SMU Dedman School of Law

"SMU Dedman School of Law is an extraordinary place and with your help we will continue to build upon and expand its tradition of excellence."

"Why I came to SMU... talented students, a dedicated faculty and staff, and an absolutely remarkable group of alumni." - Dean Jennifer Collins
SMU Dedman School of Law welcomes Jennifer M. Collins as the Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law.

Second Century Campaign
Celebrating historic gifts to the law school including the Hunter Legal Center and the VanSickle Family Law Clinic.

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Among the first Hispanic women to graduate from the Law School, Adelfa Callejo ’61 spent her life fighting injustice alongside husband Bill Callejo ’66.

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91% of the Class of 2013 was employed by Feb. 15, 2014

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been such an honor to become part of this terrific community, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve SMU Dedman School of Law as its ninth dean. Dallas is a city that positively teems with energy, excitement and innovation, and that is the kind of school that SMU is as well. We hope to give you a sense in the following pages, and in our other communications to you, about just a few of the exciting events taking place at the law school.

In this Centennial Year of the Faculty, we are so proud that our faculty continue to produce remarkable and impactful scholarship, and to be recognized for their important work. Chris Jenks, for example, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholars Grant and will be spending the spring semester in Australia researching how emerging technologies impact accountability in armed conflicts, and the American Bar Association adopted a resolution based on Associate Professor Meghan Ryan’s article, *Remedying Wrongful Execution*. A new feature in the magazine highlights the extent to which our faculty are recognized as national experts; you will find a wonderful graphic showing just some of their appearances in national and local media outlets, which range from *The New York Times* to National Public Radio.

Our students are truly becoming world changers. In the past two years alone, our students have donated more than 25,500 hours of service to our community. Our extraordinary pro bono efforts have just been recognized by the Texas Access to Justice Commission, which awarded the law school the 2014 Law School Commitment to Justice Award. In notifying us of the award, the Commission wrote that “it recognizes the commitment to the provision of legal services to the poor by the SMU Dedman School of Law as truly extraordinary.” Stay tuned for the spring issue of the magazine, in which we will highlight the depth and breadth of our public service work.

I want to end my first letter by thanking all of you. Our alumni are truly our greatest asset, and we are here to support, celebrate and connect you. Accordingly, we celebrate some of our remarkable alumni in the following pages, including our 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, and pay tribute to the extraordinary life of one of our most distinguished graduates, Adelfa Callejo.

I am so honored to be part of this community, and I look forward to getting to know you in the days to come. Thank you very much for all you do for SMU Dedman School of Law.

Jennifer M. Collins
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law
Jennifer Collins is a Harvard Law School graduate, former classmate of Barack Obama, and former federal appeals court clerk, federal prosecutor, criminal and family law professor, and university administrator. Now, she has a new title: the Judge James Noel Dean of SMU Dedman School of Law.

Dean Collins started her new position on July 1.

“SMU has an excellent reputation already as a strong law school with an outstanding faculty and staff and it offers a tremendous amount of opportunity to grow,” says Collins. “Legal education today is facing many challenges, but I don’t think there is a law school better situated to address those challenges than SMU.”

The 18 lawyers, business leaders and academics who comprised the committee searching for a new law dean combed through scores of resumes and met with many candidates during the year-long hunt for the right person. There were six finalists, including two current law school deans.

But the search committee, chaired by SMU Cox School of Business Dean Albert W. Niemi, quickly focused on Collins, who was the vice provost and a professor of law at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

“Jennifer caught the eye of the search committee right away,” says former Texas Supreme Court Justice Deborah Hankinson, a 1983 graduate of SMU Dedman Law and a member of the
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-Wayne Watts '80

Jennifer Collins

search committee. “Jennifer’s progress through academia has been very thoughtful and strategic. She has an exceptional resume and her career experiences were exactly what we were looking for.”

Collins was the first candidate the search committee interviewed.

“When she left the room, I said to the other committee members, ‘We have at least one very strong candidate,’” says AT&T General Counsel Wayne Watts. “Getting her to come to SMU was quite a coup.”

Other committee members agree.

“Her real life practice experience, clerking for a judge and being a trial prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, is very impressive,” says Rosario “Chachy” Heppe, a senior director for corporate compliance at Fluor Corporation.

“We also were very impressed with her collaborative work at Wake Forest,” says Heppe, a 1999 graduate of SMU Dedman School of Law and a member of the search committee. “It is so important that we have a dean who recognizes the collaborative efforts that are available with the business school and even with the Bush Library.

“She has accomplished so much in her life and she’s a mother of three,” Heppe says. “Yes, she can definitely get the job done.”

Collins obtained her bachelor’s degree in history from Yale University in 1987. She was admitted to Harvard Law School, where she met her future husband, Adam Charnes, who is now a partner and appellate law expert in the complex litigation practice at Kilpatrick Townsend.

While at Harvard, she got to know another classmate who has experienced some success: Barack Obama.

“Barack was president of the law review and I was one of the notes editors,” she says. “He was very impressive, even back then.”

Collins graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1991. She clerked for Judge Dorothy Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for one year before joining the Justice Department as a legal advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel.

In 1994, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, where she tried more than 30 criminal cases, including several high-profile first-degree murder cases, to a verdict before a jury.

Two years later, Collins was in court prosecuting a case that grabbed national headlines. Sixteen-year-old Aundrey Burno shot a Washington, D.C. police officer in the neck in order to get his Glock pistol. He tried to shoot again, but his gun jammed.

“I killed him. I killed him,” Burno shouted as he fled the scene, according to witnesses.

Five weeks later, Burno spotted 18-year-old Lionel Watson who had just bought ice cream from a truck. Needing money for drugs, Burno viewed Watson as an easy robbery target and ordered him to lie on the ground at gunpoint. Burno shot him three times.

HBO did a documentary on the case called “Thug Life in D.C.” HBO producers actually interviewed Burno after he had been found guilty but before he had been sentenced. The teenager told HBO, “I’m the definition of a thug.” He said he planned to return to his community and “kill again if I have to.”

Collins used Burno’s own words to convince a judge to sentence the young man to 70 years in prison.

In 2002, Collins was the lead prosecutor in another murder case that attracted national attention. Joseph Mesa, Jr. was a 22-year-old former student at Gallaudet University, which is a Washington, D.C. school that focuses on educating deaf students.

Mesa was charged with killing two freshman classmates, both of whom were found dead in their dormitory rooms. The trial lasted...
“You spend so much time on the family aspects of these people’s lives,” she says. “I’m still in touch with some of the families who were involved in trials from 15 years ago.”

This kind of “in the trenches” experience is exactly what is needed in a new dean, according to Watts, who received his law degree from SMU in 1980.

Jennifer Collins and her husband, Adam Charnes, both served as editors of the Harvard Law Review, along with future President Barack Obama.

“I see a very bright future for the law school under Dean Collins’ stewardship.”
–Robert Hart ’86

“She brings a real world viewpoint to the position of dean at a time when that is greatly needed in legal education,” Watts says.

Watts and others also say that Collins’ efforts at Wake Forest University, where she taught criminal law, family law and gender and the law, were impressive. She won numerous teaching awards, including the 2009 Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award, which was awarded by the law school’s graduating class.

three weeks. There were more than 40 witnesses and more than 80 exhibits. Despite the complexity and obstacles in the trial, Collins made her closing argument simple. Jurors took only three hours to find Mesa guilty on all counts. The case was featured on the Discovery Channel.

“The trial presented unique questions because many of the witnesses and participants in the case were deaf,” Collins says. “For example, there is no equivalent in American sign language for the word ‘waiver.’ That became a major issue as it related to the Miranda warning given to the defendant and questions about waiving constitutional rights.

“I remind my students that the cases they are reading and researching are more than just words in a law book,” she says. “They involved real people.”

In many of her previous cases, Collins says there were victims and witnesses who needed her help and protection.

“Prosecutors are as much social workers as they are lawyers,” she says. “I’ve seen terrible cases in which young girls witnessed shootings or murders and they came forward on the eve of trial to tell me they were pregnant or were in fear and that their life would be over if they testified.
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–Jennifer M. Collins
In 2010, Collins served as Wake Forest’s associate provost for academic and strategic initiatives. In that role, she spearheaded the university’s efforts in online and long distance education, as well as specific initiatives to increase diversity. In 2013, Wake Forest named Collins its vice provost.

Collins readily admits that legal education is at a crossroads.

“I’m concerned about the future of legal education,” she says. “SMU’s obstacles are the same facing just about every law school in the U.S. Law schools are witnessing a decline in applications. I’m very concerned about the cost of legal education and the debt burden students have when they finish law school. There are fewer job opportunities for law graduates. We are seeing a fundamental structural change in the legal profession.

“You cannot be a law school dean if you are not willing to address the big issues,” she says. “Being dean means that I have an opportunity to make a difference.”

Collins says she plans to work with law firms, bar associations, corporate legal departments and others to forge innovative, sustainable solutions that have a real impact in making law school graduates practice-ready.

The statistics for recent graduates are sobering. The American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar reported in April that 57% of graduates of the class of 2013 were employed in long-term, full-time positions where bar passage was required.

But Collins points out that the picture in Texas is much better. She notes that 91% of the 2013 class of SMU Dedman Law was employed as of February 15th. About 84% are in jobs that require bar admission, 12% are in a business where a J.D. is an advantage, and 4% are in other professional positions. The National Law Journal ranks SMU law school No. 22 in the nation for 2013 graduates employed in long-term, full-time jobs requiring bar passage that were not funded by the law school.

While SMU Dedman School of Law has witnessed solid success, which she credits to the leadership of her predecessors, former SMU Dedman Law Dean John Attanasio and Interim Dean Julie Forrester, Collins says there are still significant opportunities to pursue.

“We need to develop a strategy to address the important issues that our students are facing,” she says. “We are just starting that process. The biggest task is to listen to what others are saying.”

Collins says she plans to continue efforts to promote the law school in South America and Asia. She wants to make sure that SMU Dedman Law is realizing the full potential of its oil and gas and international LL.M. programs. And she thinks that, as a Texas law school, SMU Dedman School of Law should have a strong immigration law presence.

“We need to build on our strengths in business and energy by seeking new ways to partner with Cox School of Business and grow the joint degree programs,” she says. “There are so many opportunities with other parts of the university that we need to explore, too.”

That kind of talk has the alumni excited.

“Jennifer has the mindset to take advantage of all the assets that the university offers,” says Watts. “The potential for expanding the joint degree programs with the business school or doing joint degree programs on law and ethics with the Perkins School of Theology are worth pursuing. We have so much to offer that other law schools simply don’t. And she understands this.”

Robert Hart, the general counsel of Mark Cuban Companies and a 1986 graduate of SMU Dedman Law, says the law school is fortunate to have a new dean with the academic stature of Dean Collins.

“I have had the opportunity to meet with Dean Collins on a number of occasions and each time have been very impressed with her openness to new ideas, her insights into legal education, and equally important her passion for our law school,” says Hart. “I see a very bright future for the law school under the stewardship of Dean Collins.”

Left: Courtroom sketch of Jennifer M. Collins prosecuting a 2002 case involving the robbing and murdering of two students at Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for the hearing impaired. Former student Joseph Mesa, Jr. was found guilty of the charges. Illustration by William J. Hennessy, Jr.
With just over a year left before the end of the Second Century Campaign in December 2015, our donors have created terrific momentum and excitement, and we expect to end strong!

Thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters, we are thrilled to create two new clinics at the law school—the new Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women to help victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking, and the new VanSickle Family Law Clinic to help low-income clients with family law matters. Not only will the new clinics provide critical legal help for our community, they will also provide essential skills training for our students. With the ABA’s recent decision to increase the amount of “experiential learning” required for graduation and employers wanting more practice-ready grads, the need for skills training is greater than ever. The new Hunter Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women and the new VanSickle Family Law Clinic, along with the new Patent and Trademark Clinics (see story on page 21), will increase the number of clinics at the law school significantly—growing from six to ten.

We are also very fortunate to receive a $1.5 million gift from business leader and SMU alumnus Jack D. Knox ’60 ’63 to establish the Jack Knox Chair in the Rights and Protection of Children at the law school. Gifts to endow Chairs and Professorships are vital to attracting and retaining top faculty.

And we are excited about the terrific support we’ve received for scholarships. As the cost of legal education escalates and competition for talented potential students increasingly turns on scholarship offers, we are more and more in need of scholarship gifts. We are delighted to report a $500,000 gift to create The Jason Lindgren Memorial Scholarship Endowment and a $250,000 gift from Casey and Margaret Olson to create The Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center Scholarships.

Also, there has been a great response to a new program called the Dedman Law Scholars Program. To date, we’ve received gifts/pledges totaling $600,000 to fund 20 Dedman Law Scholars.

In addition, gifts totaling $350,811 were made possible by the late George Garrison Potts, and an endowment gift of nearly $180,000 established the David N. Reed Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Finally, although not technically a gift, we are grateful to Figari & Davenport for directing to the law school a Cy Pres Award of $816,768 to be used for scholarships.

These important gifts will help address the pressing need for relief from the burden of overwhelming student debt and help the law school recruit, encourage, and retain outstanding candidates.

Please read more about these and other great gifts below!
U.S. District Judge Elmo B. Hunter handled thousands of civil and criminal disputes during his six decades as a lawyer, prosecutor and judge. He was repeatedly recognized and honored for his fairness in court, his knowledge of the law and his unwavering commitment to the Constitution.

But nothing was more personal for Judge Hunter, who died in 2003, than his belief that the law protected women who have been abused and targeted for crimes because of their gender.

On February 21, 2014, Judge Hunter’s daughter, Nancy Ann Hunter Hunt, and her husband, Ray Hunt, announced a $5 million donation to SMU Dedman School of Law for the creation of a new advocacy clinic designed to help women escape abusive situations. Both Nancy and Ray Hunt graduated from SMU in 1965 and both have received SMU’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

With former First Lady and SMU Trustee Laura Bush seated in the front row, the Hunts officially unveiled their extraordinary gift founding the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women.

