomas discussed the important role of judges in the U.S. Court system. His remarks, on the eve of the release of his new book, My Grandfather’s Son: a Memoir, also provided anecdotal insight into his life.

Among the many noted speakers at the 2007 Summit was former ABA President, Robert Grey who delivered remarks at the annual dinner. In addition, Professor Viet D. Dinh, Georgetown University Law Center, Justice Mark Martin, North Carolina Supreme Court, Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy, Supreme Court of Virginia, Judge James A. Wynn, North Carolina Court of Appeals, Dean John B. Attanasio, SMU Dedman School of Law, Kenneth W. Starr, Dean, Pepperdine University School of Law, and Professor Michael J. Klarman, University of Virginia School of Law provided insight and expertise on a wide variety of topics and panels.

Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, now Dean of the Donald Bren School of Law at the University of California, Irvine, Professor Linda Elrod, Washburn University School of Law, Professor Susan N. Herman, Brooklyn Law School, along with many distinguished practitioners combined their expertise and provided insight on topics of interest to the appellate bench and bar.

Due to the location of the summit, Program Chair Judge Martha C. Warner, Fourth District Court of Appeal, Florida, encouraged committees to bring together top-notch speakers only available in our nation’s capitol with topics that reflected the nature of the summit. Two such speakers agreed to open the conference on Thursday afternoon: General William K. Suter, Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, who discussed practice before the Supreme Court and Linda Greenhouse, New York Times Supreme Court Correspondent. Ms. Greenhouse, a veteran reporter of 30 years, provided valuable observations of the justices with her presentation, “The Supreme Court: Justices Who Change and Justices Who Don’t.” A reception was also held at the beautiful historic facilities of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Judiciary Square, hosted by Chief Judge Andrew S. Effron.

“The program for November 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona is set with, once again, a stellar line-up of presenters and a keynote address by Retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor” said SMU Alum Craig T. Enoch ’75, President of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, and Retired Texas Supreme Court Justice. “SMU is proud to have been chosen by the Appellate Judges Council to house and support the premier educational program for both state and federal judges and appellate lawyers.”
What does medical tourism say about the U.S. health care system?

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A self-employed carpenter from North Carolina spent $6,700 for life-saving heart surgery in India because he couldn’t afford the $200,000 it would have cost in the United States. In South Carolina, health insurer BlueCross BlueShield now pays for surgeries at a hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, and is negotiating with hospitals in Ireland, Turkey, and Costa Rica. A state legislator in West Virginia proposed sharing hundreds or even thousands of dollars with each public employee willing to travel to India for certain surgeries.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) believes so-called “medical tourism” might ameliorate the global supply-demand imbalance in health care. World Bank economists predict the United States could save over $2 billion a year if only a fraction of patients traveled overseas for certain low-risk surgeries. The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts medical tourism will grow as countries face rising costs and aging populations. And a U.S. Senate committee held hearings to discuss whether medical tourism might alleviate our health care spending crisis.

The medical tourism phenomenon lacks for neither drama nor hyperbole. But it also confronts us with several important questions. Why are more and more Americans traveling overseas for medical treatments? To what extent are patients forced to look overseas for affordable health care? And most importantly, what does this phenomenon say about the U.S. health care system?

We pay too much

Of course, we don’t need medical tourism to tell us that we pay too much for health care in the United States. But a growing number of employers and insurers are exploring whether they can save money by outsourcing expensive surgeries to developing countries. And in an industry with very little price transparency, the comparison shopping enabled by medical tourism shows us the gory details on just how much we spend.

The United States accounts for roughly half of the $4 trillion spent on health care each year worldwide. We spend a significantly larger portion of our GDP on health care than any other country. For example, we spend 44% more per person than the next highest spending country, Switzerland. And by 2015, experts predict that one out of every five dollars we spend will be on health care.

So it shouldn’t surprise anyone that Americans can easily find much less expensive medical care overseas. The WHO and World Bank have found that many medical procedures cost only 5-25% of what they cost in the United States. For example, a coronary artery bypass graft typically costs over $35,000 in the United States, but costs less than $9,000 (including travel expenses) at the top hospitals in India and Thailand. Inpatient knee surgeries cost about $10,000 in the United States, but are available for less than $2,000 at the best hospitals in Hungary and India.

So why do we pay so much for health care? That’s the $2 trillion question. We’re enamored with expensive new medical technologies more than other countries. We have an aging population, though this hardly makes us unique. We pay our health care professionals far more than our peer countries do. A commonly identified culprit is our medical malpractice system, although even by generous estimates it accounts for less than 2% of our spending (including the costs of “defensive” medicine). Moreover, malpractice awards are often higher in Britain and Canada. The most powerful explanation may be our system itself. We are the only industrialized democracy in the world that relies primarily on private employers and insurers to finance health care. And our peer countries that publicly finance health care seem to spend much less.

Whatever the explanation, medical tourism demonstrates how exorbitant our health care spending has become. That employers, insurers, and individual patients are seeking care in developing countries speaks volumes about our current system.
We leave too many people out

Despite all this spending, roughly 47 million Americans are uninsured, and by 2013, experts predict another 9-10 million will join them. Each percentage point rise in the cost of health insurance increases the number of uninsured Americans by 300,000. Another 25 million Americans lack adequate insurance, defined as insurance that requires customers to pay a large portion out-of-pocket relative to their income. This represents a 60% increase since 2003, when the number of underinsured was around 15 million. Thus, around 42% of U.S. adults either have no health insurance or inadequate insurance. Health care in the United States can also be catastrophically expensive—it is the leading cause of bankruptcy in our country.

We are scrambling to pay for health care. Employers are cutting health benefits. Insurers are raising premiums and deductibles. Even those eligible for employer-sponsored insurance are jumping into public programs like Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to save money. And a growing segment of patients is making the drastic leap overseas.

In a 2006 Senate hearing on medical tourism, Senator Gordon Smith noted that “Americans should not have to travel overseas to obtain affordable health care.” But in a system looking for any way to relieve the intense cost pressures, medical tourism might be a plausible release valve. Senator Smith acknowledged that “[f]or the nation’s 46 million uninsured, traveling overseas for low-cost medical procedures, even with the added cost of travel and lodging, is an understandably attractive option.”

We can improve quality

Medical tourism also shows that even though we spend far more than our peer countries and leave far more people uninsured, we don’t get much bang for our buck. In fact, several recent studies have exposed the myth that the United States offers the highest quality medical care in the world. For example, when the WHO ranked the performance of 191 health care systems worldwide, we ranked 37th—below countries like Morocco, Costa Rica, and Colombia. We ranked 72nd in overall health. The well-respected Commonwealth Fund ranked us at or near the bottom on several quality criteria compared to our closest peers. A separate study found that preventable deaths declined here more slowly between 1997 and 2003 than in 18 other industrialized nations.

The other half of the equation shows that several developing countries can now offer health care that meets our own quality standards. First, hospitals in places like India and Thailand can offer physicians and nurses who were educated at U.S. hospitals or universities. For example, Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok boasts over 200 U.S. board certified physicians on its staff.

Second, these hospitals are being accredited by organizations like Joint Commission International (JCI) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), which proclaim that hospitals meet internationally-recognized standards.

Finally, these facilities use the latest technologies. For example, Penang Adventist Hospital in Malaysia is General Electric’s Southeast Asia test facility and uses the latest generation of medical imaging equipment before even U.S. hospitals. Thus, hospitals in developing countries increasingly meet our
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Our laws and regulations only go so far

Patients travel overseas not only because they've been priced out of our health care system, but because they can obtain medical treatments that just aren't available in the United States for one reason or another. Our laws may ban certain procedures as immoral or unethical, which may happen with controversial fertility treatments, for example. Or certain procedures may not be available because the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hasn't approved them for use. Recently, hundreds of U.S. patients traveled to Europe, Asia, and India for a hip resurfacing procedure that FDA delayed in approving. Finally, a procedure may be unavailable in the United States not because it has been banned by law or regulation, but because physicians, hospitals, and insurers are simply unwilling to provide or pay for it. Thus, a patient may travel overseas if an insurer isn't willing to cover the procedure.

This last category represents perhaps the oldest breed of medical tourists—patients that shop for jurisdictions that allow a particular medical treatment. Completely separate from the financial arbitrage by patients looking for a bargain, some patients simply vote with their feet. In this vein, medical tourism shows us the territorial limits of our health care system.

It is perfectly legal in all but the rarest instances for patients to travel overseas for medical procedures. Perhaps, then, medical tourism provides an outlet for patients that want to escape the tyranny of the democratic majority that chooses to ban certain procedures. For instance, if the Supreme Court were ever to overturn Roe v. Wade,37 we could imagine a steady stream of women traveling to other jurisdictions.

Conclusion

The medical tourism phenomenon continues to evolve. Pioneered by patients looking for jurisdictions that allowed certain procedures, it has morphed into a market for those being priced out of the U.S. health care system. Our gut reaction is that Americans shouldn't have to leave the United States to obtain affordable, high-quality medical care. Thus, the phenomenon gives us the perfect opportunity to take an honest look at our health care system and reevaluate what it does and doesn't do well.

own standards. As the World Bank economists observe, the hospitals in developing countries that attract medical tourists easily meet the standards we require of our own hospitals.35
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The Subprime Lending Crisis:
How Did We Get Here?

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Home mortgage default and foreclosure rates have increased drastically over the past two years, especially in the subprime mortgage market. Foreclosures hurt not only those losing their homes but also neighbors, neighborhoods, and even cities with reduced tax bases. On the other side of the foreclosures are the investors in subprime loans that have lost their value, but they are not the only ones who are losing. The crisis has had far ranging effects for the national and global economies.

Subprime loans are loans with higher interest rates made to high risk borrowers. Predatory loans, on the other hand, are loans characterized by excessive interest rates or fees, other unfair terms, frequent refinancing, steering of less risky borrowers to subprime loans, fraud, and lending without regard to the borrower’s ability to repay. Not all subprime loans are predatory, but almost all predatory loans are subprime. Victims of predatory lenders are frequently minorities and the elderly.

The subprime market increased tremendously in recent years from two percent of the home mortgage market in 1998 to fourteen percent in mid-2007.1 With the increase in the number of subprime loans, came an increase in predatory lending practices. While most prime mortgage loans are fixed rate loans, subprime mortgage loans in recent years tended to be adjustable rate mortgages (ARMS). Payment of subprime loans was frequently “back-loaded” with terms such as no down payment or a low down payment, low teaser rates before escalation after two or three years, interest only for an initial period, or negative amortization. The Federal Reserve estimates that three quarters of securitized subprime loans originated between 2004 and 2006 were ARMS with teaser rates that would escalate after two or three years.2 If one of the hallmarks of a predatory loan is that it is made without regard to the borrower’s ability to repay, then a large portion of the subprime market would have to be characterized as predatory.

So why would lenders make loans without regard to the borrowers ability to repay and why would borrowers take out loans with these types of terms? Certainly there are many factors that contributed to the predatory lending problem and the subprime crisis. These factors include changes in the mortgage market that have occurred over the past twenty to thirty years as well as federal and state law governing mortgage loans.

Changes in the Mortgage Market

Before the mid-1970’s most prime mortgage loans were made by depository institutions such as savings and loans to local borrowers using savings deposits of local depositors. George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart in It’s a Wonderful Life, explained how it worked when he said to depositors trying to withdraw their funds:

"The money’s not here. Why, your money’s in Joe’s house, that’s right next to yours, and in the Kennedy house and Mrs. Maplin’s house and a hundred others. You’re lending them the money to build, and then they’re going to pay it back to you as best they can."

The thrift would handle all aspects of the transaction including the origination of the loan, the funding of the loan from its own capital in the form of deposits, and the servicing of the loan throughout its life. The loan would be held by the local savings and loan until it was paid off or until a default resulted in foreclosure. If the borrower got into trouble, the thrift could agree to reduce the interest rate and therefore the borrower’s payments to avoid a foreclosure that would be costly to all parties.
The subprime mortgage market was a very small portion of the market until recent years. Most subprime loans were second lien loans, and most were made by finance companies that originated the loans using funds obtained through commercial paper, bonds, bank lines of credit, and both long-term and short-term debt. The finance companies held the loans they originated or used the loans to secure their own debt. A finance company was thus originator, servicer, and investor for the loans it made.

More recently, in both the prime and subprime mortgage markets, the functions of origination, servicing, and investment are usually performed by different parties. Capital markets have become the source of most mortgage loan funds. Fewer loans are originated by depository institutions, and more are originated by mortgage and finance companies or through mortgage brokers. Mortgage companies are in the business of originating mortgage loans for sale to investors. Mortgage companies do not require a large amount of capital available for investment, since they typically hold mortgages only until a sufficient number of mortgages can be pooled and sold to an investor. The mortgage company often borrows money to fund the loans through a line of credit, which the company draws down as loans are made and repays when a package of loans is sold. Usually a company other than the originating lender services the loan.

Often the initial contact with a borrower is not made by the originator of the loan but by a mortgage broker. Brokers are paid a fee by the borrower or the lender and in some cases perform many of the origination functions other than underwriting and the initial funding. Brokers also may be paid a yield spread premium if the broker can induce the borrower to accept an interest rate above the rate offered by the lender for a particular loan.

Some investors in loan pools purchase and hold them directly, but more frequently today the loans are securitized with investors buying securities backed by the pool of loans. Securitization of home mortgage loans began in the prime mortgage market in 1970 when Ginnie Mae, a division of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, guaranteed securities backed by mortgage loans. In 1971 Freddie Mac issued the first mortgage backed securities backed by conventional loans. Freddie Mac is a government-sponsored enterprise—a privately owned corporation operating under a federal charter that restricts its activities and grants benefits that other private corporations do not enjoy. The private sector first became significantly involved in securitization in the late 1970s after rating agencies began rating mortgage backed securities that were not expressly or impliedly backed by the federal government. By the 1980s a significant portion of mortgage loans were securitized. Securitization did not take hold in the subprime mortgage market until the 1990s, but quickly became the main source of funds for the subprime mortgage market.

A private lender that wants to securitize a pool of mortgage loans will create a special purpose corporation or other entity, called a special purpose vehicle or SPV, which issues the securities to raise cash to purchase the loan pool from the lender. The security represents a small interest in a large pool of mortgage loans. Securities for one mortgage pool are often issued in tranches with investors in the most senior tranches standing first in line to receive payments and accepting the lowest interest rate. The more junior tranches are paid last and require the highest interest rate. The more senior securities backed by a pool of subprime mortgages would often be rated by one of the rating agencies, Standard & Poor’s, Moody’s, or Fitch, and some would receive a AAA rating. Lower rated securities could be “resecuritized,” with some tranches of the new securities backed by the mortgage backed securities receiving a higher rating than the underlying securities. The high ratings of the securities attracted investors, and thus funneled substantial funds into the subprime mortgage market.

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At SMU, Professor Forrester teaches in the areas of Property, Real Estate Transactions, and Land Use. She writes and speaks on real estate finance, predatory lending, and bankruptcy law. Professor Forrester was one of the first legal scholars to write about the problem of predatory lending in the subprime mortgage market, and she was awarded the John Minor Wisdom Award for Academic Excellence in 1995 for her first predatory lending article. She is joining Edward Chase as co-author of Property Law: Cases, Materials, and Questions in its second edition. Forrester has also authored a number of articles on real estate law which appeared in the Florida Law Review, Oregon Law Review and SMU Law Review, among others.
The changes in the type of parties involved in the mortgage origination process contributed to the proliferation of abusive mortgage lending practices, including loans made without regard to the borrower’s ability to repay. Today most loans are originated by mortgage companies and mortgage brokers whose sole purpose is the origination function. Mortgage companies may fund a mortgage loan initially with borrowed funds, but will sell the loan as soon as the company has enough loans for a pool. Therefore, mortgage companies do not have to be highly capitalized. Mortgage brokers require even less capital since they typically do not fund loans, but are paid a fee for putting borrower and lender together, for taking the borrower’s loan application, for checking the borrower’s credit, and for otherwise participating in the origination process.

