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For two days this past winter, a handful of students and faculty from the SMU Dedman School of Law had exclusive front-row seats at an historic summit for judges on two of the most powerful courts in the world – an event several students described as “the chance of a lifetime.”

On February 8–9, 2010, SMU Dedman School of Law was honored to organize and coordinate a two-day summit in Luxembourg between the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and the Supreme Court of the United States. It was the fifth such international judicial summit in which SMU Dedman Law was the primary coordinator.

Three U.S. Supreme Court Justices – Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Justice Stephen Breyer – traveled to Luxembourg to meet with 27 Justices (one from each member state) and eight Advocate Generals of the European Court of Justice, which is charged with interpreting European Union law and ensuring its equal application across the EU nations.

Nine SMU Dedman School of Law faculty members organized two full days of discussion. The faculty drafted dozens of questions, which were provided to the justices and judges in advance, which the professors then used as they moderated four free-flowing discussion sessions.

“I don’t often get an opportunity to discuss my research with judges, let alone Supreme Court justices from two of the most important courts in the world,” says SMU Dedman Law Associate Professor Joshua Tate. “This conference gave me such an opportunity. I am delighted and grateful that Dean Attanasio brought these two supreme courts together for the conference, and I know that the justices enjoyed the interaction.”

Assistant Professor Anthony Colangelo says that it “was amazing to see some of the top legal minds in the world” discussing developments in the law and legal procedures in Europe and the United States. “To see how they approached process and methodology was tremendously educational for me as someone who teaches and writes about Foreign Relations Law,” he says.

Sixteen SMU Dedman School of Law students also made the trip to Luxembourg, the home of the European Court of Justice. The students shared two luncheons with the justices of both courts, where they were able to get unique insight.

The law students were treated to a two-day academic program from senior staff of the Court of Justice explaining its operations, procedures, and the basics of EU law. As part of the program, the students actually witnessed an oral argument before a thirteen-judge panel of the ECJ.

That evening, the SMU Dedman Law students attended a wonderful reception at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg.
Luxembourg, where they were able to talk one-on-one with the three U.S. Supreme Court justices.

“The European justices were incredibly friendly and kind. They were interested in talking with us, even mere students, about our thoughts and experiences,” says Rachel Feinberg Harrison, who was president of the SMU Law Review Association in 2010 and is currently clerking for a Judge on the European Court of Justice. “Meeting our own justices is like meeting rock stars for law students. They were also incredibly gracious. At the Embassy, we had the opportunity to speak with them in an informal setting following the hearing. We were able to get their opinion on the hearing. It was especially interesting and valuable to get their take on the differences in procedures and how the style of arguments presented there would or would not translate into a SCOTUS argument.”

Dean John Attanasio praised the European and U.S. justices for being generous with their time with the students. “I’m very grateful that the two Courts allowed SMU Dedman School of Law to play such an intricate role in this extraordinary program and the four previous programs,” he said. “This was an extraordinary experience for the faculty and students, and for me, too.”

Here is what some of the students and faculty who attended say about the event...
Jessica Dixon Weaver
Assistant Professor of Law

“It is not everyday that legal academics and law students have the opportunity to dialogue with U.S. Supreme Court Justices and European Court Justices over the course of three days. The opportunity for SMU Dedman School of Law to participate in the International Court Summit in Luxembourg this past February was invaluable. The exposure alone was incredible, but even more exciting was the chance to play intellectual tennis with the greatest legal minds in the world. The unique exchange of legal experience and knowledge between the two Courts was exhilarating! Observing an actual hearing before the European Court of Justice was a highlight of the trip. It gave all of us a window into the complexities of handling legal issues among different countries with different languages, as well as the commonalities that the Member states share through treaties and accepted legal principles.

“Another highlight of the trip for me was meeting Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is a legal pioneer for women’s rights in the United States. I was humbled by the fact that she had taken the time to look up our faculty bios. She knew that I taught family law when we met, and we discussed a recent family law case that came before the Supreme Court. It was a moment that I will always cherish as a lawyer and professor.

“Finally, researching the foundational legal principles of the European Court of Justice led me to think of my own research in the area of children and the law in a new way. While I was on the trip, the seed of a thesis was born. In my most recent article, I applied the European principle of subsidiarity to the child protection system and devised a way to transform the normative legal framework for dealing with child abuse and neglect in United States with a foreign theory. The trip expanded the scope of my scholarly work to an international audience, and I hope to be able to further pursue my advocacy for children beyond the U.S.”

Meghan J. Ryan
Assistant Professor of Law

“The Supreme Court Summit in Luxembourg was both exciting and intellectually stimulating. It provided us with the opportunity to learn from the similarities and differences among the United States, the European Union, and the member countries of the European Union. As one participant at the Summit observed, the European Union is similar to a fledgling United States, with the member countries acting like the individual states that comprise the United States. The European Court of Justice judges shared their distinct perspectives on the European and American legal systems, as well as the values and politics that often underlie the various aspects of the systems. Their views, and the various innovations the ECJ has contemplated or even implemented, may serve as fodder for considering possibilities for reform in the United States.

“ Aside from the Summit’s value to the SMU law faculty members, the lucky SMU law students who were able to attend the Summit had first-row seats to the workings of some of the most prominent legal minds in the field today. They had the opportunity to interact with the judges of the highest courts in both the United States and the European Union and also observe how the judges interacted with and learned from each other. Moreover, while most law students today become familiar with the law only through law school lectures, law firm experience, and the courtroom, the students who attended the Summit had the chance to witness a new side of the law: the exchange of legal ideas in a relaxed academic and diplomatic environment.”
“It was such a pleasant surprise to be one of the student leaders selected for the European Court of Justice Summit this past February. The exposure to the European Justice System as well as the ability to meet with three members of the U.S. Supreme Court provided an invaluable experience that could only be offered by SMU Dedman School of Law. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to observe a hearing before the European Court of Justice. The contrasting style of our Supreme Court compared to the ECJ was very striking. The European Justices were very welcoming during our lunches, as many of them were professors in their home countries and enjoyed conversing with students. Our last night in Luxembourg was particularly memorable as we were invited to the U.S. Embassy for a mixer with Luxembourg law students, Chief Justice Roberts, Justice Ginsberg, Justice Breyer, and Ambassador Stroum. It was surreal to converse with the seasoned jurists whose opinions we have studied in class. The Luxembourg law students provided diverse perspectives, as they were from various different parts of Europe.”

“Attending the International Court Summit was definitely the opportunity of a lifetime. We learned so much about the European Court of Justice and how important it is to have legal scholars sharing resources and ideas around the globe. I most enjoyed sitting in on an oral argument about attorney-client privilege in front of the thirteen-judge panel. The system used by the ECJ is unique in that it allows flexibility for the legal traditions of all the different nations. At the same time, their processes are much like our own. It was fascinating to observe. Since coming back, I have used what I learned as a research assistant for Professor Jenia Turner, and I hope to return to the European Court of Justice as an Acheson Scholar after graduation. I already had an interest in international law, but the summit really cemented that passion.”

“We were granted the opportunity to attend the first case heard by the ECJ since the Treaty of Lisbon came into force in December 2009. That was personally exciting for me, since I was writing for an international legal quarterly at the time, and had been closely following the final treaty negotiations. It was a genuine honor to be there at what I consider to be an historic moment. Secondly, we had a magnificent opportunity to meet our own Supreme Court justices and watch them interact with their European counterparts. I vividly remember standing behind Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and ECJ President Vassilios Skouris as they discussed some key differences between their respective courts. The Legal Secretaries were very gracious in providing two days’ worth of workshops for us so that we could better understand the breadth and depth of the court’s focus. One of the interesting things we realized early on was that there isn’t really any dissent written into the opinions. This is due to the diverse nature and structure nature of the EU—with so many countries involved, the dissent could be endless. Overall, the Court was incredibly gracious and welcoming. It was a great experience—the chance of a lifetime.”
Meeting the European justices and then seeing them conduct the hearing provided us with the unique experience of giving humanity to the justices who would otherwise be so separated from us by formality, by procedure and, in this case, by language. The most impressive quality of the ECJ is the immense effort necessary to accommodate a multitude of languages and legal traditions. The sheer numbers of translators and drafts of documents...
in language after language is overwhelming. In the hearing, we heard arguments presented in several languages. For me personally, the trip has had a profound impact. I think that it is impossible to sit in a courtroom surrounded by many of the world’s greatest jurists, listening to arguments in many languages and not be forced to think more globally about the law generally and, moreover, have it affect your career goals personally.”

JENNIFER LARSON
President of the Student Bar Association in 2010

“The trip to Luxembourg was the experience of a lifetime. During our days at the ECJ, the students spent time listening to lectures from various personnel at the ECJ. It was interesting for us to see how different the court is from our own high court. Then, during lunch, we were seated with justices on the ECJ and their closest advisors to describe their experiences at the court. Finally, on our last night in Luxembourg, we were invited to a reception at the U.S. Embassy with the Supreme Court Justices. To me, this was the most amazing part of the trip. We were mingling with three of the most brilliant minds in our profession, and they were all so eager to speak with us. I remember Justice Breyer, in particular, seemed enthralled by conversations with students and shared many stories with us of his experiences in law school. Justice Ginsburg, though more soft-spoken than her male counterparts, was also a delight to speak with – she even posed with the female students from SMU for a picture. I found Justice Ginsburg the most interesting to talk with. When I think of the battles she fought as a female law student and a female attorney in a profession dominated by men, I am thankful. As only the second female on the high court, it was beyond amazing to hear from her firsthand about what it would take to survive in this profession as women.”

“_The trip to Luxembourg was the experience of a lifetime._”

–Jennifer Larson, 2010 President of SBA
SMU CONTINUES ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING The Rule of Law

SMU Dedman School of Law hosted its eleventh “Rule of Law Forum” in the fall of 2009, this time with officials and justices from Indonesia. This marks Indonesia’s second visit to SMU Dedman School of Law through the Rule of Law series. The visit left another lasting impression, complete with building blocks for improving the future of Indonesia’s legal and economic structures.
United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, during her first years in office, visited several countries around the world with emerging democracies. Over and over, she heard the leaders of those countries putting all their hope for democracy in the success of open elections.