Mrs. Hunt said the center “is going to change the face of Dallas. “We know that in our society, there are victims of domestic violence trapped in cycles of abuse they cannot break without help,” said Mrs. Hunt, a former elementary school teacher who has devoted much of her life to community service projects that promote the well-being of women and children. “Another sad fact is that, in our community, there are victims of sex trafficking who are sold as commodities in a form of modern-day slavery.”

Mrs. Hunt said that her father “would be pleased” to have his name on such a “much-needed legal center to represent individuals whose dignity and human rights have been diminished by abuse or exploitation.

“At the same time, the center will be enhancing the education of our law students,” she said. “As a result, they will enter practice and lead their communities with a deeper understanding of the victims of exploitation and abuse, and what they need for their lives to be restored. Their suffering may be hidden from our sight, but through the availability of legal services, we hope they will feel empowered to come forward and obtain help.”

Advocacy groups estimate that more than 1.3 million women are victims of domestic violence each year. Officials estimate that there are more than 300,000 individuals – most of them children – who are trapped in the sex trafficking industry.

Under the supervision of law faculty, Dedman Law students working in the Hunter Legal Center will provide legal services such as protective orders, divorce, custody and child support agreements, as well as assistance with credit and housing issues. Using a holistic approach, students will gain experience with the myriad needs and complexity of issues that victims encounter and will see the human faces behind related legal issues.

Ray Hunt, the founder of Hunt Oil and the chairman and CEO of Hunt Consolidated, Inc., said Judge Hunter “was, without a doubt, the most outstanding man I have ever had the privilege of knowing.” He said his father-in-law’s life “is a remarkable story about a remarkable man” who came from “humble beginnings, who worked hard and had the strongest sense of values and principles that I have ever known.

“In short, he was – and is – a legend within the legal profession and the federal judiciary,” said
Hunt, who chaired the SMU Board of Trustees after its restructuring in the late 1980s and now serves on the Board’s Trusteeship Committee and Executive Committee. Hunt also was instrumental in attracting the George W. Bush Presidential Center to SMU and serves on the Bush Foundation board.

“Above all, Judge Hunter was a humble, sensitive and very caring man with a particular focus on those for whom life had not been fair,” said Hunt. “And I would say to all of you who know my wife, Nancy Ann, she truly is her father’s daughter.”

The Hunter Center will help fill a critical gap by providing legal services for those who are striving to escape the bonds of abuse and exploitation, whether occurring in the home or on the streets. The Hunter Legal Center will also develop new partnerships with community organizations like Genesis Women’s Shelter, which aids victims of domestic violence, and New Friends New Life, which helps victims of sex trafficking start new lives. These organizations can help ensure that the Center is reaching those with the greatest need.

“Ray and Nancy Ann have recognized the great need for free legal assistance to some of our community’s most vulnerable members,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “As is typical of the Hunts, they have acted with generosity and insight to fill the need, while also expanding educational opportunities for law students to make a difference in this important area of the law.

“We are grateful for the generosity of Ray and Nancy Ann Hunt, who carry on a tradition of thoughtful giving to SMU and numerous other institutions,” Turner said.

The Hunts’ gift is the most recent example of their generous support of SMU. Among their many contributions is providing scholarships under the Hunt Leadership Scholars Program, which supports students who have a record of leadership in their high schools and communities and an ongoing commitment to service at SMU and beyond. Other gifts have supported academic programs, athletics and campus enhancements.

Dedman Law was among the first law schools to implement a public service requirement for graduation.

Dedman Law’s clinical education program is central to the school’s mission of providing outstanding legal education and public service, along with developing professional responsibility. The Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women underscores the school’s commitment to equip law students not only to practice law, but also to become community leaders well-informed about societal issues.

January 27, 2004

JUDGE HUNTER...“WAS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE MOST OUTSTANDING MAN I HAVE EVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING.” -RAY HUNT

Elmo Bolton Hunter was born Oct. 23, 1915, in New Madrid, Missouri. He graduated from high school and enrolled at the University of Missouri at Columbia at age 16. He graduated first in his class from college and law school.

Hunter clerked for one year for the Honorable Kimbrough Stone of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1941, he joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Kansas City, where he prosecuted war fraud cases.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army on the day Pearl Harbor was attacked. From 1942 until the end of World War II, he served as a lieutenant in U.S. Army Intelligence.

After leaving the service, Hunter started a law firm with three colleagues. The firm was Sebree, Shook, Hardy and Hunter. During his four years at the law firm, he helped guide it to prominence as one of the premier litigation firms in the Midwest. Today, the law firm is known as Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Starting in 1951, Hunter took his knowledge and skills to the Missouri bench, where he served six years as a state trial judge and eight years on the Missouri Court of Appeals.

President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Judge Hunter to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri in 1965, making Hunter, who was 49, the youngest federal judge on the bench in the U.S.

Judge Hunter, in 1980, issued a landmark ruling stating that the National Organization for Women had every legal right to promote an economic boycott against the state of Missouri because state officials had not approved the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

While he was extraordinarily compassionate, Judge Hunter did not spare the rod in instances when he thought it was necessary. For example, he was the first federal judge in the country to sentence a convicted Los Angeles drug dealer under the federal “Three Strikes and You’re Out” law, which meant the defendant received a mandatory life sentence with no possibility of parole.

In 1991, the Elmo B. Hunter Citizens’ Center for Judicial Selection was formed to further the American Judicature Society’s historic interest in judicial selection issues. Judge Hunter tirelessly advocated for judicial merit selection and improved public education about the state and federal court systems.

“Throughout his career, he fought for legal reforms, in particular, urging judicial selection based on merit,” Mrs. Hunt said. “Underlying all of his efforts was a concern for the individual, that each person would receive fair treatment and protection, when needed, through the legal process.”
A very generous donation of $4 million to SMU Dedman Law will endow the new VanSickle Family Law Clinic to provide free legal help for Dallas-area residents as well as essential skills training for Dedman Law students.

The clinic, expected to open in fall 2015, will provide legal assistance for low-income North Texas residents in matters such as divorce, annulment, custody and visitation, paternity actions, and child and spousal support. The donor whose generous gift is funding the VanSickle Family Law Clinic has requested anonymity.

“I hope this gift will help provide quality legal counsel to low income families struggling with divorce and custody issues, while also creating real life experience and training in them a commitment to public service.”

An academic director will train and closely supervise 8-10 student attorneys each semester who will represent families through the VanSickle Family Law Clinic. The director will meet regularly with each student attorney throughout the semester and will accompany the student to all court appearances and major settlement negotiations.

The VanSickle Family Law Clinic will be an important enhancement to the clinic program, providing outstanding service to its clients while also providing students with practical experience and encouraging in them a commitment to public service. Dedman Law’s clinical program has evolved to reflect changing perspectives in legal education and innovation in legal practice while remaining committed to the ideals that shaped it from its inception: public service, professional responsibility, and outstanding skills training. The new VanSickle Family Law Clinic will be a significant addition to the clinical program which will benefit students and the community alike.

“I HOPE THIS GIFT WILL PROVIDE QUALITY LEGAL COUNSEL TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ISSUES.” - DONOR
Jack Knox Gives $1.5 Million

The law school is delighted to announce a $1.5 million gift from business leader and SMU alumnus Jack D. Knox ’60 ’63 to establish the Jack Knox Chair in the Rights and Protection of Children. This new Chair will ensure SMU Dedman School of Law is at the forefront of the critically important national effort to protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

The endowed professorship, made possible by Knox’s gift, will support teaching, researching and publishing on legal issues related to protecting the welfare and legal rights of children.

“We are deeply grateful to Mr. Knox for his gift, which will not only make a difference in the lives of children but will also advance the academic offerings of one of the nation’s top law schools,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Our law graduates will be aware of the important social and personal issues affecting children and will be trained in protecting their legal rights.”

“Jack Knox’s generous gift will enable the law school to further its teaching and scholarship on children’s rights,” said SMU Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law Jennifer M. Collins. Dean Collins is a nationally recognized scholar on the intersection of family and criminal law. “Endowment gifts like this provide critical support for our commitment to excellence in the classroom and continued cutting-edge, impactful work by our faculty.”

Knox, a native of Weatherford, Texas, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from SMU in 1960 and a Juris Doctor degree from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1963. In 2011, Knox was honored with the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement, the highest honor bestowed by Dedman School of Law.

“It’s an honor to help my alma mater empower the next generation of legal professionals by providing them with a strong understanding of what the issues are and the knowledge and drive to develop better laws and policies to protect children’s welfare and rights,” Knox said.

“Mr. Knox’s gift is helping SMU reach its goal of 110 endowed faculty positions, which is a major emphasis of our historic Second Century Campaign,” said Brad Cheves, SMU Vice President for Development and External Affairs. “His generosity and humanitarian spirit will enhance Dedman Law’s outstanding ability to educate its students, inspire public service and provide exceptional skills training.”

Knox is general partner of Six Flags Over Texas Fund Ltd., a private limited investment group overseeing the real estate assets of Six Flags Over Texas. He also is owner of Café Pacific Restaurants Inc., parent company of the popular restaurant which has been based in Dallas’ Highland Park Village for more than 30 years.

In addition, Knox is president and board chair of Sixx Holdings Inc., and has been involved in the oil and gas industry for several decades. He continues to be active in the ranching business west of Fort Worth.

At SMU, Knox has served on the Dedman School of Law Executive Board (2011-14), the Texas Campaign Steering Committee (1996-2002), the Dedman College Executive Board (1992-97) and the Cox School of Business Associate Board (1970-80).

As a longtime champion of children in need, Knox is founder and president of the Fund for Sick Children, a private foundation supplying medicine and equipment to hospitals and doctors in third world countries. He also is active in many charities and lobbying groups directed toward helping children in need, as well as stopping animal abuse. He received the Man’s Best Friend Award from Paws in the City in 2011, and received the Humanitarian of the Year award from Operation Kindness in 2005.

“SMU Dedman Law’s new endowed faculty chair will help further the University’s commitment to public service by focusing on the rights of the youngest members of society, those without the ability to protect themselves,” said SMU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul W. Ludden.
$500,000 Establishes the Jason Lindgren Memorial Scholarship

In the summer of 2012, Steve Lindgren, an alum from the Class of 1978, suffered a tragic loss when his son and only child Jason passed away unexpectedly. Jason and his wife had moved to Midland, where Jason joined his father at Warren Equipment Company. Leaving the world of finance and hedge funds, Jason became treasurer for the company Steve serves as General Counsel.

Steve has decided to honor the memory of his son by creating the Jason Lindgren Memorial Scholarship at SMU Dedman Law. Because Steve’s gift is an endowment gift, he knows the scholarship will last in perpetuity. Even better, Steve says, is the thought of Parker picking up the tradition when Steve, as he puts it, is “long gone.”

Steve gave a very generous gift of $500,000 to endow the scholarship. After graduation from SMU Dedman Law in 1978, Steve went to work with Lynch, Chappell, Allday and Aldridge (now Lynch, Chappell and Alsup) in Midland, where he practiced for more than 20 years. He made the move to Warren Equipment in 2001, and has served as Vice President and General Counsel ever since.

Steve talks about the cost of his law degree at SMU. “I was very fortunate—my mother and father paid for my legal education. I have always appreciated that they provided for me in that way,” he says.

“Not everyone is so fortunate. I think Jason’s scholarship will be a good way to help students who couldn’t otherwise go to SMU Dedman Law. And I think it is a good way to honor Jason as well.”

The Dedman Match makes the new scholarship even more significant. Because Steve’s gift is an eligible endowment gift, the funds were matched dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of the gift.

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He believes it will eventually impact Steve’s grandson—Jason’s only child—Parker.

“I like the idea that I’ll be able to meet and get to know the recipients of Jason’s scholarship,” says Steve. “I look forward to having a dinner with the recipients each year.”

Student scholarships help address a critical need, and we are extremely grateful for the wonderful support our donors provide. As the cost of legal education continues to rise, we must find ways to help students avoid the burden of staggering student debt.

It is only with the support of our donors that we can encourage, recruit, and retain outstanding candidates. We hope you will read more about some of the scholarship gifts we have been fortunate to receive.
Gifts Totaling More Than $350,000 Made Possible by the Late George Garrison Potts ’47, Son of Former Dean

We are extremely grateful for gifts totaling more than $350,000 made possible by George Garrison Potts, which may be used for scholarships. Late last year, Potts generously made a gift to the law school of more than $200,000, and in July, Austin Community Foundation gave a second gift of $143,000, made possible by Potts.

Potts died after a brief illness on February 1, 2014. He was 93.

Potts moved to Dallas when his father, Charles Shirley Potts, was made dean of SMU Law School in 1927. The elder Potts served as law dean for 20 years.

George Potts received both his undergraduate and law degrees from SMU Dedman Law, but his education was interrupted by the war. A decorated WWII fighter pilot, Potts was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, four air medals, and two Purple Hearts.

Once he was settled back in Dallas, Potts began raising a family and practicing law. He became a senior partner in the firm of Golden, Potts, Boeckman, and Wilson, practicing corporate and civil law. He was general counsel for United Artists Theaters and argued at various times before the Supreme Courts of both Texas and the United States.

Casey and Margaret Olson Give $250,000 to Create the Hunter Legal Center Scholarships

The new Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women has inspired Casey and Margaret Olson to make a $250,000 gift for important scholarships to encourage the Center’s mission.

The Hunter Center will provide legal services for the victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and other crimes against women, and the new Hunter Legal Center Scholarship Program will support law students who are committed and passionate about the Center’s work.

“The scholarships will be awarded to students who have an ongoing, demonstrated desire to help victimized women and children,” says Dean Jennifer Collins. “Thanks to the gift from the Olsons, we can encourage and reward those students who have a real interest in ending this kind of violence.”

Scholarship recipients will actively participate in the work of the Hunter Center.

The timing is ideal—the beginning of the Hunter Legal Center Scholarship Program will dovetail with the opening of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center in 2015.

Cy Pres Award Directs $816,768 for Scholarships

We are very grateful to Figari & Davenport for directing a Cy Pres award of $816,768 to the Law School, which will be used for student scholarships.