Furthermore, mortgage brokers and mortgage companies are significantly less regulated than the depository institutions that originated most mortgage loans in the past. This lack of regulation together with the low capitalization necessary for mortgage companies and mortgage brokers made it easier to get into the mortgage brokering business, easier to perpetrate abusive practices, and easier to close up shop before victims of abuse could be compensated. When a borrower has a claim against a mortgage company or broker for predatory lending practices, the culpable party may be judgment-proof or may be out of business. The investor is left to deal with any defenses to payment or may be immune under the holder in due course doctrine. The victimized homeowner may thus be left without a remedy or a defense that would stop a foreclosure.

The horizontal segmentation of the mortgage lending market is also a factor in the increase in predatory lending and the subprime mortgage crisis. The parties who broker, originate, and service loans rarely own the loans they broker, originate, or service. Mortgage companies and mortgage brokers made the loans and earned fees from their origination, but they did not necessarily share in the risk of default of the loans they were making. In many cases, they were more concerned with generating fees by originating loans than with the loan’s ultimate repayment. This focus created a moral hazard because the originators profited from making loans without regard to the borrower’s ability to repay.

Furthermore, investors in mortgage loans could separate themselves from abusive practices. They did not suffer the harm to their reputations that might come from involvement in abusive practices. Purchasers of securities backed by predatory loans are further separated from the origination or terms of individual loans and are further insulated from loss. Therefore, investors could provide the funding for predatory loans while turning a blind eye to the abusive practices involved in their origination.

Investors could also ignore abusive practices of originators because the holder in due course doctrine often insulates investors from liability for abusive practices at the origination stage. The holder of a negotiable promissory note becomes a holder in due course if the note is not obviously forged, altered, irregular or incomplete and the holder takes it for value, in good faith, and without notice of certain problems. A holder in due course holds a note free from personal defenses of the maker and claims in recoupment of the maker against the original payee. Personal defenses include fraud in the inducement, misrepresentation, mistake, lack or failure of consideration, and breach of warranty.

The problems that give rise to personal defenses are the same problems that often exist in predatory mortgage loans. Therefore, an assignee who is a holder in due course can avoid these defenses to payment and require the borrower to pay the note despite valid defenses to payment against the original lender. The borrower’s only recourse then is to sue the originator or broker who committed the fraud or engaged in other conduct giving rise to a defense. These parties may no longer be in business or may be judgment proof. Thus, the borrower may have to continue paying on the note to avoid foreclosure and yet lack any meaningful recourse against the culpable parties.
Securitization of mortgage loans contributed to the predatory lending problem because of the greatly increased amount of capital that became available for investment in mortgage loans. When most home mortgage loans were made by depository institutions, the limited available credit went to prime borrowers. The tremendous increase in the size of the market for subprime loans is a result of securitization. With the increase in the size of the subprime market came an increase in predatory lending abuses.12

As the availability of funds for subprime mortgages grew, not enough borrowers were available. To create a market for their loans, originators had to find new borrowers, and they apparently did so at the cost of good underwriting practices. They found borrowers who could afford an initial teaser interest rate, but could not ultimately afford to repay the loan when the interest rate increased. As interest rates have reset, the number of foreclosures has skyrocketed.

Market Failure

While there were certainly borrowers in the subprime market who knew they could not repay the loans they were getting, many more either did not understand the terms of their loans or assumed that if the lender thought they could repay the loan, they must be able to do so. Borrowers in the predatory loan market tend to be less educated and less sophisticated than prime borrowers. They are disconnected from the credit market “because of historical credit rationing, discrimination, and other social and economic forces.”13 Some of the borrowers in the predatory market could qualify for prime loans but for some reason did not have access to the prime market.14 Others were properly classified as subprime borrowers, but did not have access to the legitimate subprime market. Finally, some simply cannot afford credit and should not have had access to any type of loan.

People who are disconnected from the credit market are those who for some reason cannot or do not shop for the best credit deal. They tend to be borrowers who do not shop for credit at all because they may not realize that credit is available. They are targeted by contractors, brokers, and predatory lenders who take advantage of information asymmetries to induce the borrowers to take out a loan on disadvantageous terms because they are not aware that better terms are available. Predatory lenders have very different marketing strategies from legitimate lenders who advertise and then wait for borrowers to approach them. Predatory lenders shop for and approach the borrowers and thus reach borrowers who would not otherwise apply for a loan on their own. Therefore, the existence of legitimate subprime lenders does not drive predatory lenders out of the market.

Federal Preemption of State Consumer Protection Legislation

Another factor in the growth of predatory lending was the federal preemption of state consumer protection measures. In 1980 Congress enacted the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act (DIDMCA), which preempts state usury ceilings on most mortgage loans secured by a first lien on residential real estate.15 At the time the Congress enacted DIDMCA, interest rates had risen above usury ceilings in some states making mortgage funds unavailable in those states since lenders could not make loans at market rates.

Because of DIDMCA, subprime lenders can legally charge whatever rate of interest a borrower will pay. Because of the market failures discussed above, some borrowers will pay interest at a rate higher than the rate that would reflect the lender’s risk of making the loan. Some borrowers who could obtain prime loans were steered to the subprime market. Other borrowers are subprime borrowers but pay more interest in the predatory loan market than they would pay in the legitimate prime market.

Another federal statute, the Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity Act (Parity Act), preempts state laws that restrict alternative mortgage transactions, including adjustable rate loans and loans with balloon payments.16 Various federal agencies had adopted regulations that permitted federally chartered financial institutions to provide alternative mortgage financing, and the Parity Act extended the preemption of state law in this area to apply to other residential mortgage lenders.17 Under the Parity Act, these other lenders may make alternative mortgage loans that comply with the federal regulations rather than with state law.18

Under the Parity Act, predatory lenders have been able to require certain onerous terms in home mortgage loans because state regulation of those terms is preempted by the Act. Therefore, states may not prohibit adjustable rate mortgages with low initial teaser rates. Many of the loans in foreclosure are ARMS with low teaser rates that have now reset to a much higher interest rate.
Impediments to Modification

A final reason for the current crisis is the impediments to modification of loans when borrowers are in default. If one of George Bailey’s borrowers had trouble making payments, George could decrease the interest rate on the loan and therefore the amount of the borrower’s monthly payment. A modification would benefit the borrower and might create a smaller loss for the lender than a foreclosure.

Although investors might benefit from modification of a loan in default, the separation of the investment and servicing functions in today’s mortgage market makes modification more difficult. Servicers may be prohibited from modifying loans under the terms of their servicing agreements. If the loan is part of a pool that was securitized, then getting consent of the investors to a modification is not practical. Furthermore, federal bankruptcy law does not permit a Chapter 13 plan to modify a loan secured only by the debtor’s principal residence. Therefore, many borrowers that might be good candidates for modification are instead being foreclosed upon.

Conclusion

By understanding what caused the crisis, we can craft solutions to the problems that led to it. Congress recently passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 in response to the crisis. Although the Act encourages states to adopt a licensing program for mortgage originators and makes some revisions to Truth in Lending disclosure requirements, it is aimed primarily at stemming the foreclosure crisis. Part of the solution must deal with the crisis because the foreclosures and losses to investors are affecting the national and global economies to such a great extent, but the solution must also address the underlying factors and problems that led to the crisis in the first place. We’ve come a long way since George Bailey was financing home purchases in It’s a Wonderful Life. As the mortgage industry has become more complex, so have its abuses. The solutions, therefore, are also much more complex and must address the underlying problems in the subprime mortgage market.

This article is adapted and updated from Julia Patterson Forrester, Still Mortgaging the American Dream: Predatory Lending, Preemption, and Federally Supported Lenders, 74 U. CINCINNATI L. REV. 1303 (2006).

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11. Id. § 3-305 cmt. 2.
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Emerging Issues in IP & Technology Symposium

The SMU Dedman School of Law hosted its fifth Emerging Issues in Intellectual Property and Technology Symposium on March 28, 2008, sponsored by Haynes & Boone, LLP and The Ware Firm. The conference, chaired by Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen of SMU Dedman School of Law, addressed current topics in intellectual property and technology law. This day-long conference brought industry leaders, top lawyers and leading academics to the law school.

The conference was well attended with approximately 100 participants. Topics discussed over the course of the day included: patent protection - at home and abroad; the opportunities and liabilities of Second Life, avatars and social networks; the Federal Circuit’s jurisprudence on licensing law; trade secrets and the internet; and the business practices and legal concerns associated with outsourcing information and technology services.

The day began with a panel discussion by nationally known experts on current litigation and licensing challenges in the United States and around the globe. Marc L. Delflache of Fulbright & Jaworski provided an overview of recent Supreme Court cases in the area. Bart Showalter of Baker Botts explained how the Supreme Court cases have challenged or changed patent protection and litigation. Benjamin Bai of Jones Day discussed international patent litigation issues in China and the United States. Stephen Stein of Thompson & Knight focused on the pitfalls of international patent licensing and the intersection among contract, patent and antitrust law.

Professor Lackland Bloom of the Dedman School of Law moderated a panel discussion entitled “Second Life, Avatars & Social Networks: Opportunities and Liabilities.” Corinna Ulrich, Senior Corporate Counsel at Expedia Inc., and Johnita Due, Senior Counsel at CNN, discussed the in-house perspectives of legal issues arising in the new technology market of social network sites. John Keehler, Director of Interactive Strategy at The Richards Group, focused on advertising on the Internet and legal concerns related to virtual world advertising. Professor Raymond Ku of Case Western Reserve University School of Law offered a review of legal precedents and perspectives on whether the “real” world law should be applied to the “virtual” world. Johnita Due examined the legal challenges facing social community providers from user-generated content.

Robert Gomulkiewicz, Professor of Law & Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Policy Graduate Program, University of Washington School of Law gave the luncheon keynote. Prior to joining the faculty, he served as Associate General Counsel for Microsoft. Professor Gomulkiewicz reviewed cases from the Federal Circuit and discussed how the Circuit has shaped the contour of licensing law.

The conference then addressed trade secrets and the Internet. Jill Louis, Senior Commercial Transactions Counsel at FedExKinko’s, discussed the implications of trade secret protection at FedExKinko’s and explained the measures they take to protect trade secrets. Thomas Melsheimer of Fish & Richardson examined pivotal trade secret cases involving the Internet. Li Chen of Sidley & Austin offered a new perspective on how trade secret disclosure on the Internet can be preserved and how the law should look at Internet trade secret disclosure differently from the common disclosures. Xuan-Thao Nguyen, Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law, moderated the discussion.

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SMU Dedman School of Law hosted the “Immigration and Immigration Reform: Civil Rights in the 21st Century” Symposium on October 19, 2007. The symposium, organized by Professor George Martinez of SMU Dedman School of Law, addressed current immigration policy, immigration restrictions, special immigration procedures enacted as a result of the “war on terror,” and immigration reform.

In his opening remarks, Dean John B. Attanasio stated, “There are few issues in the United States that arouse more passion than immigration…. We are, after all, a nation of immigrants. And being a nation of immigrants is probably one of our greatest strengths.”
The day-long symposium took a provocative look at immigration and immigration reform. Professor George A. Martinez of SMU Dedman School of Law organized the conference. Dean Kevin R. Johnson from the University of California at Davis Law School discussed his newly published book “Opening the Floodgates: Why America Needs to Rethink its Borders and Immigration Law.” Dean Johnson stated, “I would argue it is more consistent with our constitutional traditions to make it easier for people to come to this country. I would suggest that having more open borders is more consistent with our moral commitment as a nation of immigrants than our current system.”

Professor Karen L. Engle from the University of Texas School of Law served as moderator and commentator of the second session. In this session, Professor Michael A. Olivas from the University of Houston Law Center presented his paper “Lawmakers Gone Wild? A response to Professor Kobach.” He critiqued recent assertions made in the arena of local police and postsecondary residency status issues, the DREAM Act and similar state legislation. Professor Olivas took the stance that state, county and local ordinances aimed at regulating general immigration functions are unconstitutional. SMU Professor James F. Hollifield discussed his article entitled “Immigrants, Markets and Rights: The United States as an Emerging Migration State,” which he co-authored with SMU Professor Valerie F. Hunt. Professor Hollifield examined the policy interventions and economic conditions in the United States and their significant effect on immigration. In addition, he discussed the paradox that economic logic demands open immigration policies while political and legal logic favors the closure of immigration policies.

The final panel, moderated by Professor Nathan Cortez of SMU Dedman School of Law, included panelist, Professor Howard F. Chang from the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Chang argued that tax and transfer policies are more efficient than protectionist immigration policies in raising after-tax incomes of native workers. He discussed his article entitled “The Disadvantages of Protectionist Immigration Restrictions as a Policy to Improve Income Redistribution.” Professor Rose C. Villazor from SMU Dedman School of Law discussed her article entitled “Providing Sanctuary to Immigrants.” She examined the various types of places that offer sanctuaries to undocumented immigrants. Professor Villazor addressed questions regarding the implications that the sanctuary sites have on immigration law and their limits.

The *SMU Law Review* published all of the papers discussed during the Immigration Symposium in their special symposium issue. Also published in this issue was a paper by Professor Teri A. Miller from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. Her paper, entitled “Outlaws and Undesirables: Undocumented Immigrants at the Convergence of Crime and Immigration Control” focuses on the current “crisis” surrounding the arrival and continued presence of undocumented immigrants in the United States within penological trends that have taken place in American law.
Edward S. Knight provided this year’s keynote address. The program featured panels on “Audit Committee Effectiveness” and “The New Corporate Governance.”

Professor Marc I. Steinberg, SMU Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law and founding director of the Institute, organized the event, along with help from students of the SMU Law Review.
In September 2007, the SMU Dedman School of Law launched a new series of scholarly workshops on law & citizenship.

The Colloquium on Law and Citizenship examines the ways in which law and citizenship intersect to construct, influence and shape the meaning, boundaries, definitions, domains, rights and obligations of citizenship. Topics explored during the school year included the theoretical and constitutional distinctions between citizens and non-citizens; the intersection of family law and criminal law and its implication on the home as a site of citizenship; the construction of "America" in China; opening the borders of the U.S.; interracial sexual relations during slavery times and the rights of mixed race children; the jury trial as a forum for citizenship engagement; federal legislative proposals to address gender and sex inequality; blood quantum and membership rules in Native American tribes; apology and reparations as ways of making citizens whole; taxing citizens abroad; local regulation of immigration laws; and connection between anti-Japanese alien land laws of the 1920s and contemporary local anti-immigrant ordinances. Overall, the Colloquium on Law and Citizenship facilitated discussions not only about the theoretical and substantive notions of citizenship but also their normative implications on law and policy.

This fall, the Colloquium on Law and Citizenship will host another series of outstanding scholarship and presentations on the meaning of citizenship. Confirmed speakers include Professors Gabriel J. Chin, University of Arizona School of Law (Sept. 5), Cristina Rodriguez, New York University School of Law (Sept. 10), Peter Schuck, Yale Law School (Sept. 25), Leti Volpp, University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Oct. 1), Marc Poirier, Seton Hall Law School (Oct. 15), Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University School of Law (Oct. 29), Hiroshi Motomura, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (Nov. 19), and Angela Onwuachi-Willig, University of Iowa College of Law (Dec. 2).

The Colloquium on Law and Citizenship was initiated and organized by Assistant Professor of Law Rose Cuisin Villazor.
Law School Hosts Officials From the Vietnam National Office of Intellectual Property

In September 2007, SMU Dedman School of Law hosted a very distinguished delegation from Vietnam for a month-long comprehensive training session in intellectual property law and policy.

Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, SMU Dedman School of Law, developed the program to provide the participants with the opportunity to learn about the law and practice relating to trademarks, domain names, patents, trade secrets, software and copyrights. The delegation was from the National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam (NOIP) and included: Ms. Vu Thi Thuy Lien, Head, International Cooperation Division, Mr. Pham Hong Quat, Head, Legislation and Policy Division, Mr. Phan Thanh Hai, Head, Patent Division No. 1, Ms. Nguyen Thi Hoang Hanh, Head, Research and Training Centre, and Mr. Nguyen Quang Tuan, Head, Industrial Design Division.

Each week’s discussions focused on different intellectual property issues. In addition to the intellectual property law classes, Professor Nguyen brought in well-known IP attorneys and leaders from around the country to speak to the delegates.

Professor Nguyen noted that “it was very rewarding to contribute to law reform in Vietnam.” The commissioner of Vietnam’s National Office of Intellectual Property extended his gratitude to the law school for the training of the officials.