“Voting is just one element needed for a strong and healthy democracy,” says Sen. Hutchison. “To be successful, these emerging countries needed the rule of law. Without the rule of law, their efforts at democracy would surely fail.”

Several months after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Senator attended a conference focusing on the need for protection of the rule of law. This conference was hosted by SMU Dedman Law School for judges from around the world.

“I thought, what if we do the same kind of conference with the key leaders of an emerging country – not just with their judges,” says Sen. Hutchison. “Thanks to Dean Attanasio and SMU Law School, that is exactly what has happened and it has been a truly excellent project.”

A decade later, the Rule of Law Forum hosted by SMU Dedman School of Law and strongly supported by the U.S. government has been a huge success. During the past six years, the Rule of Law Forum has brought together political, business, and judicial leaders of nine countries – Afghanistan, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Oman, Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, and, most recently last Fall, Indonesia, as well as senior U.S. officials with the State and Justice Departments, Supreme Court justices, and senior members of Congress.

The core objective of the Rule of Law Forum is to help the leaders of the visiting country to better understand the importance of the rule of law to the underpinnings of a strong and healthy democracy.

“This was Indonesia’s second consecutive forum because it is such a big and important country that has made stunning progress toward the rule of law and democracy,” says Dean Attanasio. “The U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia attended the entire week and commented...
at the end just how significant and important the forum had been for him and the relationship between the two countries.”

Indonesia, located in Southeast Asia, comprises 17,508 islands. A predominantly Muslim country with a population around 230 million people, Indonesia is the world’s fourth most populous country. It has a presidential system with power concentrated in the central government. Since 1998, the country has undergone major reforms in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches.

“The rule of law means you must have an independent judiciary and that the people must have equal access to the courts to protect their rights,” says Sen. Hutchison. “The rule of law means that people can sue their government for violation of their rights and for government misconduct and that the people can win.”

Each of the eleven Rule of Law Forums has been a week-long program conducted in three cities – Washington, D.C., New York, and concluding in Dallas.

“A huge reason for the success of the Rule of Law Forum has been the extraordinary support, including terrific attendance from American officials – from senior executive officials, Supreme Court justices, and high-ranking members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives,” says Dean Attanasio. “Senator Hutchison deserves so much credit and so much praise for the Forums. Without her, there would be no Forums.”

The Dean says that the U.S. Ambassador to each visiting country has attended most of the Forums.

“By showing this support, the visiting countries have been willing to send their top senior officials,” says Dean Attanasio. “We’ve had five Chief Justices from visiting countries attend.

“The visiting countries agreed to participate at such a high level because they saw the U.S. reaching out to them in such a magnanimous way,” he says. “It was a way of elevating the level of understanding about the issues and challenges facing their country and helping them understand how things work in the U.S. The rule of law was used as a metaphor to encapsulate the values that the U.S. and the visiting country hold most dear. We know that the values that countries hold most dear and precious are codified into law. The whole idea is to elevate the understanding of the issues that matter most.”

The visiting country defines the agenda, which allows them to show what the most important issues and challenges are. Then, Dean Attanasio and State Department officials put together the appropriate leaders and experts in government, business, academia, and the law.

“The Forum is used to strengthen these democracies so that they will succeed,” says Sen. Hutchison. “The Forum shows the leaders of these emerging democracies about the key underpinnings of democracy.”

Why Indonesia?

“With an abundance of natural resources, such as petroleum and natural gas, and successful apparel and textile industries, Indonesia is now the largest economy in Southeast Asia, with main export markets in Japan, the United States, China, and Singapore. Yet problems persist with widespread poverty, corruption, and separatism. The country also faces frequent natural disasters. In fact, while the Indonesian delegates to the October 2009 Rule of Law Forum were meeting in Washington, D.C., a massive 7.4 earthquake hit Java Island.

During the Dallas portion of their trip, the Indonesian delegates from a wide range of disciplines spoke directly to SMU Law students.

In addition, Cameron R. Hume, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia and established foreign policy author, also discussed his role as ambassador and how his legal background helped him be a more effective diplomat.

Indonesian Justice Mahareef spoke to SMU Law students about the economic systems and constructs of the Indonesian Constitutional Court. He also discussed issues in his home country related to drug trafficking from Australia, the death penalty, corruption of officials, and election fraud.

Why are the Rule of Law Forums important for SMU Dedman School of Law?

“First, the students and faculty are exposed to the extraordinary opportunity to meet firsthand the leaders of Indonesia and the other countries and to hear the issues of democracy and rule of law that they are facing,” says Dean Attanasio. “Equally as important, the prestige of the law school nationally and internationally is significantly enhanced as a global thought leader.”
In February 2010, Iraqi government officials came to SMU Dedman School of Law for advice on how to better structure and manage oil and gas contracts in their home country. SMU Dedman School of Law hosted a three-day workshop with nineteen officials from the Iraq Oil Ministry’s Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate and representatives of the Commercial Law Development Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce. SMU Dedman School of Law Professor John Lowe, the George W. Hutchison Professor of Energy Law, and Owen L. Anderson, the Eugene Kuntz Chair in Oil, Gas and Natural Resources at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, led the discussions.

The Iraqi group consisted of lawyers, petroleum-related engineers and scientists, MBAs, and accountants. Together they work to structure bidding rounds for oil contracts, assess the bids, negotiate contract terms, and administer the contracts. Lowe, Anderson, Professor James Smith, the Cary M. Maguire Chair in Oil and Gas Management at SMU’s Cox School of Business, and the Commerce Department officials have worked with the Iraqis for the past year and a half.

Oil represents big business for Iraq. Iraq’s economy is controlled by the petroleum sector—the country was the world’s 13th largest oil producer in 2008. Its proven reserves rank third in the world, and may be even larger since the country has not been well explored due to decades of war and sanctions. In the last year, the Iraqis have entered into twelve service contracts that will generate billions of dollars for their home country and may increase world oil supplies. March 2010 oil exports totaled 57.1 million barrels, which generates over $4 billion of business for Iraq.

Topics covered during the visit included “Investment Dispute Settlement,” “Joint Operating Agreements and Unitization,” and a review of “Advanced Oil and Gas Technologies.”

For more information on the Republic of Iraq Ministry of Oil, visit: http://www.oil.gov.iq/

On October 20, 2009, at the inaugural Texas Rule of Law Conference, Dean John B. Attanasio presented “The Rule of Law and Its Tensions with Democracy.” The conference, organized under the auspices of the American Bar Association’s World Justice Project, was formed to develop a more thorough understanding of the rule of law.

Dean Attanasio described the law school’s core expertise on the rule of law and discussed the evolution of the rule of law after September 11, 2001, particularly with regard to U.S. and Arab relations. The rule of law is large and complex, he said, and “seated in deep tension in the modern world.”

Attanasio credited the Rule of Law Forums established by the SMU Dedman School of Law for the promulgation and deeper understanding of the rule of law on an international level. The Rule of Law Forum at SMU Dedman Law brings to the United States leaders from a country with an evolving legal system and familiarizes them with the central ideas of the rule of law. The training programs have been enabled by a federal grant through U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison since 2003. In an essay in the SMU Law Review, Hutchison stated, “It is critical, as we promote free elections, that we also promote the rule of law throughout the world. The rule of law involves four basic requirements: equality under the law; a respect for individual rights; an independent and honest judiciary; transparent court proceedings.”

Democracy is not required to build a rule of law, but “building the rule of law is useful to building democracy,” Dean Attanasio said. “To some extent,” he added, “the ideas of the rule of law and democracy are synergistic, with the rule of law and democracy being mutually sustaining.”
As the University approaches its centennial celebration in 2011 and the Law School celebrates its 85th year, alumni and friends continue to invest in the future of SMU Dedman School of Law.

Thanks to the wonderful financial support to date, the law school is closer to achieving our campaign objectives: enhancement of student quality, faculty and academic excellence, and the overall student experience.

As SMU Dedman School of Law excels and moves into the top ranks of American legal education, competition for the best students and faculty increases dramatically. Continued investments in student scholarships and faculty chairs — key priorities for SMU Dedman School of Law — are essential to remain competitive and advance the momentum of recent years.

“We are very pleased with our progress to date and look forward to having others join in these efforts.”

“As a benchmark, of the eight gifts over $1 million received by the University between December 2009 and May 2010, five of those were gifts to the law school,” reported Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs Lynn Switzer Bozalis ’90.

Dean John Attanasio added, “These gifts are essential to both the current and future needs of the law school. Our donors truly understand this. These gifts will help us to continue to attract and retain the best faculty through named faculty chairs and professorships. They will also help provide essential scholarship dollars which draw the best and brightest students to SMU. We are extremely grateful for our donors’ great generosity.”

The law school is pleased to announce that its ongoing partnership with the Communities Foundation of Texas and the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation will expand thanks to a new grant of up to $2.5 million. For the past nine years, SMU Dedman School of Law has been proud to operate the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic through the generous support of the Caruth Foundation’s original grant of $1.2 million. Funds from the new grant will be used to enhance the clinic and create a new institute.

Since its inception in 2001, the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Clinic has provided critical legal assistance for abused and neglected children and important training for both legal and non–legal child welfare professionals. With the new grant, the clinic can continue its important work: training student attorneys to represent children who have been removed from their homes, offering education for licensed attorneys and social workers, and bringing together strategic partners in the fight to help children.

The new grant will also mean the clinic can create some exciting new programs that will reach entirely new parts of the community. With the additional

Communities Foundation of Texas and the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation award an additional $2.5 million gift to fund W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Institute and Clinic.
support, the clinic will be significantly enhanced by the creation of a new Pro Se Kinship program. In this innovative new program, law students will teach relatives how to represent themselves in court proceedings to gain legal custody of children for whom they already have physical custody. The leveraging effect of the additional grant will be substantial, since the new Pro Se Kinship outreach program plans to help hundreds of families each year.