The David N. Reed Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Spearheaded by Bob Collier and others, the family members, friends, and business associates of David N. Reed have established a scholarship in memory of the founding partner of Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman. For more than 30 years, David counseled his clients on a wide array of legal issues while practicing primarily corporate and securities law.

David was born and raised in Fort Worth, and received his law degree from SMU Dedman Law in 1974. During law school, he won the Russell M. Baker Moot Court Award.

David was a thoughtful, supportive, and patient person and a caring listener. He lived his life guided by the principles of kindness and forgiveness. A very respected attorney, he loved to teach and pass on his knowledge, both legal and non-legal.

To date, nearly $180,000 has been raised to establish this memorial scholarship to honor David Reed’s life and carry on his name in perpetuity.

Because this gift is an eligible endowment gift, the Dedman Match will double the impact of the donation.
We are thrilled that a new scholarship program launched in the fall of last year has really taken off. Under the Dedman Law Scholars Program a gift of $30,000 can be designated to benefit a law student for his or her entire law school experience (in the day program for 3 years or an evening student for 4 years). The gift can be a one-time gift or $10,000 per year for 3 years.

Recipients of the Dedman Law Scholarships know who provided their scholarships (unless a donor requests anonymity) and have the opportunity to reach out and express their gratitude. Supporters receive a report from our development office with information about the scholar such as hometown, academic achievement, school involvement, and other pertinent information. An event to recognize all Dedman Law Scholars and donors will be held soon, providing an opportunity to meet in person.

Gifts Totaling $600,000 Establish 20 Dedman Law Scholars—and counting!

Since the program began a little over a year ago, we’ve had a terrific response. So far we’ve raised gifts to create 20 Dedman Law Scholars, with gifts totaling $600,000! We are very grateful for the support of the following:

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Wayne Watts
Phillip Wise
Faculty/Senior Staff of SMU Dedman Law (2 Scholarships)
Legal Clinics Expand from 6 to 10

With the addition of 4 new legal clinics, the opportunities for our law students to serve the community and gain essential skills training have increased dramatically. We are thrilled to report that the number of clinics has increased from 6 to 10 thanks to the new Judge Elmo B. Hunter Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women, the new VanSickle Family Law Clinic, and the new Patent and Trademark Clinics.

Clinical education is the height of hands-on learning for our students. The need for skills training is greater than ever: clinic experiences help our students become the “practice ready” grads that employers desire, and clinic courses help our students meet the increased requirement for “experiential learning” under new ABA rules.

- Civil
- Criminal Justice
- Federal Taxpayers
- Small Business
- Consumer Advocacy
- Child Advocacy

NEW: Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women

Opening early 2015, will provide services for victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking and other crimes against women (see page 13).

NEW: VanSickle Family Law Clinic

Opening soon, will provide free legal assistance for low-income North Texas residents in matters such as divorce, annulment, paternity actions, custody and visitation, child and spousal support (see page 15).

NEW: Patent Clinic
NEW: Trademark Clinic

The Patent and Trademark Clinics allow law students to practice before the USPTO, to provide patent and trademark services for small start-up companies and individuals.

Civil Clinic: Represents low-income clients in matters ranging from housing disputes to elder advocacy to civil rights litigation.

Criminal Justice Clinic: Represents Dallas county citizens charged with criminal offenses, works with the Dallas Public Defender’s Office and provides students with jury trial experience.

Federal Taxpayers Clinic: Represents low-income clients needing to resolve tax problems with the Audit, Appeals and Collection divisions of the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Tax Court. This clinic was the first tax clinic in the country with the authority to represent clients before the IRS and the U.S. Tax Court.

Small Business Clinic: Introduces student attorneys to practical applications of business formation and provides needed representation for small start-up companies and individuals developing private nonprofit entities.

W. W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic: Represents children who have been abused and neglected in Dallas County. The clinic is appointed by juvenile district court judges to serve as guardian/attorney ad litem.

Consumer Advocacy Project: Reaches out to the local bilingual Hispanic community and helps resolve consumer complaints. This clinic focuses on formal litigation, informal advocacy, negotiation and mediation strategies, as well as community education.
New Patent and Trademark Clinics

Shortly after the Patent and Trademark Office regional office opened in Dallas, SMU Dedman School of Law was chosen to become part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s (USPTO) law school clinic certification pilot program. The USPTO selection committee chose SMU because of its intellectual property (IP) curriculum, pro bono services to the public, and community networking and outreach.

The patent and trademark clinics add to Dedman Law’s strength in the intellectual property area, along with the law school’s rich curricular offerings, outstanding faculty, and student Intellectual Property Organization. The USPTO patent and trademark pilot clinics opened fall 2014. These clinics provide patent and trademark services for small start-up companies and individuals, as well as offer essential skills training for law students.

The Patent and Trademark Clinics allow law students to practice before the USPTO under the guidance of a clinic supervisor. Students gain experience drafting and filing patent and trademark applications, answering Office Actions and communicating with either patent examiners or trademark attorneys concerning the applications they have filed.

SMU Dedman Law offers a large number of IP-related courses, taught by five full-time and nine adjunct professors. The law school also publishes SMU Science and Technology Law Review.

Through the patent and trademark clinics, SMU Dedman School of Law students learn substantive skills and have the opportunity to expand their understanding of intellectual property law. The clinics also provide the law school with the ability to strengthen its relationship with the growing start-up and entrepreneurial community in Dallas.
Millions of people followed the October 2013 insider trading trial of Dallas Mavericks owner and billionaire Mark Cuban through national news coverage.

But SMU Dedman Law students, alumni and supporters received their own insider information in March when the key lawyers involved in the case, including Cuban Companies General Counsel and SMU Dedman alum Robert Hart, discussed behind-the-scenes details of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s civil case against the Shark Tank TV star.

The Cuban CLE was the first in a new series of educational and entertaining programs hosted by the law school in partnership with The Texas Lawbook and the General Counsel Forum. The 90-minute programs focus on high-profile legal issues and actual cases straight from newspaper headlines.

The second program occurred in June, when SMU Dedman hosted the key lawyers involved in the American Airlines bankruptcy, merger and antitrust battle. Those lawyers, including former AMR General Counsel Gary Kennedy and two current senior lawyers with the airline, provided attendees with insights and closed-door details of the litigation and subsequent transaction that caused the 115 attendees literally to gasp.

A third CLE, which occurred on September 3, featured the general counsel of the five professional North Texas sports teams – the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Texas Rangers, Dallas Stars and FC Dallas – who discussed representing billionaire team owners, league rules, player contracts and TV rights. Four of the general counsel – Hart of the Mavericks, Alana Newhook of the Stars, Kate Cassidy of the Rangers and Alan Tompkins of the Dallas – are SMU Dedman alumni.

“These CLEs were extraordinarily informative but also very enjoyable,” says Hart, who also was there for the American Airlines event. “They were three of the best CLEs I have ever attended.”

“These CLEs are unique and fun because there were no boring lectures or pre-prepared presentations that are driven by PowerPoint,” says Kennedy.

The Cuban and American Airlines programs allowed the lawyers to tell the stories of their respective cases, while also providing behind-the-scene anecdotes that enthralled the audiences.

CUBAN INSIDER TRADING CASE

For example, Tom Melsheimer, managing principal of the Dallas office of Fish & Richardson, said that while he was presenting his closing argument to the jury in the Cuban case last October, his client slipped him a piece a paper.
“He wanted me to tell something to the jury,” Melsheimer said. “He’s Mark Cuban, so I told it to the jury.”

While the SEC declined to have a lawyer from its prosecution team join the panel, two securities enforcement experts, Bell Nunnally partner and former SEC enforcement lawyer Jeff Ansley (SMU Dedman alum of 1994) and SMU Dedman law professor and former federal prosecutor Linda Eads, helped provide a balanced view of the case.

Hart walked the sellout audience through the origin and facts in the case. He told how the SEC contacted Cuban about possible insider trading violations and that Cuban voluntarily talked with investigators and provided them his emails.

The SEC claimed Cuban used insider information he received from Mamma.com CEO Guy Fauré to avoid a $750,000 loss by selling all of his shares in the company one day before it announced a private stock offering, which diluted the value of the shares.

On October 16, 2013, a federal jury cleared Cuban of insider trading charges, ending a seven-year legal battle.

Cuban, who appeared at the CLE via video tape, said he made a “huge mistake” because he didn’t “take it seriously upfront.” He said he believed that he would be able to satisfy the SEC with “one sit-down.”

Hart said he and several others encouraged Cuban to settle. But no matter how many times Cuban was told that the stress and cost of litigation were not worth his time, guilty or not, Hart said he refused to settle.

Hart said the main reason Cuban wouldn’t settle had to do with his three young kids.

“He told me, ‘This is my legacy. I don’t want them to look me up one day on Wikipedia and say, ‘Daddy scammed,’” Hart said.

Many dignitaries attended the CLE, including Judge Katharina Haynes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, U.S. District Judge Joe Fish, Lennox International General Counsel John Torres, Blue Cross Blue Shield Executive Ron Taylor and Interstate Battery General Counsel Chris Willis.

**AMERICAN AIRLINES BANKRUPTCY & MERGER** provided its own share of fascinating behind-the-scene stories. Former American Airlines General Counsel Gary Kennedy, AA Associate General Counsel Bruce Wark, AA Senior Vice President Howard Kass, Weil, Gotshal & Manges M&A partner Glenn West and Jones Day antitrust partner J. Bruce McDonald discussed their roles in a Chapter 11 described as “the most successful corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.”

Kennedy started the evening by telling the audience he flew undercover on Delta Airlines to New York the night before the bankruptcy filing so that pilots, flight attendants and other American Airlines employees wouldn’t spot him and get suspicious.

He also talked about climbing the six flights of stairs at the airline’s headquarters when he received the text message giving him bad news that the U.S. Justice Department planned to oppose the merger with US Airways.

Kennedy had promised his CEO and board of directors that the Chapter 11 process would be fast and furious but over quickly.

“Obviously, it didn’t work out that way,” Kennedy said.
US Airways strategically forced its way into the bankruptcy proceedings by proposing it merge with American — a merger that AA officials initially opposed but then accepted.

Meanwhile, legal fees were mounting at an astonishing rate.

“We were, at the peak, paying $500,000 a day,” Kennedy said, causing the audience to openly gasp. The final legal tab would exceed $250 million. The funny thing about bankruptcy and the costs to solve it, he added, is, “you’re a debtor, yet everyone is eating on this carcass that’s here.”

Kennedy says he told his CEO and board that his lawyers internally and externally assured him that the proposed merger with US Airways would face no obstacles from regulators.

But on August 13, 2013, as Kennedy ascended the stairway at AA HQ, he received a text message from his top outside lawyer at Jones Day. “Justice and Texas AG are filing.”

“I said some words I shouldn’t have,” Kennedy admitted. “It was a very long walk up three more flights to the sixth floor offices of our CEO.”

Kennedy said they immediately got on the phone with the board and the board members were very upset.

“It made for a very bad day,” he said.
GCS Go Pro—An Evening with the General Counsel of the Cowboys, Mavericks, Rangers, Stars and FC Dallas

The third CLE, which featured the professional sports general counsel, attracted the largest audience. More than 230 lawyers and students watched as the top lawyers for the Cowboys, FC Dallas, Mavericks, Rangers and Stars talked about their respective worlds of sports law.

Students were especially fascinated with the story of Alana Newhook, who dreamed of playing hockey in the NHL since she was seven. Now, only two years after graduating from SMU Dedman School of Law, she is in professional hockey, though not as a player but as a lawyer.

Newhook has a job many lawyers and law students who are avid sports fans fantasize about: She is the top legal counsel for the Dallas Stars.

Newhook and the other four professional sports general counsel gave the public a peek into the positions that many in the legal profession call their dream jobs and discussed the biggest issues they and their billionaire sports franchise owners are facing.

Many of the 230 lawyers and law students who attended speculated that the 5 pro sports GCs probably talk sports all day long, hang out with athletes and owners, negotiate multimillion-dollar player contracts and go to games every night.

But Newhook and others quickly pointed out that such a view is an illusion.

“I love my job and I love hockey, but it is also work,” she said. “I walked in my first day bright-eyed and [immediately] was grabbed by the marketing director, who says, ‘Welcome to the NHL, kid. Now we have a lot of work to do.’”

Dallas Cowboys General Counsel Jason Cohen drove the point home.

“I spent about 45 minutes this morning negotiating a port-a-potty agreement,” said Cohen, who joined the Cowboys last year after being a lawyer for NASCAR. “It’s not very glamorous sometimes.”

The lawyers said their jobs are not so different from being the general counsel of other businesses. They prepare and review contracts with vendors and sponsors, oversee employment and workers compensation related issues, and handle a considerable amount of real estate matters, especially deals concerning their stadiums or arenas.

Athlete contracts, they said, are uniform because they are dictated by the various leagues and through collective bargaining agreements with the players’ unions.

“One area that is unique to our positions is the media contracts,” says Texas Rangers corporate counsel Kate Cassidy. “Our TV deals are a major source of revenue. We get more revenue from TV contracts than from parking, concessions, tickets and everything.”

All five corporate counsel said that working with billionaire sports owners offers unique challenges and benefits.

“Mark is incredibly creative and he’s thinking all the time,” says Hart, general counsel of Mark Cuban Companies. “Mark is involved in so many business matters, from movies and TV to Internet start ups and various investments. The Mavericks occupy only about 20 percent of my time.”
Famed Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz was speaking at an American Bar Association program in 1986 when then-Chief Justice Warren Burger walked into the room.

Just three weeks earlier, the chief justice had authored a concurring opinion in *Bowers v. Hardwick*, a decision that upheld state laws criminalizing homosexual acts, in which he stated he agreed with earlier rulings that described gay sex as worse than rape.

“I simply do not trust the government to make decisions with respect to speech because there are a lot of incentives to abuse that power.”

– LACKLAND H. BLOOM, JR.

“I am against hate speech, but I am more against the government regulation of hate speech.”

– ALAN DERSHOWITZ
“I walked out and I publicly announced that I would not sit at the same table with a man who called homosexuality worse than rape,” Dershowitz told SMU Dedman School of Law students, faculty, alumni and supporters in April 2014.

