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IMPRESSIVE JOB PLACEMENT

87.4%
Employment 10 months after graduation*

*Full-time, long-term, bar passage, J.D. advantage, and professional positions
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the alumni magazine! In this issue we celebrate our SMU Dedman Law faculty – a remarkable group of teachers and scholars, full of energy and innovation – by sharing a snapshot of their public engagement efforts, groundbreaking scholarship, innovative teaching, and international impact. We are delighted to introduce four wonderful new faculty members who will add their scholarly expertise and teaching excellence to our school.

We also honor the extraordinary legacy of beloved Professor Joe McKnight, who not only transformed Texas family law but also meant so much to our SMU Law family during his 59 years at the school.

In December 2015, SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign ended with unprecedented success, as the University exceeded its initial goals and raised more than $1 billion to support new University initiatives. At SMU Law, we are truly humbled by the generosity of our alumni and supporters who gave $87 million to the law school during the campaign. Your gifts will support new faculty positions and enhance academic excellence through academic centers and institutes, programming, and legal clinics. Your support also will help us continue to bring the very best students to SMU and keep a legal education as affordable as we possibly can.

Recently, we were very excited to announce $7 million in gifts to launch the Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center, an academic center that will provide a platform to engage in the important national debates surrounding issues of fairness, accuracy, and compassion in the criminal justice system. We are so very grateful for your generosity; it inspires us to achieve even more.

As part of our ongoing efforts to connect with alumni, we are delighted to announce the creation of the International Chapter of the Mustang Bar, which will be the nucleus of international alumni communications. We also rolled out the Dallas, Houston, Austin, Fort Worth, and Washington, D.C., Chapters of the Mustang Bar. These chapters (with more to come!) will keep their pulse on SMU Law news and events in their respective cities. Over the past year, we enjoyed connecting with more than 2,000 alumni through happy hours, student mentoring events, basketball watching parties, the Distinguished Alumni Awards, and CLEs. This fall, we hit the road again to network with our alumni. Stay tuned for more on our 2016-17 schedule. We would love to see you!

The past year also has been a great year for our students. Our 2015-16 Board of Advocates had one of its most successful years ever, ranking #5 in the national Moot Court rankings. Our graduates had terrific success in the job market as well: 87.4 percent of the 2015 Class was employed 10 months after graduation (in full-time, long-term, bar passage, J.D. advantage, and professional positions). Our new students got off to a great start with the launch of our new Inns of Court Program sponsored by Haynes and Boone. Designed to ease the transition to law school, the Inns Program provided the 1Ls with a built-in support network and comprehensive professionalism programming, while also connecting them with some of our most distinguished alumni.

To stay up-to-date, be sure to visit SMU Law’s exciting new website – the connection point for all news about SMU Dedman Law and the Mustang Bar Law Alumni Association. I am deeply grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events!

Wishing you the best,

Jennifer M. Collins
Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law
A glimpse into some of the amazing work of our faculty
Serving on a variety of NCAA committees over the many years he's been SMU's Faculty Athletic Representative, Professor Paul Rogers and his experience with antitrust law are in demand these days. Because the NCAA has been sued so many times for alleged antitrust violations, one of Rogers' principal roles involves consideration of whether new rules or policies might create additional antitrust exposure.

Postseason bowl games are an example. "The problem is a simple one," says Rogers. "We have more certified bowl games than we have teams that are bowl-eligible (to be bowl-eligible, a school must have at least a 6-6 win-loss record). We are trying to fashion a solution that avoids a bowl going dark—not having a game because of the lack of qualifying teams—while also not closing the market to additional bowl games, since communities that do not presently have a bowl game may want one in the future."

Mayo was a sought-after expert for his commentary when the national and international media picked up the story of Marlise Muñoz, the brain-dead pregnant mother being kept alive by a Fort Worth hospital. Mayo, who helped craft Texas' advance directive legislation, was featured in nearly 1,000 media outlets discussing the Muñoz end-of-life case, including The Associated Press, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, NPR, CNN, CBS, and NBC.

Attorneys and judges across the state soon will find practical guidance for how to help abused and neglected children. Diane Sumoski, Director of the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Institute for Children's Rights, is putting the finishing touches on a "Dual Role Guardian ad Litem/Attorney ad Litem Manual" for the benefit of Texas attorneys appointed to that role in child welfare cases. She expects it to be published on the Texas Lawyers for Children website, which is accessed by thousands of attorneys and judges statewide.

A "How To" Manual for Helping Abused Children

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SHAPING HOW FEDERAL AGENCIES PUBLISH DATA

Professor Nathan Cortez is a national expert in the conversation about how Congress, courts, and agencies should regulate the use of data by agencies, particularly in light of new information tools such as websites and social media. His scholarship inspired the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), an independent agency dedicated to improving agency procedures, to recommend a series of best practices for agencies that publish consumer complaint data online.

ACUS commissioned Professor Cortez to draft a report and recommendations. Cortez worked with several agencies including the FDA, the FTC, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and produced a 100+page report. At its plenary meeting in June, ACUS voted to adopt Professor Cortez’s recommendations.

A NO-GO FOR THE NO FLY LIST?

If you ask Professor Jeff Kahn—and many people do—a U.S. citizen’s freedom to leave the country and return is a fundamental right, protected by the Constitution. A leading expert in the field, Kahn’s latest research on U.S. legal topics focuses on the right to travel and national security law. His most recent book, Mrs. Shipley’s Ghost: The Right to Travel and Terrorist Watchlists, critically examines the U.S. Government’s No Fly List. In addition to publishing numerous articles, Kahn also has launched a new website, Watchlist Law, that will provide a growing compendium of cases, news stories, and analyses of terrorist watchlists and their viral spread to non-terrorism related aspects of modern life. In July 2016, Professor Kahn’s views on watchlists were featured in an op-ed in the print and online editions of The New York Times.

“SELL YOUR HOUSE, OLD LADY, AND PAY YOUR BILLS”

This kind of threatening phone call from a debt collector motivates Professor Mary Spector and the SMU Civil Clinic to act. Spector, the Associate Dean for Clinics, has spurred real change in the field of consumer debt collection. She says abuses in consumer debt collection were the seed for her long-term study (published in the Virginia Law & Business Review) exploring the litigation of consumer debt collection and documenting the widespread nature of the problem. Many of the abuses Spector documented have been the subject of intense scrutiny by federal and state law enforcement agencies.

Spector is taking an active role in making change happen. She has served as an expert to the Department of Justice at its Civil Legal Aid Research Workshop, provided testimony to the House Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, and testified in public hearings and roundtables hosted by the FTC and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Both the FTC and the CFPB have taken significant action to curb the abuses.

CREATING ORDER IN THE COURT

For more than three decades, Professor William Dorsaneo has been essential in the development of new Rules of Appellate Procedure for the Texas Supreme Court. Dorsaneo is Chair of the Appellate Rules Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for the Texas Supreme Court. These new Rules of Appellate Procedure are used for the direct appeals to the Court from ordinary and specialized district courts and for handling documents under seal in Texas appellate courts.
LEADING THE LGBT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION DISCUSSION

Professor Dale Carpenter is a leading legal voice on Constitutional issues involving the LGBT community. Most recently he has been advising on efforts to pass LGBT anti-discrimination legislation, along with appropriate religious liberty protection, in states including Utah, Indiana, Texas, and North Carolina. Carpenter’s 2012 book, *Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas*, was praised by *The New York Times Sunday Book Review* as “a stirring and richly detailed account” of the momentous 2003 case that reversed U.S. Supreme Court precedent and held anti-sodomy laws are unconstitutional. Noting that Carpenter’s book “turns conventional wisdom about *Lawrence* on its head,” the *Sunday Book Review* predicted that “the readers most likely to be surprised by ‘Flagrant Conduct’ are those who think they already know the basic outlines of the case.”

ADVISING THE U.S. SENATE ON TAX REFORM

Since 2011, Professor Chris Hanna has served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Tax Reform (Republican staff) to the United States Senate Committee on Finance. Professor Hanna was the principal drafter of a 340-page report, “Comprehensive Tax Reform for 2015 and Beyond,” a portion of which is serving as the basis of a tax reform plan by Senator Orrin Hatch, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

“TAX BOMB” SET TO GO OFF IN 2033?

Professor Greg Crespi’s current scholarship warns that a “tax bomb” is set to go off for many mid-career lawyers, with potentially devastating impact on their retirement plans. Starting in 2033, lawyers who took advantage of programs aimed at easing student-debt burdens will face large tax obligations as their “forgiven” debts are treated as taxable income. Crespi explains that these tax bills will often be in the neighborhood of $50,000 to $100,000 or more for those lawyers who have enrolled in the new Pay As You Earn Plan, and as much as $15,000 to $25,000 for those enrolled in the earlier version of the Income-Based Repayment Plan.

IT’S A MATCH—OR IS IT?

What do a biomedical engineer from UTSW, a statistician from SMU, and a law professor have in common? The desire to establish a scientific basis for reliable fingerprint evidence. Professor Meghan Ryan is spearheading this interdisciplinary attempt to develop an evidence-based approach to analyzing fingerprint evidence. Ryan’s expertise in law and science equips her to challenge fingerprint analysis by humans despite its strong “historical pedigree.” The project is very complex, taking into account, for example, the biomechanics of touch (how fingerprints change with different forces).
ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

FDR’s Four Freedoms

Roosevelt’s 1941 State of the Union address and the sensibility it helped create are at the center of today’s quest to improve the human condition, according to Professor Linda Eads. She wrote a chapter on “Freedom of Speech” in the new book, The Four Freedoms: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Evolution of an American Idea. Eads joined with other leading scholars to take a new look at one of the most influential presidential addresses ever delivered to explore how each of the four freedoms evolved over time. Eads asserts that FDR’s Four Freedoms speech “sounded a clarion call seeking a new birth of free speech, yet it was not until decades later that the call was truly answered.”

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

Tracking legal and social developments affecting women over the course of fifteen years, Professor Joanna Grossman’s newest book triggers many questions about the meaning of gender equality. Nine to Five: How Gender, Sex, and Sexuality Continue to Define the American Workplace is a witty guide to the laws and policies regulating sex, sexuality, and gender identity in the American workplace.

The recipient of a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Grossman is working on a new book on parentage law, The Mother (and Father) of All Questions: Who is a Parent? The book will explore how family law has been somewhat abruptly forced to adapt to a world in which babies can be made without sex and with ties to multiple adults, whether married or not. Grossman is also a regular columnist for Justia’s Verdict.
OOPS. DID I JUST “VOTE” FOR THE WRONG CANDIDATE?

Despite the conventional wisdom, abstentions often actually place a thumb on the scale for (or against) one of the alternatives. In this election year, voting procedures and scenarios have become the subject of dinner table conversation. Professor Grant Hayden takes on the topic of abstentions in his most recent article, *Sins of Omission: Abstention in Democratic Institutions* (Illinois Law Review). The article examines the effect of abstaining—withholding your vote—on electoral outcomes, and shows that some of our basic intuitions mislead us into making mistakes in a wide range of voting situations. Hayden argues that these counterintuitive effects of abstention are exacerbated by the lack of competent guidance. Indeed, the bible of parliamentary procedure, *Robert’s Rules of Order*, gives mistaken advice for some of the most significant decisions that may be made under the rules. No voting procedures are immune from all of the perverse effects of abstention, and voters need to be aware of the possibilities to avoid being taken by surprise.

BY THE NUMBERS

Professor Marc Steinberg is an expert in securities and corporate law, and a prolific author. Steinberg has written 36 books, including 3 in the past year alone. He’s also authored more than 150 book chapters and articles, in law reviews from schools such as Yale, Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan, UC Berkeley, Cornell, Georgetown, Vanderbilt, UCLA, Washington University, and Notre Dame. In his “spare time” he consults as an expert witness, testifying in cases including Enron, the SEC v. Mark Cuban, and the Martha Stewart case.

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All the books and articles in the photo are his own!
Martinez on Critical Race Theory

An expert in critical race theory, Professor George Martinez continues his work with a forthcoming article, Further Thoughts on Race, American Law, and the State of Nature: Advancing the Multiracial Paradigm Shift and Seeking Patterns in the Area of Race and Law (University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review). He also has analyzed, for example, Arizona’s laws regarding immigration and Latinos, using what he calls “the powerful tools of contemporary critical theory, which have been especially developed to analyze issues of race” such as those presented by the Arizona laws.

Simulating Family Law Practice

Helping students become more practice-ready, Professor Jessica Dixon Weaver will publish the first family law simulated course book from West Academic Publishing. Family Law Simulations: Bridge to Practice (forthcoming in 2017) is designed primarily to teach law students the fundamentals of pleading and document preparation in a family law practice. Full of practical guidance, it also will introduce interdisciplinary subject matter and documents that are commonly part of family law cases.

Bargaining Blind

The U.S. criminal justice system resolves most of its cases through plea bargains, but the Supreme Court has not required that any evidence, even exculpatory or impeachment evidence, be provided to the defense before a guilty plea. As a result, state rules on pre-plea discovery differ widely.

An expert in both domestic and international plea bargaining, Professor Jenia Turner has published the results of an original empirical study on the impact of different pre-plea discovery practices. In her article Two Models of Pre-Plea Discovery in Criminal Cases: An Empirical Comparison (with Allison Redlich) (Washington & Lee Law Review), Turner concludes with a general endorsement of the open-file system over the closed-file system as a better guarantor of informed decisions and efficient process in criminal cases.

Turner continues the analysis in Pre-Plea Disclosure in Germany and the United States: Open-File and Beyond (William & Mary Law Review), where she analyzes recent trends in plea bargaining and disclosure of evidence in Germany and the United States. Reflecting on the German experience and examining which features of the German model have proven effective and which continue to pose challenges, Turner argues the German system offers some general ideas on regulating discovery and plea bargaining that could be of interest to U.S. scholars and policymakers.
TAX AVOIDANCE IN THE CLOUD
Professor Orly Mazur continues to take on the legal challenges of doing business in the “cloud.” Her most recent article, Transfer Pricing Challenges in the Cloud (Boston College Law Review), argues that, due to the nature of the cloud, the current transfer pricing rules give U.S. multinational enterprises substantial freedom to shift profits to low-tax jurisdictions and avoid tax in the United States. Mazur recommends that, given the features of this new business environment, an international tax reform solution that adopts formulary apportionment or the profit-split methodology on a coordinated global basis would better address the problem and minimize the undesirable policy results of our current transfer pricing rules.