**Week 1: Trademark Law**
Jeff Becker from Haynes and Boone and Toni Nguyen from Belo Corporation made presentations highlighting their work with the legal components of brand management and the development of trademark policies.

**Week 2: Patent protection & Prosecution**
Minh N. Nguyen from Thomas Kayden in Atlanta and Quan L. Nguyen from Nguyen & Tarbet in Tucson, Arizona reviewed the important aspects of patent protection and prosecution. In the area of patent litigation, Travis Thomas and Luke Pedersen of Baker Botts and Russ Emerson of Haynes and Boone discussed the multi-faceted aspects of complex patent litigation and modern technology.

**Week 3: Software Law**
D.C. Peter Chu, of Christensen, O’Connor, Johnson and Kindness, Seattle, Washington discussed his practice in the preparation and procurement of U.S. and international patent assets in software and patent licensing.

**Week 4: Trade Secrets & Copyrights**
Li Chen and Steven Madlin of Sidley & Austin combined their expertise and discussed their respective roles in asset acquisition and licensing transactions concerning trade secrets and other intellectual property rights. Corinna Ulrich, Expedia, Inc. focused on Copyright and New Media law.
Farmers Branch Ordinance Panel

In May 2007, the voters of Farmers Branch approved a city ordinance that proposed banning undocumented immigrants from renting apartments. The ordinance was challenged in both local and federal courts and contested by landlords and immigrant groups.

The SMU Dedman School of Law hosted a panel discussion on September 12, 2007 to learn more about the various legal issues surrounding this topic. Panelists included Marisol Perez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF); Bill Brewer, Bickel & Brewer; and Professor Rose Cuisin Villazor, SMU Assistant Professor of Law. The discussion was moderated by Professor Jenia Turner, SMU Assistant Professor of Law.

Mark Curriden

A frequent lecturer to the Dedman School of Law, Mark Curriden, Attorney and Senior Communications Counsel at Vinson & Elkins L.L.P, presented a special lecture entitled Contempt of Court: A Lesson in Legal History, on September 19, 2007. In his book, Contempt of Court: A Turn of the Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism, Mr. Curriden chronicles a series of events in the early 1900s involving a young black man from Chattanooga, Tennessee who was falsely accused and wrongly convicted of raping a white woman, for which he was sentenced to death. A pair of courageous African-American lawyers stepped forward to handle his appeal and convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to issue its first ever stay of execution in a state criminal case. However, days before the justices were scheduled to hear oral arguments, a lynch mob, led by the sheriff and his deputies, removed the defendant from his jail cell and hung him on the county bridge. What followed was a historic case in which the Supreme Court justices ordered the arrest of the sheriff, his deputies and members of the lynch mob on charges of contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States -- the only such case of its type in U.S. history.

Linda Hart

On October 3, 2007 Linda Wertheimer Hart ’65, spoke on Personal Lessons Learned About Life, Success and Leadership. Mrs. Hart is Non-Executive Chairman of Imation Corp., a global NYSE company focused on development, manufacture and supply of removable data storage products, and is Vice Chairman and CEO of the Hart Group, Inc., a diversified group of companies involved in insulation manufacturing and investments. Mrs. Hart is a Trustee of the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC; is former Chairman and current ex officio member of the Legal Advisory Committee to the New York Stock Exchange; and is a member of the Women’s Leadership Board at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.

AJEI Panel Discussion: How Judges Decide Cases

On October 24, 2007, SMU Dedman School of Law hosted a free-flowing discussion and informal conversation between jurists and attorneys of the Appellate Judges Education Institute. This panel, made up of judges from various federal and state courts and attorneys who argue appellate cases and serve as staff attorneys for appellate courts, provided thought-provoking discussion on how judges decide cases. Judges on the panel included: The Honorable Ronald Gilman, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; The Honorable Randy Holland, Delaware Supreme Court; The Honorable Harry T. Lemmon (Retired), Louisiana Supreme Court; The Honorable Mark Martin, North Carolina Supreme Court; The Honorable Frank Sullivan, Indiana Supreme Court; The Honorable Elizabeth Lang-Miers, Texas Court of Appeals, Fifth District; The Honorable Christel Marquardt, Kansas Court of Appeals; The Honorable Rosemary Sackett.
Iowa Court of Appeals; The Honorable Martha Warner, Florida Court of Appeals, District Four. Representing the Council of Appellate Lawyers were Bennett Cooper, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Jerry Ganzfried, Howrey LLP, and James Layton, Missouri Solicitor General. From the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys were Gail Giesen, Connecticut Supreme Court, Lee Ramsey, Tennessee Supreme Court and Elena Ris, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit.

**Norman Veasey**

Distinguished Visiting Professor and former Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey, visited the law school during October and taught Lawyering and Ethics for the Business Attorney. On October 24, 2007, Justice Veasey delivered a lecture on “Counseling the Corporate Client” to students and faculty. Justice Veasey served as Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court for 12 years. Currently, he is a senior partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and serves as a strategic adviser to the firms’ clients in a wide range of issues related to mergers & acquisitions, restructuring and litigations. Additionally, he advises on corporate governance issues involving the responsibilities of corporate directors in complex financial transactions and crisis management. Justice Veasey has been credited with leading nationwide programs to restore professionalism to the practice of law and adopt best practices in the running of America’s courts.

**Edward Smith**

On October 31, 2007, Edward Smith ’63 (aka Hawthorne Vance) delighted law school students with tales from his dual life as a prominent Dallas attorney and a published mystery author. Having recently published his second book in a series of action adventure novels, Mr. Smith described his methods of research. The Deadly Dying is based on a murder-suicide probate case that takes the detective hero to Munich, Germany in pursuit of clues. Mr. Smith was the recipient of the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice in 2006.

**Chinese Rule of Law Delegation**

On November 12, 2007, the Chinese Rule of Law Forum delegates engaged faculty and students in an historic two-hour conversation on the current state of law reform in China. The Chinese Delegation included: a Grand Justice of the People’s Supreme Court, the Deputy Prosecutor General, a former Vice Mayor of Beijing, a former Vice-Minister of Justice, officials from the National People’s Congress, the Ministry of Public Security, the Foreign Ministry, the China Law Society, prominent businesses, and various academic institutions.

**Tony Mauro**

On November 14, 2007, journalist Mr. Tony Mauro, spoke about “The New Public Face of the Supreme Court.” Mr. Mauro observed that under Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., the Supreme Court is stepping out more and more -- with justices giving speeches and television interviews, and the Court issuing argument transcripts and making itself more accessible in ways big and small. His talk addressed the question: what is this new posture telling us about the Court, and is there a down side to openness? Mr. Mauro is Supreme Court correspondent for The Legal Times, American Lawyer Media, and law.com. He joined American Lawyer Media in 2000 after covering the Supreme Court for USA Today and Gannett News Service for the previous 20 years. He is also a legal correspondent for the First Amendment Center. Mr. Mauro is the author of Illustrated Great Decisions of the Supreme Court (now in its second edition); and several law review articles and book chapters on the Supreme Court.

**Craig Watkins**

Craig Watkins, Dallas County District Attorney, spoke to students and faculty on “A Legacy of Progress and Change” on January 15, 2008. Mr. Watkins and his office have partnered with The Innocence Project of Texas, resulting in the exoneration of a number of individuals wrongly convicted by the Dallas County District Attorney’s office.
Panel on Associate Retention in Today’s Law Firms

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and The National Law Journal sponsored a panel discussion, “Associate Retention in Today’s Law Firms,” on February 12, 2008. Panelists included The Honorable John M. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Alan D. Feld (Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld); Thomas F. Cullen, Jr. (Partner, Jones Day, Washington, DC); Heather L. Stobaugh (Associate, Carrington Coleman); and Karen Sargent (Assistant Dean of Career Services) and third-year student Bailey Pham (President, SMU Law Review Association). The panel was moderated by Dean John Garvey (Boston College of Law), who is the current AALS President, and Leigh Jones, reporter for The National Law Journal.

William Valasidis

Mr. William A. Valasidis, Legal Secretary of the Chambers of the President of the European Court of Justice, visited the SMU Dedman School of Law in connection with the Regional Finals of the European Law Moot Court Competition. On February 14, 2008, Mr. Valasidis gave an informative talk on “The Role of the European Court of Justice in an Enlarged Europe: Past Achievements and Future Challenges.” Mr. Valasidis provided insight into the inner workings of the European Union based on his many years of service to the European Court of Justice.

Ted Enloe

Ted Enloe 64, recipient of the 2008 Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, spoke about various aspects of his career on February 26, 2008. Mr. Enloe began his legal career at Dallas law firm Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely and then joined Lomas Financial Corp. (NYSE) where he served as Executive Vice President and then President. He has served as Vice Chairman of Compaq Computer Corp. and held interim executive positions at start-up companies in Austin and Dallas. Currently, he is Managing General Partner of Balquita Partners, Ltd, a real estate and securities investment firm and serves on the Board of Directors of several companies, including Leggett & Platt, Inc. (NYSE), Silicon Laboratories, Inc. (NASDAQ), and Live Nation, Inc. (NYSE). He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Aptuit, Inc. and Motion Computing, Inc.

Steven Schwarcz

This year’s Roy Ray lecturer was Professor Steven L. Schwarcz, the Stanley A. Star Professor of Law and Business from Duke University School of Law. Presented on March 25, 2008, his lecture, entitled Markets, Systemic Risk, and the Subprime Mortgage Crisis, was very timely and insightful in light of recent continuing changes in the national housing market in the United States. Prior to joining the Duke faculty in 1996, Professor Schwarcz practiced law at Kaye Scholer LLP and Shearman & Sterling. A pioneer in the field of asset securitization, his book, Structured Finance, A Guide to the Principles of Asset Securitization is one of the most widely used texts in the field. He was the first faculty directors of Duke’s Global Capital Markets Center. Professor Schwarcz received his J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.S. in engineering from NYU.

Eighth Court of Appeals

The Court of Appeals for the Eighth District of Texas sat at the Dedman School of Law on April 24 and April 25, 2008. Chief Justice David Wellington Chew ’78, Justice Ann Crawford McClure, and Justice Kenneth R. Carr heard eight cases during their visit.
The European Law Moot Court Competition

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Each year, the case competition addresses a problem of European law under the auspices of the ELMC Society. This year’s case concerned a fictitious European island nation that, faced with threat of global warming floods, put out contracts for bid to build new dams. The country ultimately employed workers from another country, which drew protests from domestic unions. Among the complex issues at play were European labor law, the fundamental right of association under the European Convention on Human Rights, freedom of movement, and questions of how to evaluate contracts.

The written stage takes place from September through November of each year. Teams from universities from any country worldwide can prepare submissions setting out arguments on behalf of both the applicant and the Defendant. The best 48 teams then advance to the regional finals to compete at one of four host universities. All arguments are conducted in both French and English. Although most students could speak French as well as English, for most neither languages were their native language.

At the end of Friday’s competition, all participants were invited to attend social events with SMU Dedman Law students. Special thanks to Student Bar Association President Byron McCaffree for arranging the local hospitality. Victor Odhiambo (December ’07 LL.M.) provided invaluable assistance throughout the weekend. Other SMU law students including Elizabeth Austin, Amber Billingsley, Kristin Lee Brown, Aaron Capps, Matthew Carter, Gemma Galeoto, Karen Haerthl, Chris Harding, Kristina Kik, Astra Laurusaitis-Kromelis, Sarah MarDock, Amy SeeAi Ooi, Rwan Saffarini, Amy Binks Sanderson, Gina Shearer, and Jessica Voyce volunteered as timekeepers and bailiffs.

The distinguished panel of judges for the regional competition at Dedman Law were: Peter Gjortier, Professor of Law at the University of Riga (Latvia); Tom Kennedy, Head of Legal Services of the European Court of Auditors; Robert Lane, Professor of European Law, University of Edinburgh; Joao Paulo Teixeira de Mator, Partner, Garrigues (law firm), Lisbon, Portugal; Karolina Mojzesowicz, Member of the Legal Services of the European Commission; Clemence Perrin, Associate of Norton Rose (law firm), Brussels, Belgium; Vlad Perju, Professor of Law, Boston College; and SMU law Professors Ndiva Kofele-Kale and Jenia Turner; and Dean John B. Attanasio.

The member teams came from Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands); University of Helsinki (Finland); City University – London (UK); Universite Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium); Stockholm University, Department of Law (Sweden); University of Heidelberg (Germany); Universite Pantheon Assas Paris 2 (France); Copenhagen Business School (Denmark); University of Lucerne (Switzerland); University of Osnabrueck (Germany); European Institute University of Basel (Switzerland); and Universiteit Leiden (The Netherlands). All arguments were conducted in both French and English. Although most students could speak French as well as English, for most neither languages were their native language.

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Regional Winners of the European Law Moot Court Competition

The SMU Dedman School of Law Regional Final Winners, from the University of Heidelberg, included: Meike Bauer, Sanziana Lanc, Tina Neskovic, Sofia Rasmar, Benjamin Reiner and their coach Rene Repasi. The Best Commission Representative was Johanna Jacobsson from the University of Helsinki.

One of the closing dinner traditions is to have members from each country, no matter which team they participate with, gather to sing a favorite song from their country. Here, students, faculty and staff from the United States, sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."
Professor Daniel Shuman Receives Exemplary Non-Judicial Faculty Award

The Texas Center for the Judiciary presented its 2006-2007 Exemplary Non-Judicial Faculty Award to Daniel Shuman, M. D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor of Health Law at the SMU Dedman School of Law. The Texas Center for the Judiciary is the primary provider of specialized judicial education and training opportunities for Texas appellate, district, and county court at law judges. Above all, the center pursues judicial excellence through education by providing leadership in education and training so that a qualified and knowledgeable judiciary and staff may administer justice with fairness, efficiency and integrity.

In addition to his 30 years of teaching at the Dedman School of Law, Shuman is an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at the University of North Texas. He is a member of the American Law Institute and former chair of the Association of American Law Schools sections on Law and Mental Disability, and Law and Medicine. Shuman received his B.S. from the University of Arizona and his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1972.


Professor Linda Eads Receives Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching

Linda Eads, Associate Professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law, was named the recipient of this year’s Class of 2008 Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching. Established by 1965 graduate, Dr. Don M. Smart, The Don M. Smart award is given annually to the faculty member who is voted as best classroom instructor by the graduating class.

As a four time recipient of the award, having received it previously in 2006, 2004 and 1989, Professor Eads continues to teach in the areas of professional responsibility, evidence, trial advocacy, constitutional law, criminal tax fraud, and women and the law.

In 1986, she joined the Dedman School of Law faculty and from 1999 to 2000, served as the Deputy Attorney General for the State of Texas. During that time, she participated in the appeal to the 5th Circuit of the decision in Hopwood v. Texas, as well as in the landmark agreement between Aetna and Texas regarding HMO practices in the state.

She received her B.A. from American University in 1971 and her law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975.
Chief Justice Norman Veasey

Chief Justice Norman Veasey of the Delaware Supreme Court received his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1954 and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1957. Having stepped down from judicial office in May 2004, after serving a twelve-year term as the top judicial officer and administrator of Delaware’s judicial branch, he is currently practicing as a senior partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Before taking the bench in 1992, Chief Justice Veasey practiced law in Wilmington, Delaware with the law firm of Richards, Layton and Finger. From 1961 to 1963, he served as deputy attorney general and chief deputy attorney for the State of Delaware. During 1982 to 1983, he was president of the Delaware State Bar Association. He is a director of the Institute of Law and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and is a member of the American Law Institute, the International Advisory Board of the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation and a number of other professional organizations. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia School of Law and Wake Forest University School of Law, as well as being a frequent panelist and lecturer on corporation law, corporate governance, ethics and professionalism.

Justice Veasey taught _Lawyering and Ethics for the Business Attorney_ last fall.