“I walked downstairs of the Hilton Hotel in New York and there were a group of gay and lesbian people and I walked up to the microphone and announced, ‘Today I am gay. I feel much more comfortable with you than with the chief justice upstairs.’”

Hours later, Dershowitz got a call from his mother.

“I had recently gotten a divorce and my mother called and said, ‘Why didn’t you tell me. We will get you the best medical help.’”

Dershowitz, widely recognized as one of the most respected defenders of civil liberties and zealous advocates of Israel, told the story at SMU Dedman Law’s Roy R. Ray Lecture Series, which was held at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

The lecture featured Dershowitz and SMU Dedman Constitutional Law Professor Lackland Bloom in a vigorous sparring over prominent questions of constitutional interpretation. SMU Associate Provost and Associate Law Professor Linda Eads moderated the program.

The Roy R. Ray Lecture Series was established in 1970 through an endowment funded by the late Professor Roy Robert Ray, who was on the SMU law school faculty from 1929 until he retired in 1967. While at SMU, he established and served as the Director of the Academy of American Law Program in the law school from 1955 to 1959.

Former New York Times Supreme Court writer Linda Greenhouse is a previous Roy R. Ray lecturer.

Bloom and Dershowitz completely agreed on governmental regulation of hate speech and mostly shared the same view on constitutional interpretation of original text, but parted ways on efforts to limit campaign finance contributions.

“I thought it is a very good time for Alan to come down here and get some instruction on the Constitution from Texas,” Eads said to laughter.

Eads opened the lecture by asking the two esteemed professors about global efforts to regulate hate speech. She noted that the United States is the country that most protects speech, including hate speech.

Dershowitz said his secretary has to regularly monitor his Wikipedia page “because there are people out there trying to put in very hateful things.”

“If you Google ‘Dershowitz, killed, wife,’ you will learn that I murdered my wife,” the Harvard professor told the audience. “It comes from a Melbourne, Australia holocaust denial hate site. It has a picture of my dead wife [and] details how I pushed her off the Brooklyn Bridge. One student believed it.”

“As children, we learned that ‘sticks and stones may break our bones but words will never hurt us.’ Nonsense. Words hurt,” he said.

Dershowitz and Bloom agreed that the only way to ever possibly do away with hate speech is to empower the government to make decisions on what constitutes hate speech – a proposition they quickly rejected.

“There is this thing I call ‘ism equity.’ If you give one ‘ism,’ be it feminism or anti-racism, if you give them what they want, every ‘ism’ demands equality,” Dershowitz said. “I am against hate speech, but I am more against the government regulation of hate speech.”

Dershowitz complained that universities should be a place where free speech reigns.
Bloom, who has taught at SMU Dedman since 1988, said the U.S., as compared to almost every other country, takes an “extreme approach” to protecting free speech and he agrees with that approach. “I simply do not trust the government to make decisions with respect to speech because there are a lot of incentives to abuse that power,” said Bloom, who is the author of the new book, *Do Great Cases Make Bad Law?*, which was published by Oxford University Press. “The government is so large and unwieldy, even if you trust the people in charge and voted for them, when you have thousands and thousands of people somewhere down in the bureaucracy, things can go wrong and do go wrong.”

Dershowitz complained that universities should be a place where free speech reigns. “Students want to have complete sexual freedom and complete freedom to drink but as soon as you insult them, ‘Mommy and daddy dean, please protect me and save me from my colleagues and friends.’ Be grown ups,” he said.

Dershowitz said that because he takes such controversial positions, he has been uninvited from speaking at several universities and two universities have withdrawn honorary degrees that were offered. “There’s an unhealthy development that is going on at many university campuses today,” he said. “There is a tremendous intolerance on the far left. Too many liberals have lost their appetite to fight for free speech.”

Bloom and Dershowitz agreed on the purpose behind the U.S. Constitution. “If you had to boil the Constitution down to one theme, it is checking against any institution becoming too powerful,” Bloom said, as Dershowitz nodded in agreement. “Checking against the abuse of power is more than anything what permeates through the Constitution.”

Bloom said that the Supreme Court has developed an enormous amount of precedent during the past 200 years interpreting the Constitution.

“Some of it good, some of it not so good,” he said. “One of the most challenging questions in constitutional interpretation is, ‘What do we do about precedent that we have concluded is completely misguided, that is completely wrong?’”

Dershowitz pointed out that six Supreme Court justices now say that *Roe v. Wade* was decided wrongly, but that those justices believe that the result or social impact of *Roe* has become so embedded in society that it would be unfair to reverse it. He also noted that the five justices in the *Bush v. Gore* majority had a solid history of rejecting the very arguments that they used in deciding the December 2000 election. He said the same about the four justices in the minority.

There is no perfect interpretation of the Constitution,” Dershowitz said. “The last time I debated Justice Scalia, he told me that he wouldn’t argue that his interpretation is perfect or even near perfect. He said, ‘It’s just better than yours and safer than yours.’”

Bloom said that the strongest explanation for why originalism matters is legitimacy. “I think you can argue at least the people who ratified the original Constitution had the legitimacy to make this the operative document of the United States,” Bloom said. “They have greater legitimacy than the courts have, at least on the hard questions.”

Eads asked the two professors if the Supreme Court should consider moral imperatives when deciding controversial subjects. “The Supreme Court would lose its legitimacy if it rules against gay marriage,” Dershowitz said. “The Supreme Court,
to maintain its legitimacy, has to look at moral imperatives. The idea that the United States Supreme Court would actually state that it is constitutional to knowingly execute an innocent person would delegitimize the Supreme Court.”

Bloom said that Brown v. Board of Education, the mother of all cases of moral imperative, was obviously decided correctly.

“But what bothers me is that Brown sent the Supreme Court and lower courts off on a quest,” he said. “It gave too many federal judges [the idea] that [they] are the white knights to ride in and right all the constitutional wrongs that the legislature is not dealing with in an appropriate manner.

“I think Brown was the greatest of Supreme Court cases… but I don’t think Brown should necessarily mean that whenever the court finds something that is immoral or unjust and ought to be unconstitutional, they necessarily have a right to ride in,” Bloom said.

Bloom argued, “The whole line of substantive due process privacy cases is just flat wrong. I go back all the way to Griswold.

“At this point, we are stuck with most of it and my approach would be go forth and sin no more,” he said.

Eads asked Dershowitz and Bloom about their views of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the 2010 Supreme Court decision that held that the First Amendment bans state legislatures and Congress from limiting the contributions that corporations and associations can make to political entities and candidates.

“I think the majority has it all wrong and the dissent has it all wrong,” Dershowitz said. “They started out on the wrong foot by saying this is about avoiding and eliminating quid pro quo corruption. That’s not the major purpose.

“To me, it’s a variant of the reapportionment cases. What we have today is financial mal-apportionment,” he continued. “The goal is one person, one vote. When you have very, very wealthy people who dominate the political process by contributing massive amounts of money, their vote counts more than your vote counts. I think Congress has the right to make sure every vote counts equally, to make sure that a Senator has as much obligation to listen to a poor person as they do to listen to a wealthy person.”

Bloom’s response: “The short answer is that I disagree with every single thing he said.”

Linda Eads, Associate Provost and Associate Professor of Law at SMU, moderated the discussion.
On December 27, 1947, the perfect Texas political advocacy storm was born through the marriage of two future SMU Dedman School of Law alumni – Adelfa Botello ’61 and Bill Callejo ’66. Sixty-seven years later, their trailblazing legacies have left an impression for generations to come. Sadly, we lost these two legends in 2014.
Adelfa, a Mexican-American female born from the deep roots of impoverishment in Millett, Texas, was absolutely fearless of any opponent she encountered. She was relentlessly determined to represent the under-educated and the voiceless — especially Hispanic children. She was inexorably driven to become a millionaire and restructure the Texas political status quo. In time, she would come to unleash a brand of legal and political fury on her opponents unlike anything ever experienced in Dallas. Her days of picking cotton as a child, being forced as a student to drink water from a horse trough as Anglo children drank from the well, and witnessing Mexican-American soldiers being buried in segregated cemeteries forever forged her determination to change the world she lived in. She held a full-time job during the day and attended school at SMU at night for ten years, eventually securing her undergraduate and law degrees. Among the first Hispanic women to graduate from SMU Dedman School of Law, for Adelfa, everything was achievable and nothing was impossible. She was the resounding voice of the Hispanic community and for all persons who were defenseless.

Bill, born of proud Puerto Rican heritage, was brilliant and calculating and possessed New York City political savvy, having served as a Page in the New York Assembly. A graduate of Stuyvesant High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York City, Bill was an attorney, architect, engineer, and real estate broker. His command of quantum physics, mathematics, and astronomy, his fluency in several languages, and his skilled legal training placed him on a platform in which his adversaries were no match. Few knew how effectively he influenced Adelfa in her strategic calculations on countless issues. He, too, was fearless in expressing his opinions notwithstanding the audience. Bill’s genius is underscored by the fact that his moments of relaxation were invested in visiting with his favorite classmate – Alan Greenspan – discussing international economics and global financing.
Equally tenacious and now empowered with an arsenal of educational weapons, Adelfa and Bill formulated a long term blueprint to ensure political change. She would decline dozens of political appointments and judgeships so that her voice would never be muted, and he would invest in real estate to generate wealth. They became philanthropists and prolific civil rights leaders.

Adelfa’s accomplishments are innumerable—past director of the State Bar of Texas, past president of the Dallas County Criminal Bar Association, executive board member of SMU Dedman School of Law, regional president of the National Hispanic Bar Association, member of the President Clinton and Tomas Rivera Think Tanks, founder and trustee of the North Texas Voter Education Trust, chair of the Dallas Housing Authority, founder and president of the Mexican-American Bar Association, board member of the DFW Airport Board and DART Board, member of the Municipal Library Board, and countless others. She declared that her two greatest achievements were being named as a Texas Legend by the State Bar of Texas—there are only twelve—and having a school named after her, the Adelfa Botello Callejo Elementary School.

She lived by the quote, “Where there is no way, I will make a way.”

Her legacy will continue through many avenues, but among the most significant is the SMU Dedman Law Callejo Roundtable customarily held annually at the law school. The Callejo Roundtable hosts a prominent guest speaker who addresses political, legal, civic, and educational issues which affect the Hispanic community and the citizenry at large. The Roundtable has been a resounding success and all are invited to attend and participate. Reflecting their commitment to education, The Adelfa Botello Callejo Professorship at SMU Dedman School of Law, generously funded by a $1 million gift from Adelfa and Bill, will support the teaching and research efforts of a professor in the field of Leadership and Latino Studies.

A giant amongst giants, Adelfa Callejo’s life story will be told in a book scheduled for release in 2015, and a 9 foot-high statue sculpted in Mexico City will be delivered to Dallas later this year to be placed in a prominent location selected by the Callejo Estate. Adelfa and Bill valued their relationship with the Dedman School of Law, and her estate will continue to support its educational endeavors to ensure that Hispanic law students develop the leadership skills required to engage in the 21st century.
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Anthony J. Colangelo
Associate Professor of Law

Awarded:
2014 Gerald J. Ford Research Fellowship

Linda S. Eads
Associate Provost and Associate Professor of Law

Appointed:
Interim Executive Director of the Presidential Leadership Scholars program, launched by President George W. Bush and President Bill Clinton on September 8, 2014

Christopher H. Hanna
Alan D. Feld Endowed Professor of Law and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor

Appointed:
Fellow for the Economic Growth Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute

Christopher Jenks
Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law

Awarded:
Fulbright Scholars Grant in Australia researching how emerging technologies impact accountability in armed conflict

Thomas Wm. Mayo
Altshuler University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor of Law

Awarded:
Don M. Smart Teaching Award on May 17, 2014. This is the third time he has received this award, selected by the graduating class of law students.

Meghan J. Ryan
Associate Professor of Law

The ABA adopted a resolution based on her article, Remediing Wrongful Execution. The Appellate & Habeas Committee of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section asked Professor Ryan to draft a proposed resolution and report based on her article, and the ABA House of Delegates adopted the resolution.

Elizabeth G. Thornburg
Richard R. Lee Endowed Professor of Law

Appointed:
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Diane Sumoski received her B.A. in 1984 from Franklin & Marshall College and her J.D. from Cornell Law School cum laude in 1987. In her clinical course, Sumoski teaches child advocacy law as well as investigative, case preparation, and trial advocacy skills.

Upon graduation from law school, Sumoski began her legal career at the Dallas law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P, where she became a partner in 1993. Sumoski served as Pro Bono Partner at Carrington Coleman for fifteen years and supervised associates in all family law pro bono cases at the firm. She also served on the firm’s Executive Committee for five years. After joining the faculty at SMU Dedman School of Law in 2013, she became Of Counsel at the firm.

With respect to her pro bono efforts in private practice, Sumoski received the Women’s Legal Advocacy Award from Legal Services of Northwest Texas in 2010 and the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program’s award for Outstanding Pro Bono Coordinator in 1998 and 2005. She also served as Chair of the DBA’s Equal Access to Justice Campaign, which raises funds to support pro bono legal services to the poor. Sumoski is also a member of the Dallas Bar Association and has been a director since 2009. She has served as chair of numerous DBA committees, resulting in her being awarded the JoAnna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair award in both 2008 and 2012.

Sumoski has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since 2010. She has held numerous leadership positions in the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and served as Chair of the Host Committee for the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference. Sumoski is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association and has been a director since 2009. She has served as chair of numerous DBA committees, resulting in her being awarded the JoAnna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair award in both 2008 and 2012.

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Sumoski is also a member of the Dallas Committee for a Qualified Judiciary.

Sumoski’s article Bridging the Gender Gap was published in THE LITIGATION MANUAL (First Supplement 2007). She has also given numerous presentations at American Bar Association meetings and Dallas Bar Association meetings, publishing companion pieces. She is a Life Fellow in the Dallas Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation.
RECEPTIONS IN HONOR OF

Service to SMU Dedman School of Law

Joseph McKnight
Larry and Jane Harlow Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law

Professor Joe McKnight has made historic contributions to scholarship in legal history, and to family and marital property law reform in Texas. He joined the law faculty at SMU in September 1955 and served as Associate Dean from 1977 to 1980. Since 1991, McKnight has served as the Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law. He founded the SMU Oxford Summer Law Program in 1983. McKnight established an invaluable collection of rare legal books at SMU Dedman School of Law – one of the largest of its kind in the nation with the oldest book in the collection published in 1481. Opening and closing remarks at the reception were given by Julie Forrester, Dean ad interim and Professor of Law.