Reflecting the forward-thinking perspective of the Caruth Foundation, the new gift will also make it possible to create a new W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Institute at the SMU Dedman School of Law. Under the guidance of a dedicated Institute Director, the Institute will work to effect change in law and policy at the state and national levels, support cutting-edge research, and continue the tradition of forward-thinking symposia and conferences. The result will create an important think tank for multiple disciplines to join together in fighting the complex, growing societal problem of child abuse and neglect.

“The law school is extremely grateful for this gift,” said Dean Attanasio. “We are delighted to be able to carry on our partnership with the Communities Foundation of Texas and the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation and to continue the important work we began nine years ago through the Foundation’s previous generosity. The clinic’s work makes a real difference in the lives of many unfortunate children, and now many more will be helped. The creation of the new institute is also exciting—we can help shift thought and policy and bring about institutional changes that will have widespread impacts on the child welfare system as a whole.”

**Sohmen adds another $1 million to Sohmen Scholars Program**

Dr. Helmut Sohmen ’66 is making sure that his vision is achieved. The chairman and president of BW Shipping, one of the world’s largest privately owned shipping fleets, continues to support the scholar-ship program he established more than a decade ago at SMU Dedman School of Law. The Sohmen Scholars Program offers full scholarships plus living stipends so that top students at the premier law schools in China may come to the United States to earn an international LL.M. at SMU. To begin the program in 1998, Dr. Sohmen donated $250,000. A few years later, he endowed the program with a $2 million gift in 2001, and added another $1 million to the endowment fund in 2008. Early this year, Dr. Sohmen very generously donated an additional $1 million to the endowment.

Sohmen says his time as a student at SMU changed his life. Dr. Sohmen’s history with the law school goes back to 1964, when he attended SMU’s Master of Laws for Foreign Law School Graduates Program. He graduated

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two years later with a Master of Comparative Law degree. Sohmen, who was born in Austria, says, “Being at SMU opened my eyes to opportunities and to finding solutions to problems in law and business.”

Believing that education is the first and foremost solution to the problems of our world, Dr. Sohmen’s goal is to create an elite group of young lawyers who will go back to China with an understanding of how legal systems in other countries operate. With that knowledge and the experience of life in another country, the Sohmen Scholars can return to China to help with reforms in the Chinese legal system.

Just as it changed Dr. Sohmen’s life, SMU Dedman School of Law is changing the lives of the Sohmen Scholars, thanks to the great generosity and vision of Dr. Helmut Sohmen. So far, almost fifty of China’s top law graduates have attended Dedman Law’s international LL.M. program because of the Sohmen Scholars Program. The law school appreciates Dr. Sohmen’s dedication to this important program.

Marshall Cloyd gives an additional $1.05 million

Marshall Cloyd gives graciously and generously with both his time and his resources. “Time and again Marilyn has shown that she is one of the law school’s staunchest supporters,” noted Dean Attanasio. “She not only devotes a great deal of time and energy to her position as co-chair for the law school’s campaign steering committee, she also gives financially. Marilyn is truly a friend of SMU Dedman School of Law.”

With Mrs. Augur’s gift of $1 million, the law school is honored to create the Chief Judge Richard S. Arnold Rule of Law Professorship. This Professorship is a fitting way to honor Mrs. Augur’s former brother-in-law, who served for many years as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The Professorship will pay tribute to Judge Arnold’s extraordinary character and impact as well as his significant connection to SMU Dedman School of Law. In 2001, Chief Judge Arnold served as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the law school, teaching an edited writing seminar on the Supreme Court of the United States. He was scheduled to teach again, but his declining health prevented him from doing so. Judge Arnold also...
participated in the 2001 Supreme Court Summit, hosted by SMU Dedman Law, which brought Justices from the European Court of Justice, the highest court of Europe, together with Justices from the Supreme Court of the United States. In 2002, he delivered the Judge Irving L. Goldberg Lecture entitled “The Federal Courts: Causes of Discontent.”

Chief Judge Arnold was known for his tremendous intellect, his sense of fairness, and his commitment to judicial restraint. His leadership on key issues such as civil rights, the death penalty, and the individual’s right to assert claims against government wrongdoing was critical in shaping the law.

The Chief Judge Richard S. Arnold Rule of Law Professorship will be awarded to a top legal scholar and teacher who is dedicated to the rule of law. The recipient’s scholarship will focus on areas that are fundamental to the rule of law in the United States, such as Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Criminal Law, Ethics, Legal History, or Administrative Law.

Mrs. Augur hopes to raise an additional $500,000 to convert the Arnold Professorship into an endowed faculty chair. The Chief Judge Richard S. Arnold Rule of Law Professorship at SMU Dedman School of Law will serve as an appropriate mark of respect for one of the country’s top jurists. The law school is grateful for Mrs. Augur’s unwavering support.

Erle Nye ’65 gives $1 million for endowed student scholarship

Erle Nye ’65, former Chairman and CEO of TXU, understands the difference an SMU Dedman School of Law degree can make in becoming a leader. Nye says of his own experience, “I came into SMU law school an engineer. I left as a leader.”

SMU Dedman School of Law is pleased to announce that Nye has made a very generous gift of $1 million to endow a student scholarship. Nye and his wife Alice want to be sure that others have the same opportunity Nye had to benefit from a first rate legal education.

Nye certainly made the most of his leadership training and abilities. After working as a junior engineer for Dallas Power & Light Company, Nye decided to change course and pursue a law degree. He graduated from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1965 and was named legal counsel for the utility. Over the decades, Nye rose through the ranks in various management positions with the evolving energy company. Nye eventually served as CEO and Chairman of the Board, leading the company through massive expansion programs and mergers before his retirement in 2003. Nye continues to be a leader in the civic arena. His community involvement is extensive, as he has served in a leadership capacity for numerous non-profit organizations covering a broad array of interests including education, the arts, and community betterment.

The law school is very grateful for this new scholarship which will be named in honor of Erle and Alice Nye. “It is particularly gratifying to see a graduate who has demonstrated such extraordinary leadership success make it possible for future generations to do the same,” said Dean Attanasio. “Erle certainly has set the bar high, and we look forward to seeing what the recipients of the Erle and Alice Nye Endowed Scholarship will accomplish with their degrees from SMU Dedman School of Law. We thank Erle for the example he sets with this extremely generous gift.”

Wayne Watts ’80 continues to give on many fronts

SMU Dedman School of Law continues to benefit from the energy and generosity of Wayne Watts ’80, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel for AT&T.

Watts recently made a gift of $675,000 for student scholarships. As co-chair of the Second Century Campaign steering committee for the law school, Watts understands and embraces the importance of student scholarships to the future of the school. “I grew up in Oak Cliff in modest circumstances and am grateful for the education I received at the law school,” said Watts. “I
feel strongly that we must make it possible for applicants from all circumstances and backgrounds to have the opportunity to earn an SMU Dedman law degree, and that we must be able to compete financially for the top candidates from around the country. Student scholarships are a key funding priority.”

“We are very fortunate to have Wayne as a loyal alum,” said Dean Attanasio. “In addition to his financial contributions, he devotes his time, his talent, and his team as well.”

Dean Attanasio was referring to the many different ways in which Watts is involved with his alma mater. Watts spearheaded the AT&T attorney mentor program in which AT&T lawyers assist in the training of law students enrolled in the school’s Small Business Clinic. In addition, Watts brought together the law school and the AT&T marketing department to brainstorm how best to promote the school’s many strengths and accomplishments. Cathy Coughlin, Senior Executive Vice President and Global Marketing Officer, and Jim Carter, Executive Director of Advertising and Brand Metrics, volunteered to work with Dean Attanasio and Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs Lynn Bozalis ’90 to learn more about the SMU Dedman School of Law.

SMU Dedman School of Law appreciates the many different ways in which Wayne Watts supports and contributes to the school.

Estate of Charles Polk Player ’74 donates more than $265,000 to create the Charles Polk Player Endowed Loan Fund

Charles Polk Player, a 1974 graduate of SMU Dedman School of Law, spent his professional career in law enforcement. Before his death in 2003, Player provided for a testamentary gift which will ensure that his donation will be used over time to serve the purposes that were important to him, namely public safety and corrections. The funds from the Player estate, more than $265,000, will be used to establish the Charles Polk Player Endowed Loan Fund. The fund will provide support for student loans in the SMU Dedman School of Law, with priority given to students who serve in the fields of public safety and corrections.

The Charles Polk Player Endowed Loan Fund is an ideal way to memorialize a man whose life was spent in the service of others. He had a long history of military service, including active duty in WWII, and spent more than fifty years in fire and rescue training and arson investigation. He never retired from his duties with the County Fire Marshall’s Office but remained as a volunteer until his death. He taught at the annual Firemen’s Training School at Texas A&M for more than thirty years. He began work with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department in 1949, and in 2001 Player was recognized as the “Father of the Dallas County Sheriff’s Academy.” Appointed in 1985, Player also served as associate municipal judge for the City of Dallas, a position he held until his death.

Thanks to his generous gift, Charles Polk Player’s dedication to serving others will continue. SMU Dedman School of Law is very grateful to his estate and proud to be part of continuing his legacy.

Jackie Barrett gives additional $250,000 in memory of her husband, Michael Barrett ’77

Last year the SMU Dedman School of Law community keenly felt the loss of Michael Barrett ’77. Recognized as a pioneer and leader in the mortgage banking industry, Barrett founded Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel,
Ford practiced law in the Dallas area for almost 50 years, until his retirement in 1978. He continued to work as a consultant and doing pro bono work until shortly before his death in 1999. Lee Ford, who graduated from East Carolina University and later taught school, served as director of operations for the 1972 re-election campaign for the late U.S. Senator John Tower.

The Lee and Logan Ford Endowed Scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to the Ford family’s commitment to service and to the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Lisa Blue gives $100,000 in honor of District Attorney Craig Watkins

Lisa Blue recently gave $100,000 to support public interest law internships at Dedman Law as part of the Craig Watkins Endowed Public Interest Internship.