Dr. Adel Omar Sherif

Dr. Adel Omar Sherif is the Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt since December 2002. He earned his LL.B. (1979), Advanced Studies Diploma in Public Law (1980), Advanced Studies Diploma in Administrative Law (1981) and Ph.D. in Constitutional Law (1988) from Cairo and Ain Shams Universities in Egypt. After working in private practice for a short period of time, he was appointed to the Egyptian judiciary commencing his judicial career at the Council of the State, where he served and held between 1980 and 1992 various judicial positions. In 1992, Justice Sherif moved to the Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt’s Supreme Court, as Assistant Counselor for the Commissioners’ Body. He was promoted to full Counselor in 1993 and was assigned Acting Head of the Commissioners’ Body that same year. In December 2002 he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Justice. Justice Sherif was a Visiting Fellow at the International Human Rights Law Centre of the College of Law, DePaul University in Chicago in 1992, the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex from 1993 to 1994, the Federal Judicial Center in Washington D.C. in 1996, and a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University from 1998 to 1999. He often represents the Egyptian judicial community in international conferences and seminars and has already received many honors and awards at the international level. In addition, he has served as the _Rapporteur_ of a series of international human rights conferences known collectively as “The Cairo Conference” and for two regional and international conferences on capacity building of judges on environmental law. He has written and published widely on various legal aspects including human rights, constitutional issues, Islamic law, criminal law and environmental law. Justice Sherif taught _Comparative Law II: Islamic Law_ during the spring semester.
Professor Bernhard Grossfeld
*Distinguished Visiting Professor*

Professor Bernhard Grossfeld is an emeritus Professor of Law at Universitaet Muenster, Germany. He has also served as the Director of the Institute for International Business Law and the Director of the Institute for Cooperative Research at Muenster University. Recognized as a leading European scholar in Comparative and International Business Law, Professor Grossfeld received his J.D. from Muenster University and his Masters of Law from Yale. Professor Grossfeld has taught as a visiting professor at SMU Dedman School of Law, University of Michigan Law School, University of Texas School of Law, and NYU School of Law, where he is a permanent member of their Global Law School Faculty. Professor Grossfeld taught Civil Law, Common Law, and China and Transnational Business Organizations (Global Corporate Actors/Global Corporate Governance) in the spring.

Professor David Elkins
*Visiting Professor*

Professor David Elkins received his LL.B. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, his LL.M from the University of Bar Ulan, and his Ph.D. from the University of Bar Ilan. Currently, he is on sabbatical leave from Netanya College in Israel, where he is a senior lecturer and distinguished teaching fellow in Income Tax, Corporate Taxation, Land Taxation, International Taxation, Tax Policy, and Legal Ethics. He previously taught Income Tax and International Taxation at SMU Dedman School of Law in 2005 to 2006. His fields of interest include Income Taxation, Corporate Taxation, International Taxation, and Taxation, Property and Social Justice. He is the author of a book entitled *Taxation of Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Goodwill and Know-how* and numerous articles on his area of expertise. He taught Income Tax.

Chief Justice Linda Thomas
*Visiting Professor*

Chief Justice Linda Thomas of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, the state’s largest intermediate appellate court, received her B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington and her J.D. from Southern Methodist University. After graduating from SMU, she served as the associate director of SMU’s legal clinic. Later she worked in the general counsel’s office for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in San Francisco. Chief Justice Thomas took the bench in 1979 as a family court judge. In 1987 she moved to a judicial position in the Court of Appeals. In 1995, she became the Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals and continues to serve in that capacity. She is Board Certified in Family Law and has been awarded the prestigious Sam Emison Award by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists for her meritorious contributions to family law. A nationally recognized leader and proponent in legal and judicial education, she taught Family Law in the spring.

Judge David C. Godbey
*Visiting Professor*

Judge David C. Godbey graduated magna cum laude from Southern Methodist University in 1978 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1982, where he graduated magna cum laude and served on the Harvard Law Review. After graduating with his J.D., he was a law clerk to the Honorable Irving L. Goldberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. A former partner at Hughes and Luce LLP, Judge Godbey took the bench in 1995 as Judge of the 160th District Court in Dallas, Texas and was appointed to the Northern District of Texas by President George W. Bush on August 7, 2002. Judge Godbey taught Ethical Dilemmas in Legal Practice with Judge Michael Lynn in the fall.
Professor Boe Martin  
*Visiting Professor*

Professor Boe Martin received his B.A. from Texas A&M University in 1962, his LL.B. from the University of Texas in 1964, and his LL.M. from George Washington University in 1970. He was a Law Clerk for Associate Justice Jack Pope of the Supreme Court of Texas from 1966 to 1967. Currently, he is a partner at Bell, Nunnally & Martin, L.L.P., with areas of expertise in Bankruptcy and Reorganization, Creditor's Rights, Real Estate, and Real Estate Finance.

He has a multitude of publications in various law reviews discussing creditor's liability, tort, securities, and economic strikers. He taught Real Estate Transactions at the University of Texas School of Law in 1977 and 1979 and at the University of Houston Law Center in 2005. He began teaching at SMU Dedman School of Law in 1972 and has taught Payment Systems, Real Estate Development Law, Secured Transactions, Property, and Torts. Professor Martin taught *Secured Transactions and Torts I* in the fall and spring.

Judge Barbara J. Houser  
*Visiting Professor*

The Honorable Barbara J. Houser received her B.S. with honors in 1975 from the University of Nebraska and her J.D. from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1978, where she was a case note and comment editor for the Southwestern Law Journal. After graduating from SMU, she worked as a litigator with the firm Locke Purnell, Born, Laney & Neely in Dallas. She later worked at Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. until she was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in January 2000. A frequent lecturer and speaker at national conferences on bankruptcy and debtor/creditor relationships and insolvency, she continues to publish on the issues of corporate restructuring and insolvency law. She is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference and the American College of Bankruptcy and has also been a chairman of the Dallas Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganizations. She is also a contributing author to *Collier on Bankruptcy* (15th Ed) and the *Collier Bankruptcy Manual* (3rd Ed). Judge Houser taught *Creditor's Rights* in the spring.

Judge D. Michael Lynn  
*Visiting Professor*

The Honorable D. Michael Lynn received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1972. Judge Lynn accepted his appointment as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2001. Prior to his appointment as judge, he was of counsel with Stutzman & Bromberg. He is a co-author of the Collier Handbook for Trustees and Debtors in Possession (1995), and a contributing author of Collier on Bankruptcy and the Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and is active in the John C. Ford American Inn of Court, of which he was one of the founding Masters. Judge Lynn taught *Ethical Dilemmas in Legal Practice* with Judge Godbey in the fall and *Advanced Bankruptcy* in the spring.

Judge Don Bush  
*Visiting Professor*


Justice Joseph B. Morris  
*Visiting Professor*

The Honorable Joseph B. Morris graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1973. After graduating, he went into private law practice in Dallas. He became the presiding judge in the 101st District Court in Dallas in 1987. In 1992, he joined the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas, Texas, where he currently serves. He has been a frequent lecturer at various continuing legal education seminars on topics which involve trial and appellate procedure. He has been an adjunct professor at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, teaching *Texas Pre-Trial Procedure*. Justice Morris is now serving on the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, where he has served twice as its chairman. Justice Morris taught *Texas Trial Procedure* in the spring.
FACULTY

Scholarship

ROY ANDERSON
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Vinson & Elkins Distinguished Teaching Fellow and Professor of Law

Publications: Annual Supplement to Damages Under the Uniform Commercial Code (2007); Texas Uniform Commercial Code Annotated (with Bartlett & East (2007 revision)).

MAUREEN ARMOUR
Co-Director of Civil Clinic and Associate Professor of Law


Presentations: “Are We Crazy? Supervising Students in High-Risk Situations” (with Mary Spector), Conference on Clinical Legal Education; Tucson, AZ (May, 2008).

JOHN B. ATTANASIO
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law and William Hawley Atwell Chair of Constitutional Law


LACKLAND H. BLOOM, JR.
Professor of Law

Publications: Constitutional Interpretation: Inside The Supreme Court’s Tool Box (forthcoming, Oxford University Press).

Presentations: Small Group Discussion Leader, Fair & Independent Courts: A Conference on Judicial Independence, Selection and Accountability, Dallas, TX (April, 2007); Moderator, Debate on Religious Liberty (co-sponsored by the Federalist Society & American Constitutional Law Society), SMU Dedman School of Law (March, 2007); “A Textual Analysis of the Second Amendment,” Collin County Community College, Dallas (September, 2007).
Limited Partnership Act
And The Revised Uniform Partnership Act
Partnerships, The Revised
On Limited Liability
Often Overlook State Law ad
Actions in Securities Arbitrations
Supplements to Bromberg &
Lowenfels); 2007-1 and 2007-2

Constitutional
Publications:

Regulation & Law Report
(9) (2008) (Selected for
publication at the 2008 Stanford/ Yale Junior Faculty Forum).

Presentations: “The Legal Limits of Universal Jurisdiction,”
Law and Society Conference, Berlin, Germany (July 2007); “A
Jurisdictional Theory of Double Jeopardy” to the Texas Junior
Scholars Conference, Texas Wesleyan Law School, Fort Worth,
TX (August, 2007); “Overview of U.S. Civil Procedure” for Vietnam
NOIP Officials, SMU Dedman School of Law, (October, 2007);
“Extra-territorial Jurisdiction in International Law,” Chinese Rule
of Law Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (November, 2007);
“Constitutional Limits on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction,”
Associates Workshop, Columbia Law School, New York, NY
(September, 2007) and to the International Law Section of
the Dallas Bar, Dallas (January, 2008); “A Jurisdictional Theory of
Double Jeopardy” to 1) Marquette Faculty Forum, Marquette Law
School, Milwaukee, WI (February, 2008), and 2) Law, Culture and the
Humanities, Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley,
CA (March, 2008).

Presentations: Panelist, “The Local Dilemma: Preemption and
the Role of Federal Standards in State and Local Immigration
Laws,” Symposium on Immigrants, Vigilantes, and Immigration
Reform: Civil Rights in the 21st Century, SMU Dedman School of Law,
(October, 2007); “International Health Care Convergence: The Benefits
and Burdens of Market-Driven Standardization,” Dialogue
on Cross-Border Health Care, Wisconsin International Law
Journal Symposium, Madison, Wisconsin, (March, 2008); Commentator, “Invisible Cities:
Three Local Government Models and Immigration Regulation,”
Presented by Keith Aoki at a Colloquium on Law and Citizenship, SMU Dedman
School of Law, (April, 2008); “When Does FDA Regulate Press Release by Drug and Device
Companies? And What Rules Apply?” CENTER FOR BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE, Webinar
(November, 2007); “Patients Without Borders: The Emerging Global Market for Patients and the
Evolution of Modern Health Care,” Annual Meeting, Law and Society
Association, Montreal, Quebec (June, 2008), “International Health Care Convergence: The Benefits and Burdens of Market-Driven
Standardization,” 31st Annual Health Law Professors Conference American Society of
Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME), Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (June, 2008).

And Regulations—Selected Sections (with Coven,
Dickinson, Gustafson, Peroni, Pugh and Turner) (2008 annual
dition) (Commerce Clearing House), ESTATE PLANNING AND

GREGORY CRESPI
Professor of Law
Publications: What’s Wrong
With Dumping Radioactive Wastes in the Ocean? The
Surprising Ethical Implications of the Problem of Person-Altering
Consequences, 37 ENV. L. REP. 10873 (2007); Clarifying the
Boundary Between Parol Evidence Rule and the Rules Governing
Subsequent Oral Modifications, 34 OHIO NO. L. REV. 71 (2008); Would It be Unethical to Dump
Radioactive Wastes in the Ocean? The Surprising Implications of


Jeffrey M. Gaba
Professor of Law


Presentations: “Supreme Court Update” to the Environmental Law Section, Austin Bar Association, Austin, TX (June, 2007); “Rethinking Recycling,” Environmental Law Research Workshop, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC (October, 2007).

Larry Jones
Director, Tax Clinic


Presentations: Panelist, “A Tax Controversy Toolkit,” State Bar of Texas, Section of Taxation, Webcast (February, 2007); “Protecting Your Client from the Trust Fund Recovery Penalty,” Dallas CPA Society, The 3rd Annual Free CPE Conference, Dallas (February, 2007); Panelist, “Getting Along with the IRS,” State Bar of Texas, Section of Taxation, Webcast (March, 2007); Various Presentations to First Wednesday Tax Forum – For CPA’s & Enrolled Agents, Dallas: 1) “Lessons Learned From This Tax Season & Unauthorized Practice of Law by Accountants – Avoiding the Danger” (May, 2007); 2) “Statute of Limitations, Assessments, Abatements, and Claims for Refund” (June, 2007); 3) “Everything You Wanted to Know About the IRS; a tax reform project sponsored by Tax Analysts.

Christopher H. Hanna
Alsbuler Distinguished Teaching Professor and Professor of Law


JEFFREY D. KAHN
Assistant Professor of Law


NDIVA KOFEE-KALE
Professor of Law


PRESENTATIONS: Guest Lecturer, School of International Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY (March, 2007); “Marketing Political Messages,” seminar organized by the Friedrich

HENRY J. LISCHER, JR.
Professor of Law


JOHN LOWE
George W. Hutchison
Professor of Energy Law


Presentations: Adviser on the Hydrocarbons Law in Iraq to the U. S. Embassy in Baghdad, U. S. State Department and USAID. Adviser on the Establishment of the Middle Eastern International Energy Law Center at Qatar University; Taught one-week short course on “International Oil and Gas Contracts” at the University of Dundee, Scotland (June, 2007); Taught two one-week courses on “Contracting for International Petroleum Exploration” and “International Oil and Gas Transactions” at the University of Melbourne, Australia (May, 2007); “Damages in International Arbitration,” American University, Washington, DC (Co-Sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution and the International Chamber of Commerce) (October, 2007); “The International Arbitration Process,” Qatar University, Doha, Qatar (December, 2007); “Teaching in American Law Schools,” Qatar University, Doha, Qatar (December, 2007).

Appointments: Senior Fellow of the Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, Australia.

GEORGE MARTINEZ
Professor of Law


FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

THOMAS MAYO
Associate Professor of Law


JOSEPH W. MCKNIGHT
Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law

Charles J. Morris  
Professor Emeritus of Law


Frederick C. Moss  
Associate Professor of Law

**Publications:** Lessons from a Drug Scandal, 22 HABEAS CORPUS 7 (May, 2007).

**Presentations:** “The Ethics of Representing Close Corporations,” Dallas Bar Association, Dallas (May, 2007); “Ethical Conduct of Court Employees,” 9th Annual Dallas Bar Ass’n Clerk/Coordinator Seminar, Dallas (September, 2007); “The Direct Examination of the Emotional Abuse Expert,” Professional Conference on Emotional Abuse, sponsored by Jewish Family Services & University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas (March, 2008); “Top Ten Hearsay Myths” to the Texas Attorney General’s Litigation Department, Austin, TX (December, 2007); faculty member, National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s Advocacy Teacher Training Program, San Francisco, CA (November, 2007).

John Mylan  
Professor Emeritus


Xuan-Thao Nguyen  
Professor of Law

**Publications:** Collateralizing Intellectual Property, 42 GA. L. REV 1 (Fall 2007) (lead article); Acquiring Innovation, 57 American Univ. L. Rev. 775 (2008) (with Jeff Maine) (lead article); Justice Scalia’s Renegade Jurisdiction: Lessons for Patent Law Reform, Tulane L. Rev. (forthcoming 2008); 2007 Supplement to


JOSEPH NORTON
James L. Walsh Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Financial Institutions and Professor of Law


ELLEN PRYOR
Associate Provost for Honors and International Programs and Homer R. Mitchell Professor of Law and University Distinguished Teaching Professor
**Publications:** Part of the Whole: Tort Law’s Compensatory Failures Through a Wider Lens, 27 Rev. Lit. (Winter 2008).


**Presentations:** “Death Penalty Practice in Texas,” Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, (March, 2008).

**Presentations:** “Antitrust and the Revised Bowl Championship Series in College Football,” Marquette Sports Law Symposium, Milwaukee, WI (September, 2007).

**Presentations:** “I Confess!”: New Research on Police Interrogation Law and Practice,” Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May, 2008); “Mental Health Experts: Cutting Edge Ethics and Evidence Issues” Annette Stewart Inn of Court (March, 2008).


**Publications:** Are Law Students Capable of Delivering a “Reasonable Investigation” as Required by the U. S. Supreme Court in Capital Cases?, 13 LBRA, No. 4, 923 (Fall, 2007).