Julie Forrester
Professor of Law and former Dean ad interim

Professor of Law Julie Forrester joined SMU Dedman Law in 1990 and served as Dean ad interim from June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. She also served the law school as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1995-1996. At SMU, Professor Forrester teaches in the areas of property, real estate transactions, and land use. She writes and speaks on real estate finance, the residential mortgage market, predatory lending, and real property law. Ruth Cross, Associate Dean for Administration at SMU Dedman School of Law, presented Professor Forrester “thank you” gifts at the reception which was attended by SMU colleagues and friends of the law school.

Gail M. Daly
Associate Dean for Library & Technology, Director of the Underwood Law Library and Associate Professor of Law

Associate Dean Gail Daly joined SMU Dedman School of Law in 1990 and taught advanced legal research and copyright law. Daly received a U.S. Presidential Appointment to the National Museum and Library Services Board from 2004-2010. Speakers at the reception were Dean ad interim and Professor of Law Julie Forrester, Paul Rogers III, Professor of Law, who was Dean at SMU Dedman Law when Daly was recruited; William J. Bridge, Associate Professor, SMU Dedman School of Law, and colleague and long-time member of the Faculty Library Committee; and Greg Ivy, Associate Director of Underwood Law Library.

Presentations were given by the Honorable Nathan L. Hecht ’74, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas; Josiah M. Daniel, III, Vinson & Elkins; the Honorable Linda B. Thomas ’73, Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals of Texas (retired); and Peter Winship, James Cleo Thompson, Sr., Trustee Professor of Law, SMU Dedman Law. William J. Bridge, Associate Professor, SMU Dedman School of Law, presented “An Ode to Joe McKnight” by Alexander McCall Smith.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR

Distinguished Professors

Alan R. Bromberg
Professor of Law

A lan R. Bromberg, University Distinguished Professor at SMU Dedman School of Law, died at his home March 27, 2014, following injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was 85.

Bromberg was a nationally respected scholar of federal and state securities law and business law who served on the SMU Dedman School of Law faculty for nearly 60 years.

A prolific author, his legal writings on corporate tax, partnership, securities and commodities have been relied upon in 519 judicial opinions, including 10 in the U.S. Supreme Court. His work and expertise also have appeared in nearly 2,500 articles, including many in The New York Times.

Bromberg helped draft federal legislation as well as legislation in Texas. He drafted substantial parts of the Texas corporate, partnership and securities statutes, but his work also included the Texas Penal Code project in 1974.

Legal scholarship was his passion, but Bromberg also loved art and was an avid and discerning collector. Alongside his wife, Anne, who is the Cecil and Ida Green Curator of Ancient and Asian Art at the Dallas Museum of Art, Bromberg enjoyed gardening and music, especially opera. The world traveler excelled at photography, and his work has been included in art exhibitions and books.

Throughout Bromberg’s distinguished academic career, he continued to maintain limited affiliations with law firms and a small private practice, principally to assist friends. He was a life member of the American Law Institute, former chair of the Law School Publications Advisory Board of Matthew Bender & Co., and on the editorial boards of four corporate, securities and derivatives reviews. Bromberg was active on six American Bar and Texas Bar committees in his areas of interest. He also directed and co-chaired the Legislative Committee of the Texas Business Law Foundation.

Bromberg graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, where he was named a 2014 Distinguished Alumnus. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Harvard in 1949 and a law degree from Yale in 1952 before returning to Dallas to practice law at Carrington, Gowan, Johnson, Bromberg and Leeds. He joined the SMU Law faculty in 1956.

Sarah McQuillen-Tran
Assistant Professor of Law

S arah McQuillen-Tran died of leukemia on February 28, 2014, at the age of 34. Since January 2011, Tran served as an Assistant Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law. Her scholarship and teaching interests focused on intellectual property law and regulatory and environmental Law.

Sarah was born in Leidschedam, Holland in 1979. After graduating from high school, she spent a year volunteering in the Philippines, India and Nepal before going to college at UC Berkeley. After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering, Sarah and her college sweetheart, Thuan Tran, joined the Peace Corps and served in Guinea, West Africa. They were married in Oakland, California in 2004. Sarah attended Georgetown Law School, graduating magna cum laude. She later clerked for the Honorable Judge Timothy Belcher Dyk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and worked for the Energy Group at the Jones Day law firm.

A nationally recognized legal scholar, Tran published articles in many of the leading U.S. law journals. During the 2012-2013 academic year, Tran served as a Fellow in the SMU Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute. She was equally dedicated to her teaching. She taught not only Property Law but also courage and determination to her students, often conducting lectures via Skype from her hospital bed at Baylor Medical Center.

Sarah is survived by her husband Thuan and their two children, FarrahSophia and Jimi Owen, and many family members and friends.

Sarah was a devoted and loving mother and wife. She gave a shining example of tenacity, an adventurous “can do” spirit, and dedication to family, students, fun, love and life.

In honor of Professor Tran’s courage and perseverance, SMU Dedman Law will recognize a student who also demonstrated courage and determination in the face of adversity. The recipient of the 2014 Sarah McQuillen-Tran Award is Neil Lober.
Jeffrey Kahn  
Professor of Law  
February 25, 2013: “In Putin’s Russia, Shooting the Messenger”

Thomas Wm. Mayo  
Altshuler University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor of Law  

Chris Jenks  
Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law  
April 18, 2014: “Covert Inquiry by FBI Rattles 9/11 Tribunals”

Jennifer Collins  
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law  
November 13, 2014: “Prosecutions of Parents Can Vary After Children Left in Sweltering Cars Die”

Meghan J. Ryan  
Associate Professor of Law  
June 18, 2014: “Drug Challenges Are Failing to Halt Executions”

Thomas Wm. Mayo  
Altshuler University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor of Law  
January 14, 2014: “Lawsuit Over Keeping a Pregnant Texas Woman Alive”

Chris Jenks  
Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law  
June 8, 2014: “Bergdahl Trade More about Guantanamo”

Thomas Wm. Mayo  
Altshuler University Distinguished Teaching Professor and Associate Professor of Law  
January 14, 2014: “Pregnant, brain-dead Texas woman kept alive”

Jennifer M. Collins  
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law  
January 3, 2014: “Pregnant, brain-dead Texas woman kept alive”

Nathan Cortez  
Associate Dean for Research and Associate Professor of Law  
October 14, 2014: “Ebola and the Law”

Anthony J. Colangelo  
Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow and Associate Professor of Law  
July 4, 2014: “Why U.S. Law May Apply Abroad”

Julie Forrester  
Professor of Law and Former Dean ad interim  
August 13, 2014: “How Homebuyers Can Cope with a Money Pit”

Marc I. Steinberg  
Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law  
June 19, 2014: “Valeant and Ackman Sidestep Concerns Over Allergan Tender Offer”

Jennifer M. Collins  
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law  
July 29, 2014: “Tragedy Unfolds”
THE MEDIA

Jeffrey M. Gaba
M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor in Health Law

October 23, 2014: “Opponents Plan to File Lawsuits if Texas City Passes Measure to Ban Fracking”

Jeffrey Kahn
Professor of Law

August 18, 2014: “Lawsuit Over Federal Watch List”

Jeffrey M. Gaba
M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor in Health Law

August 7, 2014: “Will this be the first Texas City to ban fracking?”

Meghan J. Ryan
Associate Professor of Law

May 1, 2014: “Why Are Execution Drugs So Controversial?”

Nathan Cortez
Associate Dean for Research and Associate Professor of Law


Jennifer M. Collins
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law

July 18, 2014: “SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins on ‘Moving the Needle”

Chris Jenks
Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law


Jeffrey M. Gaba
M.D. Anderson Foundation Endowed Professor in Health Law

Jennifer M. Collins
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law


Gregory S. Crespi
Professor of Law

August 5, 2014: “Hobby Lobby Ruling May Have Poked a Hole in the ‘Corporate Veil’”

Chris Jenks
Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law


November 20, 2014: “Sex Changes, Lethal Injection & the Constitution”

Meghan J. Ryan
Associate Professor of Law

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Professor Joasia Luzak, The University of Amsterdam; “European Consumer Law”; January 13-14, 2014

Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Roundtable; “Appellate Judges on Briefing”; January 28, 2014

Professor David Orentlicher, Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Hall Center for Law and Health and the McKinney School of Law and the University of Indiana-Indianapolis; “Two Presidents are Better than One”; February 3, 2014

Criminal Justice Colloquium; January 24, 2014

Public Advocate Day; January 30, 2014


Professor Dr. Enver Hasani, President, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Professor of International Law and International Relations, University of Prishtina; “The Role and Position of the Constitutional Courts in South East Europe with Special Reference to Kosovo”; February 19, 2014
“Veterans Justice: Serving Those Who Served”; February 2014

APIL Auction, Bidopoly! - The event raised $29,000 for Public Interest Law stipends; February 2, 2014

Corporate Directors Institute; February 27, 2014

The Texas Lawbook CLE hosted by SMU Dedman Law; “Inside the Insider Trading Trial of Mark Cuban”; March 6, 2014

Irving L. Goldberg Endowed Lecture Series - Professor Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School, Author of America’s Unwritten Constitution: The Precedents and Principles We Live By; “America’s Unwritten Constitution”; March 18, 2014

International Red Cross Committee/ Drones Symposium; March 21, 2014

Howie & Sweeney Moot Court Competition; March 25, 2014
HALSA/Mexican American Bar Association; March 29, 2014

Professor Dale Carpenter, Charles J. and Inez Wright Murray Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law; “United States v. Windsor: Marriage and Equal Protection from Animus?”; April 2, 2014

48th Air Law Symposium; April 3-4, 2014

H. D. Vest Lecture - Dr. K.L. Alex Lau, Associate Professor, Department of Accountancy and Law; and Director, MSc Corporate Governance and Directorship at Hong Kong Baptist University; “Doing Business in China: A Comparison Between Common Law and Chinese Company Law”; April 10, 2014

TedXSMU, Spring 2014 – Martin Camp, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; “Good News, Bad News, Who’s to Say”; April 22, 2014

21 Communities Foundation of Texas: Professional Seminar Series; May 13, 2014

22 The General Counsel Forum Breakfast and CLE; “Hacked! Ethical Issues for Lawyers in the Cyber World”; May 14, 2014

23 Law School Hooding Ceremony; May 17, 2014

24 Callejo Roundtable - Keynote, Sarah Saldaña, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas; May 30, 2014


26 Dallas Heart Walk, September 13, 2014

27 Corporate Counsel Symposium (with thanks to and in loving memory of Ms. Donnais Baldwin), October 31, 2014
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

SINCE 1986

SMU Dedman Law Honors Distinguished Alumni
Distinguished Alumni Dinner

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Five impressive individuals were recognized on Thursday, March 27 for their outstanding achievements, leadership, and service. The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor the law school bestows upon its alumni and friends.

This year’s honorees were Travis T. Tygart ’99, Dr. Shen Shiaoming ’81, Wm. Stephen Boyd ’81, and the Honorable Mary L. Murphy ’83. The Honorable Elizabeth Lang-Miers was named as an honorary alumna of the law school. The alumni distinguished themselves in the areas of government service, private practice, corporate service, and international work.

Thank you!

to the following firms and individuals who sponsored the awards ceremony.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Baylor Scott & White Health
Bickel & Brewer Foundation
Wm. Stephen Boyd
Fifth Court of Appeals (Texas)
Godwin Lewis PC
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Hunt Consolidated, Inc.
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Jack Knox
Littler Mendelson, P.C.
Locke Lord LLP
Mack Matheson & Marchesoni PLLC
Robert E. & Suzanne Bolton Mellor
The Honorable Elizabeth Lang-Miers
  and Dr. Jeb S. Miers
The Honorable Mary L. Murphy and
  Mr. Gregory Huffman
William D. Noel
Passman & Jones
Suzie and Tog Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Rust, Jr.
Rusty Hardin & Associates, LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Thompson & Knight LLP
Tolleson Wealth Management
Travis T. and Nichole Tygart
Wayne and Billie Watts
The Hon. Mary L. Murphy ’83
Presiding Judge of the First Administrative Judicial Region

Judge Mary L. Murphy was appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2013 to serve a four-year term as the Presiding Judge of the First Administrative Judicial Region, comprising 34 Texas counties. She is the first woman to serve as an administrative regional judge in Texas.

Prior to her appointment, she served as a Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals and as Judge of the 14th Judicial District Court, and was the first Civil Court Master serving the District Courts in Dallas. Judge Murphy received the American Board of Trial Advocates Dallas Chapter Judge of the Year Award in 2006 and has been an active bar leader and speaker for the ABA, the State Bar of Texas, and the Dallas Bar Association. Judge Murphy chaired the Dallas Bar Foundation and served as a trustee for 8 years. She also served as President of the Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, was on the Executive Committee for the Inn, and is a Master Emeritus.

At age 19, Judge Murphy joined Thompson & Knight as a word processor, where she saw the first woman attorney join the firm, and she set her goal of becoming a lawyer. After working as a litigation associate with the Denver firm Gorsuch Kirgis, she moved to Jenkins & Gilchrist, where she became the firm’s first female litigation partner in 1991. She later worked in her own specialty firm, Rochelle Hutcheson & Murphy, before taking the bench.

Judge Murphy was born in Athens, Texas, and earned her B.A. from the University of Texas at Dallas cum laude with a major in English. She received her J.D. from SMU Dedman Law in 1983 and has taught as a guest lecturer and adjunct professor since 2004 and mentored many SMU legal interns in her court chambers.

Wm. Stephen Boyd ’81
Chief Legal Officer of Baylor Scott & White Health

Steve Boyd is the chief legal officer for Baylor Scott & White Health, serving as the system’s general counsel and corporate secretary, responsible for all legal and risk management functions.