Blue’s endowment gift will help law students intern with entities such as the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, and the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission. The law school appreciates the opportunities created by Lisa Blue’s generous endowment gift.

Dallas Bar Foundation donates another $100,000 as it approaches 25 years of Bar None supporting the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship

SMU Dedman School of Law remains grateful to the Dallas Bar Foundation for its continued support of the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship at the law school. The Foundation has given over $1.3 million in total. Established in 1981, the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship is awarded to several minority students each year who have been selected by the Dallas Bar Foundation. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition and fees. Intended to increase the number of minority students in Dallas and in the legal profession as a whole, the scholarship was named in honor of Judge Sarah Tilghman Hughes, United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Appointed by President John F. Kennedy, Judge Hughes was the first woman to serve as a federal district judge in Texas, and she devoted much of her time to advocating for the rights of women and minorities.

Lee Ford donates additional acreage valued at almost $150,000 to the Lee and Logan Ford Endowed Scholarship Fund

Lee Holland Ford continues the Ford family tradition of generous giving to the SMU Dedman School of Law. Mrs. Ford, widow of Logan Ford ’30, recently donated an additional two-acre piece of property to the Lee and Logan Ford Endowed Scholarship at the law school. In 1999, the Fords established a trust that holds a significant portion of their personal homestead and ranch in Lucas, Texas, then valued at approximately $2.5 million, to endow a scholarship fund for law students. The original trust contained 125 acres of land. Mrs. Ford’s recent gift of two acres of additional land located in the city of Lucas—a beautiful town just east of Allen—is valued at almost $150,000.

The Fords have been longtime supporters of the community and SMU Dedman School of Law. Logan Ford was in the third graduating class of the law school, in 1930, and received the first Charles O. Galvin Award for service to the law school.

Volunteer Support

SMU alumni and friends continue to make the difference through their commitments of time and money. “The law school’s Second Century Campaign Steering Committee works diligently on behalf of the law school, and we are grateful for their volunteer spirit,” said Dean Attanasio. “They are wonderful ambassadors to the community—whether alumni or non-alumni—representing the SMU Dedman School of Law with pride and confidence. We couldn’t ask for a more dedicated and knowledgeable group of supporters.”

Alan Feld ’60 continues to provide excellent leadership as the steering committee’s Convening Chair, along with Nancy Dedman ’04H who serves as Honorary Chair. The hard work of the committee’s co-chairs—Marilyn Augur ’09H; Ron Barger ’81; George Bramblett, Jr. ’66; Wayne Watts ’80; and Philip Wise ’81—has resulted in significant gifts to the school. The school appreciates the involvement of the entire steering committee.
DEDMAN MATCH
Continues to Double the Impact of Gifts

The Dedman family continues its long history of generosity by designating a total of $12 million for matching gifts in the Second Century Campaign. The matching gift is targeted with the law school’s main goals in mind. Bob Dedman ’84 has explained, “Of the match, 70% is for scholarships and 30% is for chairs or professorships. The donor must give at least the university minimum before the match is triggered.” Dedman, a shrewd and successful businessman himself, notes the significant effect of the matching gift, telling donors, “You have the ability to ‘double your money.’” It’s a deal that many donors have already accepted.

According to University policies, the minimum donation required to qualify for “endowment” level giving—and thereby matching funds under the Dedman Match—is $100,000 for scholarships and $1 million for faculty positions. Endowment gifts ensure the long-term success of the SMU Dedman School of Law and can serve as a lasting tribute as the income they generate over time is used to serve the donor’s purposes.

ENDOWMENTS
The Importance of Endowed Scholarships and Faculty Positions

Everyone understands student scholarships, but endowed faculty positions are less familiar.

We’ve all been students ourselves, so it’s not hard to picture how a student scholarship works, and if it is an endowed scholarship it simply means that it will continue into the future. Endowment gifts are long-term investments which generate income to be used over time to serve the donor’s objectives.

Endowed faculty positions are not as commonly understood. Professor Joseph W. McKnight, beloved teacher and member of the SMU law faculty for more than 55 years, feels strongly about the need for endowed faculty positions.

“Endowed faculty positions are critical to the long-term stability and progress of the law school,” explains Professor McKnight.

“Ultimately, endowments impact the strength and reputation of the school.”

“Gifts for endowed faculty positions, such as endowed professorships, faculty chairs, and distinguished faculty chairs, generate income that can be used to supplement faculty compensation and research,” McKnight continued. “As a result, the school is better able to attract and retain top faculty, which helps attract better students. As the school rises in stature, the value of an SMU Dedman School of Law degree also rises, even if the degree was earned many years before.”

Professor McKnight is the Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law.
FACULTY PROMOTIONS

JOSHUA C. TATE RECEIVES TENURE AND IS PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

SMU Dedman Associate Professor Joshua Tate felt a sense of excitement when classes started this fall.

“I am extremely grateful to the faculty and university for recognizing the work I do,” says Professor Tate. “I realized in college that I loved history, that I loved the law, and that I wanted to teach. I find it incredible that I can research, study and teach the subjects I love and make a living doing it.”

A 2002 graduate of Yale Law School, Professor Tate has been teaching at SMU Dedman since 2005. In 2008, he spent the spring semester as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He earned his Ph.D. in History from Yale in 2009.

Professor Tate also learned this past year that Yale University Press has agreed to publish his upcoming book, Property, Patronage, and the Birth of the Common Law. The book will examine the history and development of advowson litigation, which often involved conflicts over the reliability of written evidence. Professor Tate is reviewing and analyzing actual advowson disputes in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, King Henry II’s decision to supplant the jurisdiction of the local and manorial courts with a national legal system, and how developments from eight centuries ago left a permanent imprint on the law.

“Advowsons could be just as precious as land – if not more so – to the patrons who owned them,” says Professor Tate. “However, legal historians have paid very little attention to the law of advowsons in examining the early growth of the common law.”

“Josh has developed, in a short period of time, into a legal historian of national and international influence,” says Dean John Attanasio. “He also has established himself as one of the emerging pre-eminent scholars in wills and trusts. Josh is a tremendous addition to our faculty.”

Professor Tate was born in North Texas and has extensive ties to SMU and the region. His grandmother Mary Ruth earned a B.S. in education from SMU in 1939 and became a teacher in Grapevine. Tate’s father Harry, now a lawyer practicing estate planning and probate, earned his B.B.A. from SMU in 1969. The professor’s mother Sharon McAnear is a retired kindergarten teacher and UNT graduate who grew up in Clarendon and now writes novels set in the 1960s Texas Panhandle.

In 1996, Professor Tate graduated from Pomona College, a highly respected liberal arts college in southern California, where he was the fourth student in the school’s more than one-hundred-year history to finish with a perfect grade point average. Following law school, he spent a year clerking for the Hon. Carlos Lucero, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He returned to Yale the next year after being selected as the Ribicoff Fellow, which is a one-year research position for alumni interested in teaching law. In 2003, he was named a Golieb Fellow at NYU Law School, allowing Professor Tate to participate in the school’s longstanding legal history colloquium.

Professor Tate married a fellow Yale Law graduate in 2006. She is now an Assistant United States Attorney in Dallas.

“Teaching law students is no easy task,” he says. “Professors must engage adult scholars who have invested a great deal in their education and expect nothing short of excellence in instruction.”

Joshua C. Tate
Associate Professor of Law
SMU Dedman School of Law welcomes Sarah McQuillen Tran as an Assistant Professor focusing on the areas of Natural Resources Law and Property Law. She will start in the Spring of 2011. Tran received her B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and graduated in the top 2% of her class. Tran was a founding member and executive articles editor for the Georgetown Global Critical Race Perspectives Journal. Tran also served as a Senior Writing Fellow and as a Global Law Fellow at Georgetown.

Tran says she has had “a lifelong interest in energy and sustainable technology issues.” Before law school, Tran pursued these interests by working for several years as an environmental engineer in private practice in California and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guinea, West Africa. She later worked for the Energy Group at Jones Day, Washington, D.C., while studying for her law degree as an evening student, and as a summer associate both at Jones Day and at Rothwell, Figg, Ernst, & Manbeck P.C., a boutique intellectual property firm in Washington, D.C. Immediately before joining SMU, Tran served as a clerk to the Honorable Timothy Belcher Dyk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Tran’s multiple publications reflect her passion for writing on the intersection between law and technology. Her work thus far has focused on natural resources, energy, and intellectual property law issues. She has published in the Harvard Environmental Law Review, Texas Journal of Oil Gas & Energy Law, Boston University Journal of Science and Technology Law, and Harvard Negotiation Law Review, and is a national winner of the Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing. She is currently working on a paper about the regulatory hurdles that are being overcome by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office as it attempts to promote the development of green energy technologies and other innovations that benefit the environment.

“Given the strength of SMU’s faculty in the fields of energy, environmental, and intellectual property law, teaching at SMU is a dream job for me. Plus, Dallas seems like the perfect place to settle down with my family. I couldn’t be more thrilled to join the SMU community,” said Tran.

Dean John B. Attanasio commented, “Sarah’s passion for scholarship and her experience blending the scientific, legal and international sides of environmental issues make her an important addition to what is emerging as one of the great law faculties in the country. We are delighted Sarah is joining our faculty.”
A member of the SMU Dedman School of Law adjunct faculty since 1992, Jonni Walls joined the faculty as a full-time Lecturer in Law in August 2010.

Before starting her full time position with the SMU Dedman School of Law, Walls practiced at Gibson, McClure, Wallace & Daniels, where she specialized in employment litigation for management. She also worked on supervisor training and counseling for Human Resource issues.

“We are privileged to have someone with Ms. Walls’ experience, both in legal writing and in employment law, permanently join our faculty. Her experience in both areas greatly enhances our legal writing program,” said Associate Dean of Administration Ruth Cross.

A proficient litigator, Walls has obtained favorable court rulings in many cases regarding age, sex, and racial discrimination. In 2007, she obtained a favorable opinion from the Texas Supreme Court in *In re AutoNation, Inc.*, which held that a forum selection clause in a covenant not to compete, designating another state as the appropriate forum, is enforceable in Texas.