TRAPPED IN LEGAL IMPOSSIBILITY
Navigating some very tricky waters, Professor Anthony Colangelo’s newest scholarship seeks to translate rule-of-law criteria from a single state to the international multistate system.

In Absolute Conflicts of Law (forthcoming in the Indiana Law Journal), Colangelo coins a new category of conflicts of law comprising contradictory overlapping laws that trap actors in situations of legal impossibility—that is, situations in which obeying one law necessarily entails violating another.

In A Systems Theory of Fragmentation and Harmonization (forthcoming in the NYU Journal of International Law and Politics), Colangelo addresses what’s called the “fragmentation” of international law, or the splintering of international legal rules by different law-making and law-applying bodies, rendering the law incoherent.

ANDERSON ON CONTRACTS
The standard bearer on Texas commercial law and contracts law, Professor Roy Anderson is keeping practitioners, students, and teachers up-to-date. Anderson recently shared his expertise on the UCC once again with the publication of a new edition of his casebook and a new edition of his authoritative, two-volume treatise, Damages Under the Uniform Commercial Code.

He continues to write about other current questions as well, recently analyzing a proposed disgorgement remedy found in the new Restatement of Restitution (Third). Anderson weighed in on the Restatement’s formulation of the new remedy that would allow an aggrieved party to disgorge profits made from a breach by the breaching party.
**WHAT’S A LIFE WORTH?**

Every day, individuals and communities balance the risk of accidental death and the cost of reducing it. Individuals do so when they purchase costly safety products or take a dangerous job for higher pay. Communities do so by prescribing how much risk people may impose on others and on themselves, through requirements that bicyclists should wear helmets, for example.

In both cases, the balance between the fatality risk and the cost of reducing it reveals an implicit value of a statistical life, or “VSL.” Individual safety decisions regarding fatal risks yield what we call “market VSLs”; social norms of precaution imply “community VSLs.” Professor David DePianto’s article, *Community Versus Market Values of Life* (with Robert Cooter) (William & Mary Law Journal), argues that courts and regulators should base the legal value of a life on the community VSL because of its greater validity and consistency.

**CRISIS OF CONFUSION**

Professor David Taylor sees a state of crisis in the law governing patent eligibility—a crisis of profound confusion—that requires Congress to amend the patent statute to overturn the Supreme Court’s current test for patent eligibility. Taylor argues the confusion exists because the current approach lacks administrability and confuses the relevant policies underlying numerous discrete patent law doctrines. The result is a risk of under-investment in research and development. Taylor’s article, *Confusing Patent Eligibility* (forthcoming in the Tennessee Law Review), lays the groundwork for an analysis of potential amendments to the patent statute.

Professor Taylor is serving as a Reporter for the American Intellectual Property Law Association’s (AIPLA’s) Patentable Subject Matter Task Force, which is considering proposals to amend the patent statute for determining patent eligibility.

**INTERNATIONAL BATTLE OF FORMS**

“The ‘battle of forms’ is to academic lawyers what a candle is to moths,” says Professor Peter Winship in his article, *The Hague Principles, the CISG, and the “Battle of Forms”* (Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs). Winship addresses what happens when parties to an international contract of sales refer, during negotiations, to their standard terms and these standard terms include choice-of-law terms that conflict. Specifically, the article considers the relation of the Hague Principles to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) when a seller and a buyer fail to resolve differences in their choice-of-law standard terms. Winship argues that the solution offered in the Principles and the accompanying Commentary is not the only reasonable way to analyze the scenario.

**WHEN TALK IS CHEAP**

If the audience changes, does your answer change? Professor James Coleman’s article, *How Cheap Is Corporate Talk? Comparing Companies’ Comments on Regulations with Their Securities Disclosures* (Harvard Environmental Law Review), compares what companies tell the government about new regulations (often warning it that the regulations will harm their business) with what they tell their investors (often telling them that the regulations won’t hurt the company). It was featured in several newspaper articles and on the Blue Sky Blog (Columbia Law School’s corporate law blog), and it was selected for presentation at the inaugural Global Junior Empirical Legal Studies Workshop, held at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
Professor **Jeff Gaba** adds an important voice to the discussion of contemporary environmental problems, particularly those relating to hazardous substances. Recently, he has proposed recommendations to reconcile a series of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions to identify the appropriate cause of action for persons seeking to recover costs of cleanup of hazardous substances and addressed the issues associated with the disposal of wastewater from hydraulic fracturing. He also has published a new edition of his *Black Letter Outline on Environmental Law*, updated his authoritative book on Texas statutes relating to environmental matters, and co-authored a treatise, *Law of Solid Waste, Pollution Prevention and Recycling*.

Professor **Keith Robinson** is leading the discussion about new patent issues that arise from rapidly changing technology. Enforcement of “interactive patents” is such an area. High tech companies—especially in the emerging areas of the Internet of Things, wearable devices, and personalized medicine—have found it difficult to enforce their patents on interactive technologies. Enforcement is especially difficult when multiple parties combine to perform all of the steps of a claimed method, which is referred to as divided infringement.

In the first article to analyze divided infringement from an economic perspective, *Economic Theory, Divided Infringement, and Enforcing Interactive Patents* (Florida Law Review), Robinson argues that economic theory supports the enforcement of “interactive patents.”

Robinson also provides an overview of the patent issues that are relevant for the Internet of Things (“IoT”) in *Patent Law Challenges for the Internet of Things* (Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law). The IoT—technology that allows everyday devices to become “smart” and communicate with other smart devices—represents a market that is estimated to grow to $70 billion dollars in the next 10 years.
NEW FAMILY LAW CLINIC HELPS FAMILIES [AND STUDENTS]

With the arrival of Director Chante Prox, SMU’s new VanSickle Family Law Clinic is up and running, providing much-needed assistance to unrepresented family law litigants in our community. Under Prox’s supervision, student attorneys take the lead in all aspects of their casework, handling matters such as divorce, custody, paternity, enforcement actions, child support, and adoption. The VanSickle Clinic also collaborates with community-based organizations to help pro se litigants at organized community legal clinics located in low-income, culturally diverse areas of Dallas.

EXONERATED

CONVICTION BASED ON BITE MARK THROWN OUT

In its inaugural year, the Innocence Clinic assisted in the release of a man wrongfully convicted for a 1987 murder based on expert testimony now considered junk science. Professor Victoria Palacios leads the fight to exonerate the wrongfully convicted:

“The Clinic started the year with an exoneration and ended it presenting another wrongfully convicted client to the Dallas District Attorney’s Office.”

A CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO PROF. JOE NORTON

Former students who were supervised by Professor Joe Norton in the completion of their LL.M.s and Ph.D.s are professors and leaders around the world today. Those grateful students arranged “Innovation in Financial Law and Systems – A Conference in Honour of Professor Joseph J. Norton” at the University of London, to thank and honor Professor Norton for the essential role he has played in their success. Attendees included 60 former London students and colleagues of Professor Norton, now at 21 law faculties from every continent (except Antarctica) and at various international organizations such as the IMF, World Bank, and OECD, as well as domestic governmental authorities and major law firms. A group of Norton’s students and colleagues who were unable to attend the London event are planning a further conference at SMU in May 2017.

A NEW APPROACH TO AN AGING PROBLEM

Professor Maureen Armour’s new experiential course, “Law and Aging,” puts students face to face with some complicated elder issues. Armour requires students to assume a variety of roles. They act as an attorney advising elderly clients, caregivers, and nonprofits for seniors. They assume the role of a Probate Judge confronted with questions such as an elderly couple’s competency in the face of their desire to remain in their home together. They step into the shoes of a mediator developing a plan for an aging mother with worsening Alzheimer’s. And to top it off, the students have to address the family frictions that inevitably arise along the way.
Professor Bill Bridge knows the value of being able to work effectively in a group. Bridge coaches the law school’s two international moot court teams: The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (the world’s largest moot court competition and one of the oldest) and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (a competition with over 300 law schools competing from 60 countries). Bridge has coached the Jessup Competition since it began in 1979 and has coached the Vis Competition for more than two decades. The moot court experience requires students to work together, as the teams must collaborate in writing a brief for each side, then begin intense practice for oral rounds. With Bridge’s expert coaching, the competitors learn to handle constructive (if candid) criticism and face their strengths and weaknesses. The students get to experience working with other professionals on a sophisticated legal problem—a real step toward the skills that will be necessary in practice. When in Vienna coaching the SMU team in the Vis Competition, Bridge is also invited to arbitrate rounds between other schools, providing an invaluable opportunity to meet lawyers and arbitrators from around the world.

Professor Natalie Nanasi is attacking gender-based harms from all sides. As the Director of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women she trains students to provide representation to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Through her institutional work with community organizations like New Friends New Life and Vickery Meadow Learning Center, she expands the impact to a greater group of women who are most critically in need of help. And through her scholarship, such as her most recent article Domestic Violence Asylum and the Perpetuation of the Victimization Narrative (forthcoming in the Ohio State Law Journal), she engages in critical national conversations.

Precise communication is central to every part of the legal profession, and Legal Research and Writing is the heart and soul of our curriculum. Bringing together theory and practice, Ruth Cross, Misty Birdsong, Michaela Cashen, Beverly Duréus, Pat Heard, JoAnn Hubbard, Heather Stobaugh, and Jonni Walls lead our students through an intensive year of training. As a result, we are consistently told by employers that our students are among the best prepared for summer internships and practice.
KILLER ROBOTS LEAD JENKS TO GENEVA

Casting into the indeterminate future and projecting visions of so-called “killer robots,” The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots has incited moral panic in an attempt to stimulate a discussion and ultimately a ban on lethal autonomous weapons. Professor Chris Jenks’ article, False Rubicons, Moral Panic & Conceptual Cul-De-Sacs: Critiquing & Reframing the Call to Ban Lethal Automatic Weapons (forthcoming in Pepperdine Law Review), argues the campaign’s efforts have been superficially successful but come at a self-defeating substantive cost. In the hope of shifting the dialogue from the hyperbolic to a constructive dialogue on the interaction between human and machine abilities, Jenks’ article explores the conceptual paradox implicit in the campaign. Jenks proposes an alternative: a moratorium on LAWS primarily designed to lethally target personnel.

Jenks’ article led to the United Nations inviting him to Geneva to present at the UN’s 2016 Meeting of Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS). Jenks was one of thirty-four presenters from around the world, and one of only two U.S. law professors.

PROFESSOR JOHN LOWE CONTINUES TO TREK AROUND THE WORLD, TEACHING AND PRESENTING IN PLACES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THAILAND TO CHINA...

Professor John Lowe taught one-week International Petroleum Transactions courses in the masters’ programs at Melbourne University and Sydney University in May. In June he travelled to Bangkok where he taught a course in Upstream Oil & Gas Law sponsored by the Petroleum Institute of Thailand and the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. He also lectured and participated in panel discussions at the Beijing Energy Club and the Shanghai Energy China Forum on “Legal Risks and Opportunities for Chinese Firms Investing Abroad” and Mexican Energy Reform.

AN ADVOCATE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Professor Ndya Kofele-Kale’s important work on international human rights has focused on global corruption and the right of people to a corruption-free society. His writings have contributed to the codification of international human rights law, and he is a widely renowned advocate for human rights claims in international tribunals.
MAGNA CARTA WORLD LECTURE TOUR

Whoever said academics are stuck in ivory towers clearly hadn’t met Professor Josh Tate. He hit the road again to honor the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta with a whirlwind world tour. From 2013 to 2015, Tate gave a series of more than sixty lectures in North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe in commemoration of the anniversary. More stops are coming!

Tate is also giving another series of lectures, this time on “The Grand Jury in Historical Perspective,” which will take him to another two dozen cities. The topic is particularly timely because of the recent controversial grand jury decisions involving police shootings of civilians.

STUDY ABROAD
IN OXFORD

For more than 25 years, SMU Dedman Law has offered a study abroad program in Oxford, England. Students take a course taught by an SMU professor and an Oxford-style tutorial taught by an Oxford tutor. Participants live and take their meals in historic University College, Oxford.

TOKYO BOUND

Professor Julie Forrester took her expertise in Assignments of Real Estate-Related Receivables—along with two lucky SMU Law students—to Japan. Professor Forrester was invited to Waseda University in Tokyo to discuss American and Japanese treatment of assignments of real estate-related receivables. Forrester and Professor Noriyuki Aoki of Waseda University are working on a co-authored article comparing American and Japanese law that they plan to publish in both English and Japanese.
A BILLION DOLLARS.
AND CHANGE.

THANKS A BILLION.

Thank you!
Coming on the heels of its 100th birthday celebration, the University announced in February that SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign raised $1.15 billion, the largest amount ever raised by a private university in Texas. With an initial goal of raising $750 million, the University started The Second Century Campaign for the enhancement of the University’s student quality, faculty, academic excellence, and campus experience. The SMU community responded with such enthusiasm that the goal was raised to $1 billion – and the University’s extraordinary supporters promptly exceeded the new goal!

SMU Dedman Law Positioned for Even Greater Success

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the law school’s supporters, SMU Dedman School of Law is thrilled to report that more than $87 million in gifts, commitments, and planned gifts was raised for the law school in The Second Century Campaign.

“We ended The Second Century Campaign with such terrific results because of the extraordinary group of alumni and friends who gave so generously,” SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins says. “Your support is an inspiration for us to achieve even more. We are so very grateful to you.”
$52.8 MILLION
Academic Excellence & Campus Experience

Endowed Faculty Positions

Studying law at SMU gives students direct, personal access to an award-winning faculty. The SMU Law faculty includes renowned scholars and innovators in a variety of fields who regularly engage the world by appearing before congressional committees, working with state and federal regulatory agencies, arguing before state and federal courts, working with corporate executives and nonprofits, and regularly appearing in the media to translate their research or offer commentary on important stories of the day.

Endowed faculty positions are vital to attracting and retaining top faculty. The terrific support for The Second Century Campaign enabled Dedman Law to add seven endowed faculty positions through gifts, commitments, and planned gifts.

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Academic and Campus Experience

For more than 90 years, academic excellence has been at the core of legal education at SMU Dedman Law. Academic centers and institutes help support our faculty’s research and scholarship and provide a platform for engaging in important national conversations. Our legal clinics help us serve the community and provide hands-on, practical training for our students. And the Underwood Law Library – the largest private academic law library west of the Mississippi River with more than 660,000 volumes – is a vital resource for students, faculty, and area practitioners.