Prior to joining Baylor in 2007, Boyd served as managing partner for the Texas offices of Hunton & Williams, with 26 years of experience representing various regulated industries in federal and state courts as well as administrative venues.

Boyd was born in Texarkana, graduated from high school in Paris, Texas, attended Austin College, and was awarded his bachelor’s degree by the University of Texas at Arlington in 1974.

Boyd entered SMU Dedman School of Law because of its reputation for corporate law study and earned his J.D. in 1981.

He went to work for his mentor, Robert Wooldridge, at the firm of Worsham Forsythe & Wooldridge and continued in practice with them through their merger with Hunton & Williams.

Active in the community, he is a member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and the Committee for Qualified Judiciary. He has served on the board of directors for the Salesmanship Club of Dallas, the board of trustees of Dallas Heritage Village, and the board of directors of Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers. He currently serves on the board of SCF Charitable Properties, Inc. and is a member of Park Cities Baptist Church.

Boyd is a member of the SMU Dedman School of Law Executive Board.

Dr. Shen Shiaoming ’81
International Legal Consultant for Mackenzie & Albritton LLP

Born in Beijing, China, Dr. Shen Shiaoming received her M.C.L. degree from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1981, her LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School in 1984, and her Doctor of Juridical Science degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1987. Prior to studying in the United States, she received her B.A. from China University of Political Science and Law, and her graduate degree from Law Institute of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, China.

Dr. Shen has over 25 years of experience in international law and business, with particular emphasis on business development in the People’s Republic of China.

Dr. Shen was instrumental in drafting significant aspects of China’s business legislation, including China’s Joint Venture Law and Trademark Law. She was involved in negotiations between the China National Petroleum Corporation and two French oil companies for the joint exploration and exploitation of oil in Bohai Sea, and was a legal advisor for a Warner Brothers project with China Central TV.
Her practice has involved multinational corporations in joint ventures in many industries, and she is currently an international legal consultant with Mackenzie & Albritton, LLP in San Francisco.

At SMU Dedman School of Law, Dr. Shen actively participated in the Rule of Law Forum and the Sohmen Scholarship Program for legal scholars from China. Since 1998, Dr. Shen has been a Visiting Global Professor at SMU Dedman Law where she teaches Comparative Law II: Doing Business in China.

**Travis Tygart ’99**  
Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency

As Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), Travis Tygart works closely with the USADA Board of Directors to carry out the organization’s mission of preserving the integrity of competition, inspiring true sport, and protecting the rights of U.S. athletes. In his almost 12 years at USADA, he has also served as the Director of Legal Affairs and as Senior Managing Director & General Counsel.

Under Tygart’s leadership, USADA’s efforts to protect clean athletes have included cooperating with federal authorities on numerous investigations, including the international steroid bust, Operation Raw Deal, and the international doping conspiracy involving the BALCO laboratory in San Francisco. Tygart also led the investigation into the team-wide US Postal Service Pro Cycling Team doping conspiracy and the Lance Armstrong case.

Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Tygart graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, and earned his J.D. from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1999, graduating Order of the Coif.

Tygart currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Sports Lawyers Association and the Board of Governors of the Partnership for Clean Competition. He has previously served on a variety of committees and boards, including the Society for Major League Baseball Strength and Conditioning Coaches, and the World Anti-Doping Agency as the Vice-Chair for its Independent Observers Team, which monitored the doping control and legal processes at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China, to name a few.

**The Honorable Elizabeth Lang-Miers**  
Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals

Justice Elizabeth Lang-Miers was born in Minnesota and grew up in Missouri. She began her legal career as law clerk to the Honorable James A. Finch, Jr. of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

She spent 28 years at the firm currently named Locke Lord, before she was appointed in 2003 as a Justice on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas at Dallas. She serves as a member of the Multidistrict Litigation Panel for the State of Texas.

Justice Lang-Miers has been very active in legal associations, including, for example, the Dallas Bar Association, serving as president; the State Bar of Texas, serving as a director, a member of the executive committee, and as chair of the Judicial Section; the American Bar Association, serving as a member of the House of Delegates and as chair of the Appellate Judges’ Conference; and the Texas Center for the Judiciary, serving as an officer and on the board of directors. She also served as chair of the Dallas Bar Foundation, as a trustee of the Texas Bar Foundation, and as an active member of the American Bar Foundation, and served on the board of the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

Justice Lang-Miers has devoted her time and effort to support the Center for American and International Law, the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dallas, The Dallas Foundation, Attorneys Service the Community, and the Church of the Incarnation.

She is the recipient of many awards, including the “We Have Lift Off” Award from the Appellate Section of the Dallas Bar Association, the Chair’s Award of Excellence from the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award from the State Bar of Texas, the Equal Justice Award from Legal Services of North Texas, the Louise Raggio Award from the Dallas Women Lawyers’ Association, and two Presidential Citations from the State Bar of Texas.

Justice Lang-Miers received both her B.A. in History and her J.D. from the University of Missouri, Columbia.
MAKING MEMORIES

Law School Alumni Reunions
Law School Reunions

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Reunion classes of ’64, ’69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, ’94, ’99 enjoyed a combined class cocktail reception and individual class dinners at the W Hotel.

To view photos from this event, join the SMU Dedman Law - All 4s & 9s Reunion Facebook group!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMUDedmanLawReunions/
Receptions

1. Donor Reception, George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum; January 28, 2014
2. LL.M. Reception; May 14, 2014
3. State Bar Reception, Austin; June 26, 2014
5. Judicial Clerkship Reception; May 15, 2014
SMU MUSTANGS

Tailgate Parties
Michael M. Boone ’67
Elected Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

Michael M. Boone, co-founder of Haynes and Boone, was named Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees effective June 2014 and will also serve as Co-Chair of the SMU Unbridled campaign. Boone has been an SMU Trustee since 1996, serving on a variety of board committees. He is currently Vice Chair of SMU Dedman School of Law’s Executive Board.


Bill Holston Jr., Executive Director of Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, plays a crucial role in addressing the humanitarian crisis of the unaccompanied minors from Central America. Holston has organized pro bono efforts and structured training programs so lawyers can assist the rapidly growing numbers of unaccompanied minors seeking refuge in the U.S.

Nathan L. Hecht ’74
Appointed Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Texas

Nathan L. Hecht was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as the 27th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. Justice Hecht has served on the Court since 1988 and has authored over 350 opinions. He served as justice of the Texas Court of Appeals for the Fifth District and as judge of the 95th Judicial District Court in Dallas County prior to his service on the Supreme Court of Texas.

Reception in Taipei for SMU Dedman Law Alumni

Timothy E. “Tim” Powers ’80 Named Managing Partner of Haynes and Boone, LLP

Tim Powers has been named Managing Partner at Haynes and Boone and will move into his new role on January 1, 2015. Powers is known for his success in expanding the firm’s international banking, finance and real estate investment practices.
Kathleen LaValle ’82
Named Executive Director and President of Dallas CASA

Kathleen LaValle, a partner at Jackson Walker, has accepted the leadership role of executive director and president for Dallas CASA. As an active member for many years, she assumes her new position in the midst of a $37 million campaign aimed to ensure that every child in Dallas has a CASA volunteer supporter.

The Honorable Sarah R. Saldaña ’84
Nominated by President Obama to Lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement

President Obama has selected U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldaña as the nation’s top immigration enforcer, the White House announced August 28, 2014. Saldaña has been chief federal prosecutor in the Northern District of Texas for just under three years. She is the state’s first Latina U.S. Attorney and would be the first Latina to run Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the government’s second biggest investigative agency. The nomination requires Senate approval.

Receives 2014 “Protect Her” Award from the New Friends New Life Organization

Sarah R. Saldaña, U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, has been awarded the 2014 “ProtectHer” award from the New Friends New Life Organization. The “ProtectHer” award honors recipients for their undaunted leadership and commitment to action in protecting the rights of women and girls on local, state and national levels.

John L. Ratcliffe ’89
Wins Election for U. S. House in the 4th Congressional District of Texas


2014 Winning Women in Texas

Katherine Staton ’90 & Natalie Arbaugh ’01

Katherine A. Staton, a partner at Jackson Walker, and Natalie Arbaugh, a principal at Fish & Richardson, were honored among Texas’ 2014 Winning Women chosen by Texas Lawyer. Readers were asked to nominate lawyers who have achieved significant recent victories and established a track record of prevailing in high-stakes cases.
Amy Raney Yeager ’93
Named Senior Vice President and General Counsel – North Texas for Baylor Scott & White Health

In her new position, Amy Raney Yeager will head up the legal department for the North Texas division of Baylor Scott & White Health and will be the lead attorney for real estate and intellectual property matters on a system-wide basis. Prior to joining Baylor Health Care System in 2007 as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, she worked with the Dallas law firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, specializing in healthcare and related practice areas.

Liz Cedillo-Pereira ’99
Receives the Prestigious Ohtli Recognition from the Government of Mexico

On Sept. 15, Liz Cedillo-Pereira received the prestigious Ohtli Recognition from the Government of Mexico during the Mexican Independence Celebration at Dallas City Hall. The Ohtli (meaning “path” in Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs) is considered the highest honor bestowed by the Government of Mexico to a leader outside of Mexico and acknowledges and celebrates the commitment, vision and impact of an individual in lifting the Mexican or Latino community. The Ohtli Award is granted once a year and consists of a medallion, a silver rosette, and a diploma. The title honors and recalls the continued tradition of Aztec descendants who still bid farewell with the phrase “Cualli ohtli!” (To have a good trail/journey).

The Honorable Brandon Gibson ’00: Youngest Person Ever Appointed to Tennessee Court of Appeals

On Oct. 9, Brandon Gibson stands with her husband as she is sworn in as judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals by Governor Bill Haslam. Gibson grew up on a soybean farm and has been “seasoned by life,” according to Governor Haslam. Gibson has worked in multiple areas of law including civil and commercial litigation, commercial transactions, workers compensation and government litigation.

Meyling Ly ’06 Connects with Community-Wide “Big Give Back” Event

Meyling Ly, an associate at Littler Mendelson and President of DAYL, volunteered as a part of the “Big Give Back” on August 9, 2014. The Dallas Association of Young Lawyers teamed up with the Dallas Asian-American Bar Association, Dallas Hispanic Bar Association and the J.L. Turner Legal Association to sponsor this event where volunteer lawyers were available to provide free one-on-one legal advice and seminars.

Rebekah Steely Brooker ’04 Named President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association

Rebekah Steely Brooker, an attorney with Scheef & Stone, L.L.P., has been named President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. Brooker’s recent transition to the areas of probate, trust and estate law, along with her new role with Tyla, will provide her another opportunity to support the public and the community of young lawyers in the Dallas area.

Gabriel Vazquez ’02
Named Vice President and General Counsel for TXU

Gabe Vazquez has been promoted to Vice President and General Counsel of TXU Energy. Vazquez, with his significant background in energy and retail sectors, will lead TXU’s legal and regulatory compliance team and provide strategic counsel to the executive leadership team.
1957

Robert H. Thomas, DBA Past President and attorney at Strasburger & Price, participated in a series of programs presented by the Dallas Bar Association to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

1959

Charles R. Wheeler was quoted in an article published in the ABA Journal (January 2014) entitled “Focus on a Sunny Sunset” in which retired judges and attorneys commented on staying in the workforce, healthcare, retirement funds and managing debt following retirement.

1964

Robert “Skip” Trimble received the St. Francis of Assisi Award from Paws in the City for his longtime dedication to the protection of animals.

1965

C. L. Mike Schmidt of The Schmidt Firm, LLP, and Dallas lawyer Amanda L. Schwartz ’05 were recognized in The National Law Journal for having one of the Top 50 Verdicts of 2013 with a $10.5M verdict.

1969

Frank Branson has been named among the Top 10 lawyers in Texas by the 2014 edition of Texas Super Lawyers. In addition, the National Law Journal has honored him among the 50 “Elite Trial Lawyers” in the U.S.

Thomas C. Fuller, retired Criminal Court Judge, is now mediator/arbitrator at Tom Fuller Conflict Resolution Services in Dallas.

William C. Shrader retired from the practice of law and joined the Board of Directors of The John P. McGovern Foundation in Houston.

1971

John A. Cuellar, Chairman and President of Las Tres Cs, Inc., was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to chair the Aging and Disability Services Council.

Al Ellis, Of Counsel for Sommerman & Quesada LLP, received the most prestigious honor awarded by the Dallas Habitat for Humanity for his 23 years of service as a core volunteer in all aspects of Dallas Habitat’s programs.

Albon Head, partner at Jackson Walker LLP, was named to Texas Lawyer’s “Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame” in 2013.

Margaret A. McKenna was appointed by Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to the Boston School Committee.

1972

Jerry Alexander participated on a panel at a CLE program hosted by the DBA Public Forum Committee relating to handling of the Zapruder film. He will also serve on the board for the Dallas Bar Association.

Robert H. Kroney, owner and shareholder in Kroney Morse Lan in Dallas, was presented with the Beverly L. Brooks Leadership Award by the Dallas chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Mike McCurley, VernerBrumleyMcCurley, was named to D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” and recognized for his representation of clients in Family Law matters.

1973

Rhett G. Campbell, who specializes in Bankruptcy Restructuring at Thompson & Knight in Houston, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

William “Bill” Elliott was reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the North Texas Tollway Authority Board of Directors.

Donald E. Godwin was named to the 2011, 2012, and 2013 lists of “Who’s Who in Energy” by the American City Business Journal. In March 2014, Mr. Godwin was recognized in the 2014 Chambers USA. America’s Leading Lawyers for Business as being among the top commercial litigators in the country, and in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Steve Jenkins joined the Dallas office of Jackson Walker LLP as a partner and will focus his practice in the area of Commercial Real Estate. Jenkins was selected for inclusion in the 2014 Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Emily A. Parker, who specializes in Tax Litigation at Thompson & Knight in Dallas, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory, and in The Legal 500 US directory among the elite “Leading Lawyers” in Tax Controversy.

Stephen C. Porter was named General Counsel for Mortgage Contracting Services.

1974

Orrin L. Harrison III joined the Dallas litigation firm Gruber Hurst Johansen Hall Shank as a partner.