Walls was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and earned her bachelor’s degree with high honors in 1968 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In 1991, Walls graduated *cum laude* and Order of the Coif from the SMU Dedman School of Law. While attending law school, she served as Notes & Comments Editor for the *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*.

“I’m delighted to officially join the faculty of SMU Dedman School of Law. Though I’ve taught as an adjunct faculty member here for many years now, I think the opportunity to teach full-time will allow me to get more direct involvement with the students and with SMU’s legal writing program,” said Walls.

*Jonni Walls ’91*  
Lecturer in Law
HEATHER L. STOBAUGH ’03 NAMED LECTURER IN LAW IN THE LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Heather L. Stobaugh ’03 is proud to join the full-time SMU Dedman School of Law faculty as a Lecturer in Law beginning this fall.

In 2003, Stobaugh graduated cum laude and Order of the Coif from the SMU Dedman School of Law. During law school, she served as the Articles Editor for the SMU Law Review, mentored for the Student Bar Association, and interned at the Dallas District Attorney’s Office, Family Violence Division. Stobaugh was a research assistant for Dean John B. Attanasio, and worked on the annual supplements to his constitutional law casebook and treatise as well as other projects.

Upon graduation from SMU Dedman School of Law, Stobaugh worked at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P., where she practiced in the areas of business litigation and commercial contracts. Stobaugh left the firm in August 2008 to join the SMU Dedman School of Law as a Visiting Lecturer in Law, teaching “Research, Writing and Advocacy” to first year law students.

“Heating back on the SMU campus where I attended law school brings back a lot of memories, and I am glad to transition from private practice into academia. I was a writing instructor before I was a lawyer, and I always hoped to combine these two passions. Teaching Legal Writing allows me to do just that. I believe my background as a teacher and as a litigator provides the perfect blend of experience for teaching research, writing, and advocacy,” said Stobaugh.

Prior to entering law school, Stobaugh earned her bachelor’s degree magna cum laude and Master’s Degree in literary studies at the University of Texas at Dallas in 1994 and 1997, respectively. As an undergraduate, she was nominated by professors to represent UTD as a top fiction writer in the Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers competition.

A talented author, she has been published in various literary and professional journals and newspapers. Her teaching experience includes writing courses for first-year undergraduate and ESL college preparatory students at Richland College in Dallas.

“Ms. Stobaugh’s avid interest in writing and experience furthers our goal of providing in-depth and practical instruction in legal writing through the Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy program at SMU Dedman School of Law. Her background in teaching as well as her litigation experience will greatly benefit our students. She is a wonderful addition to our program,” said Associate Dean of Administration Ruth Cross.

Stobaugh’s community involvement includes legal and educational work. From 2006 to 2008, she was an attorney volunteer with the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program and the Library & Communications Coordinator for The da Vinci School. She currently sits on the alumni board of The Greenhill School, a position she has held for the past year.
LYNN DEMPSEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Lynn Dempsey joined SMU Dedman School of Law in April as the Director of External Relations with more than 25 years of marketing and branding consumer products. She brings to the law school strategic thinking, and organizational, problem solving and leadership skills that will complement the outstanding team in Development and External Affairs. In this role, Dempsey will oversee the development and execution of marketing materials, communications, as well as special programs and activities for the law school.

Dempsey earned her B.B.A. in Marketing from the University of Texas at Arlington. An accomplished marketing director, Dempsey started her career in advertising at a Dallas agency and moved to brand management at an Anheuser-Busch company, Campbell-Taggart. There Dempsey provided strategic direction for the company’s largest, most profitable brand, as well as developing and executing marketing plans for the newly created IronKids Bread, now a well-established consumer brand.

Prior to her arrival at SMU, Dempsey was a marketing consultant specializing in grass roots marketing campaigns for a variety of high-profile clients ranging from healthcare to family entertainment.

Dempsey is enjoying her new role at SMU Dedman School of Law and is eagerly taking on the new challenge of marketing law and education.

“We are delighted to have Lynn as part of the team. Her experience in marketing and management is a wonderful addition that will bring great benefit to the law school,” said Associate Dean Lynn Switzer Bozalis ’90.

JENNIFER SHULTZ NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Jennifer Shultz has been with SMU since 2008. Before she joined SMU Dedman School of Law as the Assistant Director of Development in December 2009, she served as the Director of Prospect Management.

Her new position entails cultivating and stewarding donors to support the initiatives of the law school. Shultz’s assistance will help enable the SMU Dedman School of Law to continue to make significant strides in the areas of alumni networking and community outreach.

“Jenn is doing a great job in the short time she has been here,” explained Lynn Bozalis ’90, Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs. “She is contributing to our campaign efforts by connecting with alumni and keeping them engaged in their alma mater.”

Shultz is very excited to be part of the Dedman School of Law team with such outstanding alumni. “Having the opportunity to work with the Dallas legal community has been a very rewarding and educational experience,” said Shultz.

Shultz has been in management and development for the past ten years. She has worked in product and project management capacities at Verizon and Celanese. Shultz is currently a candidate for a Master of Liberal Studies from SMU and expects to complete her graduate work in December 2010.
The caliber of the newly admitted students to SMU Dedman School of Law continues to impress, surpassing even the high expectations set by the previous entering class. In striving for excellence, the full-time program remains consistently strong while the part-time program proves to be one of the most competitive evening programs in the country. The credentials and outstanding qualifications of the applicants coupled with the high volume of applications led to a record-setting year.

As a whole, the number of applications submitted to SMU Dedman School of Law for the Fall 2009 class was up 12%.

The Office of Admissions received 3,125 applications of which 2,348 were for the full-time program and 777 were for the part-time program. The number of part-time evening applications increased by nearly 10% during the 2009–2010 admissions cycle. To date, this is the highest number of part-time evening applications that the Dedman School of Law has ever received.

While SMU Dedman School of Law saw an astonishing increase in its number of applications, the national percentage of applications only rose by 7%. Furthermore, in the South Central region (Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana), the number of applicants was up by only 7% as well.

Due to the increase in the number of applications, the admissions process was more competitive than ever before. The Office of Admissions accepted 20.7% of applicants to the full-time program and 17.2% to the part-time program. The highly qualified applicant pool for the part-time evening program led the way to the most selective admissions decisions ever made. “We are privileged to have so many highly qualified applicants who want to attend SMU,” said Acting Assistant Dean for Admissions Jill Nikirk. “It allows us to choose students who will bring diverse voices to the classroom and who will challenge each other intellectually.”

The quality of SMU Dedman School of Law’s newly admitted students remains consistent. For the third year in a row, the median LSAT scores for 2010 were a 164 (90.0 percentile) for the full-time program and an all-time high of 160 for the part-time evening program. The median GPA for the full-time program was a 3.75, and the median GPA for the part-time program was a 3.51. The accomplished students in the Fall 2010 entering class obtained degrees from prestigious universities such as, Boston University, BYU, Duke, Emory, George Washington, Notre Dame, Penn, Tulane, UCLA, Wake Forest, William & Mary, Yale, and all of the major Texas universities. Of the entering students, over 25% represented minority groups.

SMU Dedman School of Law also welcomed the second class into the Pre-Law Scholars Program. Fifty-five highly-qualified undergraduate students were selected to join the pre-law program in conjunction with Southern Methodist Uni-
versity in Fall 2010. “I currently see this program as one of SMU’s prestigious scholar communities for undergraduate students,” said SMU Admission Counselor Abbi Pfister-Soria. “As we continue to further develop this program and these students, my hope and desire is for this program soon to be one of the most sought out opportunities in the country for prospective undergraduate students interested in preparing for the legal field.”

These Pre-Law Scholars will be guaranteed admission into Dedman School of Law upon satisfaction of certain conditions and completion of their undergraduate degrees at SMU. To gain automatic admission, the Pre-Law Scholars must either: earn at least a 3.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA (as calculated by the Law School Admissions Council) and score at least a 153 on the LSAT; or earn at least a 3.20 cumulative undergraduate GPA (as calculated by the Law School Admissions Council) and score at least a 164 on the LSAT.

The first Pre-Law Scholar course is being taught this fall at SMU Dedman School of Law for these students. In addition, the Pre-Law Scholars will have multiple resources to aid in their preparation for law school. The Pre-Law Scholars will learn about the value of serving the community through interaction with SMU Dedman School of Law’s public service program. They will also be invited to sit in on law school classes and to attend presentations held at the law school, including conferences and symposia, presentations on career paths and preparation, law alumni panels, and speeches by distinguished judges and prominent local attorneys. Furthermore, the Pre-Law Scholars will have the opportunity to interact with current SMU Dedman School of Law students through an “e-mentor” program.

Having an entering class with superb credentials mirrors the commendable reputation and success Dedman School of Law graduates achieve. It comes as no surprise that the Dedman School of Law attracts highly-accomplished individuals who ultimately raise the bar from year to year.

Recruiting top-notch students such as the Pre-Law Scholars ensures SMU Dedman School of Law will continue to produce outstanding lawyers who will greatly impact the legal community.
Although the job market for lawyers is turning out to be just as susceptible to general economic conditions as any other industry, thanks to the innovative efforts of the Office of Career Services, SMU law grads are still faring well. The Office of Career Services reports that 97.3% of the Class of 2009 was employed nine months after graduation, and more than 72% of the class reported employment at graduation. Job-seeking members of the class were better prepared to face the tough job market because, in the spring before their graduation, Dean John B. Attanasio and Career Services held two seminars to give second- and third-year law students “straight information” on the economy, the state of the legal market, and what they could do to increase their opportunities. As a result, many 2009 graduates had a more expansive outlook toward the types of legal positions they should be prepared to accept to enter the job market and gain experience, including temporary and contract work. Most of those graduates who took temporary or contract legal jobs have now been hired by small and mid-sized firms and government agencies.