Through generous donor support in The Second Century Campaign, Dedman Law has enhanced academic excellence and campus experience through new institutes, centers, clinics, programs, and support of the library. Some examples include:

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SMU Dedman Law is first and foremost about educating the lawyers and leaders of tomorrow. Critical to this mission is recruiting and supporting students who will enhance Dedman Law with their academic achievement and potential and their life experiences.

Because we believe that a broad spectrum of viewpoints enhances our educational environment, we seek to attract students whose experiences, accomplishments, or backgrounds suggest that their perspective will enhance or diversify the learning atmosphere at SMU.

As the cost of legal education escalates and competition for talented potential students increasingly turns on scholarship offers, gifts for scholarships are more and more important.

“In recent years, potential students have changed the way they make decisions about where to go to law school,” says SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins. “Students are more debt averse, and they often shop their scholarship offers.”

At SMU Dedman Law, we strive to make legal education as affordable as possible. It is only with the support of our donors that we can encourage, recruit, and retain outstanding candidates.

We are deeply grateful for the encouragement and support of our students.

We are thrilled that the extraordinary gifts of endowed and annual scholarships in The Second Century Campaign will help us attract students and provide relief from the burden of overwhelming student debt. Whether it’s a small gift for an annual scholarship or Tog Rogers’ incredible planned gift of more than $12 million, student scholarships are vital investments that create real opportunities and can be life-changing for the recipients.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS BRING THE VERY BEST STUDENTS.
Dallas businessman Doug Deason was 17 years old when he held a party at a neighbor’s house while they were gone. Booze flowed. Music was loud. Cops were called. “The couple’s son gave me a key and things got out of hand,” says Deason, who was charged with felony burglary.

Deason’s parents hired a well-connected criminal defense lawyer, who convinced prosecutors to lower the charge to misdemeanor trespassing and to agree to expunge his record if he stayed clean for a year. “A felony could have ruined my life, as I would have been forced to check that box on every school and job application,” says Deason, who was charged with felony burglary.

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That was 1979 in northwest Arkansas. On April 26, 2016, in Dallas, Deason announced that he and his family’s foundation donated $3.5 million to Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law to create a legal institute that conducts innovative research and educational outreach efforts designed to promote criminal justice reform in Texas and beyond.

The Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center will conduct actual statistical and analytical studies ranging from pre-trial procedures, sentencing disparities and pre-trial diversion, abuses of asset seizure and forfeiture laws and wrongful convictions.

SMU Dedman Law Dean Jennifer Collins says the Deason gift combined with a matching $3.5 million contribution by the Charles Koch Foundation will fully fund the center, which will be located on the law school campus. “We hope this center generates statistical research that is part of the national conversation about criminal justice reforms,” Collins says.

“The plan is to bring in visiting faculty members who are experts and to get students involved in research and to generate course ideas that allow students to interact with the experts.”

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–DEAN JENNIFER COLLINS

“Flexible sentencing programs can work. In Texas, John Creuzot, a former Dallas County district judge and prosecutor, says the new center is a fabulous idea. “It’s an outstanding opportunity to see what is working and what needs improvement,” says Creuzot, who is an SMU Dedman alum. “There is so much that goes on in court right now that is untested.”

Creuzot is widely credited for developing and implementing pre-trial and post-trial diversion programs in Texas that wipe clean a criminal defendant’s record if they stay out of trouble for a certain period of time. Criminal justice experts say the center should investigate the effectiveness of prison educational and training programs. They point out that the Georgia Department of Corrections once had a program that allowed inmates to study and obtain college degrees or associates degrees in various tradecrafts while incarcerated.

The recidivism rate for such inmates when they were released was less than 10 percent while the overall prison population recidivism rate exceeded 60 percent.

However, the program was halted after victim’s rights groups and conservative Republican political leaders condemned the efforts as being soft on crime.

Deason, himself a Republican, says many in his own political party are shortsighted when it comes to “doing what’s right and what’s effective” in the area of criminal justice. He says the decision by Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, to restore voting rights to 200,000 former felons who have served their entire sentences and remained clean is “awesome.” “If they’ve paid their debt to society and taken the necessary steps, then why not give them a better chance to re-emerge into society to live a successful and dignified life,” he says.
Deason, who is the president of Deason Capital Services, has pushed Congress to reduce mandatory minimum sentences of non-violent drug offenders.

The proposal passed the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee 15 to 5. He points out that Texas Senator John Cornyn voted for the bill, while Sen. Ted Cruz voted against it.

“There’s an extreme right wing that doesn’t understand this issue or they are politically afraid to do the right thing,” Deason says, which he says is ironic because he and the Koch brothers support the measure with President Obama.

“I was lucky enough to get a second chance,” he says. “Other less fortunate people deserve that same opportunity.”

Deason says he hopes the new center will research asset seizure and forfeiture efforts by law enforcement, which he says are “the most un-American things you can imagine.

“When a young man sells drugs out of his grandmother’s basement, we see prosecutors seizing grandmother’s house, even though she knew nothing about the criminal activity,” he says. “That is just wrong and unfair to many of our citizens who cannot afford to fight against the power of the government.”

Scholarship support is more important than ever to the law school. As concerns mount about overwhelming student debt and as the challenge of recruiting talented students increasingly turns on scholarship offers, gifts for scholarships are essential.

A very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has come forward to help with a $1 million planned gift for student scholarships. The recent planned gift will be added to a previous planned gift, increasing the total to $1.75 million. When realized, the planned gift will make a real difference in our ability to attract top students and help alleviate student debt. We are very grateful to this donor.
Amy and Les Ware understand that support for faculty positions ensures that SMU Dedman Law will be able to attract and retain the best law faculty. The Wares set an example for a new generation of major donors when they gave $1 million to endow a professorship in criminal law. Feeling strongly that they wanted to fill the important faculty position quickly instead of waiting for the endowment funds to mature, the couple recently added $250,000 to their earlier gift so that the Amy Abboud Ware Professorship could become a Centennial Professorship. “Centennial Professorships are especially valuable to the law school because they include operational funding on top of the endowment gift, which means the law school has the opportunity to fill the position right away,” explained SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins. “By establishing the Amy Abboud Ware Centennial Professorship, the Wares have addressed both the immediate and the long-term needs of the law school. Their gift is indeed inspirational, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing support.”

Fondly remembering their time at SMU, John D. Williamson and his wife, Roberta, have committed $200,000 to support SMU Dedman Law. Both attended SMU for undergrad – J.D. graduated in 1955 and Roberta in 1957 – and J.D. also earned his law degree from SMU in 1957. When asked what motivated their decision to make the gift, the couple noted the “superb education” SMU provided, and, of course, that they met each other at their alma mater.

Thank You to the Dallas Bar Foundation
The Dallas Bar Foundation awarded SMU Dedman Law a $10,000 grant to support the VanSickle Family Law Clinic. This is the second grant to the Clinic from the Dallas Bar Foundation for a total of $17,500. Students began work in the VanSickle Family Law Clinic in January.

For more information about the Dedman Law Scholars Program, please contact:

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Congratulations!

to the winners of the First Annual Law Firm Challenge achieving 100% alumni participation!

Thank you to the Dallas Offices of the following firms for your tremendous efforts in the Challenge and for helping SMU Dedman School of Law raise more than $200,000:

- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Hunton & Williams LLP
- Andrews Kurth LLP
- Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
- HAYNES AND BOONE, LLP
- Jackson Walker L.L.P.
- Locke Lord LLP
- Strasburger & Price, LLP
- Thompson & Knight LLP

What Is the SMU Law Firm Challenge?

Dallas offices of 10 law firms participated in a pilot program for an alumni outreach and fundraising initiative, the SMU Law Firm Challenge. Through the Challenge, alums at each of the competing firms strived for the highest percentage of participation in giving. Challenges like this strengthen alumni ties to the law school and make a direct impact on the school’s critical operations, such as facilities and scholarship needs.

2016 Challenge Stats

- $200,450 raised during the course of the fiscal year through ten competing firms
- Three out of ten firms hit 100% participation, and six out of ten were above 60% participation
- 196 alums participated out of 326, for an average of 60% participation
- 24% of participating alums were first-time donors to the law school

What’s in It for the Firms?

- The winning firms will receive tickets to see the hottest team in town, SMU Men’s Basketball
- Names of winning firms appear on a plaque on the SMU Law campus
- Participating firms receive recognition in global alumni and student e-blasts, on the school’s website, on social media, and in The Quad
- Major bragging rights

Special Thanks to the 2016 Law Firm Ambassadors

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  Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Mark Shoffner ’02
  Andrews Kurth LLP
- Omar Alaniz
  Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Bucky Brannen ’11
  Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Steve Mann ’08
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- Clarke Stavinoha ’14
  Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Lamar Dowling ’13
  Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
- Taylor Wilson ’90
  Haynes and Boone, LLP
- Fawaz Bham ’13
  Hunton & Williams LLP
- Justin Shipley ’06
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- Johnathan Collins ’06
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- Jennifer Justice ’15
  Strasburger & Price, LLP
- Steve Stein ’78
  Thompson & Knight LLP
- Matthew Swerdlow ’11
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WE’RE OFF TO THE RACES

13,000+ Alumni Worldwide
6 Alumni Chapters and Counting
33 Events in 6 Cities
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 31, 2016
CLE: GC Pro Sports

September 17, 2016
Law Tailgate: SMU v. Liberty University

September 30, 2016
CLE: I.P. Symposium by SMU Law’s Tsai Center

October 2016
CLE: SCOTUS Panel

October 15, 2016
Latina Lawyers Leadership Program

October 21, 2016
CLE: “The Last Lecture” featuring retiring Professor Bill Bridge

October 21, 2016
Class Reunion for ’1s & ’6s

October 22, 2016
Law Tailgate – SMU v. Houston

October 26, 2016
“Margaritas and Mingling”
Mustang Exchange Flash Mentorship Program with Law Students

November 10, 2016
Washington DC Alumni Happy Hour

November 10–13, 2016
CLE: AJEI Summit; Philadelphia

March 3, 2017
Texas Women Lawyers’ Association Annual Meeting and CLE

March 29, 2017
“Law on the Lawn Networking Night”
Mustang Exchange Flash Mentorship Program with Law Students

April 6, 2017
30th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS!
NETWORKING
FALL 2015

September 4, 2015
SMU v. Baylor Tailgate

September 25, 2015
‘0s and ‘5s Reunions
Hickory Street Annex

September 26, 2015
SMU v. James Madison Tailgate

October 22, 2015
Donor Appreciation Reception
Meadows Museum

November 11, 2015
New York Happy Hour
Home of Sandy Esserman ’76

November 12, 2015
Washington DC Happy Hour
Rosa Mexicano

CONNECT.
February 4, 2016
29th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards
Belo Mansion and Pavilion

February 10, 2016
Fort Worth Happy Hour
Joe T. Garcia’s

February 16, 2016
Houston Happy Hour
The Grove

February 18, 2016
Basketball Watching Party
SMU v. UCONN
Fat Rabbit

April 6, 2016
Dallas Happy Hour
Meso Maya

April 13, 2016
2016 Reunion Host Committee
Happy Hour
Henry’s Majestic

April 20, 2016
Austin Happy Hour
McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, LLP

June 16, 2016
Annual State Bar
Happy Hour in Fort Worth
Bob’s Steak and Chop House
September 18, 2015
“The Future of Innovation and Intellectual Property” Symposium
SMU Law’s Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation

October 30, 2015
23rd Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium

December 9, 2015
“The SEC: A Change in Leadership and a Focus on Fraud”
Texas Lawbook CLE

January 13, 2016
“Lions of the Texas Bar” Dallas
Texas Lawbook CLE

January 19, 2016
“Lions of the Texas Bar” Houston
Texas Lawbook CLE

February 25, 2016
“Corporate Governance: Dilemmas & Challenges”
Corporate Directors’ Institute

March 31, 2016 – April 1, 2016
50th Annual Journal of Air Law and Commerce Symposium

May 14, 2016
Travis Tygart ’99 CEO of U.S. Anti-Doping Agency
2016 Law School Commencement Address
September 1, 2015
"Law School Advice" Panels from Inns of Court Alumni Mentors

September 29, 2015
Mustang Exchange Flash Mentor Launch Party; El Fenix

January 25, 2016
Mustang Exchange Judges’ Roundtables

February 29, 2016
"Real World Advice" Panels from Inns of Court Alumni Mentors

March 5-7, 2016
24th Annual Conrad B. Duberstein National Moot Court Competition – SMU defends its title!

March 24, 2016
Inns of Court Law School Olympics

March 28, 2016
Mac Taylor Inns of Court Student Lunch

March 29, 2016
Howie & Sweeney Moot Court Competition

March 31, 2016
"Law on the Lawn Networking Night" with Mustang Exchange and Alumni Mentors

April 11 – 14, 2016
Jackson Walker Moot Court Competition

May 31, 2016
First Annual Law Firm Challenge Concluded
Reunion Weekend

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 + SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

JOIN YOUR LAW SCHOOL CLASSMATES!

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2016

CLE: “THE LAST LECTURE”
Featuring Retiring Professor Bill Bridge
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Hillcrest Classroom
Reception to Follow in Karcher Auditorium
SMU Dedman School of Law

ALUMNI REUNION PARTY
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
3015 at Trinity Groves
3015 Gulden Lane
Dallas, Texas 75212

Registration required; tickets $90 per person, includes food stations, open bar, music, and SMU swag

Complimentary valet parking

LAW.SMU.EDU
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2016

LAW TAILGATE PARTY

Time TBA (2 hours before kickoff)

Tailgate on Bishop Blvd. near flagpole and Grand Mack Ballroom

Football food and beer provided

No registration required; free admission

SMU v. HOUSTON

Kickoff Time TBA*

Ford Stadium

To purchase tickets in the “Dedman Law Block,” contact Trevor Peters in the ticket office at tpeters@smu.edu or 214-768-4346; $20 per ticket

*For kickoff time, visit smumustangs.com

Thank you
2016 REUNION HOST COMMITTEE

Ted Anderson ’86
Maureen Armour ’81
Leigh Bailey ’06
Jim Baldwin ’86
Lindsey Watkins Beran ’06
Arati Bhattacharya ’06
Julie K. Blankenship ’91
Travis Bogheisch ’06
Steve Boyd ’81
Jane Jackson Boyle ’81
George Bramblett ’66
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David Work ’96
SMU Dedman Law Honors Distinguished Alumni at Awards Dinner

Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony

Five impressive individuals were recognized on February 4, 2016, 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 (left to right) Jim Baldwin ’86, Cece Cox ’04, Catharina Haynes, A. Shonn Evans Brown ’98, and Windle Turley ’65. Judge Catharina Haynes was named as an honorary alumna of the law school. The alumni distinguished themselves in areas of leadership, corporate service, public service, and private practice.
Thank you!

to the following firms and individuals
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Shonn and Clarence Brown
The Family of Cece Cox
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William D. Noel
Sidley Austin LLP
SMU Law Class of 1986
Thompson & Knight and Emily Parker
John and Melissa Torres
Turley Law Firm

Sapphire
Dallas Women’s Foundation
Emerging Leader Award

A. Shonn Evans Brown ’98
Partner, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst

“My grandmother told me, ‘Failure is coming. How you deal with it will shape who you are.’”

Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service

Jim Baldwin ’86
Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Inc.

“CEOs and business leaders have seen the value of a general counsel’s contribution, and there’s now an expectation that the corporate legal team have an in-depth business knowledge that wasn’t there only a few years ago.”

Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

Cece Cox ’04
Chief Executive Officer, Resource Center

“In the work that I do, personal is political, and the political is personal, to borrow a phrase from the women’s movement.”

Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice

Windle Turley ’65
Founder, Turley Law Firm

“It was the most extraordinary scene – a jury of Texas citizens holding the powerful responsible for their actions and seeing the tears of victims and victims’ families finally seeing justice.”

Honorary Alumna Award

Catharina Haynes
Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

“I was so thrilled when SMU just reached out and welcomed me in and made me a part of the SMU community.”
Five Outstanding Alumni Honored for Their Achievements

William P. Fairbanks, Christopher B. Miller, and Mark Godfrey
Title of the image

For nearly three decades, SMU Dedman School of Law has recognized distinguished alumni for their extraordinary contributions to the legal profession and the entire community.


Many are trial lawyers and corporate attorneys who built law firms and businesses, large and small. Scores of them spent their lives fighting to uphold the rule of law. Some of them are general counsel of huge global corporations and local non-profit organizations.

Others are judges sitting on the highest courts in our nation and countries around the world. A few are political leaders bringing change to their governmental bodies, whether in Texas or Egypt or India or Washington, D.C.

All of them are learned women and men who, through their works and deeds, have used their legal education to make society better for all.

Each spring, hundreds of SMU Dedman Law alumni and supporters come together for the law school’s Distinguished Alumni Awards reception and dinner.

“This one evening gives us the chance to recognize extraordinary trailblazers who have demonstrated remarkable success and leadership in the legal profession, selfless service to the community, and generous contributions of their time and energy to SMU Dedman School of Law,” said Dean Jennifer Collins, who hosted her second DAA celebration since becoming dean in 2014.

Dean Collins said the five Distinguished Alumni honored in 2016 – Judge Catharina Haynes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Dr Pepper Snapple General Counsel Jim Baldwin, trial lawyers Shonn Brown and Windle Turley, and LGBT activist and Resource Center CEO Cece Cox – exemplify personal and professional dignity and integrity. One of them decided she wanted to be a lawyer in the third grade. Another was headed to divinity school before he made a last minute U-turn and ended up in Storey Hall. A third was a professional photojournalist who went to law school two decades after finishing college because she loved to write and argue.

“I could not be more proud or humbled to know that these five individuals are our alumni."
-DEAN JENNIFER COLLINS

Shonn Brown ‘98

The hours preparing for trial mounted in April 2014. Shonn Brown and her legal team represented Texas oilman Ray Hunt, who claimed that global conglomerate Honeywell International sold him and Hunt Consolidated two defective engines for his corporate Learjet.

A 1998 graduate of SMU Dedman Law, Brown knew she had multiple obstacles to overcome in the trial, which attracted national media attention. First, she had to prove that the turbofan engines were actually defective and whether Honeywell knew the equipment was faulty. Second, she needed to show that the engines were covered under Honeywell’s warranty and that the defendant committed fraud when it didn’t warn Hunt.

But the case had other non-fact-based complications, including the fear that the Dallas jury might not view Brown’s client as sympathetic.

“Shonn’s tenacity is unmatched. She backs down from no one,” said Michael Hurst, a partner at Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst and co-counsel on the Hunt case. “She is a master at developing trial strategy. Her passion is contagious. She completely set the tone in a very hard-fought trial.”

“Shonn has a theme song for every case,” Hurst said. “In the Hunt case, it was Taylor Swift and ‘Why You Gotta Be So Mean.’”

During three weeks of trial, Brown portrayed the case as personal for Hunt. She argued that the defective engines could have led to disastrous results, including the deaths of his family and the employees who normally flew in the planes.

The Dallas jury ruled for Hunt and awarded $1.4 million in damages.

Brown was raised by her grandparents who instilled in her a deep commitment to education and service to the community. She knew in the third grade that she wanted to be a lawyer. She attended Lake Highlands High School and then obtained a bachelor’s degree in sociology from SMU.

Locke Purnell Rain Harrell – now Locke Lord – recruited Brown when she received her law degree from SMU Dedman in 1998. Following in the footsteps of mentors such as Locke Lord managing partners Harriet Miers and Jerry Clements, Brown was promoted to partner seven years later.

In May 2012, Brown joined litigation boutique Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail Shank, now known as Gruber Elrod Johansen Hail Shank. 

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DEAN JENNIFER COLLINS

2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS
Shank, and then joined Hurst in jumping to Lynn Pinker in 2016.

“Shonn is a star in the Texas legal profession and she has established herself as a leader in the legal and greater Dallas community,” Dean Collins said when presenting Brown with the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Emerging Leader Award. “She has obtained successful jury verdicts for plaintiffs and defendants.”

Brown has handled several high profile cases, including successfully defending Highland Capital Partners and two of its executives in a multimillion-dollar breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract trial in Dallas. Then, in 2013, a case arrived on Brown’s desk that grabbed her attention as a mother of three.

The parents of Terrance Rideau turned to Brown when they discovered their severely disabled son had been the victim of mental and physical abuse during his three years as a student at Keller Middle School. The lawsuit against Keller Independent School District and school officials claimed that Terrance suffered broken bones, cuts, and other injuries while attending special education classes.

A federal court jury in Fort Worth awarded the family $1.1 million, which is believed to be the largest verdict ever against a public school for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The suit sparked the Texas Legislature to pass S.B. 507, which requires public schools to have an operating video camera in special education classrooms if parents request it.

“My grandmother told me, ‘Failure is coming. How you deal with it will shape who you are.’ That was kind of daunting for a beginning freshman, as I thought she would tell me something uplifting,” Brown said when accepting the award. “She was very right. When it comes to court verdicts, there are a lot of losses. We trial lawyers don’t usually talk about those. But the way we deal with those, not just in the courtroom but also in life and other professional aspects, really shapes who we are.”

Brown said her grandfather taught her “to not throw bricks at the institution to break it down, but to get inside the institution, sit at the chair with the decision makers, and break it down from the inside, brick by brick.”

Eighteen years after graduating from SMU Dedman Law, Brown remains actively engaged with the law school. She has been a member of the SMU Alumni Board, serves as a mentor in the Mustang Exchange Flash Mentorship Program, and is a Community Fellow for the Inns of Court Program. She serves on the boards of the Dallas Bar Association, The Lamplighter School, the Dallas Museum of Art, the Dallas Women’s Foundation, and the Dallas Black Dance Theater.

Brown’s husband, Clarence, is the general counsel of Kronos Worldwide. They have three children – Evan, Ryan, and Lily.

Jim Baldwin ‘86

Jim Baldwin will never forget his brief venture into criminal law. He and fellow second-year SMU Dedman Law student Greg Ackles were taking the Appellate Clinic. Professor Fred Moss assigned the duo a murder conviction that was on appeal.

“Greg and I had the duty of trying to go through the file to figure out how can we overturn this conviction,” Baldwin said. “The [defendant’s] alibi was he was home taking a nap. When the police caught up with him and arrested him, he was ‘napping’ between the mattress and the box springs.

“So, we lost that appeal,” he said. “And I no longer practice criminal law.”

A 1986 SMU Dedman Law School alum, Baldwin is the general counsel and executive vice president of Plano-based Dr Pepper Snapple Group, which has a market cap of nearly $18 billion.

“Jim has earned a reputation as a strategic partner, tough negotiator, and a producer of measured results,” Dean Collins said when she presented Baldwin with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service. “Jim has led a legal team in the negotiation of multiple licensing agreements with Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, which resulted in $1.6 billion in revenue for Dr Pepper Snapple Group.”

Born in Dallas to Dr. and Mrs. James Lee Baldwin, Baldwin graduated from St. Mark’s before earning his bachelor’s degree from Washington and Lee University.

Influenced by family members – Baldwin’s father earned an undergraduate degree in the 1940s from SMU and his sister, Janet Baldwin McColloch, received a law degree from SMU in 1982 – Baldwin entered SMU Dedman School of Law in 1983.

Berman, Mitchell, Yeager and Gerber gave Baldwin his first job as a lawyer. He later joined Houston-based Hutcheson & Grundy, where he was a partner in the firm’s Dallas office.

In 1997, UK-based Cadbury Schweppes – fresh from buying Dr Pepper and Seven Up for $2.6 billion – hired Baldwin to be its assistant general counsel to negotiate licensing agreements for its bottling network. A year later, the company promoted Baldwin to general counsel for its Mott’s subsidiary in Connecticut. In 2000, Baldwin was involved in Cadbury Schweppes’ $1.4 billion acquisition of Snapple and Stewarts.

Cadbury Schweppes relocated Baldwin to Dallas in June 2002 to be the general counsel for Dr Pepper/Seven Up. A year later, Baldwin added the title executive vice president.

In the 14 years since, Baldwin has been front and center in the acquisitions of Dr Pepper and Seven Up bottling companies, Hawaiian Punch, RC Cola, and Yoo-hoo. In 2008, he played a strategic leadership role when
Baldwin said that the role of the corporate general counsel has changed dramatically from just being a lawyer to a broader, more strategic role.

“No doubt about it, Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank have had a far-reaching and significant impact on the role of the general counsel in corporate America,” Baldwin told The Texas Lawbook. “Today, GCs are involved in nearly every aspect of a business’s operation, and those two laws are a big reason.”

“CEOs and business leaders have seen the value of a general counsel’s contribution, and there’s now an expectation that the corporate legal team have an in-depth business knowledge that wasn’t there only a few years ago,” he said.

Baldwin has also served as a board member for, and is the past president of, the Dallas chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He also serves SMU Law as an executive board member and is a Community Fellow in the Inns of Court program.

Law school not only gave Baldwin a strong foundation in corporate law, it also gave him the opportunity to meet the love of his life, Susan, who was also a law student. The couple married in 1989. They have two daughters, Sarah and Marie.

“I think I speak for all of us when we say, we are very grateful to SMU Law School for the career opportunities that it has formed for us,” Baldwin said.

When a Texas justice of the peace announced in February 2016 that he would not issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, news journalists called Cece Cox for comment.

Cox, chief executive officer of the Resource Center, quickly set the record straight.

“No longer may this liberty be denied,” she quoted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the historic decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

“Same sex couples deserve ‘equal dignity in the eyes of the law.’ Last time I looked, that was law of the land,” Cox, a 2004 graduate of the SMU Dedman School of Law, told reporters. “There’s not really a choice about it, but it’s the landscape we live in.”

In introducing Cox as the 2016 Distinguished Alumni for Public Service, Dean Collins described the Oklahoma native as a “trailblazer, advocate, and community leader” who “has been at the forefront of the LGBT cause for nearly 30 years.”

“Cece credits her studies at SMU Law with strengthening her belief, hope, and inspiration in the true freedoms set forth for everyone in the U.S. Constitution,” Dean Collins said.

Cox obtained a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a certificate in Women’s Studies from Northwestern University. She worked as a journalist (and photojournalist) and volunteered for years with Literacy Instruction for North Texans, and with the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

“In the work that I do, personal is political, and the political is personal, to borrow a phrase from the women’s movement,” she said.

In 2004, Cox joined the Dallas firm Cowles & Thompson, where she handled business litigation, employment disputes, and estate planning. While at the firm, she handled pro bono cases through the Dallas Bar Association’s volunteer lawyer assistance program.

“It was a divorce case and my first time in court,” she recalled in a recent interview. “I was so nervous that my knees were literally knocking. Fortunately, we were successful. But I began to realize that I wasn’t happy practicing law. I wanted to get back into the community. I wanted to do more public service.”

As a young activist, Cox had gotten involved with Resource Center, a non-profit organization that offered services to the LGBT community and individuals living with HIV. The Center serves more than 60,000 people annually.

In 2007, Cox joined the Center as its associate executive director. For the past six years, she has been its chief executive officer. She oversees a staff of 57 people and more than 1,000 volunteers.

“My first day on the job is forever stamped on my brain,” she said. “I walked into the building and said hello to a gentleman in an electric wheelchair. I noticed he had plugged his power cord into our wall outlet. As I walked to my office, I thought, ‘Well, it doesn’t get any more basic than that.’ People need help in many ways, shapes and forms.”

“Having my law degree has proven to be extremely helpful in the work I’m doing,” she said. “I’m not someone who thinks highly of titles, so I wondered if I should put J.D. on my business card. I decided to do it and I’ve discovered it opens a lot of doors.”

Then came June 26, 2015, and the Supreme Court’s decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, which she called “a milestone victory in the quest for
full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

“Marriage equality is now the law of the land, including here in Texas,” Cox told news reporters the day of the court ruling.

“Freedom and equality under the law have triumphed in today’s ruling.”

Multiple government agencies, including the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, turned to Cox to help them develop more inclusive anti-discrimination policies.

Cox is the daughter of Veronica and Glenn Cox; has two brothers, Martin and Grant; and is the proud parent of teenage son, Mateo Means.

In accepting the award, Cox concluded by addressing her son from the podium.

“Mateo, when you decided to hang out with your mom on a Friday night instead of your buddies, the night that the community celebrated the Obergefell decision on marriage equality – that was my best moment in my best day ever,” Cox said. “Again, the personal is political and the political is personal. My two worlds came together and it was the most magnificent thing. I’m fueled for the next 27 years…Bring it on. I’m ready to go.”

Windle Turley ’65

District Judge Anne Ashby called court to order. Windle Turley rose from his chair. The 10 women and 2 men on the jury filed into the courtroom. They handed the verdict form to the court officer, who forwarded it to the judge.

Turley looked at his watch. It was 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 1997.