**Presentations:** Panelists, “Concerns about Debt Collection: Consumers’ Perspective,” at a Federal Trade Commission Workshop, Collecting Consumer Debts: The Challenge of Change, Washington, DC (October, 2007); “Taming the Beast: Payday Loans, Regulatory Efforts, and Unintended Consequences,” 11th International Conference of Consumer Law, Cape Town, South Africa (April, 2007); Commentator, Serena Mayeri's

**MARC I. STEINBERG**

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law

**Publications:**


**Joshua C. Tate**

Assistant Professor of Law


ELIZABETH G. THORNBURG
Professor of Law


Presentations: “Interactions of Law and Popular Culture,” Faculty Colloquium, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA (October, 2007); “Continuity and Change on the Border of Law and Culture,” Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Ithaca, NY (November, 2007); “West Virginia and the Hellholes Project,” West Virginia University College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Morgantown, WV (March, 2008).

Appointments: Judge John T. Copenhaver Visiting Chair, West Virginia University College of Law (2007-2008).

JENIA IONCHEVA TURNER
Associate Professor of Law


Appointments: Member, Joint Editorial Board for International Law (Sponsored by ABA International Law Section and the Uniform Law Commission); Member, Uniform Law Commission Committee reviewing implementation of the UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit.

ROSE CUISON VILLAZOR
Assistant Professor of Law


Presentations: “Indigenous – Only Land Ownership Laws in the U.S., France and Fiji: A Comparative Analysis,” to 1) Property, Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurship, University of Durham, Durham, England (July, 2007); 2) Annual Meeting of the Law Society Association, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany (July, 2007) and 3) Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Conference, University of California at Berkeley, CA (March, 2008); “Birthright Citizenship in the U.S. Territories” to 1) LatCrit XII, Florida International University School of Law, Miami, FL (October, 2007) and 2) Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Annual Conference, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (March, 2008); “Immigration Law and the Separation of Families” to 1) SMU Symposium on Immigration and Civil Rights, SMU Dedman School Law, Dallas (October, 2007); and 2) AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Women in Legal Education, NY, NY (January, 2008); “Local Anti-Immigrant Housing Ordinances: At the Intersection of Property, Race and Citizenship” to 1) Joint Conference of the Western Law Teachers of Color (WLTC) and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO (April, 2008) and 2) Colloquium on Law & Citizenship, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas (April, 2008); “Sanctuary Cities and the Conferral of Local Citizenship,” Annual Immigration Law Teachers Workshop, University of Miami Law School, Miami, FL (May, 2008).

PETER WINSHIP
James Cleo Thompson, Sr. Trustee Professor of Law


Appointments: Member, Joint Editorial Board for International Law (Sponsored by ABA International Law Section and the Uniform Law Commission); Member, Uniform Law Commission Committee reviewing implementation of the UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit.

Awards: ABA International Law Section, Theberge Prize for Service to U.S. efforts in the field of private international law.
Rebekah Steely Brooker ’04 and Anthony Atwell
Virginia Keehan ’00 and Sam Burford ’67
Tiffany Dillard, Rebecca Greenan, Jennifer Hinton, Delilah Banks

DONOR SCHOLAR receptions

Edward O. Coultas ’74 and Bob Mow ’63
Corey Humphrey, Judge Mary L. Murphy ’83, Huyen Luong
Harry Martin ’77, Nicole Durham, Lynn Bozalis ’90

Tracy Hall Matlock, Mrs. Kitty B. Wilson
Elizabeth Philipp, Cliff Robertson
Elizabeth Mills, James N. Dearien ’68

Professor Mary Spector, Kaaren Shalom
On September 6, 2007, SMU Dedman School of Law and U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Tony Garza ’83, hosted an alumni reception and dinner in Mexico City at the historic Hacienda de Los Morales.

Dean John B. Attanasio, Lynn Bozalis ’90 and Virginia Keehan ’00 represented the Law School. Adelfa ’61 and Bill Callejo ’66 traveled from Dallas to attend the event. In attendance from Mexico were Leopoldo Burguete Stanek ’86, Enrique Farah ’98, Gisela Farah, Manuel Garcia Barragán ’62, Bertha Garcia Leos, Héctor Raul Garcia Leos ’58, Gonzalo Ruz Gea ’60, María Guadalupe Ruz Bosque, Silvia Franco, Juan J. Ortega ’68, Elsa Videgaray, Jorge Perez Vargas ’55, and Martha Perez Vargas.
On June 18, 2008, SMU Dedman School of Law alumni gathered for a reception and seated dinner at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston. Marshall Cloyd and Will Noel ’82 hosted the dinner. Over 100 people attended the dinner, where Dean John B. Attanasio provided a “state-of-the-union” address on the law school.
On July 11, 2008
the SMU Dedman School of Law, in association with University College, celebrated the Silver Anniversary of the Oxford study-abroad program with a day long program and dinner in Oxford, England.

For 25 years, the Oxford program has followed SMU’s strong tradition of training lawyers, from the U.S. and abroad, to practice law in a global environment. Since its founding, over 600 law students have participated in the 6-week summer program.
For 23 years, Bar None has been hosting a side-splittingly funny performance at SMU’s Greer-Garson Theatre with a cast of actors, writers, & directors that are all Dallas area lawyers, judges, and legal professionals. During this time, the show has raised over $1,000,000, all of which has been awarded to minority students with outstanding credentials pursuing a law degree at SMU Dedman School of Law. The proceeds from the event come from advertising in the show's program, in-kind donations, performance ticket purchases, and CD sales. All money raised is donated by the Dallas Bar Foundation to support the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship Fund at SMU.

The Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship was established in honor of Judge Sarah Tilghman Hughes, United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Hughes, an honored member of the North Texas community and former trustee of the Dallas Bar Foundation, devoted herself to improving the rights of women and minorities for over half a century. The Dallas Bar Foundation selects the recipients of the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship, which covers the entire cost of tuition and fees for several minority students each year. The scholarship is renewed for the second and third years at SMU Dedman School of Law, provided the student remains in good standing.

Past and recent Sarah T. Hughes scholars have glowing remarks about receiving the Hughes scholarship, attending SMU Dedman School of Law, and becoming a part of the Dallas legal community. In an interview with the Dallas Bar Foundation, Irma Ramirez, May 1991 graduate and now a U.S. Magistrate Judge, expressed that the scholarship is “basically the reason I’m here.” She also commented on the special relationship between SMU and the Dallas Bar Foundation, saying that it truly allowed her to begin making connections within the legal community. She fondly remembered being on the SMU campus and meeting U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders as a 1L at her first Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship reception.

Elisabeth Wilson, a first generation college graduate and May 2007 Dedman Law graduate, received the Sarah T. Hughes scholarship and said the overall experience “was amazing. I felt like it wasn’t just money to go to school—it was more than that. You got to know people, and you got to know that your presence was appreciated in the community.” Elisabeth is now clerking for Federal District Judge Jane Boyle. She was also a participant in this year’s Bar None production.
Robert A. Gwinn ‘54 and Jim Burnham ‘68 Chosen Trial Lawyers of the Year

The Dallas Bar Association has honored two SMU Dedman School of Law graduates as Trial Lawyers of the Year for 2008.

Bob Gwinn earned his BBA degree from SMU in 1950 and his law degree in 1954. He has been in private practice his entire career, and co-founded the firm Gwinn & Roby where he practiced for over 20 years. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Labor Law, and well-known for his expertise in aviation law.

Gwinn served as President of the Dallas Bar Association in 1984 and led efforts to get the Lew Sterrett Justice Center built. He has served for several years on the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, and he has been an active member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Mac Taylor Inn of Court. For his significant contributions to the legal profession as a litigator and otherwise, the Dallas Bar Association Trial Lawyer of the Year Award was presented to Bob Gwinn.

Jim Burnham also received the Dallas Bar Association Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for his unwavering dedication to the criminal justice system and the community. Burnham earned his B.A. degree from the University of Dallas and his J.D. degree from the SMU School of Law in 1968. Pursuing his goal of becoming a trial lawyer, he joined Henry Wade’s District Attorney’s office upon graduation from law school. During his 16 years as a prosecutor, he tried more than 400 felony jury cases and presented over 20,000 cases to the Dallas County Grand Jury. He opened a private law practice specializing in federal and state criminal cases in 1985.

Burnham served as President of the Dallas Bar Association in 1996, having previously served as Chairman of its Board. He served on the Sixth Bar District Grievance Committee from 1980 to 1987, chairing it from 1986 to 1987. He is a fellow and former trustee of the Dallas Bar Foundation and is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He was elected to membership in the American Law Institute (ALI), and he has been an active member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas since 1985.

1954
Robert A. Gwinn was named Trial Lawyer of the year by the Dallas Bar Association.

1955
Louise Raggio was the subject of a half-hour television documentary titled “Texas Trailblazer, Louise Raggio” shown on Dallas PBS station KERA 13, featuring her history making effort to draft and secure passage of the Texas Marital Property Act of 1967. She was also selected to receive a Dallas YWCA Centennial Award for meaningful and lasting contributions to Dallas.

1959
William L. Hutchison was awarded the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement by the SMU Dedman School of Law.

1960
Larry L. Bean has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Tax Law.

1961
Adelfa Callejo was selected to receive a Dallas YWCA Centennial Award for meaningful and lasting contributions to Dallas.
1962

Richard Geiger has received the Raymond Mauk Leadership Award from the Insurance Council of Texas, honoring him for his work in the residual market, workers' compensation, general liability, and on the plan of operation for the Texas Automobile Insurance Association.

Mark E. Weand, Jr. has been elected to the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Bar Association Board of Directors. He practices in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, with the law firm of Timoney Knox LLP.

1963

George W. Coleman was presented with the “Martin L. Lubaroff Award” from the ABA Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities.

Buck Files is serving as a Member of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, as Chair of the State Bar’s CLE Committee and as a Member of the Austin College Board of Trustees.

Héctor A. Mairal is one of the most outstanding lawyers in Argentina according to the ranking of *Apertura* magazine.

Robert H. Mow, Jr. was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice by the SMU Dedman School of Law.

1964

Robert Ted Enloe, III was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service by the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Darrell E. Jordan has joined the Dallas office of Dykema as its Managing Partner.

Troy Smith, an Assistant Attorney General in the Child Support Division’s Tyler office, was named “Assistant Attorney General of the Year” for the 43-county region based in Tyler.

1966

George Bramblett was selected to receive the Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award.

J. Michael Wylie has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Counsel in the Tax & ERISA practice.

1967

Michael M. Boone has received the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from Southern Methodist University’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility.

Donald R. Gray and his son, Scott, have opened a new office in their hometown of Forney.

A. John Harper II has joined the Houston office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius as Senior Counsel.

Bill Hill, Jr. has joined Fitzpatrick Hagood Smith & Uhl as Of Counsel and has been named to the Board of Directors of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC.

James H. Wallenstein has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Counsel in the Capital Finance & Real Estate practice.

1968

Jim Burnham was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Dallas Bar Association.

Larry Matthews retired from the U.S. Attorney’s office in 2007 and is now consulting in cyber law.

Steven C. Salch of Galveston was named Outstanding Texas Tax Lawyer by the State Bar of Texas Taxation Section.

1969

Frank Branson has received the 2007 Mel Waward Award from the Melvin Belli Society. The award is presented to an attorney who demonstrates exceptional creativity and innovation in the courtroom.

William B. Short, Jr. joined Coats Rose in Dallas.
Dallas attorney and advocate for Texas school children Michael M. Boone received the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU’s Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility. Boone has more than 40 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and securities transactions. A co-founder of the law firm Haynes and Boone, he has encouraged programs that promote diversity in the workplace and participation in public service projects.

“Mike Boone’s leadership in civic affairs, public and private education, and community outreach has made a major impact on the Dallas area,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “His service is dedicated to making our community a better place in which to live, raise a family and pursue a career. He is an outstanding role model of ethical, faith-based leadership finding expression in a deep sense of public responsibility. All of us at SMU congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.”

Maguire Center director and SMU Dedman law professor Tom Mayo noted that Boone has never shied away from taking strong positions on controversial issues, regardless of the personal consequences. “His personal commitment to move the state to adopt an equitable and sustainable model for public school financing is an example of his enormous dedication to a subject that promises to benefit hundreds of thousands of school children for generations to come,” Mayo said.

Boone received the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990, the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996, is an SMU trustee and serves on the Executive Board of the Dedman School of Law. He has also served as president of the Dallas Citizens Council, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Highland Park Independent School District.

The Maguire Center annually presents the award, named in honor of former Dallas mayor J. Erik Jonsson, to individuals who “exemplify the spirit of moral leadership and public virtue.”

SMU Maguire Center Honors Dallas Legal Leader Michael M. Boone ‘67

Endowment established in honor of Judge Richard A. Schell ‘72

Judge Richard A. Schell ’72 celebrated twenty years of service on the bench as a U.S. District Court Judge, Eastern District of Texas. Current and former clerks and staff surprised Judge Schell by establishing a programatic endowment in his name and honor at the law school. His clerks and staff raised $36,323.43 to create this endowment which Judge Schell has asked to be directed toward faculty research.
Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn ’76
Appointed Chair of the ABA Judicial Division

Barbara M.G. Lynn, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, since 2000 has been appointed 2008-2009 chair of the American Bar Association Judicial Division. With more than 4,000 members, the judicial division actively works to support an open, fair and impartial judiciary through its programs, publications and initiatives. Previously, Judge Lynn has served as the chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges and the ABA Section of Litigation.

Judge Lynn graduated from the University of Virginia in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Highest Distinction and went on to Southern Methodist University School of Law where she graduated summa cum laude in 1976. She then joined the law firm of Carrington Coleman Sloman & Blumenthal as its first female associate and became its first female partner in 1983. When appointed to the federal bench in 2000, she was the first woman to serve as a federal judge in Dallas-Fort Worth since the late Sarah T. Hughes, who retired from the active federal bench in 1975.

Judge Lynn is a sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a member of the Dallas Bar Foundation, the American Bar Foundation, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Law Institute and a Master in the Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court. She received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the SMU Dedman School of Law in 1999 and currently serves on the Law School’s Executive Board. In 1992, she was the first recipient of the Louise B. Raggio Award given by the Women Lawyer’s Association. She was presented the Sarah T. Hughes Award by the State Bar of Texas’s Women and the Law Section in 2006.

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Jerry Alexander of Passman & Jones was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Dallas Bar Association and received a DBA Presidential Citation for outstanding work as chair of the Judicial Poll Study Group.

William Frank Carroll, Of Counsel at Cox Smith Matthews, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association.

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Rick Sherman has been elected President of State Delegates from New Mexico to the 60,000 member American Association for Justice.

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Rhett G. Campbell was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 and has been elected to Thompson & Knight’s Management Committee for 2008.

Dan R. Price Award Presented to William D. Elliott ’73

William D. Elliott of Dallas has received the 2008 Dan R. Price Memorial Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The Dan R. Price Memorial Award honors an attorney who serves the profession as a volunteer and legal scholar while also actively practicing law. The recipient exhibits dedication and zeal for service to the public and to the Bar.

Elliott received his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1973. His areas of practice include tax and estate planning, tax controversy, business representation, and transactions. He has published several books and numerous articles on tax issues, and given presentations across the country in federal and state taxation, business transactions, and complex tax planning. Mr. Elliott is the former Chair of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas and has served in numerous leadership roles within the State Bar. He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

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Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. ’77 Appointed Federal Judge

On December 6, 2007, President George W. Bush nominated Missouri Supreme Court Justice Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. ’77 to be a U.S. District Judge in Missouri’s Eastern District. The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to send his nomination to the full Senate which confirmed Judge Limbaugh on June 10, 2008. The Eastern District of Missouri is based in St. Louis, with divisions in Cape Girardeau and Hannibal. Limbaugh, who lives in Cape Girardeau, will likely hear the bulk of his cases in the new Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. United States Courthouse, named for his grandfather.

Judge Limbaugh earned a B.A. in history at SMU in 1974 and a J.D. from the SMU School of Law in 1977. After law school, he returned to his hometown of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and entered private practice with the family firm of Limbaugh, Limbaugh and Russell. In 1978, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Cape Girardeau County, a position he held for four years. In 1987, he was appointed circuit judge of the 32nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri and subsequently was elected to that office without opposition.