Positions in major law firms and starting salaries for the Class of 2009 remained impressive. More than 40% of 2009 graduates entered private practice with firms of more than 100 attorneys, and the median starting salary in private practice was $120,000. The average starting salary for 2009 graduates in private practice was $115,225, down less than $1,000 from the 2008 average of $116,210. The median starting salary for all employed 2009 graduates in every sector—private practice, business, government, public interest and academia—rose markedly to $100,000 from $88,750, and the overall average starting salary increased to almost $107,000 from $102,000.

The employment success of the Class of 2009 is based in no small part on the graduates’ ability to secure meaningful legal experience during law school, including second-year summer clerkships or internships. Indeed, most of the 2009 graduates had completed their summer clerkships and accepted offers of employment before the economic downturn in October 2008.

By the fall of 2009, however, the financial crisis had interrupted an era of economic prosperity. To confront these challenging times and address the impact on graduate employment success for upcoming classes, SMU Dedman School of Law built on its relationships in the legal community and its reputation for educating excellent attorneys and implemented three innovative initiatives to supplement traditional legal experience, job search, and recruiting models: Partner to Practice, Test Drive, and the Federal Judicial Externship Course.
Three Programs Created to Help Students Get Legal Experience & Employment

1. “PARTNER TO PRACTICE”

The school’s creative new Partner to Practice program initiated in February 2010 made a significant impact on students’ ability to obtain legal experience by providing employers with an additional incentive to hire second-year SMU Dedman Law students. Under Partner to Practice, employers receive a dollar-for-dollar match of the amount they pay to any second-year summer law clerk: up to $500 per week for a maximum of $3500 per student, in the form of tuition remission for the student during the fall semester. The law school conducted an outreach campaign to area legal employers, describing the innovative incentive but making no request or expectation of permanent employment. Rather, Partner to Practice was marketed as a means to facilitate paid, summer legal employment opportunities in which students could gain experience and build relationships to better position themselves for post-graduate employment.

“The program was a huge success,” said Assistant Dean Karen Sargent. “Our office actively reached out to firms and companies to create seventy-six Partner to Practice opportunities. Although employers were told that there was no expectation of permanent employment, several employers have let us know that they plan to hire full-time from Partner to Practice and others want their clerks to continue working during their third year of school on a part-time basis.”

Director Steve Yeager, who is responsible for small firm development, added, “The program proved to be a great employer outreach tool. Several employers participated in Partner to Practice that had never posted opportunities with the law school before. We have developed relationships with these employers that should benefit us in the future.”

Student responses to Partner to Practice show how much they appreciate the support SMU Dedman School of Law is showing during these tough times:

“The Partner to Practice program exemplifies how dedicated the people of the Office of Career Services are to students. These types of creative initiatives are what separate SMU from other law schools in terms of serving the whole student.”

—Phillip Kim, Class of 2011 and Fossil, Inc. Partner to Practice Summer 2010 Legal Intern

2. “TEST DRIVE”

To equip the recent graduates of the Class of 2010 with additional leverage to secure employment in the competitive legal market, the law school launched the Test Drive Law Practice initiative in May 2010. Like Partner to Practice, Test Drive provides a financial incentive for an employer to make an initial hiring decision. The law school will fund a graduate’s salary of $3,500 for one month to an employer on a “no strings attached” basis (i.e., allowing a “Test Drive” of the relationship) and will consider funding an additional month of employment for $3,500 if, upon completion of the first month, the employer and graduate would like to continue the relationship toward long-term, full-time employment.

“A goal of Test Drive is to give our graduates ‘the edge’ in a firm’s hiring decisions—to ‘tip the scales’ in favor of hiring an SMU Dedman Law graduates,” said Dean Sargent. Test Drive is proving to be a solid business decision for legal employers. In only three months since the program began, twenty graduates have already secured Test Drive employment and six have received offers of permanent employment.

Zachary Burd, the first graduate to secure a Test Drive opportunity, said, “I had great credentials for the job that I wanted, but I needed a way to get my foot in the door... It’s a fantastic way for me to get started and an equally fantastic way for them to gauge whether I will be a good fit for their practice. Now I have one less thing to worry about while I am preparing for the bar. Thank you Dean Attanasio and thank you SMU Dedman Law!”

3. FEDERAL JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP COURSE

Another very promising initiative is the new Federal Judicial Externship Course that will begin in fall 2010. The three-credit-hour course represents an exciting collaboration among SMU Dedman School of Law and federal judges in United States District, Magistrate, and Bankruptcy courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas. While the school and the judiciary have a long-standing history of externships, the new Federal Judicial Externship Course will consolidate academic supervision into a single classroom component for which students will earn one credit hour. The remaining two credit hours will be earned based on each student’s job performance while externing for the judge.
SMU Dedman School of Law hosted its 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 20th, at the Park Cities Hilton in Dallas. The school boasts many notable alumni, but it is a particular honor to be chosen as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

After careful consideration of recommendation letters describing the nominees, a special Selection Committee chooses alumni who have distinguished themselves by rendering outstanding service. The Awards may recognize achievement in a variety of areas—judicial service, private practice, corporate service, international work, public service, or government service. Awards may also acknowledge exceptional service to the law school and may be given to Honorary Alumni as well.

A tradition since 1986, the Awards dinner has become the law school’s premier annual event, providing an opportunity for alumni, friends, and previous winners to gather and acknowledge the accomplishments of our distinguished alumni.
Robert Dedman received his bachelor’s degree in economics at UT Austin before earning an MBA with highest honors from SMU Cox School of Business and a J.D. *cum laude* from SMU Dedman School of Law.

After working on Wall Street with Salomon Brothers, Dedman went on to a successful career at ClubCorp. Starting as Director of Corporate Planning, he quickly rose through the ranks as CFO, then President and COO in 1989, followed by the position of CEO nine years later. In 2002, Dedman became Chairman of the Board at ClubCorp. Four years later, Dedman sold the company.

Dean Attanasio described the sale as “a well-timed and really prescient move in light of the economic downturn that followed.”

Dedman is now a general partner with Putterboy Ltd., the owner of Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, and President and CEO of DFI Management Ltd. In addition, he is on the executive board of Golf 20/20, a member of the USGA Presidents Council, and a past chairman of the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

Dedman is also a major philanthropist in the Dallas community. He sits on the boards of UT Southwestern Medical Foundation, the Dallas Center for Performing Arts Foundation, the Dallas Museum of Art, The Hockaday School, and the Southwestern Region of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

As a Trustee of SMU and a member of the Executive Board of SMU Dedman School of Law, Dedman remains committed to his alma mater.

“We are very proud that the law school bears the Dedman name and very grateful for the tremendous generosity the Dedman family has shown to us,” commented Dean Attanasio.

A published author, Dedman wrote *Our Star Service Journey* in 1998 and compiled two anthologies of quotes, *Thoughts on a Purposeful Life* and *A Journey of Life*.

“I’m grateful for the quality of the legal education that I received when I was at the law school,” said Dedman. “I think it really did help refine my critical thinking abilities, and certainly problem solving skills as well.”
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service

Nikki DeShazo did not begin with a career in law. A native Oklahoman, DeShazo received her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing in 1966 from Northwestern State University in Louisiana. Afterward, she worked at a Veterans Affairs hospital before going to an Air Force base in Japan to help treat wounded Vietnam soldiers.

Following her years as a nurse, DeShazo moved to Dallas, where she married and had three children. Later, DeShazo also changed her career path and applied to SMU Dedman School of Law. She earned her J.D. in 1976.

Reflecting on her years at the law school, DeShazo said, “We made quite a splash, and the bonds that we shared during that time have been a contributing factor to my joy with SMU. We’ve had some really great times.”

Upon graduation, DeShazo entered private practice where she stayed until 1982, when a colleague suggested that she run for the probate court bench. She was elected a year later and served until 2009, when she retired after a little over 26 years of service.

According to one of Judge DeShazo’s nominators, “She represents the very best of SMU Dedman School of Law and our profession. She was one of the first female judges in Dallas County - and deserves a lot of credit for paving the way for others. Very simply, she’s the best.”

DeShazo has been recognized with numerous awards for her exemplary work within the legal profession. Recently, she was elected as an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a rare honor. She is only the thirteenth honorary fellow named in ACTEC’s 57-year history; Justice Sandra Day O’Connor is the only other living Fellow.

Referring to SMU Dedman School of Law as “my beloved law school,” DeShazo concluded her speech with high hopes for the future.

“It’s a pleasure to be an alumna of SMU law school,” she said, “and I look forward to many more of these special events and many more years of success for SMU Dedman School of Law.”

The Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice

A native Texan with an undergraduate degree from TCU, Frank Branson earned his J.D. in 1969 and his LL.M. in 1974 from the SMU Dedman School of Law.

His areas of practice focus on personal injury cases and commercial torts. With a reputation for perfectionism, Branson is known for his powers of persuasion and his ability to teach and explain.

As one colleague commented, “He’s very persuasive, and if he’s got a really good point, he pushes it to the wall.”

Branson has been consistently ranked as one of the best lawyers in Texas and is frequently featured in state and international publications. D Magazine has recognized him as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas.” Texas Monthly has included him in its list of “Top 100 Lawyers in Texas.” According to FORBES, Branson is one of the most successful trial lawyers in the country. D CEO magazine counts him as one of the “Top Five Lawyers Who Corporate Adversaries Never Want to Face in Court.”

One of Branson’s nominators commented on his prestige as a lawyer, saying, “For over thirty-four years, Frank Branson has demonstrated significant achievement representing injured people from all walks of life. In ardently representing his clients, he has garnered the
His unique and scientific approach to lawsuits also deserves recognition. Branson’s firm uses a state-of-the-art forensics department and employs a computer engineer and a medical illustrator, both experts in computer-generated graphics.

“It’s been my pleasure to represent an awful lot of good Texans whose lives have been forever changed,” said Branson as he accepted the Distinguished Alumni Award, “and maybe make their lives both better at the present and much brighter for the future.”

Branson has remained involved with SMU throughout the years. He currently serves on the SMU Dedman School of Law Executive Board and Campaign Steering Committee.

In his acceptance remarks, Branson thanked the law school for his success. “Without their help,” he said, “I am very confident that I would not have been standing here today.”