Minutes later, the courtroom erupted in a 30-minute standing ovation, as Judge Ashby announced that the jurors found the Catholic Diocese of Dallas committed gross negligence and concealed information that one of its former priests, Rudy Kos, molested dozens of children.

The jury ordered the diocese to pay $119.6 million – the largest damage award ever in a clergy sexual molestation case.

“It was the most extraordinary scene – a jury of Texas citizens holding the powerful responsibility for their actions and seeing the tears of victims and victims’ families finally seeing justice,” Turley said, looking back at the verdict nearly two decades later.

A 1965 graduate of SMU Dedman Law, Turley represented 8 of the 11 plaintiffs in the historic litigation, which resulted in monumental and substantive reforms within the Catholic Church. The evidence Turley unearthed was critical in the Boston Globe’s subsequent investigation into child abuse in the church – an investigation that won a Pulitzer Prize and was featured in the Oscar-winning movie Spotlight.

“Windle has never shied away from a challenge,” said Dean Collins, who presented Turley with the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice. “His grit has resulted in record-breaking jury verdicts in some of the most difficult and highly publicized cases in the U.S.”

Born and raised in Western Oklahoma, Turley attended Oklahoma City University, where he received a degree in mathematics and philosophy. In 1962, he enrolled in the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Just days before classes were scheduled to start, Turley had an epiphany: he didn’t like going to church.

“I finally recognized that I lacked an essential element, which might get in my way,” Turley told those attending the DAA dinner. “So, I went up to the law school and they let me in the back door, and accepted me at the spur of the moment – no testing, nothing else.”

Turley gives credit to the late law professor Joe McKnight who he said instilled the belief that the common law could change with the needs of society – a belief that has been a driving force in his career.

“Coming from Western Oklahoma, we didn’t talk just every day about the common law. I never heard of common law,” he said.

“Professor McKnight taught us all that the common law was a living thing and that really sparked something within me… That I could be a part of making those changes through the common law. SMU, thank you for that.”

During his four decade-long career, Turley scored huge successes in the courtroom. He pioneered litigation involving defective airbags and aviation safety. He convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to declare that a state law allowing unwed fathers to avoid paying child support was unconstitutional. He convinced a jury to order the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue to pay a gynecologist $8.6 million for running the doctor out of business.

Turley said his family – his wife, Shirley, two children, Linda and Ron, and two grandchildren, Lacey and Ronald – also deserved credit for his success.

“As trial lawyers in this room may know, family makes a big sacrifice to a successful trial lawyer and they have sacrificed over the years so much to make me look good,” Turley said when accepting the award. “I love you for it and I thank you very much.”

The Honorable Catharina Haynes

Catharina Haynes wasn’t born in Texas, but she got here as quickly as she could. She graduated from high school at 16, college at 19, and law school at 22. By 31, she was a partner at one of the most prestigious law firms in Texas.

“I was in a hurry to get somewhere,” she said in an interview in 2012.

Today, Haynes is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

“Judge Haynes is a highly respected lawyer, trial judge, appellate judge, and leader,” Dean
Collins said. “Judge Haynes has lived out her belief that nowhere else is justice as important as it is in law.

“Although she is not a graduate of SMU, Judge Haynes devotes significant time to the students, professors, and staff of SMU Law, from judging Moot Court and mock trial competitions, to guest lecturing and even arranging for the Fifth Circuit to sit at SMU for oral arguments,” she said. “She has hired and mentored numerous SMU law clerks and also worked with SMU through the Appellate Judges Education Institute.”

With that, Dean Collins introduced Judge Haynes as the recipient of the 2016 Honorary Alumna Award.

Haynes was 10 years old when a female lawyer (who later became a judge) visited her Central Florida school on career day. She decided that day that she wanted to practice law – a pursuit from which she never wavered.

Haynes graduated at age 16 from Florida’s Satellite High School in 1980. Three years later, she graduated number one in her class with a degree in psychology from Florida Institute of Technology, where her father had taught physics and oceanography. In 1986, Haynes obtained her doctor of jurisprudence from Emory University School of Law, where she graduated second in her class.

“In my life, I have been a Satellite High Scorpion, a Florida Tech Panther, and an Emory Eagle,” Judge Haynes told those attending the DAA awards dinner. “And now I’m proud to be an SMU Mustang.”

An advisor at Emory recommended to Haynes that she consider job hunting in Dallas. Thompson & Knight hired her as an associate in its litigation section. During her two years at T&K, she met her husband, Craig Haynes, who was a fellow associate. He is now a partner there who specializes in complex commercial litigation and energy litigation.

In 1988, Haynes joined the Dallas office of Houston-based Baker Botts, where she was made a partner in 1995. Three years later, she ran for and won a seat as a state District Judge in Dallas. During her two terms – eight years total – as a trial judge, she handled more than 7,000 civil disputes and conducted 190 jury trials and 100 bench trials.

Serving on the bench, Judge Haynes said, confirmed her belief that the courtroom is the great equalizer in our society.

The Dallas Women Lawyers Association honored Judge Haynes with its Louise B. Raggio Award. In an interview, she answered the question of whether she liked practicing law or being a judge better by using the analogy of vanilla and chocolate cake.

“I like both, but they taste different,” she said. “As a judge, it’s not just a matter of making a good-faith argument. You have to find the right answer. Literally at stake are people’s lives, liberty, and pocketbooks.”


Legal experts who monitor the Fifth Circuit say that Judge Haynes is conservative but she also has demonstrated during her eight years on the New Orleans-based appeals court that she is fiercely independent and approaches cases with an open mind.

“Judge Haynes is one of the finest legal minds on the federal bench,” Chief Judge Carl Stewart of the Fifth Circuit said in an interview: “She is truly a great colleague and public servant.”

Judge Haynes said she realized quickly when she moved to Dallas that there were only a few alumni from Emory in North Texas.

“I was so thrilled when SMU just reached out and welcomed me in and made me a part of the SMU community long before we sort of made it official today,” she said. “I had the opportunity to participate in judging Moot Courts and mock trials and guest lecturing, but the greatest collaboration has been with the Appellate Judges Education Institute.

“You all might not realize that 15 years ago the state of Appellate legal education in the nation faced a true crossroad and crisis and along came SMU Dedman School of Law riding on its Mustang into town to save the day,” Judge Haynes said. “It is undoubtedly true that without SMU, we would not be anywhere close to where we are, which is the premier appellate legal education for judges and lawyers in the country.”

Judge Haynes closed the DAA ceremonies with a brief poem.

“I stand before you on this wonderful night, looking out on Mustang nation, full of brains and might,” she said. “I am honored and privileged to join Team SMU. From the bottom of my heart, I say a big thank you.”
Professor Joanna Grossman is the inaugural Ellen K. Solender Endowed Chair in Women and the Law. She comes to SMU Dedman Law from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, where she served as the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law. After graduating with distinction from Stanford Law School, she began her career as a clerk for Ninth Circuit Judge William A. Norris. She also worked as staff counsel at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C., as a recipient of the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship. In addition, she practiced law at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C.

Professor Grossman writes extensively on sex discrimination and workplace equality, with a particular focus on issues such as sexual harassment and pregnancy discrimination. Her book, *Nine to Five: How Gender, Sex, and Sexuality Continue to Define the American Workplace* (Cambridge, 2016), provides a lively and accessible discussion of contemporary cases and events that show gender continues to define the work experience in both predictable and surprising ways. She also is an expert in family law, especially parentage law and the state regulation of marriage. She is co-author (with Lawrence M. Friedman) of *Inside the Castle: Law and the Family in 20th Century America* (Princeton University Press, 2011), a comprehensive social history of U.S. family law. She has published articles in Stanford Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, and the Yale Journal on Law and Feminism, among other places. Grossman is the coeditor of *Gender Equality: Dimensions of Women’s Equal Citizenship* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), an interdisciplinary anthology that explores persistent gaps between formal commitments to gender equality and the reality of women’s lives, and *Family Law in New York* (Carolina Academic Press, 2015). She is also a regular columnist for Justia’s Verdict, an elected member of the American Law Institute, and the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her work on parentage law.

Professor James Coleman comes to SMU from the University of Calgary, where he taught at both the law school and the business school. Before Calgary he served on the faculty at Harvard Law School as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law. Beginning this fall he will teach Oil & Gas Law.

Professor Coleman has earned two degrees from Harvard University — a J.D. (*cum laude*) and a B.A. in biology (*magna cum laude* with highest honors in field). Upon graduation from law school, he served as a clerk for Eighth Circuit Judge Steve Colloton, and then practiced energy, environmental, and appellate law as an associate in the Washington, D.C., firm of Sidley Austin LLP for three years.

Professor Coleman’s scholarship addresses regulation of international energy companies, focusing on how countries account for and influence regulation in their trading partners and how companies respond to competing pressures from investors and regulators in multiple jurisdictions. He is often interviewed on energy transport and climate policy, such as pipelines and liquefied natural gas, and was one of the experts chosen by Alberta’s government to revamp its natural gas royalty system. He publishes the *Energy Law Professor* blog.
Professor Dale Carpenter was named the Judge William Hawley Atwell Chair of Constitutional Law at SMU Dedman School of Law. Previously, Professor Carpenter served as the Charles J. and Inez Wright Murray Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at SMU, teaching Constitutional Law I and LGBT Rights and the Law. This fall he will teach Constitutional Law II.

Professor Carpenter comes to SMU after a 16-year teaching career at the University of Minnesota, where he served as a Distinguished University Teaching Professor and the Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law. He won multiple teaching awards. He is also an editor of Constitutional Commentary.

The Texas native received his B.A. degree in history, magna cum laude, from Yale College and received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the University of Chicago Law Review. After serving as a law clerk for Fifth Circuit Judge Edith Jones, he practiced at Vinson & Elkins LLP in Houston, and at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin, P.C. in San Francisco.

As the author of numerous articles and an award-winning book — Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas (W. W. Norton & Co., 2012), about the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that invalidated America's sodomy laws — Professor Carpenter is often asked by the media to comment on constitutional law, the First Amendment, and LGBT rights and the law. Since 2005, he has been an active blogger on the popular legal blog The Volokh Conspiracy, which is hosted by The Washington Post.

Grant M. Hayden joined SMU after teaching at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and serving as a Hofstra Research Fellow. He writes and teaches in the areas of corporate governance, voting rights, and labor law, and this fall he will teach Election Law and Labor Law.


Hayden received his law degree with distinction from Stanford Law School and holds a B.A. in philosophy and an M.A. in art history from the University of Kansas. While in law school, he served as editor of the Stanford Law Review and the Stanford Law and Policy Review, and was a member of the Order of the Coif. After graduation he worked as a clerk for Tenth Circuit Judge Deanell Reece Tacha and as an associate at the Washington, D.C., firm of Shea & Gardner.
Promotions

W. Keith Robinson
Co-Director of the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation and Associate Professor of Law

David O. Taylor
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Maureen N. Armour
Co-Director of the Civil Clinic and Associate Professor of Law

Awarded:
Willis M. Tate Distinguished Teacher Award, given by SMU Students’ Association

William V. Dorsaneo, III
Chief Justice John and Lena Hickman Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law

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The Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Bar” Award

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Senior Lecturer in Law
Earned:
Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), SMU Perkins School of Theology

Christopher H. Hanna
Alan D. Feld Endowed Professor of Law and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
Awarded:
Dr. Don M. Smart Teaching Award, given by the Class of 2016

C. Paul Rogers III
Professor of Law and Former Dean
Awarded:
The Thomas W. Tunks Distinguished University Service Award

Meghan J. Ryan
Associate Professor of Law
Awarded:
2016-17 Gerald J. Ford Research Fellowship

Elizabeth G. Thornburg
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Richard R. Lee Endowed Professor of Law
Awarded:
2016 Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Award, given by SMU
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Anthony J. Colangelo  
Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow and Professor of Law  
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Adjunct Professor of Law  
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Meghan J. Ryan
Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow and Associate Professor of Law

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Chris Jenks
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Steve Yeager
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

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Retirement

SMU Law Professor and Human Rights Champion Retires

Ndiva Kofele-Kale
University Distinguished Professor and Professor of Law

More than 25 years before the Panama Papers, SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Ndiva Kofele-Kale developed what he believes to be the first course on international human rights law at Dedman Law.

His research in this area led him to concentrate on global corruption and the right of people to a corruption-free society. His writings have contributed to the codification of international human rights law.

“When I started, few were talking about official corruption and its effect on poor people,” Kofele-Kale said. “It didn’t arouse the anger and provoke the repulsion it does now.”

Professor Kofele-Kale, who taught courses on public and private international law, is retiring after finishing his last semester in the spring. He joined the SMU School of Law faculty full-time in the fall of 1989.

“I retain fond and strong memories of my 27 years at SMU,” he said. “Coming to SMU provided me access to one of the top law libraries in the U.S. and allowed me to interact with some of the brightest legal minds in the world, including the late chief justice of South Africa, Pius Langa, and a former ambassador of Peru, Roberto MacLean.

“And I had the privilege to teach some of the best students a teacher would kill to have.”

The Cameroonian-born Professor Kofele-Kale came to the U.S. in the mid-1960s as a recipient of a scholarship from the U.S. Government (the African Scholarship Program for American Universities). He completed his undergraduate studies at Beloit College in Wisconsin and eventually attained his M.A., J.D., and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

From a young age, Professor Kofele-Kale says he had always wanted to be a lawyer. His maternal great uncle was an administrative law judge in Kamerun (German Cameroon).

Professor Kofele-Kale’s first job after graduating from Northwestern was as a corporate and securities lawyer at Lord Bissel & Brook in Chicago. He says the “wings of fate” dropped him in academia at the University of Tennessee School of Law, where he taught for two and a half years before following then-Dean Kenneth Penegar to SMU.

His colleagues at SMU Dedman Law praise his teaching and scholarship on international law.

“His book on economic crimes and fraudulent enrichment introduced the concept of ‘patrimonicide,’ the plundering of resources by corrupt political leaders,” Bill Bridge, associate professor of law, said. “He is a widely renowned advocate for human rights claims in international tribunals.

Yet he had the time to consult and advise faculty colleagues and many J.D. and LL.M. students who naturally turned to him for guidance. We will miss his quiet dignity at the law school.”

Professor Kofele-Kale is high-minded about the role of a scholar.

“I wanted my research to impact global policy and produce knowledge that pushes back the frontiers of ignorance and underdevelopment,” he said.

This is why the professor considers an article he wrote a few years ago for the Commonwealth Law Bulletin on the law of decentralization to be one of his best publications.