Judge Limbaugh was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court in 1992 under the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan and retained in office in the 1994 general election for a 12-year term that expired Dec. 31, 2006. In the November 2006 general election, Judge Limbaugh was retained for another 12-year term. He served as Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court for two years, starting in July, 2001.

William D. Elliott of Dallas received the 2008 Dan R. Price Memorial Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. It honors an attorney who serves the profession as a volunteer and legal scholar while also actively practicing law.

Emily A. Parker was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Government Service by the SMU Dedman School of Law. She was selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 and was featured as a “Top Attorney” in Tarrant County by Fort Worth, Texas magazine.

Tom Pauken has been appointed by Governor Rick Perry as Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.

Larry Van Smith was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Banking Law and Real Estate Law.

Linda Thomas was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service by the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Gary Ingram was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 and was featured as a “Top Attorney” in Tarrant County by Fort Worth, Texas magazine.

Robert Stephen Molina has been named Chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) International Committee.

James B. Davis was named among the top lawyers by the UK - based Chambers and Partners’ directory of America’s Leading Business Lawyers Chambers USA 2008 and was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 specializing in Employee Benefits Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates.

Cynthia Day Grimes has been chosen as Medmarc Insurance Group’s Attorney of the Year.

Thomas J. Howell has joined McGuire, Craddock & Strother PC.

Mike Lynn has been elected Co-Chair of the American Bar Associations’ Federal Practice Task Force for the ABA Section of Litigation.

Stephen S. Maris has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as a Partner in the Litigation & Intellectual Property practice.

Timothy R. McCormick has been selected for the 2008 Chambers USA “Leaders in Their Fields” legal directory.

Lawrence C. Adams has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Partner in the Capital Finance & Real Estate practice.

Dowd G. Gullatt has joined the firm Clark, Thomas & Winters PC as a Shareholder.

Edward Hertenstein was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008.

Graham Hil was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the International Society of Barristers.

John Bernard Holden Jr. has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Energy Law.

Gerald “Geary” Reamey was a visiting Professor at the University of Vienna’s Institute for Criminal Law, and will be Co-Director of the Institute on World Legal Problems at the University of Innsbruck, Austria.

Kirk Sniff has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Michael C. Barrett has been elected to be a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.
Judge Jane Boyle ’81
Recipient of Outstanding Jurist Award

Judge Jane J. Boyle of Dallas received the 2008 Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The award was established in 1995, when the Foundation received a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Samuel Pessarra in honor of her late husband. The Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award honors an active Federal or State Judge who exhibits an exceptionally outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency and integrity.

Judge Jane J. Boyle received her law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1981. She began her career as an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County, and was promoted to Chief Felony Prosecutor of the Major Commercial Fraud Unit in 1985. In 1987, she was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, and in 1990, she was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas, where she served for 12 years. She was appointed United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas in 2002. President George W. Bush appointed her U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas in 2004. Judge Boyle is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Catherine Crier was honored for her dedication to gun violence prevention at a benefit gala in New York City.

Paul N. Gold has received the Gene Cavin Award from the State Bar of Texas, recognizing attorneys for excellence in continuing legal education.

J. Craig Jett has been sworn in as the 37th president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, the Heart in the Capital Finance & Williams LLP as Counsel has joined Hunton & J. Nicholson Meindl Law.

of Land Use & Zoning in the field America 2008 selected for inclusion has been Susan Mead Committee.

to the law firm’s Executive Dallas Office, was elected holder in Winstead’s a share - Roland Love, Missouri. the Eastern District of States District Judge for appointed United of Missouri, has been of the Supreme Court formerly a Justice

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from the State Bar of

has completed her third book Prisoners of the Heart.

Dolly Kyle has completed

Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Rob Roby of Curran Tomko & Tarski was presented a Presidential Citation by the Dallas Bar Association for his fund-raising efforts for the National High School Mock Trial Competition and has been elected to serve as a Director of the State Bar of Texas.

David L. White was named Lanelogic, Inc.’s new Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

Paul Yale has been certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Oil, Gas and Mineral law and has joined Burleson Cooke as Of Counsel in Houston.

Roland Love, a shareholder in Winstead’s Dallas Office, was elected to the law firm’s Executive Committee.

Susan Mead has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Land Use & Zoning Law.

J. Nicholson Meindl has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Counsel in the Capital Finance & Real Estate practice.

Michael Patterson is President of the East Texas

1978

T. Michael Hall has been named to H Texas magazine’s 2008 “Houston’s Top Lawyers” list.

Terence P. McElwee has just published “Licensing Intellectual Property in the Information Age”.

James W. McKellar has been selected for the 2008 Chambers USA “Leaders in Their Fields” legal directory and has been elected to Thompson & Knight’s Management Committee for 2008.

Rocky Robinson received a Presidential Citation from the State Bar of Texas to honor his contributions and commitment over the past year.

Barry Sorrels of Sorrels, Udashen & Anton was elected second vice president of the Dallas Bar Association.

Les Weisbrod has been elected to serve as President of the American Association for Justice for 2008-2009.

1979

Ben Anderson was named a Managing Partner for the global firm Deloitte & Touche.

Brian Bates has been recognized as a leading Immigration Lawyer by Chambers USA, America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Daniel G. Baucum has joined Shackelford, Melton & McKinley in Dallas as Partner.

Irene L. Hosford has been named Partner in the Real Estate section at Brown McCarroll LLP.

Mary Emma Karam has received the President’s Award from Ursuline Academy of Dallas recognizing her leadership and support of the school.

Marty Lowy, Judge of the 101st District Court, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association.

Michael K. Pierce has been elected to Thompson & Knight’s Management Committee for 2008.

John Rubottom has been appointed to serve as General Counsel to the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Kevin Thomason has been named Chairman of the Real Estate committee of the American Bar Association’s Section of Taxation and has been
Ambassador Garza ’83 Delivers Commencement Address

U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Antonio O. Garza, Jr. ’83, gave the SMU Dedman School of Law Commencement Address on May 17, 2008.

Garza focused on how to live a good life. “First, don’t lie, cheat, or steal. Make a conscious effort to live a life of integrity and purpose,” Garza said.

He continued, “Second, don’t let other people’s expectations define you.” He challenged the graduates “to live the life that is right for you and by so doing you will have more success and, believe me, the journey will be far more satisfying.”

His “third piece of advice: user generated content might inform you, universe generated content will change you. Just as you should open your heart up to yourself, open yourself up to the world and people around you. Allow yourself to be inspired by the beauty that surrounds us.”

His fourth recommendation was “prioritize family.” He observed: “I enjoy my job in representing my country, but the truth is that my favorite part of each and every day is the time spent with my wife and children. My work is exciting and a privilege, but my family is the real blessing in life.”

“My final piece of advice to you is live your faith and respect your Creator.” Garza said in closing. He praised his high school teachers for showing him social justice in the lessons of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Caesar Chavez, “making me realize that faith is an active pursuit. They also made me realize that faith is knowing that we can draw strength and confidence from something or someone far larger than us. Respect that.”

After receiving his J.D. from SMU, Garza practiced law with Bracewell & Patterson, LLP. He was elected Cameron County Judge in 1988, and was appointed Texas Secretary of State in 1995. In 1998, he was elected Texas Railroad Commissioner. President George W. Bush appointed him Ambassador to Mexico in July, 2002. He received the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Government Service in 2001.
serve on the University of Texas at Dallas’ Pre-Law Advisory Council.

Jody L. Johnson was elected to Membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

1984

George Bennett married Catherine Gilardi.

Bretton C. Gerard has joined Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP as a Partner in the firm’s Litigation Section.

Lou H. Jones has left Blockbuster to take the General Counsel position with Papa John’s in Louisville, Kentucky and manage the Legal Department as well as the Internal Audit and Risk Services departments.

Mark A. Shank, a partner with K&L Gates, has been elected chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Clyde M. Siebman of Siebman, Reynolds, Burg, Phillips & Smith has been appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Red River Authority board of directors.

1985

Angela Braly was named #1 of the “50 Women to Watch” by The Wall Street Journal in November of 2007.

Michele Wong Krause is Chair of the Hispanic Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Michael Truncate was appointed to be a Regent of the Texas State University System -- the 3rd largest system of higher education in Texas.

Salvatore Vitale has founded Vitale & Partners an International law firm with offices in Rome, Milan, Chieti, Siena, Trieste (Italy), Riga (Latvia), Bucharest (Romania), Sofia (Bulgaria), Podgorica (Montenegro), Yerevan (Armenia) and Brasilia (Brasil).

1986

Sally Crawford, a partner with Jones Day, was elected 2008 vice chair of the Dallas Bar Association Board of Directors.

James Robert Griffin has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Employee Benefits Law.

John Horany was elected to the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees.

David Kleiman has been elected Chairman of the Dallas Bar Association’s Construction Law section for 2008.

K.L. Alex Lautin has received a PhD in Law from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland as well as being awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at the Hong Kong Baptist University.

R. Keith Spencer is Executive Vice President and head of the Family Law Division of Bailey & Galyen Law Firm in Bedford, TX. He is host of “The Legal Hour” on WBAP News Talk 820 and recently was Board Certified in Family Law.

1987

Roger D. Aksamit has joined Thompson & Knight as a Partner in the Tax Practice Group in the firm’s Houston office.

John DeFeo has opened the firm John DeFeo & Associates PLLC.

S. David Smith has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Committee of the State Bar of Texas for 2007-2008.

1988

Joseph C. Edwards has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Partner in the Litigation & Intellectual Property practice.

Andrew T. Fifield spoke on spoliation at the State Bar of Texas CLE Program in San Antonio.

Mary A. McNulty has been elected to Thompson & Knight’s Management Committee for 2008.

Nancy L. Patterson has joined the Houston office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius as a Partner.

J. Scott Sexton was named to The Best Lawyers in America 2008 for his practice Specialty of Commercial Litigation.

L. Stephan Vincze was named one of the 100 Most Inspiring Executives in the Life Science industry by The Pharma Voice magazine.

Bradley L. Whitlock has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2008 in the field of Corporate Law.

1989

John Boundy has published his first novel, Justice is Coming. He currently serves as an Assistant
The Dallas Office of Haynes and Boone received this year’s W. Frank Newton Award from the State Bar of Texas for their pro bono representation of two Mexican nationals serving life sentences for murder. In 2001, Barry McNeil of Haynes and Boone took on the cases of Alberto Sifuentes and Jesus Ramirez, indigents with poor English skills, who both received life sentences from separate juries for the 1996 shooting of a Panhandle convenience store clerk. McNeil assembled a team of Haynes and Boone lawyers including Dallas partner Ronald Breaux ’89, and associate Alberto de la Peña ’01 to prepare and file a state habeas corpus writ application for the men who had already served six years in prison.

The team tried the case in August and September of 2005, and the judge recommended a new trial, which the Court of Criminal Appeals adopted in January, 2008. The Lamb County Grand Jury found there was no evidence on which to try the men, dismissed all charges and both men were freed.

During the more than six years of representation, Haynes and Boone spent 7,493 hours on the men’s cases, and more than $400,000 in expenses. Ron Breaux, who received his B.S. Degree from Louisiana State University in 1986 and his J.D. from SMU School of Law in 1989, practices antitrust law for Haynes and Boone. Alberto de la Peña (now a partner), who received his J.D. from Escuela Libre de Derecho in 1994 and his LL.M. from SMU Dedman School of Law in 2001, heads the Mexico Cross-Border Practice of Haynes and Boone.
Mary Murphy has been appointed to serve on the University of Texas at Dallas’ Pre-Law Advisory Council.

Nancy R. Simon has recently joined the Patent Department at Eastman Kodak Co. as a Senior Patent Attorney.

Robert S. Weber has accepted a new position with Juniper Networks and is running its law department in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand as Assistant General Counsel and Director of Legal Affairs, ASEAN.

William M. Reppeto III has been named Partner at McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing, LLP in Dallas.

Denise Scofield has joined the firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as a Partner in its Litigation Practice at its Houston office.

Carlos Treistman has joined Morgan Lewis & Bockius in Houston as a Partner.

1993

Jeffry Blair has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as a Partner in the Tax & ERISA practice.

David G. Cabrales has been named General Counsel to Governor Rick Perry.

Chris Joe has been elected a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Bryan P. Neal has been appointed to the University of Texas at Dallas Pre-Law Advisory Council.

Oscar Rey Rodriguez has become a partner at Fulbright and Jaworski in the Dallas office.

Kate Ross has joined Hankinson Levinger in Dallas as Of Counsel.

Tommy W. Slover has been named Partner in the Tax & Intellectual Property practice.

Clary & Aiken LLP.

Bryan P. Neal has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as Partner in the Litigation & Intellectual Property practice.

William R. Jenkins was featured as a “Top Attorney” in Tarrant County by Fort Worth, Texas magazine.

Patrick J. Pacheco has accepted a position with JPMorgan as Vice President/Wealth Advisor in Houston.

Paula Perkins has been named Senior Counsel in the Appellate Practice group at Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP.

Ralph Perry-Miller has joined Looper Reed & McGraw’s Dallas office as Partner.

Robert Witte has joined Strasburger & Price as a Partner specializing in business litigation and dispute resolution. He will base his practice out of Straburger’s downtown office, but will also work out of their Frisco office.

1994

Jeffrey J. Ansley has joined Bracwell & Giuliani in Dallas as a Partner practicing Criminal, Regulatory and Civil Law.

John Conway has relocated to South Bend Indiana where he has joined the Notre Dame Alumni Association as the Director of Alumni Academic Programs and is Of Counsel at LaDue Curran & Kuehn.

Meloney Cargil Perry has joined Meckler Bulger & Tilson LLP in Dallas as Partner.

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Anne L. Cook has been named Managing Partner of Cozen O’Connor’s Dallas office.

David G. Cabrales ’93 Appointed General Counsel by Governor Perry

Governor Rick Perry appointed David G. Cabrales of Dallas to serve as General Counsel to the Governor effective September 4, 2007. Cabrales is a 1993 graduate of SMU School of Law where he was a Hatton W. Summers Scholar. Immediately after graduating from law school he served as a law clerk for Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul A. Gonzalez. Cabrales was a partner in the firm of Locke Liddell and Sapp, where he served as Chairman of the Diversity Committee. His practice focused on insurance disputes, securities actions, and business torts.

Cabrales is a member of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas, where he serves on the steering committee of the Texas Minority Counsel Program. Cabrales is also a member of the Dallas Bar Association and past chairman of the Securities Law Section.

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tor to CCH’s Healthcare Compliance Newsletter.

Clement Osimetha, has been promoted to Vice President Associate General Counsel for Mary Kay Inc.

Ellen L. Perlioni has joined the Labor and Employment practice at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

Joel Winful, an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas, married Terilyn Scott in October, 2007.

1996

Jeff Mitchell has joined the firm of Higier Allen & Lautin, PC.

Jennifer Patterson has joined McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore in Austin as a Partner.

Andrew D. Price was elected to Partnership at the Washington law firm of Venable LLP in Trademark law.

Jamey Seely, Vice President and General Counsel for Direct Energy U.S., was named one of the most powerful and influential women in Texas by Texas Diversity magazine.

Deanna Slocum has been appointed to the newly-created position of Compliance Officer for Siemens PLM Software and is relocating from London, UK to Dallas, Texas to take on this new opportunity.

Soekotjo Soeparto has been selected for Membership of the 7 member Judicial Commission of The Republic of Indonesia as the Representative of Social Members.

Jason P. Wylie has been elected to a three-year term on the Keller Independent School District Board of Trustees.

1997

Patrick K. Craine has joined Bracewell & Giuliani in Dallas as a Partner.

Alan Duncan has been hired as Counsel at Cantey Hanger LLP.

C. Alex Frutos was elected Partner in the Corporate & Securities and Private Equity practice groups of Jackson Walker’s Dallas office.

Paul Goldean is the President & CEO of Scottish Re.

Laura Benitez Geisler of Jones & Geisler was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association.

Hansjoerg Heppe and Rosario (Chachy Segovia) Heppe ’99 announce the birth of their daughter, Helena Maria del Socorro Brigitte, April 5, 2007 in New York City. They have moved back to Dallas and he is with Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell.

Soekotjo Soeparto has been selected for Membership of the 7 member Judicial Commission of The Republic of Indonesia as the Representative of Social Members.