John J. Nance ’69
The Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service

John Nance attended SMU as an undergraduate and continued his education at SMU Dedman School of Law, where he graduated with a J.D. in 1969.

The 2010 celebration marked his second Distinguished Alumnus Award after being named a Distinguished Alumnus of SMU in 2002.

In addition to being an attorney, Nance is a best-selling author, aviation expert, professional speaker, and healthcare advocate who has appeared on broadcasts throughout the world.

He has served as the aviation correspondent for ABC News and Good Morning America and has appeared on Oprah, the PBS NewsHour, Today, CNN, and many other Canadian and English-speaking networks worldwide. Fox 2000 Studios is currently developing one of his books, Orbit, into a major motion picture. Two of his other books have already been made into successful mini-series for NBC and ABC.

A decorated Air Force veteran, Nance served during the Vietnam War as a pilot, and during Operation Desert Shield as a Lt. Colonel in the USAF Reserve.

An active proponent of health and safety, Nance recently convened and hosted a highly successful conference advocating complete removal of the tort system from involvement in routine medical accidents and mistakes.

“Over the years, we’ve all learned so much with SMU and SMU law school, especially,” Nance recalled at the Award dinner. “We’ve learned to be audacious. We’ve learned to push the envelope. We’ve learned to change the world. And I think that’s inherent to the process. That’s inherent to a great law school.”

“I am humbled at the degree to which this law school has reached out to the world. I’m in this for the long-haul.”

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Thank you!
THE HONORABLE
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA ’59

The Distinguished Global Alumni Award

SMU Dedman School of Law is proud to honor alumni who have made an international impact. This year, the Honorable Shri S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs for India, has been recognized for his work in the global community.

Krishna is among the more than 1,400 graduates of SMU Dedman School of Law’s international program from 70 countries many of whom hold positions in government, legal practice, business, the judiciary, and legal education worldwide.

“His Excellency has brought honor to the LL.M. program at SMU Dedman School of Law,” commented one of Krishna’s nominators.

Krishna received his B.A. from Maharaja’s College and his B.L. from the United Government Law College in Bangalore. He received his M.C.L. from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1959 and went on to study and teach at The George Washington University Law School as a Fulbright Scholar.

From 1962 to 2008, Krishna held a variety of government positions in India: service in both houses of parliament; Minister for Commerce, Industries and Parliamentary Affairs; Union Minister of State for Industries and Finance; Speaker of the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly; Deputy Chief Minister and Chief Minister of Karnataka; and Governor of Maharashtra. In May 2009, Krishna was appointed Minister of External Affairs.

“While in these high ranking positions and as a result of his sweeping reforms in fiscal policy and resource management, he contributed much to the development of India,” said selection committee member Dawn Moore.

Under his leadership, Bangalore became an investment hub, with improvements in infrastructure and telecom facilities. Krishna also facilitated the construction of a 4,300-acre international airport in the city.

Krishna was unable to attend the ceremony in February; he will be presented the Distinguished Global Alumni Award at a later date.

ANTHONY ATWELL

The Honorary Alumnus Award

A 1960 graduate of Harvard Law School, Anthony Atwell has been recognized with SMU Dedman School of Law’s Honorary Alumnus Award.

“I am grateful to be an honorary alumnus of the law school,” said Atwell.

Atwell serves on the SMU Dedman School of Law Executive Board, and several of his family members are SMU graduates. His mother attended the Perkins School of Theology. His brother, William Webster Atwell, received his undergraduate degree in business from Cox, and his son, Christopher Atwell, graduated from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1991.

“This university, in my mind, is not simply located in Dallas,” said Atwell. “It’s an integral part of our lives here, and we’re all grateful for it. It enriches our lives, we support it, and that cycle keeps going year after year.”

His areas of practice include business transactions, banking, real estate, construction law, securities, litigation, and mediation.

“The practice of law in Dallas has always been, for me, a pleasure because it’s populated by SMU lawyers,” he said.

Atwell is active in the Dallas legal community. He is the trustee of the Susan L. and Anthony Atwell Foundation and also established the Webster Atwell Scholarship Endowment Fund in honor of his father to help students without the financial resources to attend law school. He is a past-president of the Association of Attorney-Mediators and wrote a book about the history of the organization. He and his family also established the Judge William Hawley Atwell Chair of Constitutional Law on behalf of his father; Dean Attanasio holds the title.

A prominent philanthropist, Atwell has generously helped many health and education organizations, including United Way, Children’s Medical Center, HPUMC, East Dallas Community School, UT Southwestern Medical Foundation, and Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation.

“I’ve been very fortunate to be associated in my practice with graduates of the law school,” said Atwell. “All very, very fine lawyers.”
AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF LEGAL HISTORIANS

2009–2010 Annual ASLH Conference
Welcomed by SMU Dedman School of Law

The American Society for Legal History Conference brings together a notable group of international scholars, professors, lawyers, and historians for a multi-day conference focused on legal history.

Joyce Oldham Appleby, Professor Emerita from UCLA and one of the United States’ foremost historians of the early republic.

Joshua C. Tate facilitated the visit of the ASLH Convention to the city of Dallas and SMU Dedman School of Law.

On Friday, November 13, 2009, nearly 300 visitors came to SMU Dedman School of Law for a welcome tour and a plenary reception for the ASLH Convention.

Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow and SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Joseph W. McKnight opened up a special section of the Underwood Law Library showcasing the library’s rare book collection.

Joyce Oldham Appleby, Professor Emerita from UCLA and one of the United States’ foremost historians of the early republic.
The American Society for Legal History (ASLH) held its 2009 annual meeting in Dallas on November 12–14, 2009.

SMU Dedman School of Law has a long standing commitment to legal history, exemplified by Professor Joe McKnight, the Larry and Jane Harlan Fellow and a founding member of the ASLH, and Associate Professor Joshua C. Tate, who recently signed a contract to publish a legal history book with Yale University Press.

Tate said, “It was a very successful meeting. Nearly 300 legal historians came to Dallas and SMU from all over the country and around the world. This was the first time in ASLH history that the group has come to Dallas.” The Society’s President and other officers congratulated the members of the local arrangements committee, which included SMU Dedman Law Professors Joshua Tate, Joe McKnight, and Peter Winship, on their efforts.

Professor Joe McKnight Honored at Conference

An opening reception was held at SMU to honor Professor Joe McKnight for his fifty-three years of service as a founding member of ASLH. In addition, legal historians from Stanford Law, the University of Georgia, and the University of Texas spent an afternoon in a discussion entitled “Sources in Law 15th–18th Century Europe: A Panel in Honor of Joe McKnight.” Professor McKnight provided a guided tour of his impressive rare book collection. Professor McKnight has an extraordinary collection of more than 6,000 rare legal history books, one of the largest collections in the nation, displayed on the fourth floor of the Underwood Law Library at SMU Dedman School of Law. The oldest book in the McKnight collection was published in 1481, just thirty-one years after the invention of the Gutenberg press.

Harvard Law School Professor Charles Donahue lectured to students at SMU Dedman School of Law during the ASLH visit on “What happened in the English legal system in the fourteenth century and why would anyone want to know?”

According to Donahue, the Black Plague brought about a system in which people relied more heavily on the courts to resolve disputes rather than resolving them on their own. Rates of litigation rose, and eventually only those who were sergeants in the courts of law were allowed to become justices.

Donahue continued by commenting on “remarkable constitutional developments,” which included economic advancements. “The statute of laborers of 1351 represents the first attempt since the Roman emperor Diocletian in the late third century to control wages and prices comprehensively by law,” he said.

To conclude, Donahue emphasized the relationship between history and the law, stating that it is important to understand “how context shapes the law but also how the law sometimes shapes the context.”

“No good lawyer who can get a firm understanding of how that interactive process works,” he said, “has learned something far more valuable than the factoid of the English law of trusts began in the fourteenth century.”
The Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit, co-hosted by SMU Dedman School of Law and the ABA Judicial Division Appellate Judges Conference, is the pre-eminent provider of appellate judicial education in the United States. The annual AJEI Summits are designed by appellate judges, lawyers, and staff attorneys and are unique in their focus on the challenging issues that judges and lawyers confront in the appellate arena.
SMU Dedman School of Law serves as headquarters for the Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI), the education arm of the Appellate Judges Conference (AJC) of the American Bar Association (ABA). AJEI is the pre-eminent provider of appellate legal education seminars for judges, lawyers, and staff attorneys.

More than 120 appellate judges joined appellate lawyers and staff attorneys in Orlando, in November 2009, for the sixth annual AJEI national Summit. Distinguished speakers included eminent appellate judges, distinguished law professors, and accomplished appellate lawyers from around the country.

Judge Diane P. Wood, of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, delivered a lecture on "A Special Perspective on Appellate Judging," and Judge Consuelo Callahan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, moderated a panel on Immigration law.

Five SMU Dedman School of Law professors presented at the 2009 Summit. Dean John B. Attanasio and Professors Joseph J. Norton and Julie P. Forrester spoke on the financial crisis of 2008–2009. Professor William V. Dorsaneo, III presented on a panel with Judge Charles R. Wilson, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; Judge Margret G. Robb, Indiana Court of Appeals, Fifth District; and Sanford Svetcov, Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman Robbins, LLP. The presentation was moderated by Sharon Freytag, Haynes and Boone, LLP; and Mary Massaron Ross, Plunkett Cooney.

SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Elizabeth G. Thornburg delivered “Off-Limits: The Ethics of Judicial Fact Research,” and Assistant Professor Jeffrey Kahn, also from Dedman Law, presented on “From 9–11 Through Guantanamo, Iraq, and Afghanistan: Recent Developments in National Security Law,” with Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; and Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. The panel was moderated by Chief Judge Andrew Effron, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Additional prominent presenters included Dean Kenneth W. Starr, Pepperdine University School of Law; Professor Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School; Professor Michael J. Klarman, Harvard Law School; and, Judge N. Randy Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

ABA President-Elect Stephen N. Zack, of the Miami firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP, delivered a compelling lecture focused on civics education, the importance of inspiring a new generation of lawyers, and the importance of keeping a legal education affordable. On attending his first AJEI Conference, Zack said, “The AJEI Summit is a very important conference for continuing appellate legal education. The program was excellent; I enjoyed the conference and I will definitely come again.”