The Commonwealth Law Bulletin is found in more than 50 legal departments in the Commonwealth, and his article had a profound impact. Immediately following publication, he says he received a number of inquiries on the article from lawyers around the world who are involved in law reform.

Longtime Professor Joseph W. McKnight and His Inspiring Texas Family Law Work

Professor Emeritus of Law and Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow Emeritus

Professor Joseph W. McKnight, a beloved member of the SMU Law faculty for almost 60 years, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2015. He was 90.

Professor McKnight inspired many through his historic contributions to the development of family and matrimonial property law in Texas, as well as his scholarship on legal history. He was a prolific scholar, authoring over 100 articles and several books. He held leadership positions in a number of legal and historical organizations, directed the Texas Family Code project, and was a principal drafter of several important Texas laws addressing matrimonial property matters, including the property rights of married women in Texas. In the words of one colleague, Joe McKnight is legal history.

“We lost our patron saint, our living link to the very beginning of modern family law in Texas,” said Brian L. Webb ’75, adjunct professor at SMU Dedman School of Law and attorney with Webb Family Law Firm.

P.C. “He was a great friend to all and proud to be a family lawyer.”

After a short stint practicing law with Cravath Swaine & Moore in New York City, McKnight joined the faculty of the SMU School of Law in 1955, where he taught for the following 59 years. While a dedicated scholar and advocate for legal reform, his true love was for teaching and law students, with many of the latter remaining lifelong colleagues and friends. Professor McKnight and his wife, Mildred Payne McKnight, were known to entertain a tremendous number of law students, faculty, scholars, and friends in their Dallas home and, during many summers, in their house in Oxford.

During the past six decades, Professor McKnight established an invaluable collection of more than 7,000 rare legal history books at SMU Dedman Law – one of the largest of its kind in the nation with the oldest book in the collection printed in 1481. He studied bookbinding and book conservation at the Dallas Craft Guild for more than 20 years, so he could restore his cherished antiquarian volumes to the best possible condition. In December 2011, he donated his extraordinary collection to the law school. The collection is prominently housed in SMU Dedman Law’s Underwood Law Library.

“Joe McKnight was a truly remarkable teacher and scholar and a wonderfully kind and generous colleague,” said Jennifer Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law. “Throughout his distinguished academic career, he was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.”

McKnight was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, as well as his first wife, Julia Ann Dyer McKnight. He is survived by his second wife, Mildred Payne McKnight; his sons, John B. McKnight and J. Adair McKnight; his step-children, Sawnie R. Aldredge III and Amy P. Aldredge; and numerous grandchildren.

McKINNIGHT DIRECTED THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE PROJECT AND WAS A PRINCIPAL DRAFTER OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT TEXAS LAWS ADDRESSING MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY MATTERS.

SMU DEDMAN LAW REMEMBERS
Thank you to our Dedman Law Adjunct Professors!
2015-2016

As adjunct professors, you are a wonderful part of our academic family and we are so grateful to you! Your real-world experience as judges, lawyers in firms, in-house counsel, and leaders in business greatly enriches the curriculum and our students’ education. Thank you for the many ways you complement our full-time faculty and provide important mentoring for SMU students.

Reeni Ann Abraham
Val J. Albright ’86
James “Jay” Pappas Balfour
Daniel Baucum
Matthew S. Beard ’06
Misty Birdsong ’02
Jonathan Blum
Vickie S. Brandt ’03
Glenn Brenner
John G. Browning
Christa Brown-Sanford ’04
Brooke Busbee
Judge Don D. Bush ’86
David W. Carstens

Eric Cedillo
Russell Chapman
David Cho
Wilson Chu ’84
Susan Mills Cipione ’06
Robert Colwell ’94
John M. Cone ’83
Susan C. Cox
Terry I. Cross
Karen H. Currie
Joseph R. Dancy
Steve P. Doyle
Dennis B. Drapkin
Joanne Early ’89
Yolanda Eisenstein ’04
Sander L. Esserman ’76
Stephen P. Fahey
Randi W. Fickel
Justice Robert M. Fillmore
Judge Allen Joe Fish
Sharon Lee M. Fjordbak ’89
C.W. “Peter” Flynn
Patricia H. Flynn
Zeke Fortenberry
Jason B. Freeman
Judge Denisse Garcia ’93
Bryan A. Garner
Larry E. Glasgow ’83
Randy Gordon
Rebecca A. Gregory
Shannon Guthrie
Judge H. Dewayne “Cooter” Hale
Susan M. Halpern
Chris Hamilton
Eric F. Hinton
Charles M. Hosch
Marc Hubbard ’88
Richard Hunt
Clifton T. Hutchinson ’80
Richard “Jay” Johnson
Larry Jones
Ralph C. Jones ’73
Kent Krause ’82
Gary Lawrence
Julie LESSER ’93
David J. Lowery ’78

Jay J. Madrid ’77
ERRIN Blythe Martin
Ernest Martin, Jr.
Mike McCollum
Barry F. McNeil
Patsy Micale
Dana Nahlen
Charolette Noel ’01
Christopher Nolland
Gerald N. Olson ’71
David James Parsons
Michael P. Penick
Phillip B. Philbin
Ellen A. Presby ’84
Judge Kimberly C. Priest Johnson ’00
Robert D. Probasco
Will Pryor
Shane Read
G. Tomas Rhodus ’71
Kirstine Rogers ’97
Douglas K. Rudley
Paul D. Schoonover ’72
Mark A. Shank ’81
Eliot Shavin
Bart Showalter ’93
Ronald F. Shuff
Maxel “Bud” Silverberg ’59
Steven Smathers
Jaime Spellings
Clifton A. Squibb ’05
Sid Stahl ’56
Marjorie Stephens ’81
Harry W. Sullivan, Jr. ’84
Harriet Anne Tabb
Walter O. Theiss
Don Tittle
Cody L. Towns
Robert Udashen
Michael J. Uhl ’85
John Vernon
Peter Vogel
Brian L. Webb ’75
Glenn D. West
Russell Wilson, Jr.
Denney L. Wright
STAFF NEWS

ALUMNI RETURN TO THE LAW SCHOOL

Michelle Ray ’01
Director of Admissions

Dana Minissale ’90
Office of Career Services; Director, Mid-Sized, Small and Boutique Firm Development

Linda Hale
Office of Career Services; International LL.M. Adviser; Judicial Liaison and Adviser

NEW STAFF

Timothy Gallina
Research and Faculty Services Librarian, Underwood Law Library

Vanessa Gonzalez
Administrative Assistant, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic, Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women, and VanSickle Family Law Clinic

Melissa Gooch
Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs and the Registrar

Tania Marks
Administrative Assistant, Office of Career Services

AWARD-WINNING WEBSITE

2015 Davey Awards | Category: Schools/University | Silver Award
2016 AVA Digital Awards | Category: Educational Institution | Platinum Award
2016 Communicator Awards | Category: University | Silver Award
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Moot Court Program in U.S.
2015-2016

The SMU Board of Advocates had one of its most successful years ever, racking up enough victories and awards to be ranked fifth in the National Moot Court rankings. The SMU BOA students won two national championships, two regional championships, five brief awards, and sixteen speaker awards. They also won five finalist awards, nine semifinalist awards, and many other awards in twenty-two national and international competitions. Congratulations to the 2015-16 Board of Advocates!

Consecutive Duberstein Wins

SMU Law students won the prestigious Duberstein Moot Court Competition in 2015 & 2016 – unprecedented by any other law school in the United States.

Judicial Clerks

- **Erik B. Fountain ’15** | The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap, Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- **Allyson Gault ’15** | Executive Office for Immigration Review - Dallas; United States Department of Justice Attorney General’s Honors Program
- **Troy L. Hales II ’16** | The Honorable Christine A. Nowak, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- **Jamison M. Joiner ’16** | The Honorable Jane Boyle, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- **Christopher Knight ’15** | The Honorable Leslie Southwick, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- **Audrey Leeder ’16** | The Honorable Ronald King, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas
- **Nicholas K. Low ’14** | The Honorable Irma C. Ramirez, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- **Angela M. Oliver ’16** | The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap, Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- **Harrison G. Papaila ’16** | The Honorable Amos L. Mazzant, Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- **Sarah-Michelle Stearns ’16** | The Honorable Douglas Lang, Justice, Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas
- **Lance E. Wyatt, Jr. ’14** | The Honorable Kara Stoll, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- **Walker Steven Young ’16** | The Honorable Christine A. Nowak, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

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Moot Court Program in U.S.
2015-2016

“Which Schools Produce the Most Super Lawyers?” – The National Jurist, Fall 2015

#21

in the U.S. for “Best law schools to make a connection and get a job” – Business Insider, 2015

#21

“Where the Jobs Are” Placed the highest percentage of 2015 graduates in full-time, long-term jobs that require bar passage and are non-law school funded – National Law Journal, 2016

#28

“Go-To Law Schools” for sending the highest percentage of 2015 graduates to the largest 100 law firms – National Law Journal, March 2016

#29

“2016 Top 50 Law Schools” Class of 2015 ranked by real law jobs, quality full-time positions, costs and debt, and alumni satisfaction – Above the Law, May 2016

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Moot Court Program in U.S. 2015-2016

RANKINGS
The Class of 2016 performed a record-breaking 19,488 hours of public service, for an average of more than 80 hours per student (far more than the 30 hours required for graduation)!

Thirty-five students earned a spot on the Pro Bono Honor Roll by volunteering 200 or more hours of free legal assistance in the community. Six truly inspiring students donated more than 470 hours of free legal assistance!

John E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarships

Congratulations!
The John E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarships are given in honor of Professor John Kennedy, who served on the faculty with distinction for 20 years until his untimely death in 1989.

Professor Kennedy was a beloved teacher who had a strong commitment to the law as a service profession. It is most fitting that the awards given in his memory are presented to the J.D. graduates who are deemed by their classmates to exemplify the spirit of service by working tirelessly to benefit the law school community.

Jekabs “Jake” Jekabsons

Before law school, Jake Jekabsons served as a Sergeant in the United States Army and was part of the honor guard that rendered final honors to President Gerald Ford in Arlington National Cemetery.

While in law school, Jake served as a student attorney in the SMU criminal justice clinic and interned with the Rockwall, Collin, and Tarrant County District Attorney offices.

He was a member of Barristers and served as president of the SMU Veterans Law Association.

Jake competed on the Jessup International Moot Court team where he was a quarter-finalist and served as off-campus director for the SMU Board of Advocates.

He plans to pursue a career in criminal prosecution with a local district attorney’s office.

Sarah-Michelle Stearns

Throughout law school, Sarah-Michelle Stearns was involved with several student organizations.

She served as the on-campus director for the SMU Board of Advocates, president of the international law society, president of the association of international petroleum negotiators, graduate affairs officer of the SMU student senate, and class representative of the student bar association. Sarah-Michelle also served as a staff editor and CLE editor on the SMU Law Review Association and was a member of the William Mac Taylor Inn of Court.

She was an SBA mentor, an ASP mentor, a student attorney in the civil clinic, and a research fellow in the library, and she worked in the public service office and for the Appellate Judges Education Institute at SMU.

In 2015, Sarah-Michelle was part of a moot court team that represented the law school in the national moot court competition where they became semi-finalists.

Additionally, she and her team won the Howie & Sweeney Champion award in both 2015 and 2016, along with the Best Advocate award.

Outside of school she taught poetry classes to women at the Dallas County jail and served as a Big Sister in the Big Brother, Big Sisters Amachi Program (where each child has a parent either in prison or on death row).

Sarah-Michelle will be a judicial clerk for Justice Douglas Lang of the Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals.
The first year of law school can be daunting. Last year, SMU Law rolled out the new Haynes and Boone Inns of Court Program, designed to ease the law school transition by providing first-year students with a built-in support network and comprehensive programming, while also connecting them to some of our most distinguished alumni.

Inns of Court Program Sponsored by Haynes and Boone Inaugural Year a Big Success

What our students are saying...

“No other law school gives you access to its successful alumni the way SMU does.”

“Learning from the alumni, faculty, and advisors in the Inns of Court Program is something I will never forget as I move forward in my career.”
“The best thing about the Inns of Court Program is that it puts all of the 1Ls’ vital resources right at their fingertips.”

“The Inns of Court Program gave me the opportunity to engage with both peers and mentors in an environment that bred positivity and encouragement.”
SEEN & HEARD

1 Inaugural Event of the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation; Symposium on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues: The Future of Innovation and Intellectual Property; Keynote Speaker: David J. Kappos, Partner, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP and Former Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; September 18, 2015
2 Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Charles M. and Marion J. Kierscht Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law; September 30, 2015
3 Comparative Law Conference; October 1-3, 2015
4 William M. Sage, James R. Dougherty Chair for Faculty Excellence, University of Texas School of Law; October 14, 2015
5 Anna Spain, Associate Professor of Law, University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado Law; October 22, 2015
6 2016 National Association of Law Placement’s Second Law Leader’s Summit; October 29, 2015


Student Lecture: Texas State Senator Royce West – 23rd District; November 17, 2015

Erin F. Delaney, Associate Professor Law, Northwestern Law; January 20, 2016

AJEI Education Committee Meeting; January 25-26, 2016

AJEI Roundtable; January 26, 2016
Ambassador Wilson Masilingi, United Republic of Tanzania; February 11, 2016
Orly Lobel, Don Weckstein Professor of Labor and Employment Law, University of San Diego School of Law; February 17, 2016
USPTO Live Trial Proceedings: PTAB (Patent Trial and Appeal Board), AIA trial proceedings, and actual TTAB (Trademark Trial and Appeal Board) trial and appeal proceedings; February 24, 2016
Corporate Directors’ Institute, “Corporate Governance: Dilemmas & Challenges”; February 25, 2016
Issa Kohler-Hausmann, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Sociology, Yale Law School; March 10, 2016
Admitted Students Days; March 4 and April 1, 2016
24 Howie & Sweeney Moot Court Competition; March 29, 2016
25 Student Lecture: “A Conversation with David Dillon ’76,” Former Chairman and CEO of Kroger; March 31, 2016
26 50th Annual SMU Air Law Symposium sponsored by the Journal of Air Law and Commerce; March 31 – April 1, 2016
27 Jackson Walker 1L Moot Court Competition; April 11 – 14, 2016
28 Wofford Denius ’77 – Sports and Entertainment Law Association student discussion; April 13, 2016
29 SMU Founders’ Day; April 15, 2016
30 Dean David Faigman, University of California, Hastings College of Law; April 20, 2016

Judge Nikki T. DeShazo ’76 and Edward V. Smith III ’63 Honored by the Dallas Bar Foundation and the Probate Section of the Dallas Bar

In November 2015, to honor Judge Nikki T. DeShazo and Edward V. Smith III, the Probate Section of the Dallas Bar Association together with the Dallas Bar Foundation created the “Judge Nikki T. DeShazo and Edward V. Smith III Dallas County Probate Courts Clerkship and Mentoring Program.” This program will provide law student clerks, from SMU Dedman Law and neighboring D/FW law schools, for the Dallas County Probate judges. In 2009 when Judge DeShazo retired, she was Dallas County’s most senior trial judge. Smith is Senior Counsel with Stephens-Guthrie, PLLC.