1975

Deirdre B. Ruckman, Bankruptcy and Business Reorganization Partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named American College of Bankruptcy Fellow and will be inducted into the 25th Class of the College. She was also listed in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Timothy R. McCormick, who specializes in General Commercial Litigation at Thompson & Knight in Dallas, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

1976

Daniel Baucum joined the firm of Cantey Hanger LLP as a partner.

John W. Bickel II joined Fish & Richardson of Dallas in September as part of its expansion in commercial litigation and arbitration services for U.S. and international clients.

Brad Burns, Vice President of Global Media Relations at AT&T, spoke on AT&T’s “It Can Wait” campaign at a luncheon held by the Public Relations Society of America Dallas Chapter.

Richard G. Dafoe was awarded the Mustang Legacy Award, by Athletic Director Rick Hart, during the SMU vs. TCU Football game in September 2014, in recognition of his long-time support of SMU Athletics.

David B. Dillon, Chairman of The Kroger Co., was elected to the Board of Directors for Union Pacific Corporation.

Edward C. Hertenstein was named a 2014 Ohio Super Lawyer.

John B. Holden Jr. (LL.M. ’76), partner at Jackson Walker, was selected for inclusion in American City Business Journals’ 2013 “Who’s Who in Energy” list and as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” by D Magazine.

1977

O. Paul Corley Jr., was named to the 2013 “International Who’s Who” list.

Barbara Ferguson, Thompson & Knight, was selected for inclusion in “The Nation's Top 10 Lawyers – 2014” by United States Lawyer Rankings.

Susan Mead, partner for Jackson Walker, was selected as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” by D Magazine.

James W. McKellar, who specializes in Banking & Finance at Thompson & Knight in Dallas, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

Barry Sorrels, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton, was selected for the ninth time in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Stephen E. Stein, partner at Thompson & Knight, was showcased in IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners as “a prominent member of the Licensing Executives Society.”

1979

Kari Brandenburg has served as District Attorney for Bernalillo County in Albuquerque, NM, since 2001.

Barry R. Knight, Winstead PC, was elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Michael K. Pierce, who specializes in Corporate/M&A at Thompson & Knight in Houston, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

1980

Mitchell S. Block joined the firm of Smith, Robertson, Elliott & Douglas, L.L.P. in Austin.

William E. Evans (LL. M. Taxation ‘80) was named by the Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top attorneys in Missouri for 2013.

John V. Jansonius, partner for Jackson Walker, was elected one of the State Bar Directors for District 6, was named “2014 Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers, and was selected as Dallas’ Labor Law – Management Lawyer of the Year. Jansonius was also selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of the prestigious Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

Peter A. Lodwick, partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, was selected to serve as SMU's Alumni Board Chair-Elect for 2014 and Chair for 2015-2017. As part of the appointment by R. Gerald Turner, President of SMU, Lodwick will also serve as a member of SMU's Board of Trustees.

Joel W. Mohrman, senior litigator in McGlinchey Stafford's Houston office, was named an “IP Star” in Texas by the IP Handbook.

Charles J. Quaid was selected as a 2013 Texas Super Lawyer.

Robert E. Reetz Jr. joined McGinnis Lochridge as a partner to bolster the firm's Tax and Mergers & Acquisitions practice in Austin.

1981

Michael F. Albers, partner at Hunton & Williams and Adjunct Professor at SMU Dedman Law, and Anne Kniffen, President of The Lauck Group, were married Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Julie H. Quaid was selected as a 2013 Texas Super Lawyer and 2014 Best Lawyers in America for Family and Collaborative Law.

Shannon T. Vale, Pirkey Barber, PLLC, received Silver status nationally in the “Prosecution and Strategy” category by World Trademark Review.

1982

Dale E. Cottingham was named Treasurer of the 2014 Board of Directors for the Oklahoma law firm of GableGotwals.

Larry J. Goldman is now Managing Partner at Goldman & Associates in San Antonio.


G. Bruce Parkerson became a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers during the 2013 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.


1983

The Honorable Deborah G. Hankinson was a key contributor to the 2014 Equal Access to Justice Campaign benefitting the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program. Founder of Hankinson LLP, she has earned a spot in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” for the ninth time.

Michael W. Huddleston had his article “Insurance Law” published in the January 2014 issue of the Texas Bar Journal.

Joseph D. “Chip” Sheppard, attorney and chairman of the Litigation/Dispute Resolution Practice Group of Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown, P.C., was sworn in as a board member of the Ozarks Technical Community College Board of Trustees. He was also named one of the top attorneys in Missouri for 2013 by the Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyers magazine.
Georgeanna L. Simpson co-authored an article entitled “Family Law” that was published in the January 2014 issue of the Texas Bar Journal.

**1984**

The Honorable David W. Evans, Fifth District Court of Appeals, heard live oral arguments at the Belo Mansion in front of nearly 200 DISD students.

Jack T. Jamison, Godwin Lewis PC, was recognized in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

**1985**

Charla Aldous, trial lawyer at Aldous Law Firm, earned a spot on D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” list for the ninth consecutive year. She was also named to Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America. In June, she spoke to students attending the National Trial College of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) held at Harvard Law School.

G. Mark Jodon was named office managing shareholder at the Houston office of Littler. Jodon was also recognized in the 2013 and 2014 editions of The Best Lawyers in America.

Michelle Wong Krause, Westong, Krause and Associates, co-organized the annual Dallas Minority Attorney Program event. She also assisted with planning programs for the Fifty Years of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 celebration. In June, she was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

Michael J. Truncale received a Diploma in International Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitration (CIArb), and was made a Fellow in the CIArb. The CIArb, based in London, England, was established by the Crown in 1915, and is a leading organization for the appointment of international arbitrators.

**1986**

Val J. Albright, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was listed in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

James R. Griffin, partner at Jackson Walker’s Dallas Office, was selected as one of D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Jakes Jordaan, Chairman of Santa Fe Gold, was appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer.

**1987**

Stanley D. Hudson established the Law Office of Stanley D. Hudson in Dallas, TX.

Steven E. Kennedy, McGuire, Craddock & Strother, was elected Chair of the Dallas Bar Association’s Construction Law Section for 2014. As Chair, he recently participated in a CLE for the Construction Law Section of the DBA.

Michael A. Shaunessey was named a partner at McGinnis Lochridge in Austin.

**1988**


Norman D. Finch Jr. joined Sealed Air Corporation in Elmwood Park, NJ, as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Albert D. Hamaack was appointed the first new Municipal Judge in 45 years for the town of Highland Park.

Mary McNulty, partner at Thompson & Knight, was recommended by the Tax Directors Handbook 2014. She was also listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

J. Scott Sexton of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore was named to the Super Lawyers Business Edition list.

Russell G. Thornton is now a partner at Thiebaud Remington Thornton Bailey in Dallas.

Charles E. (Chuck) Woods joined the Dallas-based firm of Mastrogiovanni Mersky & Flynn, PC.

**1989**

Ted Baroody joined the firm of Carstens & Cahoon, L.L.P., as a partner and will specialize in patent litigation.

Daniel L. Butcher (LL.M. ‘89), Managing Partner of Strasburger & Price and one of Texas’ Top Tax Attorneys, was recognized by the Dallas Business Journal as being instrumental in his firm’s shift in training young lawyers and making it one of the fastest growing law firms in the country.

Tarron Gartner-Iliai joined the insurance coverage law firm, Amy Stewart Law, as a principal in the firm.

Deanya Kueckelhan Cocanougher joined Cantey Hanger LLP’s Southlake office in its newly created practice area involving consumer law and privacy rights.

William J. Minnick (LL.M. ’89), President of PartnerSource, was named to the Board of Trustees for Abilene Christian University.

**1990**

Vicky Gunning, partner of Locke Lord, was honored with the Commercial Real Estate Women’s (CREW) prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award.

Mark M. Sloan, who specializes in Real Estate at Thompson & Knight in Dallas, was listed as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

Katherine A. Staton, partner at Jackson Walker, was selected by Texas Lawyer as one of the 2014 Winning Women.

Betty Ungerman, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Lennox International, received one of the “Outstanding Deputy or Associate General Counsel – Midsize Legal Department” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists. She is also President of the Dallas Chapter of the General Counsel Forum.

Barbara Van Duyne was the recipient of the Louise Raggio Women’s Legal Advocate Award. This award is given by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas and honors three individuals each year who have provided extraordinary service benefitting women in poverty through their sustained service and leadership.

**1991**

Martin M. Van Brauman (LL.M. ‘91) was appointed to the Board of Zion Oil & Gas, Inc., as a non-employee director.

George L. Diamond joined the firm of Looper Reed & McGraw as Of Counsel.

**1992**


Quinn DeAngelis was certified in Estate and Trust Law by the State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization.

William R. Jenkins Jr., partner at Jackson Walker, LLP, was named to Texas Lawyer’s “Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame” in 2013.

Terry D. Ragsdale was named to the 2014 Board of Directors to the Oklahoma law firm of GableGotwals.
1993

Jeffrey W. Kemp is now Associate General Counsel in Litigation to INVISTA in Wichita, KS.


O. Rey Rodriguez, who specializes in civil appellate law, joined the appellate law firm of Hankinson LLP as a partner. He was also named to D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

1994

Jeffrey O. Anderson, partner at Orsinger Nelson Downing and Anderson, L.L.P., was named General Counsel of the not-for-profit Kids Matter International in a pro bono capacity.

Jeffrey J. Ansley, partner at Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, was named to D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Michael R. Cramer joined The Willis Law Group as a Partner and Director of Employment Law.

Terry Daflon Porter rejoined Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT) and will be working on behalf of peace officers in Tarrant County and across North Texas.

Steven P. Howard joined the New York office of Michelman & Robinson and will focus on risk management, compliance and contract disputes.

Jonathan G. Polak, partner at the Indianapolis firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, was recognized as one of the “Leaders in their Field” in the 2014 Chambers USA legal directory.

John Simmons, founder and chairman of Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnard LLC, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Michelle A. Morgan recently spoke at a CLE for the Construction Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

John S. Gray joined the Houston firm of Liskow & Lewis, APLC, assisting clients in all aspects of environmental law.

Thomas R. Stauch, Nowak & Stauch, LLP, was named to the 2014 Texas Super Lawyers list.

Julie Lawson Timmer, in-house counsel with Maxion Wheels in Ann Arbor and novelist by night, had her first book, Five Days Left, published in September.

1996

Arturo M. Aviles was promoted to Of Counsel at Segal McCambridge’s Austin office.

Naneen K. Baden joined Requiem Productions as General Counsel and Producer.

Brad M. LaMorgese was named to D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014” and was honored for his work in Appellate Law.

R. Troy Smith has joined the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in its Jacksonville office.

1997

Laura Geisler, Director for the Dallas Bar Association, assisted with planning programs for the Fifty Years of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 celebration.

Brigitte Hocking joined the Dallas office of Berry Appelman & Leiden LLP as a partner.

Dan Koenig, community leader and mediation professional, has teamed up with Mediation.com.

1998

Randy Block, owner of Performance Legal Placement in Dallas, had his article “Sea Change” published in the March 2014 issue of the Texas Bar Journal.

Felicia Manno joined the Chicago firm of Greenberg Traurig as a partner focusing on white-collar criminal defense and health care matters.

Gene Roberts, Director of Student Legal & Mediation Services at Sam Houston State University, was elected President of the Texas Association of Mediators for 2014 and Council Member for the State Bar of Texas ADR Section for the same term.

J. Scott Sexton, who specializes in Civil Litigation at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, was recognized in Virginia Business magazine as being among Virginia’s “Legal Elite.”

1999

Tricia DeLeon, Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP, was recognized by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program as “Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year.”

Dena DeNooyer Stroh, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Murchison Oil & Gas, received one of the “Outstanding Community Service” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

Ryan H. Flax is now Managing Director at A2L Consulting.

Jenny L. Martinez, Godwin Lewis PC, was recognized in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Stan O. Springerley became Assistant General Counsel for Williamson County, Texas.

2000

Heather Bridgers is the founder and creative force behind “Just for KiiX,” a company with the solution to protect high heel shoes from scrapes, scratches, scuffs and tears.

Brandon O. Gibson was appointed to the Tennessee Court of Appeals and sworn in on October 9, 2014. He was also elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

Benjamin F.S. Herd was named partner at Thompson & Knight LLP.

Amy Howell, General Counsel at Zimbra, Inc., received one of the “Outstanding General Counsel or Chief Legal Officer – Solo” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

Trevor Ives was promoted to Counsel at Hunton & Williams and will be focusing on commercial real estate acquisitions and dispositions, development projects, real estate finance, and leasing.

Susan Jeffus, Vice President and Associate General Counsel for MoneyGram International, received one of the “Outstanding Deputy or Associate General Counsel – Large Legal Department” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

Angela M. Lopez joined the firm of Cowles & Thompson, PC as a shareholder.

Matthew B. McLeod was included in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.
2001

**Natalie Arbaugh**, a principal at Fish & Richardson, was selected by Texas Lawyer as one of the 2014 Winning Women.

**E. Foster Green** was recognized in the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 list.

**M. Neal Hanna**, owner of Saddle Creek Title in Memphis, received recognition by Paragon National Bank in the “Customer Spotlight” of their March 2014 Newsletter.

**John Harper** became a partner in the Houston office of Haynes and Boone and will focus on Labor and Employment Law.

**Brian P. Lauten** had his article “Commercial Litigation” published in the January 2014 issue of the Texas Bar Journal.

2002

**Samuel “Sam” J. Barrett** joined the private equity firm of Teakwood Capital as the Managing Director for Corporate Development.


**Vishal Chander** joined Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP as an associate in the Labor and Employment Group.

**Susan Chao**, In-House/Corporate Counsel for PepsiCo/Frito-Lay North America, Inc., received one of the “Outstanding In-House Counsel” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

**M. Turner Field** was named shareholder and director of the firm for Pendleton Wilson Hennessey & Crow.

**Claire Hetherington Darr** joined the executive search firm of Newhouse + Noblin as leader of their financial services recruiting division.

**Brent Huddleston** became partner at Haynes and Boone's Dallas office with primary focus in the area of immigration law.