Laurence Henry has been appointed CEO of LegacyTexas Title.

Jennifer Keefe has been named Partner at Patton Boggs in Dallas.

Andrea L. McCormic (Panchenko) has been appointed to the judiciary in Philadelphia as a State Judge hearing workmen’s compensation cases, having practiced workmen’s compensation law since graduation.

Todd S. Spickard has opened Spickard Law Office PL in Dallas.

John L. Thompson has been named a Shareholder at Munsh Hardt Kopf & Harr.

1998

Richard A. Cuccia II has joined Panda Ethanol Inc and is currently serving as Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Linda Dedman of Dedman & Handschuch was presented a Special Section Recognition Award by the Dallas Bar Association for chairing the DBA Torts & Insurance Practice Section which provided significant support to the High School Mock Trial Program and many other DBA programs.

Aimee Fagan joined McKool Smith as a principal, focusing her practice on complex business litigation.

1999

John Arnold has been promoted to Partner at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in Houston.

Cherie K. Batsel has been named a Partner at John M. Cox & Associates PC in Dallas.

Denyse Finn Clancy has become a Shareholder at Baron & Budd PC.

Shawn Cleveland has been named Partner at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal LLP.

Tricia R. DeLeon has been elected Partner at Bracewell & Giuliani in Austin.

David Eaker and Amy Albritton Eaker have returned to Rockwall. David is practicing family law in Dallas and Amy continues with JP Morgan.

Bradley W. Gaswirth has been named Director with the recently renamed firm, Canterbury, Elder, Gooch, Surratt, Shapiro & Stein in Dallas.

Lowell Harrison has made Partner at Hunton & Williams LLP law firm.

Marcos A. Hazan-Cohen has been promoted to Membership at Cozen O’Connor.

Rosario (Chachy Segovia) Heppe and Hansjoerg Heppe ’97 announce the birth of their daughter, Helena Maria del Socorro Brigitte, April 5, 2007 in New York City. They have since moved back to Dallas where she is Senior Director for Compliance for Flour Corporation in Las Colinas.

Jeff Logan has been promoted to Partner at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in Dallas.

Jennifer Evans Morris has been named Partner at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal LLP.
Carolyn Northcutt is serving as Collin County Bar Association’s 2007-2008 Treasurer.

Steven Smith has been promoted to Partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Robert L. Berry has joined Meckler Bulger & Tilson LLP in Dallas.

Hilaree A. Casada has been promoted to Partner at Harmes Sargent Bates in Dallas.

Stewart Clancy has been appointed General Counsel for NeXplore Corporation.

Jeremy B. Coffey was elected Partner at the firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP and will be dividing his time between the firm’s New York and Boston Offices.

Leslie P. Fisher has joined Munsh Hardt Kopf & Harr as an associate.

Susan Stafford Jeffus was promoted to Senior Litigation Attorney at Electronic Data Systems (EDS).

Jeff McPhaul has been added as an Attorney at Munck Butrus Carter PC in the firm’s Corporate Transactions and Securities section.

Jennifer Murphy has been hired by Rose Walker LLP as a trial lawyer.

Jonathan P. Nagy has relocated from Dallas to Madison, Wisconsin where he now serves as an Assistant General Counsel for American Family Insurance Company, a Fortune 400 insurer.

Daniel Paz has joined the firm Higier Allen & Lautin PC as an Associate.

Eric Tautfest has been named Partner at Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail LLP.

Aaron Z. Tobin has been added as a Partner at the Dallas-based Anderson Jones PLLC.

K. Nicole Voyles has become a Principal in Webb & Voyles P.C., formerly Webb & Associates.

Brandon Wade has been named Shareholder and Director of the Fort Worth law firm of McDonald Sanders PC.

James N. Zoys has become a Shareholder at Geary Porter & Donovan in Addison.

Alberto de la Pena was promoted to Partner at Haynes & Boone LLP, and he worked on the pro bono legal team at the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone that helped free two men who had been sentenced to life in prison. For their efforts, the Haynes and Boone Dallas office received the State Bar of Texas 2008 W. Frank Newton Award.

Robert N. Flowers has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as an Associate in the Global Capital Markets and M&A practice.

Randell J. Gartin has joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a Tax Associate in the firm’s Dallas office.

Greta Goldsby has joined Winstead in Austin as an Associate with the Finance and Banking Practice group in the Business and Transactions department.

E. Foster Green has joined Looper Reed & McGraw’s Dallas office as an Associate.

A. John Harper III has joined the Houston office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius as an Associate.

Monica A. Knake has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as an Associate in the Global Capital Markets and M&A practice.

Judd L. Leach has been added as an Associate in the Transactions section of Jackson Walker’s Austin office.

K.D. Shull coached the SMU Dedman School of Law team to the semifinals of the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition.

Jennifer C. Tobin has become a Shareholder at Geary Porter & Donovan in Addison.

Robert M. Castle III has been named the Pro Bono Director of the Fort Worth Volunteer Attorney Program.

Craig Carlyle Crafton has joined Cozen O’Connor as an Associate in the Insurance department.

James J. Doyle III has joined Cash Klemchuk Powers Taylor LLP as an Associate in the Commercial and Personal Litigation section.

Dyan House has been named Partner at Mullin House PC.

Kristina M. Oropeza has joined Munck Butrus Carter in the firm’s Litigation section as an Associate.

David C. Schulte, an associate at Thompson & Knight in Dallas, married Molly M. Twist.

Anuya Singsangob has been promoted to a Dean at BU (Bangkok University) Law School.

Brandy Treadway has relocated from Weil Gotshal & Manges’ London’s office to the Dallas office.

Jessica B. Young has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Housing Crisis Center.

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Eileen Youens ’03 Named Assistant Professor at UNC School of Government

Eileen Youens has joined the School of Government at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill as an Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government teaching in the area of local government contracts.

Youens, who as a law student was Editor-in-Chief of the SMU Law Review and a Frances Spears Cloyd Scholarship recipient, clerked for the Honorable A. Joe Fish, Chief Judge for the Northern District of Texas immediately after graduation in 2003. She practiced with Vinson & Elkins in Dallas and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Raleigh, North Carolina.

We want to hear from you—send us your news:
smulaw@smu.edu or go to http://alumni.law.smu.edu

Eileen Youens (Bamberger) has joined the School of Government at UNC Chapel Hill as an Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government, teaching in the area of Local Government Contracts.

Brandy Williams has joined Bickel & Brewer in New York City.

2004

Ben Bodzy has joined Baker Donelson as an Associate in the Nashville Firm’s Labor & Employment Department.

Chip Brooker and Rebekah Steely Brooker are happy to announce the birth of their son William Hutcheson Brooker, born February 13th.

Michael Danforth has joined Winstead in Dallas as an Associate with the Tax, Employee Benefits and Private Business Practice group.

Yolanda Eisenstein has opened the Eisenstein Law Office, dedicated to the practice of Animal Law.

Scott F. Ellis has joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as an Associate in the Real Estate Section.

Tiffany Hansen has finished her 3rd year as a US Coast Guard JAG, and returned from a 6 month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq, for detainee operations. She is one of three USCG JAGs who was deployed to Iraq.

Matthew J. Morrison has joined the St. Louis law firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an Associate.

Mackenzie Murphy-Wilfong has moved into Government Service as an Attorney for the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Jennifer Rudenick has rejoined Thompson & Knight as an Associate in the Firm’s Dallas office after serving as a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice.

Kenneth Sheets has joined Payne & Blanchard in Dallas.

Aimee L. Stone has joined Brackett & Ellis in Fort Worth as an Associate.

Joshua M. Weaver has joinedLooper Reed & McGraw’s Dallas office as an Associate.

Ellen D. Williamson (Daniel) joined the SBA after Hurricane Katrina. She married Kevin Williamson in August, 2007.

2005

Laura K. Allis has joined Condon Thornton Harrell Malik LLP.

Eric S. Dahlberg is Commercial Escrow Manager for Centex Title & Ancillary Services in Dallas working on supporting Commercial Real Estate transactions.

Eric R. Hail has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as an Associate in the Litigation & Intellectual Property practice.

Dale Rose is serving as Collin County Bar Association’s 2007-2008 President.

Peter A. Schulte has formed Schulte & Apgar PLLC.

2006

Matthew Beard has joined Jackson Walker’s Dallas office as an Associate in the Tax and Estates section.

David E. Colmenero has been elected to the Board of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Lauren A. Cook has accepted an Associate
position with Dallas firm Smith & Knott.

**Julie Dupont** recently transferred to the Dallas City Attorney’s Office, Code Compliance Section.

**Heath Hendricks** has joined the law firm of Riney & Mayfield LLP in Amarillo, TX practicing Civil Trial Law.

**Jacquelyn Bateman Krupp** has joined Hunton & Williams LLP as an Associate in the Tax & ERISA practice.

**Julie Lanza** has transferred to the Dallas City Attorney’s Office, Code Compliance Section.

**Lindsey Postula (Jandel)** has been added as an Attorney in the Dallas office of Looper Reed & McGraw.

**Ramona Soto** has joined Godwin Pappas Ronquillo, LLP as an Associate in the firm’s Public Law section.

**Rebecca A. Thomas** has joined the Business Finance and Restructuring practice at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

**Jennifer C. Wang** and her husband Chad are happy to announce the birth of their child, Linus Carter Watt. Linus was born in August 2007 after Jennifer completed her judicial clerkship with Hon. Sam A. Lindsay, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Jennifer has now become an Associate for the law firm of Carrington Coleman.

**2007**

**Julie Abernethy** has been added as an Associate at Thompson & Knight at the firm’s Trial Practice Group in Dallas.

**Nathan T. Anderson** has joined McGlinchey Stafford PLLC as an Associate at their Houston office.

**John Bain** has joined the Business Transactions section of the Dallas office of Looper Reed & McGraw.

**Patricia Lindley Bain** has joined Dallas’ Goranson, Bain, Larsen & Greenwald LC as an Associate.

**Lindsey Bragg** has accepted a position as an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

**Alden Crow** has joined the Business Transactions section of the Dallas office of Jackson Walker.

**Shannon Curtis** has accepted a position with Private Equity consultant Aldus Equity of Dallas.

**Frederick L. Day** is a first year Associate in Houston at Skadden, Arps.

**Jennifer Gadd Snow** has joined Thompson & Knight as an Associate.

**Russel Geist** is an Associate Attorney at Anderson & Dorn Ltd, Northern Nevada’s premier Estate Planning law firm.

**Nam H. Huynh** has been named an Associate at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in its Intellectual Property Practice group.

**Ashley E. Johnston** (Harris) has been added as an Associate Attorney in the Dallas office of Looper Reed & McGraw, and was appointed to the advisory committee for Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) where she will focus on legal issues affecting the health care industry.

**Hilary Lefko** has completed her LLM in Taxation, graduating Dean’s List and with Distinction from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, and has joined the Ferraro Law Firm as an Associate in the Washington, DC office.

**Amy Lott** has been appointed an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

**Noki Luqmanullahkim Saefullah** has transferred to Sumatera Operation in Indonesia for Chevron to handle contract matters and other operations including Environmental Law issues and litigation.

**William J. Moore** has joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC as a Litigation and Dispute Resolution Associate.

**Lisa Normand** has been appointed as an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

**Emmanuel U. Obi** has been hired at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

**John O’Connor** has joined the Litigation/Regulatory practice section of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Dallas.

**Mark Perantie** has been added to the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight in their Intellectual Property Practice Group.

**Aaron J. Rigby** has been hired at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

**Paul Rynerson** has been appointed an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

**Jennifer A. Seymour** has been added as an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

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**Jennifer Gadd Snow** has joined the Litigation/Regulatory practice section of Winstead PC.

**Joshua B. Somers** has become an Assistant District Attorney with the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

**Jeff Tinker** has been appointed an Associate attorney at Winstead PC.

**Jay Wieser** has joined the Litigation section of the Fort Worth office of Jackson Walker.

**Kimberly S. Young** has joined the Litigation Department at Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City.

**Honorary Alumni**

**Ron Kirk,** partner at Vinson & Elkins, received the 26th Justinian Award, presented annually by the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary and was named one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America by The National Law Journal.
THE HONORABLE JAMES A. BAKER ’58

Texas Supreme Court Justice James A. Baker earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Southern Methodist University in 1953 and his law degree from the SMU School of Law in 1958. Following law school, he joined the firm of Goldberg, Alexander and Baker in Dallas, moved to the firm of Weber, Baker and Allums in 1972, and opened the Law Office of James A. Baker in 1979. He served on the Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas from 1986 to 1995.

Justice Baker was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas in October 1995, by Governor George W. Bush. A year later, in 1996, he was elected to a six-year term. While on the Supreme Court he served as the Supreme Court Liaison to the Home Equity Loan Foreclosure Rules Task Force, the Reverse Mortgage Loan Foreclosure Task Force, the Chapter 33-Parental Notification Rules Task Force, and the Texas Association for Court Administration.

He retired from the Court on August 31, 2002, because if he ran for re-election he would have reached mandatory retirement age midway through his second term. He then joined Hughes & Luce (now K&L Gates) in Dallas as head of its appellate practice group. He worked there until his death. Justice Baker graciously volunteered many hours participating in seminars and conferences sponsored by the law school and judging moot courts. “Justice Baker was a very loyal alumnus always willing to help his alma mater,” said Dean John Attanasio. Despite the effects of cancer and its treatment on his body, he attended the 50th Reunion of his SMU Dedman School of Law Class of 1958 on April 12, 2008. He passed away in his sleep on June 22, 2008.

Justice Baker was a former Director of the Dallas Bar Association and a Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation, as well as the Texas Bar Foundation. He was a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas, the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, the American Law Institute, and the Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court. In 1993, Justice Baker received the Outstanding Civil Jurist Award presented by the American Board of Trial Advocates, Dallas Chapter. In 2001, he received the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service. He was presented the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.

The law school was privileged to have Justice James Baker participate in several Rule of Law Forums. In 2006 he met with the Rule of Law Forum delegation from Brunei.

in loving memory...
In Memoriam

The SMU Dedman School of Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

Margaret S. Fenton ’36
October 25, 2007

Arthur S. Goldberg ’39
July 1, 2008

Cornelius O. Ryan ’40
October 17, 2007

Robert A. Nichols ’47
July 7, 2007

J. H. Van Voorhis ’47
May 27, 2008

John S. Estill, Jr. ’48
October 24, 2007

Ben G. Ramsey ’48
October 28, 2007

Edwin P. Horner ’48
February 2, 2008

Ralph W. Wilson ’48
April 17, 2008

Jack M. King, Sr. ’49
March 23, 2008

Robert H. Davis, Jr. ’50
July 9, 2008

Stuart F. Hendricks ’51
December 5, 2007

Joseph Tamasy ’51
January 29, 2008

Ira L. Allen ’51
March 28, 2008

William C. Charlton ’52
December 14, 2007

Charles P. Storey ’52
July 14, 2008

Adrian D. Speck ’53
January 21, 2008

Corwin C. Connell ’53
February 27, 2008

Ernest E. Specks ’55
May 29, 2008

John W. Floyd ’56
October 9, 2007

James A. Baker ’58
June 22, 2008

Michael K. Crawford ’59
October 27, 2007

Bruce W. Boss ’59
March 18, 2008

R. W. Glenn ’60
July 19, 2007

Harold A. Ellard ’60
September 20, 2007

John C. Vance ’60
March 30, 2008

Frank P. Fullerton ’60
June 25, 2008

Neill English, Jr. ’61
January 18, 2008

Laurel A. Bates ’62
August 5, 2007

James B. Behan ’62
March 12, 2008

William C. Manning ’64
May 3, 2008

Vernon B. Hill, Jr. ’66
August 2, 2007

Herbert R. Smith ’66
August 30, 2007

James E. Ross ’66
March 26, 2008

Peter R. Thompson ’68
July 18, 2007

Helen A. Graue ’70
February 29, 2008

W. J. Morris ’71
January 8, 2008

Ronald L. Godbey ’71
March 2, 2008

Robert A. Ross ’73
August 9, 2007

Roy E. Jacobie, Jr. ’73
April 29, 2008

G. Wayne Jackson ’74
December 10, 2007

David A. White ’75
October 15, 2007

Robert B. Malcolm, III ’76
August 2, 2007

Brian D. Lafving ’77
February 7, 2008

Joe H. Bergheim ’80
January 24, 2008

Elise G. Gold ’82
August 10, 2007

Ralston C. Makuta ’82
August 20, 2007

Michael E. Tomlin ’83
November 10, 2007

Ivan M. Scott, Jr. ’83
March 2, 2008

Jack Kirkpatrick ’96
May 30, 2008

Carolyn A. Whitson ’98
February 1, 2008
TAILGATE PARTIES
Please join us for FUN, FRIENDS, & FOOD!