Craig Woodcook ’09 Named General Counsel, Secretary, and VP of Legal Affairs for Ben E. Keith Company

Craig Woodcook was named General Counsel, Secretary, and Vice President of Legal Affairs for Ben E. Keith Company, the third largest beverage distributor and the eighth largest broad line foodservice distributor in the U.S. Woodcook began his career with Ben E. Keith in 1997 and has worked in numerous roles from warehouseman to financial analyst. Woodcook earned his LL.M. from SMU Dedman School of Law.

Rena Bitter ’91 Nominated by President Obama as Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Department of State

President Obama nominated Rena Bitter to a key Administrative post, Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Department of State. Bitter is the Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, a position she has held since 2013. She is a career Senior Foreign Service Officer with nearly 20 years in the Foreign Service. Bitter has served in Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Washington, D.C. Most recently she served under Secretary Clinton as Director of the State Department’s Operations Center, the Department’s 24/7 Briefing and Crisis Management Center.

The Honorable Irma Ramirez ’91 Nominated by President Obama for U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Judge Ramirez has served as United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas since 2002.
John Cuellar ’71 Honored with the Stan Golden Men of Action Award

John Cuellar received the Stan Golden Men of Action Award in January 2016 from the Southwest Jewish Congress. This award recognizes men from diverse disciplines and backgrounds in the D/FW area who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of positive social change and have made an impact on the community, both as role models and as trail blazers.

Mark A. Shank, managing partner of the Dallas litigation boutique Gruber Elrod Johansen Hail Shank LLP, was honored in March with the 2016 Fellows Justinian Award by the Dallas Bar Foundation, based on his many years of volunteer work and “wanting to do more” in the community. The prestigious award is presented annually to a local attorney and DBA member who exemplifies the organization’s commitment to professional and community service.

Mark Shank ’81 Receives Fellows Justinian Award for Volunteer Service from Dallas Bar Foundation

Hope Shimabuku ’05 Named Director of the Texas Regional Offices of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Hope Shimabuku was named director of the new Texas Regional Office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Dallas. This high-profile position is critical to spurring innovation, entrepreneurship, and business growth in Texas by ensuring that the USPTO’s initiatives and programs are tailored to the region’s unique ecosystem of industries and stakeholders. Shimabuku, with two decades of experience as an engineer and intellectual property attorney, is a former corporate in-house lawyer at Xerox Business Services and BlackBerry in Dallas.

Kimberly C. Priest Johnson ’00

Appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

The Honorable Tonya Parker Receives the Distinguished Jurist Award

The Honorable Tonya Parker, Presiding Judge of the 116th District Court, received the Distinguished Jurist Award, presented by the SBOT African American Lawyers Section at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Jay G. Martin ’76 Receives the Bette Stead Leadership Award from the Greater Houston Business and Ethics Roundtable

Jay G. Martin, Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Deputy General Counsel of Baker Hughes, received the Bette Stead Leadership award from the Greater Houston Business Ethics Roundtable (GHBER) at the 2016 Ethics and Compliance Leadership Awards Dinner held in May. Martin received the award for his work as one of the top compliance professionals globally. The award is named after Bette Stead, who founded GHBER 20 years ago.
Cece Cox ’04 Receives 2016 Hero of Hope Award

Cece Cox ’04, Resource Center CEO, received the 2016 Hero of Hope award from the Cathedral of Hope. This award is given to men and women who have been inspirational leaders in Dallas’ LGBTQ community. Cox was chosen as this year’s Hero of Hope recipient in recognition of her years of pioneering work around inclusion and her leadership in Dallas, as well as her leadership in the achievement of the dream of the new Resource Center.

Ryan K. Turner ’97 Receives Outstanding Government Lawyer Award

Ryan K. Turner ’97, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Dripping Springs, received the Outstanding Government Lawyer Award for exceptional service to the public and the legal profession. This award was presented by the State Bar of Texas Government Law Section during the 2016 Texas State Bar Annual Meeting. Turner also serves as General Counsel and Director for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.

Mark M. Sloan ’90 Named Thompson & Knight’s Managing Partner

In November 2015, Thompson & Knight LLP announced that Mark M. Sloan was named Managing Partner of the firm. During Sloan’s 20-year career at T&K, he has served the firm’s Real Estate and Banking Practice Group as an associate, a partner, and a Practice Leader of the group. He also has served as a member of the firm’s Management Committee. Sloan succeeds Emily Parker ’73, the firm’s first-ever female Managing Partner.

Lynn Switzer Bozalis ’90 Named CEO of The General Counsel Forum

Lynn Switzer Bozalis joined The General Counsel Forum as its Chief Executive Officer in June 2016. Since 2006, Bozalis had served as the Associate Dean of Development and External Affairs for SMU Dedman School of Law, successfully leading the law school’s fundraising during SMU’s Centennial campaign. Building on the Forum’s strong foundation, her unique qualifications and proven leadership will ensure the future progress of the Forum.

Jerry C. Alexander ’72 Elected Dallas Bar Association President

Jerry C. Alexander, a shareholder with Passman & Jones, was elected the Dallas Bar Association’s 107th president in January 2016.
1957

Forrest Smith was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1959

Marshall J. Doke, Jr. of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Government (Government Contracts).

1962

Lawrence R. Maxwell, Jr. received a Certificate of Merit from the SBOT Board of Directors and past presidents for outstanding contributions to the legal profession at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting. He also has returned to private practice at Max Maxwell Law Practice, PC, while continuing to serve as general counsel for the Texas Hospitals of the Adventist Health System.

1963

Buck Files was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1964

Darrell E. Jordan, of Diamond McCarthy, received the Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award, presented by the Texas Bar Foundation. He also was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1966

George W. Bramblett was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1967

Michael M. Boone was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1969

Larry McCallum recently retired as prosecutor in the Addison Municipal Courts.

Frank L. Branson was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.” He also was named president of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America.

1970

Harriet E. Miers was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1973

Donald E. Godwin, Chairman and CEO of Godwin PC, was recognized in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers for General Commercial Litigation in Texas, and was included in The Best Lawyers in America in the area of Commercial Litigation. He was selected for the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America and D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas.” He also was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

Emily Parker, a partner with Thompson & Knight, is listed in The US Legal 500 among the elite “Leading Lawyers” in Tax – U.S. Taxes: Contentious.

1974

Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1975

Rusty Hardin was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

Michael P. Lynn was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

Deirdre Ruckman of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA-Best in Texas – Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

1976

Hon. Nikki T. DeShazo, received the Distinguished Probate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the SBOT

Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Douglas K. Eyberg of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Energy (Oil & Gas: Transactional).

N. L. (Larry) Stevens, III of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Energy (Oil & Gas: Transactional).

1978

Ronald Gaswirth of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA-Best in Texas – Labor & Employment.

Charles R. Gibbs was named Lawyer of the Year in Bankruptcy Litigation by The Best Lawyers in America, recognized in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business and The International Who’s Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers, and was listed as a Texas “Super Lawyer.”

Katherine C. Hall (J.D. ’78, LL.M. ’01) was recognized for her article, “Understanding Business Associates Agreements” (August 2015 DBA Headnotes), at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Terri Lacy, partner at Andrews Kurth’s Houston office, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, Trusts and Estates; Litigation. She also has been ranked Texas (Band 1) for Private Wealth Law, by the 2016 Chambers & Partners High Net Worth Guide.

Steve Stein was named in Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) magazine in the 2016 IAM Patent 1000 as “a transactional doyen with a knack for sealing big-ticket deals.”

W. David Tildholm, a partner in the real estate practice at the Houston office of Porter Hedges LLP, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

Michael D. Wortley was honored as a Texas Lawbook “Lions of the Texas Bar.”

1979

J. Mitchell Bell, a partner at the Dallas office of Locke Lord LLP, was named in The Best Lawyers in America.
1982

Robert P. Franke was promoted to Partner-in-Charge at the Dallas office of Strasburger & Price. He also was recognized by his peers as Strasburger’s Mentor of the Year.

Hugh Tucker, head of the Global Projects department in Baker Botts’ Houston office and firm-wide head of the Oil and Gas practice, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA and Chambers Global. He also was recognized as a Texas “Super Lawyer.”

Ken Wright, partner at the Orlando, FL firm of Baker Hostetler, was the Moderator and Panelist for a panel titled “Investor Market Diversification: Looking Beyond China to Emerging Hot Spots of Demant,” at the IIUSA EB-5 Market Exchange in Dallas.

1983

William K. Banowsky, partner at the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight, was named Dallas Corporate Compliance Law “Lawyer of the Year” by The Best Lawyers in America.

Alison C. Boren joined Sidley Austin’s Dallas office as a partner and will focus on debt financing and restructuring transactions.

Deborah Hankinson was featured on the cover of Super Lawyers Magazine (2015) and was listed on Best Lawyers in America for Appellate Law, Arbitration and Mediation.

1985

Michele Wong Krause, of the Wong Krause Law Firm, received the Audrey Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest Award from The Southwest Jewish Congress.

Christine Roberts was named a “Los Angeles Women Leaders in the Law 2016,” her fourth straight year, by Martindale Hubbell and American Law Media.

1986

Val Albright of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP was recognized by Chambers USA-Best in Texas – Tax Litigation.

Richard A. Illmer was appointed managing partner of the Dallas office of Husch Blackwell. He is a litigation partner in the firm’s Financial Services group and also serves on the firm’s Partner Board.

1988

Michael A. Boyd, partner at Andrews Kurth’s Dallas office, was recognized in Houston Business Journal’s Who’s Who in Law, Real Estate and in The Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law. He also was profiled as one of the leading Real Estate lawyers in Texas by both Chambers & Partners USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers and The US Legal 500.

Lisa S. Gallerano, partner at the Dallas office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for Commercial Litigation.


1990

Andrew L. Campbell, partner at Andrews Kurth’s Dallas office, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law, and was profiled as one of the leading Real Estate lawyers in Texas by both Chambers & Partners USA: America’s Leading Business Lawyers and The US Legal 500.

Mark S. Howard moved from USAA in San Antonio to become Chief Legal Officer at Nationwide in Columbus, Ohio.

Vicky Gunning, Chair of Locke Lord’s real estate and real estate finance practice, was named managing partner of the firm’s Dallas Office.

Mark Reiter, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn’s global Intellectual Property Practice Group and partner at the Dallas office, was recognized as Best Lawyers’ 2015 Patent Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Dallas.

1991

Blake Bernet became Chief Legal Officer of Corner Bakery Café and Il Fornaio.

Diana S. Friedman was named Lawyer of the Year in Family Law for the Dallas/Fort Worth area by The Best Lawyers in America, received a “Standing Ovation” Award from the Texas Bar CLE, and was honored as one of the Dallas 500 – The Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth.

1993

Vance L. Beagles, partner at Sidley Austin’s Dallas office, was named the 2016 “Local Litigation Star” by Benchmark Litigation for General Commercial Litigation in Texas, Class Actions, Commercial Litigation and Securities Litigation in Texas, and Bankruptcy.

Wei Wei Jeang was recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America in the field of patent law, and was selected by Best Lawyers as the 2016 Patent Law “Lawyer of the Year” in Dallas/Fort Worth. She also spoke at a panel discussion on “Implicit Bias” for the Dallas Bar Association.

1995

David E. Harrell Jr., partner at the Houston office of Locke Lord LLP, was named to the “ADR Champions” list by the National Law Journal.

Ellen L. Perlioni, partner at Morgan Lewis, was recognized as Texas Lawyer’s 2015 Texas Litigation Department of the Year for Labor and Employment.

1996

Mary Lynn Hanna joined Jackson Walker’s Dallas office as Of Counsel and will practice in the ERISA/Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation section.

1997

M. Scott Barnard, partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, was recognized in the 2015 Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business in the Texas, Litigation: Securities category.

Laura Benitez Geisler earned the distinction as a Thompson Reuters Texas “Super Lawyer” in the field of Personal Injury and was elected Chair of the Board of the Dallas Bar Association.

Thomas T. Tarnay, partner at Sidney Austin’s Dallas office, was recognized in the 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for Intellectual Property Litigation and Patent Litigation.

Angela C. Zambrando, partner at Sidney Austin’s Dallas office, was quoted in “3 Tips for Landing More Arbitration Work,” Law360; listed as a “Local Litigation” star in Texas by Benchmark Litigation; recognized in Who’s Who Legal Litigation; recognized in “Commercial Litigation” in the 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.
America; and was appointed President for DWLA 2016 Board of Directors.

1998

Linda Dedman was recognized in the category of Best News Article, for her article, “A Look Back: The Civil Rights Act in Dallas 50 Years Later,” at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.


1999

Tricia DeLeon joined Gruber Elrod Johansen Hail Shank as a partner and was named Dallas Young Lawyers Association’s “Mentor of the Year.”

2000

Jennifer Martin, whose legal work focuses on insurance coverage matters, primarily first-party property and casualty insurance litigation and related appellate work, joined Wilson Elser's Dallas office.

2001

Natalie L. Arbaugh, a trial lawyer and principal in the Dallas office of Fish & Richardson, was named to Texas Lawyer's “Winning Women” list, in addition to being named Best Lawyer in Dallas for business litigation by D Magazine. She also became a member of the Advisory Board of the Women in Law Empowerment Forum and the Trade Secrets Committee of the AIPLA. She was also a recipient of the 2016 “Women Worth Watching” award by Profiles in Diversity Journal.

Christopher J. Paris was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Michael L. Schneiderman was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Dena DeNooyer Stroh has joined the North Texas Tollway Authority as General Counsel.

2002

Stacy Hoffman Bruce was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Walker M. Duke was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Robert L. Guerra, Jr. was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Dyan House, partner at the Dallas office of Carter Scholer Arnett Hamada & Mockler, was recognized in WTR 1000 and in D Magazine as one of the Best Lawyers for Intellectual Property. She also became a Council Member of the Dallas Bar Association.