**Michael J. Lang** was named a partner for the litigation firm of Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP.

**Paige Montgomery** joined the firm Sidley Austin, LLP, as Counsel.

**Alan J. Rosenberg** is now partner at The Willis Law Group in Dallas.

**David C. Schulte** was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

**Melinda B. Skillern** joined the Texas Department of Transportation in El Paso as its Right of Way Attorney (West).

2003

**Shelby Angel** was named partner at the Dallas-based law firm of Estes Okon Thorne & Carr, PLLC, and will continue her diverse trial practice focused on complex litigation and dispute resolution.

**Alan Bush**, principal of Bush Law Firm, P.C., was named to Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star in 2014, for the third year.

**M. Jeanette Fedele** joined Buescher, Kelman & Perera in Denver, CO.

**Amy E. LaValle** joined Conley Rose PC as a shareholder.

**Cliff McKinney** (LL.M. ’03) was named Managing Member of the Little Rock, Arkansas firm of Quattlebaum, Grooms, Tull & Burrow, PLLC.

**Tucker C. Shumack** (LL.M. Tax ’03) joined Ogilvy Government Relations and will provide counsel to corporations, trade associations and coalitions on government relations and tax policy.

**Lee Winkelman** joined the Bush Law Firm in The Woodlands, TX, in the firm's company-side labor and employment practice.

2004

**Ryan Bangert** became a partner with the international law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P in their Dallas location. He will focus on complex business litigation and appeals for the firm.

**Will S. Becker** became a partner with the Houston law firm of Andrews Kurth, LLP.

**Brandon Bell** joined McLaughlin, Hutchison & Biard and will focus his practice on civil litigation, criminal law, contract dispute and family law.

**Jason Bloom** was named partner at the Dallas location of Haynes and Boone and will concentrate his practice in business litigation, intellectual property and social media.

**Nicole Brennig** became a partner in the Austin office of Jackson Walker, focusing on Corporate & Securities.

**Laura Buehner**, Collin County Criminal Defense Attorney, was voted by her peers for inclusion in the 2014 list of “Dallas' Best Criminal Defense Lawyers.”

Jennifer Rudenick Ecklund was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

Scott F. Ellis was promoted to shareholder for Winstead, PC.

Christopher M. Farish was selected as Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014, and 2014 Best Lawyers in America for Family Law and Collaborative Family Law. He was also named President of Legacy Family Court Foundation.

Michael Andrew Freeman is now a shareholder for Winstead, PC.

Thomas J. Graca became the Director of Academic Affairs for Harvard Law School.

John R. Lowry, Vice President for Community and Government Relations and Executive Director of Spark at Lipscomb University in Nashville, was recognized by Williamson County, TN, as one of its most notable and influential people.

Brian Mitchell is now a partner at Braswell & Giuliani, LLP where he will focus his practice on complex commercial litigation.

Christa Brown-Sanford was promoted to partnership status at the Dallas office of Baker Botts L.L.P focusing in the area of Intellectual Property.

Trevor D. Rees-Jones ’78 and Gerald J. Ford ’69 Inducted into Texas Business Hall of Fame

At a Nov. 5 ceremony, Trevor Rees-Jones (second from right) and Gerald J. Ford (second from left), among others, were named 2014 inductees in The Texas Business Hall of Fame. Jordan Cowman, chairman of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, called this year’s inductees “Texas titans.” Further, “each has been instrumental in making Texas what it is today.”
Nathan Smithson was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

Justin Tilley was promoted to Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at Baylor Scott & White Health.

Joshua Weaver, who focuses on health care, was elected to shareholder at the Dallas office of Polsinelli.

Katherine Bandy Weber joined Wilson Elser as Of Counsel, focusing on intellectual property matters.

2005

James Benes, Deputy General Counsel at FTS International Services, Inc., received one of the “Outstanding Deputy or Associate General Counsel – Large Legal Department” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

Ira Bowman, Godwin Lewis PC, was named to the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 list.

Jonathan R. Childers was named a partner for the Dallas litigation firm of Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP.

Ryan Cox was named partner for Haynes and Boone’s Dallas office and will focus in the areas of general corporate and securities law and mergers and acquisitions.

Chung-Yuan Jiang (LL.M. ’01, S.J.D. ’05) was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of International Business at Shih Chien University in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Jason Mueller became a partner with the Dallas firm of Locke Lord and will concentrate his practice in the areas of intellectual property and advertising.

Seth Roberts became a partner of Locke Lord’s Dallas location in commercial litigation.

Amanda L. Schwartz, along with C. L. Mike Schmidt ’65 of The Schmidt Firm, LLP, was recognized in The National Law Journal for having one of the Top 50 Verdicts of 2013 with a $10M verdict.

Hope Shimabuku, Vice President and Corporate Counsel for Xerox Business Services, LLC, received one of the “Champion of Diversity Award” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

2006

Phillip Dunlap of Boyar Miller was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

Russell Hubbard, In-House/Corporate Counsel for American Airlines, Inc., received one of the “Outstanding Up-and-Comers” awards in D Magazine’s 2014 Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists.

Joseph M. Kidwell was named partner for the Dallas firm of Husch Blackwell and will focus on real estate, development & construction.

Christine Powers Leatherberry, associate at Connatser Family Law, was recognized in the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 list.

Andrew P. Lombardi was promoted to Vice President, Corporate Counsel at Crescent Real Estate in Fort Worth, TX.

Sara Abbott McEown became a partner at Jackson Walker, LLP in the Litigation section. She was also selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014, and named to Texas Lawyer’s “Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame” in 2013.

Jason Shipley, who focuses on finance, was named a partner in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker.

Jonathan Soloman was named a principal with Fish & Richardson in the firm’s Patent Group.

Christina Stephenson joined the bankruptcy group of Shackelford, Melton & McKinley, LLP.

2007

Julie Abernethy was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

Curt M. Covington was promoted to shareholder at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, business litigation practice group.

Trey H. Crawford was named a partner for the Dallas litigation firm of Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank LLP.

Wendy Horton joined the Louisiana law firm of Kean Miller at their newly established office in Shreveport as an associate.

Anna Irion was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014.

Amy E. Lott accepted an associate position at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP and will focus her practice in the areas of corporate and securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions.

Travis D. Shahan is now a transactions attorney with FedEx Office and Print Services, Inc., in Dallas.

Elisabeth Wilson will serve as President of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association (DHBA) for 2014.

Ms. Ren Xu (LL.M. ’07) passed the New York Bar exam.

2008

Casey Burton joined the firm of Sidley Austin, LLP, as an associate.

Rick Jordan of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was selected for inclusion in Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 and was listed in D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2014.”

Brett F. Miller joined the East Texas law firm of Ward & Smith and will lead the firm’s family law and civil litigation practice.

Thomas W. O’Neal of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC was named to the Illinois Super Lawyers 2014.

Olga L. Torres joined the Dallas-based firm Braumiller Law Group, PLLC, as a partner.

2009

Rwan Hardesty joined the Lewisville law firm of Kelly M. Davis & Associates, LLC as a construction litigation associate.

Preston L. Jones is now a senior associate with Davis & Associates in Dallas.

Emily Stroope joined the national law firm of McGlinchey Stafford as an associate in the consumer financial services litigation section.

2010

Laramy Elick, a civil litigation attorney at DeHay & Elliston, married her law school sweetheart, Jonathan Rafpor, who works at Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Chelsea L. Hilliard of Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP was included on the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 list.

Rachel Kingrey of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was named to the Texas Super Lawyers—Rising Star 2014 list.

Jennifer Larson of McGuire, Craddock & Strother was reelected to serve on the board of directors of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers for 2014.

2011

Brandon Fuqua has joined the firm of Sidley Austin, LLP, as an associate.

Jonathan Rafpor, who works at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, married his law school sweetheart, Laramy Elick, a civil litigation attorney at DeHay & Elliston.
2012

Rebecca Brame joined the Dallas firm of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, as an associate.

Stacy Cole opened a new Dallas law firm, Stacy Cole Law, P.C., and will focus in the areas of business and employment law.

Rebecca Fitzgibbons Nichols joined the Dallas office of Straussburger & Price, LLP as an associate in the Fidelity & Surety Practice Unit.

Reasha Hedke is now an associate at Schnafer & Stone in Frisco, TX.

Sadie Horner joined Rasansky Law Firm as a personal injury lawyer.

Kate Landrum was promoted to associate at Winstead PC.

Brian M. Russell received Georgetown Law’s Chetwood Prize, given to students with the highest GPA in their field, upon his graduation from the LL.M. Taxation Program at Georgetown University Law Center.

J. Jody Walker joined the Fort Worth firm of Kelly Hart & Hallman as an associate in the Real Estate Practice Group.

2013

David W. Clas joined the Dallas firm of Thompson & Knight LLP in the Oil and Gas Practice Group.

Taryn Dusek McDonald got married and joined the Dallas firm of Haynes and Boone as an associate in the White Collar Criminal Practice Group, where she will focus on False Claims Act qui tam litigation and assisting clients with government investigations.

Parker Graham joined the firm of Carrington Coleman as an associate focusing on business litigation, securities, director and officer litigation, and employment law.

Christopher Harris joined the firm of Kane Russell Coleman & Logan as an associate.

Andrew M. “Drew” McDonald joined the firm of Andrews & Barth, PC and will focus his practice on commercial real estate.

Tiffany Talamantez joined the Law Office of Kevin B. Ross, P.C., as an associate.

Christopher A. Scifres is now an associate of Ford Nassen & Baldwin in Dallas.

Jarratt Watkins joined the firm of Kelly Hart as an associate focusing on corporate and securities law.

SMU Dedman School of Law launched happy hours this year to connect with fellow alumni and friends. Look out for communications from the law school in the spring to join the fun!
IN MEMORIAM

Gordon R. Carpenter ’48

Gordon Carpenter, former trustee and Executive Director of the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation and an SMU Dedman School of Law alumnus and faculty member, passed away June 14, 2014. He was 94 years old.

Carpenter earned his B.S. degree from North Texas State University (now known as the University of North Texas) and his LL.B. from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1948. He was administrative assistant to the dean of SMU Dedman Law from 1951-1958 and an assistant professor at the Law School from 1956-1968. Carpenter was president of the Law Alumni Association in 1959-1960 and served as the campaign director for the first campaign of the SMU School of Law Development Fund in 1957.

Carpenter was an announcer on KDNT radio in Denton, Texas from 1940-1941 and a special agent with the FBI from 1941-1946. He was the executive secretary from 1947-1956 and the executive director of the Southwestern Legal Foundation from 1956-1958.

He also served as chairman of the Texas State Bar Committee on Legal Education and Institutes. In addition, Carpenter was chairman of the ABA Publications Committee of the Mineral Law Section of the American Bar Association and also regional editor of The Practical Lawyer, published by the American Law Institute. He was a trustee and secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Bar Foundation.
Carpenter was the recipient of many awards. To name a few, in 1963 he was honored with the President’s Award from the State Bar of Texas; in 1998, he was awarded the Gene Cavin Award, the highest honor given by the Texas State Bar in the area of continuing legal education; in 2001, Carpenter received the Charles O. Galvin Award for Service to SMU’s Dedman School of Law at the Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony; and in 2004, he was awarded the Distinguished Public Service award from the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation.

More recently he helped Parkland Memorial Hospital navigate a $700 million bond issuance and represented the expansion efforts of the Dallas, Highland Park, Irving and Richardson school districts.

Ray Hutchison graduated from Dallas’ Crozier Tech High School in 1950. After a brief stint as a messenger for Magnolia Oil Co., he was drafted in 1951 by the U.S. Navy. After leaving the service, Hutchison attended SMU, where he earned a degree in business. He also received a juris doctor in 1959 from SMU Dedman Law, graduating fourth in his class.

Hutchison began his legal career as a litigator at the law firm now known as Jenkins & Gilchrist. His big break would come in the early 1960s when he helped represent the Murchison brothers in their bid to buy New York investment firm Alleghany Corp. — recognized at the time as the largest hostile takeover battle in the U.S.

His next position was with the highly respected municipal finance firm of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, where Dallas Mayor J. Erik Jonsson and others tapped him to help negotiate the construction of an international airport. The highly contentious political battle that ensued would be one of many Hutchison handled with now-legendary skillful diplomacy.

While serving two terms in the Texas Legislature in the mid-1970s, Hutchison met Kay Bailey, whom he married in 1978. As a couple, the Hutchisons would establish the Ray and Kay Bailey Hutchison Scholarship and the Hutchison Legal Resource Learning Center at SMU Dedman School of Law.

Hutchison was named “Best Lawyer” by D Magazine every year beginning in 2003. He received the Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League in 2003 and the Charles O. Galvin Award for Service to the SMU Dedman School of Law in 2000.

The legal community and the SMU family have lost a great leader and friend. Hutchison is survived by his wife and their two children, Kathryn and Houston; and his two daughters, Brenda and Julie.

Jeffrey T. Raggio ‘11

Jeffrey T. Raggio died May 3, 2014. He was 29. A Dallas native, Raggio was the grandson of Louise Hilma Ballerstedt Raggio, a trailblazing lawyer who was instrumental in winning equal legal rights for Texas women.

He earned a master’s degree in political science at Goucher College in Baltimore before completing a law degree at SMU.

“He was a true beacon and had such a promising future — a future I was so anxious to follow,” former state District Judge Robert H. Frost wrote to the family after Raggio’s death.

Raggio had worked as a summer intern with Frost and also was an intern during law school with the family violence division of the Dallas County District Attorney’s office.

His uncle, Grier Raggio, Jr., said he had thought his nephew was destined for politics. “He was a natural politician: gregarious, competent, with a lot of empathy,” he said.

Before becoming an associate in the Raggio & Raggio firm, which was founded by his grandparents Louise and Grier Raggio, he worked at the firm as a paralegal and law clerk.

Kenneth Raggio said his son had begun to distinguish himself as a lawyer. “We just had a major, complicated case, and he was the brains keeping everything together,” he said.

To his friends, Raggio was known by his catchphrase: “Be the best.” Raggio is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Patty Raggio, and his brother, Michael.
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