2008 Season Home Games

Saturday, September 6, 2008
SMU vs. Texas State
Tailgate at 5:00-7:00 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 20, 2008
SMU vs. TCU (Family Weekend)
Tailgate at 5:00-7:00 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 11, 2008
SMU vs. Tulsa
Tailgate at 5:00-7:00 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 18, 2008
SMU vs. Houston
Tailgate at 5:00-7:00 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 8, 2008
SMU vs. Memphis (Homecoming)
Tailgate at 12:00-2:00 pm
Kickoff at 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 29, 2008
SMU vs. Southern Miss
Tailgate at 12:00-2:00 pm
Kickoff at 2:00 pm

*Times subject to change
On December 12, 2007, alumni gathered for the annual C.S. Potts Society Luncheon. The C.S. Potts Society is made up of all alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago.

Professor Marc Steinberg lectured on “Ethical Considerations for the Business Attorney” to alumni on April 11, 2008. Over 200 attended the CLE & Dean’s Reception that followed.

Class of 1958

Dallas Petroleum Club

John McElhaney ’58, Jackie McElhaney, Dick Davis ’58, Sally Davis, Judge James A. Baker ’58, Claudia Baker

Lee Coggan ’58, Betty Foreman, Jim Foreman ’58
Class of 1963

Home of John ’63 & Barbara ’98 Clark

Barbara Clark ’98 & Glenn Turner ’63

John Clark ’63, Dean Attanasio, Dennis Sullivan ’63, & Fred Head ’63

Class of 1973

Brunch at Royal Oaks Country Club & Dinner at Dallas Petroleum Club

Emily Parker (above) hosted a Brunch for the Class of 1973.

(Above) Joe Kral ’73, Marilyn Barfoot and Michael Stein ’73 at Brunch

(Right) Tony Patterson ’73, Mary Lou Patterson, Jay Garrett ’73, Lisa Garrett, Dick White ’73, Wayne Johnson ’73
Class of 1978

Park Cities Club

Jeanette Consor ’78, Larry Boyd ’78 and Vicki Boyd

Class of 1983

Home of Julie ’83 & Frank Reedy

(Above) Ann Alexander ’83, Julie Reedy ’83, Melanie Wright ’83
(Left) Allan Wisk ’83, Cathy Moore Acuff ’83,
Diana Silva Herrera ’83

Mike Wall ’78, Brian Lidji ’78 and Terry McElwee ’78
The Quad
Class of 1988

Park Cities Hilton

(Left) Vickers Cunningham ’88, Ellen Weinstein Ungerman ’88, Roy Atwood ’88
(Below) Horst Barber ’88, Pekka A.O. Inkeroinen ’88, Hans J. Hegerl ’88, Gigi Steiner ’88, Felix Egli ’88, Rolf B. Arnade ’88

1988 & 1993 REUNIONS

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Class of 1993

Margaux’s

(Right) Diana Dean ’88, Gigi Steiner ’88, Rita Ransdell ’88, Cynthia Repansky ’88

(Right) David Glickler ’93, Holly Glickler, Gina Hamada, Sean Hamada ’93
(Far Right) Amy Yeager ’93, Rey Chavez ’93, Daryl Gordan ’93, Christopher Joe ’93
The 2008 Howie Sweeney Moot Court Competition, held on April 7, 2008, was presided over by a distinguished panel of judges: Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson of the Texas Supreme Court, Chief Justice Linda Thomas ’73 of the 5th District Court of Appeals, Texas, and noted attorney, Paula Sweeney ’81.

Arguing in the finals were Bill Richmond, John Kane, Chris Meier and Rachael Mulcahy. The judges applauded the oral advocacy skills and the quality of preparation that each participant showed in reaching the finals of the competition.

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On the evening of April 20, 2008, the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) held its annual scholarship auction. Once again, the event was a smashing success!

Professors Eads, Colangelo, Moss and Villazor served as auctioneers for the evening, only stopping the bidding for some entertainment provided by “The ProfRockers,” a musical trio consisting of Professors Moss, Villazor, and Colangelo.

The event was very well-attended, and the auction raised $29,000, which Dean John B. Attanasio generously matched from his discretionary funds, bringing the total to over $58,000.

Elizabeth Austin & Leah Bhimani coordinated the event and Professor Villazor and Rebecca Greenan serve as faculty advisors.
LEAH BHIMANI

Leah Bhimani organized the school’s first annual live public interest law auction to raise funds for paid summer public interest law internships for fellow students. Her efforts helped to fund twenty-nine public interest law internships. She was the Editor-in-Chief of the SMU Law Review, a member of the Barristers, research assistant for Professor Rose Villazor, and tutored law students through the school’s Academic Skills Assistance Program.

“I only decided that law school was the path for me a little less than a year before I applied—I wasn’t one of the people who always knew I wanted to be a lawyer. But I worked as a paralegal and translator at Legal Aid, and I enjoyed the work and saw how much ability lawyers have to help their communities. After my three years at SMU, I feel I made the right decision to go to law school.

“The faculty at SMU Law are extraordinary—their dedication to teaching, the care they show toward helping students and getting to know them individually, and the work they do to create a sense of community within the law school greatly influenced my law school experience.

“So many students, faculty and the administration pitched in to organize the first live annual auction to benefit students spending their summer working in public interest jobs—the amount of support that the Association for Public Interest Law received was incredible. It has now been a great success for two years in a row, and I expect it to continue on as an annual tradition.”

RANDY JACKSON

Randy Jackson arrived at SMU following a distinguished military career. A former Army Lieutenant Colonel and the deputy director of the security assistance office at the U.S. Embassy, Amman, Jordan, he attributes many of his recent successes to experiences gained while serving our country. He also believes guidance received from supportive law professors and deans helped him overcome routine challenges of pursuing a J.D. degree.

Randy said, “Dean Attanasio provided the reason I chose to attend SMU, and Dean Camp and a few select professors provided my rationale for remaining.” When indentifying strengths of the school, he said, “the law faculty is often an untapped, underutilized student resource,” and further claimed, “without their insights and encouragement, my goals may never have been realized.”

Randy acknowledges the LL.M program as an equally important component of his law school education. He said, “[t] he international students further our understanding of global trends and development from their perspectives as citizens and practicing attorneys from their respective countries. My goal was to become an unofficial Ambassador, engaging our international students and exchanging perceptions on a variety of topics, often including culture, politics, religion, etc.” He encourages current and future J.D. candidates to do this as well.

Randy believes, “Dedman School of Law made my transition from professional soldier to professional civilian uniquely remarkable.” He is the 2008 recipient of the Order of the Barrister’s A.J. Thomas Award.
The Quad

2008 GRADUATES

BYRON MCCAFFREE

Byron earned his BBA and Masters in Accounting at UT-Austin. Before attending law school, he passed the CPA exam and worked for two years at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Ft. Worth. Byron followed his sister, Melanie Clark ’99, to the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Byron noted that he gained valuable experience under Larry Jones’s tutelage in the Federal Taxpayers Clinic. As a 3L, Byron represented the students as the Student Bar Association President. Byron enjoyed working with three dozen student groups and committees on various projects and events. He fondly remembers being a liaison to the European Court of Justice’s Secretary William Valasidis at the SMU-hosted International Moot Court Competition. His extracurricular highlight was a discussion with Justice Sandra Day O’Connor over their shared concern about Texas’ elected judges. Byron’s work at the Underwood Law Library circulation desk rounded out his law school experience.

Beyond the quad, Byron served on the SMU Student Senate and the Dedman Recreation Center Advisory Board. Byron’s best legal experience came as a summer legal clerk at Miramax Films in New York. Byron notes that, “SMU’s collegial environment prepares graduates for two important tasks: passing the bar and entering the legal profession.”

NEFETERIUS MCPHERSON

“I grew up wanting to be a lawyer,” said Nefeterius McPherson. “This will be my third career and is the one I’m most excited about.” Before attending law school, Nefeterius worked in politics for former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, and also in the public relations field.

“My law school experience will always be one that I hold close to my heart,” Nefeterius said. “During my first two years I experienced major health issues, my mom had a near fatal brain aneurysm and my grandmother died. However, my professors and the deans never gave up on me,” she added.

As a law student, Nefeterius participated in the Child Advocacy Clinic, competed on mock trial teams, served as a student mentor, chaired the 2007 Race Judicata, which raised over $8,000 for the Southwest Transplant Foundation, and was named SMU’s 3L Advocate of the Year. Nefeterius also graduated cum laude and received the John E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship during this year’s hooding ceremony.

“I truly believe it is a privilege to have a law degree,” Nefeterius said. “I am honored to have an SMU law degree and I cannot wait to use it to make a difference in the lives of others.”

MARK AARON MELTON

As a member of the first evening class to graduate from SMU since the 1960’s, Mark’s law school experience might have been unique in comparison to that of the traditional law student. In addition to attending class at night, he worked full time as a CPA in the tax group of a private equity fund, served on the board of a public charity, was an adjunct professor of tax and accounting at a local college, and a husband and father of three. “As you might imagine, balancing work, school, and family was sometimes a challenge,” he said. “Fortunately, my family was very supportive throughout the whole ordeal. I owe them big.”

While at SMU, Mark served as a representative in the Student Bar Association for three years, and was very active in the law school community. He was also a member of the SMU team that won a national title at Georgetown’s White Collar Crime Mock Trial Tournament. “Being a student at SMU opened so many doors for me to meet a lot of interesting and influential people both inside and outside the law school community,” he said. “I have found that the SMU name is very well respected by people from all over the country.” Mark also joined several committees in the ABA’s Tax Section where he helped to author comment papers regarding tax legislation on behalf of the ABA.

Mark now works for Hunton & Williams LLP as a tax associate specializing in the domestic and international tax issues encountered by private equity and hedge funds. “I’m really looking forward to catching up on a little sleep,” he said.
LEONARD VICTOR ODHIAMBO

“Undoubtedly, SMU afforded me the opportunity of realizing my lifelong quest of attaining a Masters in Law. As a young boy growing up in Kenya and whilst attending law school for my undergraduate degree, it never did escape my mind that I needed to study for an LL.M thereafter. It was therefore a joyful moment when I received the admission letter from SMU. Further, the hallmark of my career came when I graduated with a Masters in Law.”

Odhiambo enjoyed his time at SMU Dedman School of Law. “While at SMU, the atmosphere that prevailed was collegial, and the professors were and still are highly intellectual, accommodating and of course, worthy of being entrusted with the task of modeling seasoned international lawyers for the future of which I am a product. In consequence, both my professional life and career were fortified and I am now in a class of my own.”

Upon graduation, Odhiambo went into a public service career. “I have been engaged as a consultant in Juba, Southern Sudan tasked with the responsibility of building the Judiciary and Ministry of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development of Southern Sudan. My LL.M was the biggest contributing factor in this assignment. Before attending SMU, I worked in Nairobi, Kenya with the International Commission of Jurists – Kenya Section as a program officer under their Human Rights program.

“The feeling has never been lost on me, I attended the finest law school and that feeling is going to be unrivalled for a very long time.”

ERNEST RICHARDS

“When I decided to attend law school I wanted 1) an evening program, 2) a law school with a robust and rigorous corporate finance and corporate law program with a very distinct international flavor, and 3) a law school with a strong brand name and a very good franchise beyond its local borders. SMU met and surpassed my expectations.”

Richards explained, “My work is highly transactional - M&A, contract negotiations, financings, and developing new business relationships in foreign countries. My law degree is immensely useful and financially very rewarding as the third prong of my professional career development after my MBA and a CPA. It has made me a well rounded strategic business professional as I freely rotate in and out of finance and law to close my transactions.

“Clearly, I was going to work for either an investment bank, or a private equity fund or hedge fund when I decided to attend law school, so upon graduation I took a position as a Senior Vice President for Finance and International Development with an international energy company in Dallas specializing in energy and infrastructure development in power, oil and gas and E&P in emerging economies.”

Richards summed up his law school experience. “Here is my take - while in school 1) study, prepare and specialize, 2) build solid political capital by effective net working and 3) have a plan to launch your career. Leave the rest to God.”

BAILEY PHAM

“I have always wanted to go to law school, so when I found myself three years into a profession as an Accountant I decided that it had to be right now or possibly never. SMU Dedman School of Law was a perfect fit. My experiences and the people at SMU made my time at the law school an unforgettable and irreplaceable part of my life. I capitalized on my time at SMU by serving as President of the SMU Law Review Association, a member of the Barristers, a mentor to first-year law students, a tutor for the Academic Skills Assistance Program, Treasurer of the Asian American Law Students Association, and Order of the Coif. I know that the education and opportunities that SMU has provided me will continue to enrich my life as well as others in the future. I graduated magna cum laude and plan to start work for Vinson & Elkins this September.”
ERIKA TOLEDO

"Born in Mexico City but raised in Dallas, I was always driven by my parents’ lack of opportunity to obtain a high school education in their country. When I came to this country, I always knew I wanted to be an attorney but never realized that SMU would set the solid foundation that would mold me into a professional determined to take on any challenge and succeed."

Toledo thrived as a law student. "SMU was not only intellectually stimulating, but also a place where I had the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience and leadership skills. In addition to my involvement in Jessup and HNBA Moot Court competitions, I was secretary of HLSA, a Cox School Graduate Senator, and elected as the Orientation Co-Chair for the full time MBA class of 2008.

"During my JD/MBA experience, I had the opportunity to travel all over the world from Oxford to expose myself to a comparable legal system to China and South America to study international business.

"I will always be grateful to SMU, a place that challenged me by transposing the unfamiliar into an opportunity to diversify my way of thinking."  

YULISE REAVES WATERS

Yulise Reaves Waters entered SMU law as an SMU graduate with degrees in English, Spanish, and Business Administration, specializing in Organizational Behavior and Business Policy.

"While at SMU, I have been intellectually challenged and personally stretched, yet always supported," says Waters. Regarding the most attractive aspect of Dedman, Waters notes, "As a worker in the admissions office, I always told prospective students that the faculty and staff have a genuine concern about helping their students succeed. I would say, ‘Yes, it’s highly selective, but once you’re admitted, the faculty, administrators, and staff will do everything they can to make sure you succeed!’

Her most valued experiences include working in the law school admissions office, being vice-president of SMU BLSA when it first received the “Chapter of the Year” recognition by the National Black Law Students Association, and being selected as a student member of the Annette Stewart Inn of Court.

To future Dedman Law grads, Waters says, “Enjoy the process, and always maintain a view of the big picture—both inside and outside the classroom.”

Waters currently works for Attorney Gay G. Cox, SMU law alumus, in the area of family law, specializing in the collaborative practice. She is married to the Rev. Michael Williams Waters, M.Div. (SMU ’02, ’06), senior pastor of Greater Garth Chapel AME Church. They have a 2 year old son, Michael Jeremiah.

JASON WHITE

"A law degree was always a goal, but after graduating from Texas A&M, I established a career at a great company that I did not want to leave. When SMU announced the evening program, I was excited that I could do both. It was a privilege to be part of such an amazing group of students. Starting anything new brings challenges, but the faculty did an amazing job.”

White enjoyed being a student in the evening program. “My classmates really made the program a joy. Together, we juggled work, family, and a heavy workload. After tragically losing my sister during the second semester, my classmates and the faculty were extremely supportive.

"One of the highlights of my experience was the Oxford program. Law school was not cheap, but the six-week program was a tremendous value. It was an incredible experience to learn about the English legal system, which shaped our legal system. Back in the States, I also enjoyed participating on the Negotiations Team and other Board of Advocates events.”

White graduated cum laude, and continues to be employed with Atmos Energy, but in a new role as manager of Gas Supply. White combined his degrees in engineering, business, and law, focusing predominately on administrative and transactional law.
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