Joshua J. Iacuone was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Paige H. Montgomery was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jeff Novel was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Alan J. Rosenberg was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

David C. Schulte was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Kelly C. Walker was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jessica Brown Wilson was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Susan E. Egeland was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Natalie Gregg was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Brandon Kulwicki has joined the firm of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, and will continue his practice in health law.

Amy E. LaValle joined the Dallas office of Wick Phillips as a partner and also was named a Texas Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly.

Ryan K. McComber was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Rachael Chong Walters was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Wendell E. Washington was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2004

S. Wesley Butler was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jason Cassidy of Dallas-based Caldwell Cassady & Curry was recognized by D Magazine in the 2016 Best Lawyers in Dallas.

Kate Cassidy, Associate Counsel at Texas Rangers Baseball Club, was recognized in the category of Best Series of Substantive Legal Articles: Sports & Entertainment Law Articles, for her article, “No Room for Racism: NBA Can Force Sterling to Self,” at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Katharine Battaia Clark was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Gene R. Besen was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Heather Drake Bocell was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Rebekah Steely Brooker was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Matthew B. “Matt” Grunert was named partner at the Houston office of Andrews Kurth.
Katherine L. Killingsworth was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Andrew F. Kirkendall was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Walter McInnis was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

M. Patrick McShan was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Brian C. Mitchell was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Brent J. Rodine was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Heather Scott, a junior partner at the Brownsville office of Guerra, Leeds, Sabo & Hernandez PLLC, was named a 2015 Texas Rising Star Rising Young Lawyer.

P. William Stark was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Cori C. Steinmann was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Scott C. Thomas was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Daniel P. Tobin was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Lisa C. Tulk was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Grant A. Walsh was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Gregory M. Wilkes was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

2005

Will S. Becker, partner at Andrews Kurth's Dallas office, was recognized as a Leading Tax Lawyer in the United States by The US Legal 500, a Texas Rising Star by *Texas Monthly*, and one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D* Magazine.

W. Ira Bowman was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Troy P. Burleson was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Carl Cecere was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Jonathan Childers was designated as a “Rising Star” by *Texas Monthly* and *Law and Politics* magazine, and named Director of the Dallas Bar Association.

Clayton L. Falls was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Gant A. Grimes was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Eric P. Haas was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Melissa S. Hayward was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Marc A. Hearron, partner at Morrison & Foerster's Washington, D.C. office, was named to the *National Law Journal*’s elite list of D.C.’s Rising Stars.

Robert McEwan with the firm KoonsFuller, P.C. was recognized as a Texas Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

Leslye E. Moseley was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Clifton A. Squibb was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Michael R. Steinmark was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

J. Brian Vanderwoude was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Matthew Waterman was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

2006

Ashley W. Anderson was named a partner in the Real Estate and Banking Practice Group of Thompson & Knight LLP’s Dallas and Fort Worth offices.

Clint C. Brown was promoted to shareholder at Gray Reed & McGraw, P.C., and was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Christina Feller was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

John M. Hafen was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Kristin E. Kruse was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Lloyd A. Lim was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Meyling Ly was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Sara Abbott McCown was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Joshua L. Shepherd was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.

Caroline Simone was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine, Texas edition.
Susan Oliver Simpson was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Soledad M. Valenciano was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

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Julie Aberneth, an attorney at the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight LLP, was named a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Rebecca Armstrong was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

P. Lindley Bain was selected to the Texas Rising Stars list by Thomson Reuters, was included in The Best Lawyers in America for Business Litigation.

Julie K. Biemacher was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Liz Boydston was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Curt M. Covington was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Tom Hill “Trey” Crawford III was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Theo Foster, a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Richardson office of Haynes and Boone, LLP, was promoted to partner.

Matthew L. Fry, a member of the Capital Markets and Securities practice group in the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone, LLP, was promoted to partner.

P. Lindley Bain was selected to the Texas Rising Stars list by Thomson Reuters, was included in The Best Lawyers in America for Business Litigation.

Rebecca Tillery Rowan, an appellate attorney at the Dallas office of KoonsFuller, P.C., was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyer magazine for family law in Texas.

Joshua M. Sandler was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Monika Singh Sanford, a member of the Finance Practice section in the Dallas office of Haynes and Boone, LLP, was promoted to partner, and was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Andrew C. Cookingham was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Amanda L. Cottrell, an associate in the Dallas office of Locke Lord LLP, was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyer magazine.

Marianela (Mari) Flores was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Joseph A. Hummel was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Kathryn M. Morris was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Adrienne Redinger became a shareholder at Davis & Wright, P.C.

Christopher J. Simmons was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Tyler Simpson was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Stephanie R. Smiley was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Charlotte Smith was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Melody Smith was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jacob W. Stasny was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Elizabeth L. Tiblets was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Erika Toledo was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Russell R. Zimmerer was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Michael Ma was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

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Erika Toledo was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Russell R. Zimmerer was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2008

Erin M. Bogdanowicz was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Cole Brethauer was recognized as a “Top Attorney” (Oil & Gas) by Fort Worth, Texas magazine.

Treyson J. Brooks was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Constance M. Broome was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.
2009

Alana K. Ackels was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jacob C. Boswell was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Marc Cabrera, an associate at the Dallas office of Locke Lord LLP, was named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine.

Aaron T. Capps, with Griffith Davison Shulleff, received the Joseph M. Pritchard Inn Outstanding Director Award, presented by TYLA, at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, and was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Corrina Chandler was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Romit S. Cheema, co-founder and real estate transaction attorney at Platt Cheema Richmond, was recognized by D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas” for Real Estate.

Stacey H. Cho was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Michael J. Crawford was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Misty M. Escobedo was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Cory Feldman was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Lauren Godfrey was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Zachary Everett Johnson was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jason M. Jung was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

John J. Kane was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Steve Lecholop was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

John M. Lynch was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jacob L. McBride was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Sally Pretorius, an associate at the Southlake office of KoonsFuller, P.C., was elected Vice President of Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) for 2016-2017. She currently is secretary of TYLA.

Bradley J. Purcell was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Katherine L. Reed was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Bill Richmond, co-founder and business litigation attorney at Platt Cheema Richmond, was recognized by Texas Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation, and by D Magazine as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas” for Business Litigation. He was also elected President of the Dallas Asian American Bar Association.

Emily Stroope was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Brooke S. Waldrep was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Robert E. Weitzel was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2010

Joel Matthew Bagby was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Evan R. Baker’s article “Is that #Hashtag Property of the @Estate?” was published in the August 2015 issue of the Dallas Bar Association’s Headnotes. He was also recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Andrew Edson co-authored “The Automatic Stay: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly,” with Hon. Harlin DeWayne Hale, which was published in the August 2015 issue of the Dallas Bar Association’s Headnotes.

Gemma R. Galeoto was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Chelsea L. Hilliard was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Olivia D. Howe was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Lindsay R. Itkin was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Rachel Kingrey was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Audra Mayberry was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Jennifer Larson Ryback was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Parker A. Lee, an associate at the Houston office of Andrews Kurth, was profiled as one of the leading Mergers & Acquisitions lawyers in the United States, The US Legal 500.

William Scazzero was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Monty Ward is now a partner at the Dallas office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Sallye Wilton was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2011

Melinda Arbuckle joined Baron & Budd’s Dallas office as an associate attorney in the Employment Law Group.

Olga A. Bograd was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Farbod Farnia was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Tate Hemingston was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Greg P. McAllister was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.
Philip McNicholas, with Kessler Collins, was recognized for his co-authored article, “Reality Check: Is ‘Gambling’ on Fantasy Sports Legal?” (August 2015 DBA Headnotes), at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

John Prudhomme has joined the firm of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman where he will continue his practice in civil litigation, commercial transactions, and corporate practice.

Allison Reddoch was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Joseph A. Unis, Jr. was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Thomas G. Wooley joined Schiff Hardin as an associate in the practice of corporate financing, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate governance.

Thomas P. Wynne was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2012

Kelly Bub was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Brett M. Chisum was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Christie Davis has joined Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman and will focus on Clinical Research and Hospital & Health System Counsel.

Megan L. Dixon was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Sarah J. Lopano was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Brian E. Mason was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Bradley A. Monk was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

Lindsey Obenhaus joined Atkins O’Toole & Briner as an associate attorney and was named Assistant District Attorney to the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office.

John C. Sokatch was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2013

Andrew Joseph Laird was recognized as a Rising Star in the 2016 edition of Super Lawyers magazine, Texas edition.

2014

Ashton Barrineau Butcher joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld as an associate in the corporate practice, focusing on public and private mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, corporate governance, and general corporate and securities matters.

Katie C. Dinett joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld as an associate in the corporate practice, focusing on public and private mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of debt and equity securities, corporate governance, and general corporate and securities matters.

Agnes O. Doyle joined the Houston office of Porter Hedges as an associate in the litigation practice group.

Jason N. Glennon joined the Dallas office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld as an associate in the firm’s litigation practice, focusing on complex commercial litigation, bankruptcy litigation, and antitrust counseling.

Claire E. James, an associate at Cowles & Thompson, co-authored an article “Internet Torts: What are the Limits of Personal Jurisdiction?” that was published in the August 2015 issue of the Dallas Bar Association’s Headnotes.

Thomas Maddrey founded Maddrey PLLC.

Priya Patel joined the Dallas office of Chamblee, Ryan, Kershaw & Anderson as an associate.

Allie Showalter Robinson joined the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell as an associate in the corporate practice group.

2015

Paul Beavers joined Arnold & Porter as an associate, focusing on product liability disputes, in particular aviation manufacturing, and business disputes, in particular oil and gas litigation.

Bryan M. Clegg joined Gibson Dunn as an associate in the Dallas office, where he currently practices in the firm’s litigation department.

R. Nathan Crow joined Locke Lord LLP as an associate in the corporate law practice.

Christin D. Day joined Dismuke & Waters as an associate in the firm’s estate planning and probate practice.

Jody L. Novak joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld’s Dallas office as an associate in the real estate practice.

Cheyenne Rogers joined the Dallas office of Bracewell as an associate in the litigation practice group.

Emily S. Hayes completed the Fullbridge Program in September 2015 and joined Andrews Kurth as a senior attorney.

Leslie (McCombs) Roussev joined McGuire, Craddock & Strother as an associate attorney in the real estate practice.

John Smithee, Jr. joined the Underwood Law Firm’s Fort Worth office.
George M. Underwood, Jr., who along with his wife, Nancy, made the Underwood Law Library possible, passed away in May. He had a lasting impact on the development of Dallas and SMU Dedman School of Law.

George Underwood was a lifetime resident of Dallas and the Park Cities, attending the Highland Park Schools and SMU. Following graduation, he served as an officer in the Army during WWII. In 1945, he married Nancy Lou Chambers of Jackson, Mississippi.

Following the war, Mr. Underwood returned to North Texas and played a major role in the progress of the city of Richardson with the development of Richardson Heights. Mr. Underwood was joined by his son, George M. Underwood, III, in the development of the Rosemeade area of Carrollton and several areas of North Dallas. In 1965, he organized and was the only chairman of the Richardson Bank and Trust. In 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood purchased the Riverhill Country Club in Kerrville, Texas and the adjoining real estate development, which they expanded and completed under the direction of Wanda Kemp-Maxon, Golf Pro Ross Collins, and Byron Nelson.

Mr. Underwood was a lifelong supporter of the University, serving on both the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees of SMU for 18 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood had a long friendship with SMU Law Dean Charles Galvin; the Underwoods were the major donors of the SMU Law Library which bears their name. Dedicated in 1971, the Underwood Law Library is the largest private academic law library west of the Mississippi River, housing more than 660,000 volumes.

In 1973, Mr. Underwood received the SMU Distinguished Alumnus Award. He also was a President of the SMU Alumni Association, and the SMU Dads’ Club.

Mr. Underwood served on the first D/FW Regional Airport Board and was Chairman of the Construction Committee which planned and built the airport. After DFW Airport was completed, Mr. Underwood was appointed to the Texas Aeronautics Commission by Governor Clements where he was elected Chairman. He served as a member of the Dallas City Plan Commission from 1959-1961 and was elected to two terms on the Dallas City Council from 1961-1965. He served on the Board of the Dallas Assembly, the Greater Dallas Planning Council, the Southwest Medical Foundation, and the Hockaday School Board of Trustees.

Mr. Underwood was an avid fisherman and golfer and played on both the Highland Park High School and SMU golf teams. He was honored by his family in October 2011 for his standing record as the longest active golf player in the history of Dallas Country Club, playing for 78 years. In 1960, he received the Home Builders’ Prather award for community service. In 2005, he received the Highland Park High School Distinguished Alumni Award. He was an active member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Underwood is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, his daughter Norma “Twinkle” Underwood, and his daughter Nancy Elizabeth Underwood. He is survived by a son, George M. Underwood, III, and a daughter, Helena Sparling. He had thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.
The Honorable Dean M. Gandy ’50

The Honorable Dean M. Gandy, a former bankruptcy judge in Dallas, passed away on April 14, 2016, in Kerrville, Texas. While working at Stewart Title Company in Dallas, he received his B.B.A. in 1948 and his J.D. in 1950, both from SMU. He was a member of the SMU Dedman School of Law Executive Board and received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from the law school in 2012.

Upon graduation from law school, he practiced law in Sherman, Texas, representing clients in title and insurance disputes. In 1953, Judge Gandy returned to Dallas and participated in all phases of the oil and gas business, last as executive vice-president of Magna Oil Corporation. In 1966 Judge Gandy began practicing bankruptcy and business reorganization law with William J. Rochelle. On October 1, 1970, he was appointed Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Judge Gandy was actively involved in the passage of the Bankruptcy Code of 1978, the first major amendment to the Bankruptcy Act of 1898. Writing, publishing, and lecturing in support of the new Code, he testified before three House and two Senate Committees and appeared on the MacNeil-Lehrer Report on PBS, the CBS Morning News, ABC Nightline, and Meet The Press.

He resigned from the bench in 1983 and became partner and head of the Bankruptcy Section of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. In 1995, Judge Gandy retired to the Hill Country, where he hunted wild pigs and occasionally testified as an expert witness in reorganization cases.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kirby Gandy; his children Tone and Karen Kirby Lester, Donald and Karla Kirby Corkran, and Kimberly Kirby Cone; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
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