AJEI Roundtable Discussion: Distinguished Group of Jurists Addresses Law School Community

Professor William V. Dorsaneo, III, Chief Justice John and Lena Hickman Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law, moderated a presentation by distinguished appellate jurists at a Roundtable at the law school, on January 12, 2010. The jurists shared observations of effective brief writing and appellate oral advocacy.

Panelists Included:

The Honorable Consuelo Callahan
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

The Honorable Catharina Haynes
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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The Honorable Tom Hollenhorst
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Over the past 30 years, video games have become an integral part of our culture, and the video game industry has become a multi-billion dollar giant. In response, SMU Dedman School of Law, The Guildhall at SMU, and the Center for American and International Law (CAIL) co-hosted a second conference focusing on the rapidly changing legal and business aspects of the gaming industry. Continuing the success of the 2009 Game::Business::Law conference, this year’s gathering again proved to be an important resource for professionals in all facets of the industry—from business development and law, to finance and creative studios.

While SMU Dedman School of Law faculty are widely known for their scholarly contributions to academia, perhaps very few are appreciated for another, more hidden talent: video games. “I love video games,” said a smiling Dean Attanasio during SMU’s second annual Game::Business::Law conference. The conference is an international summit on the law and business of video games that brings together publishers, distributors, lawyers, and a variety of other electronic entertainment media professionals to discuss their craft. It was hosted by the SMU Dedman School of Law, The Guildhall at SMU, and The Center for American and International Law. Sponsors included the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences, Latham & Watkins LLP, Haynes and Boone, GamesBizWire, and Wave Integrated Marketing.


At this year’s conference, a new interactive option was introduced that allowed audience members to use their Twitter accounts to submit questions during panel discussions via the social networking site.

President of Development at Jerry Bruckheimer Games Jay Cohen delivered the keynote address and was impressed by the scope of the conference, calling it “a testament to the will, compassion, and commitment” of its creators.

Cohen also addressed the evolution of the industry, saying, “It’s not so much about the tools anymore but the technique,” and he advised the lawyers, “Play along, and I mean that literally.”

Digital distribution was the theme for the panels on the first day of the conference, and the audience benefitted from legal and business leaders who discussed issues pertaining to allocating video games for retail and downloading.

Paul Raines, Chief Operations Officer of GameStop Corp., and Christian Svensson, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Business Development of Capcom, were panelists for “The Future of Digital Distribution.” Keith Boesky, a principal of Boesky & Co., moderated. They observed that understanding the customer is the best way to sell games.

The customer, however, will not always be a 17-year-old boy, they warned, and indeed the demographic is changing to include young children as well as grandparents.

“People want games adjusted to them,” Raines observed. “We’re trying to bring power to the players.”

The industry professionals kept working into their lunch break as Gregory Short, Executive Chairman of Electronic Entertainment Design and Research, discussed the significant changes that have taken place in the types of games that are being developed and sold. Short noted the evolution from games designed for purely entertainment purposes to what he called “serious games,” those that teach people or promote philanthropic involvement.
The second panel focused on the visibility of End User License Agreements (EULAs) in games to protect the interests of the developers in court. The panel featured Jennifer Archie, partner at Latham & Watkins, LLP; Ken Doroshow, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for ESA; Shane McGee, partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP; and P. J. Putnam, Vice President and General Counsel for Gearbox Software, LLC. Andrew S. Ehmke, a partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP, moderated the discussion.

Because many consumers ignore the EULAs, it is up to the developer to make them as prominent as possible. McGee suggested a way to avoid legal entanglements is to ask the question: “Did you give the consumer a reasonable opportunity to read it?”

Following the discussion of EULAs, the group moved on to the third topic of the conference: “The Crossroads of Finances and Legal Issues in Digital Distribution.”

Robert Bynoe, senior counsel at Charles Russell, LLP, mentioned privacy situations during his portion of the panel, stating that gamers and developers “both have an obligation not to disclose details about other gamers.”

Sean F. Kane of Kane & Associates LLC and Jeff Levenstam, a partner at Ernst & Young, LLP Internal Tax Services, warned against having unreasonable financial expectations, however.

Kane, who discussed End User License Agreements, said not to make the EULAs too “draconian,” even though “everybody wants to be able to say, ‘We get everything; you get nothing, and pay us.’”

The topic of financing video games remained for the fourth panel, which was peppered with conversations about the creative and financial forces of the industry.

Boresky returned to the stage, this time as a panelist, where he was joined by the President of XLOC, Stephanie O’Malley Deming, and the Director of Intel Capital, Alex Marquez. Roxanne E. Christ, a partner at Latham & Watkins, LLP, moderated.

To illustrate their points, the panelists described the different processes involved in making movies and making games. Movies, they said, can be easily re-shot, whereas video games have to go through more extensive and time-consuming revision processes. Those costly modifications cause a tension between what is better for the game and what makes the most sense financially.

“I’ve watched tons of re-work happen, which is expensive. Incredibly expensive,” said Deming.

Joseph Olin, President of the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences—the equivalent of the Oscars for the movie/gaming industry—conducted the conference’s interactive “wrap-up session.” Topics focused on subjects suggested by audience members via a Twitter account for the 2010 GBL Conference.

SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, one of the summit’s organizers, announced the creation of a game litigation database to identify trends in legal issues arising in gaming cases, as well as litigation forums.

“Digital gaming is one of the world’s fastest growing industries, creating new investment opportunities, social paradigms, business models, and a host of legal issues,” said Professor Nguyen.

Each attendee of the summit received a copy of Professor Nguyen’s “Review of 2009 Game Litigation and Cases.” Two students, Kent Workman and David Ferrari Wilson, both of the 2011 Class, worked with Professor Nguyen in compiling the gaming cases for the document.

As video game sales explode and the industry changes, a conference devoted to the details of the business is proving to be a timely resource both for gamers and lawyers—particularly in helping forecast and define the rapidly changing industry as a whole from a business and legal perspective.

SMU Dedman School of Law and The Guildhall at SMU hope to organize a third conference in 2011.
On Wednesday, September 30, 2009, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Clarence Thomas paid a special visit to SMU Dedman School of Law students. He was on campus before giving the Omni Hotels Lecture, presented by Dallas Morning News and hosted through the SMU Tate Lecture Series.

SMU Dedman School of Law students were privileged to have reserved seating at the afternoon Student Forum which preceded the evening lecture and participate in a special meet and greet with Justice Thomas.

At the Tate Lecture, Justice Thomas focused on his background and his experience as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. He commented on a variety of topics ranging from gun control to racial tensions while growing up in the South.

President Turner welcomed Thomas and Theodore B. Olson, former Solicitor General of the United States, who conducted the interview with the Associate Justice.

When asked by Olson what one of the most cherished aspects of being a Supreme Court Justice was, Thomas responded, “When you realize that you work for something that is much larger than you are, and something that is so depended upon by your fellow citizens, an institution without which the government could not operate; there would not be rule of law. You realize just how fortunate you are.”

“It matters that you show fidelity to this document,” Thomas said of the U.S. Constitution, “and to these founding principles. It matters to you, to the rest of the citizens, it matters to the country, it matters to this great experiment in liberty.”

Expanding on his views of being a judge on the highest court, Thomas incorporated a famous quote from Abraham Lincoln: “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” Similarly, “Neither can a judge divided against himself,” said Thomas.

Speaking of the inherent differences between judging and policymaking, Thomas continued, “You can’t be faithful to judging as a judge and also be a policymaker. To be part of this experiment and to do it right you have to be something other than a policymaker; you have to stick to your role.”
SMU Dedman School of Law was very pleased to host Judge Allan Rosas of the European Court of Justice on his second visit to the law school to serve as Distinguished Jurist in Residence and lecture on the legal agreements regarding the European Union.

On November 2, 2009, Rosas delivered a lecture titled “Who Is Responsible for What? International Agreements Concluded by the EU, by the EU Together with Its Member States (Mixed Agreements), and by the Member States Alone.”

According to Rosas, the most difficult cases involving EU treaties are those that have been made between an EU member state and a non-member state.

“One sort of basic question that I have is this question of deciding which part of the agreement is EU law and which part, if any, is still national law?” observed Rosas.

Problems also arise with treaties that have been concluded before the establishment of the EU.

“Can these treaties continue to be enforced, and can these countries continue to conclude such agreements, and what will be their legal and political value?” he examined.

Rosas cited numerous cases to illustrate the various conflicts that the EU has had to resolve, such as environmental agreements, the Stockholm Convention, and the open skies agreements.

The following day, Rosas also lectured on the governing documents of the EU in his presentation “Where Is the European Constitution? The EU after the Irish Referendum of 2 October 2009 and the Possible Entry into Force of the Treaty of Lisbon in Early 2010.”

Rosas cited numerous cases to illustrate the various conflicts that the EU has had to resolve, such as environmental agreements, the Stockholm Convention, and the open skies agreements.

Rosas also co-taught a course on EU Law with Associate Professor of Law Jenia Turner. “The students and I were very fortunate to have Judge Rosas speak to us. Having a sitting judge of the ECJ speak to a class on European Union Law is like having a U.S. Supreme Court Justice visit a class on Constitutional Law. He not only engaged the class with his discussion of EU law, but he did so with a wonderful sense of humor,” observed Turner.

Justice Rosas’ observations on “The Economic Freedoms as Cornerstones of the EU Internal Market, with Special Emphasis on the Free Movement of Goods.”

Rosas holds various international and national academic positions ranging from the University of Turku in Finland and the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University, also in Finland.

He actively directs and conducts research in the fields of EU Law, international law, humanitarian and human rights law, constitutional law, and comparative public administration. He has also represented the Finnish Government as a member of, or adviser to, Finnish delegations at various international conferences and meetings in relation to Finnish legal life and law commissions and committees of the Finnish Parliament, the UN, UNESCO, OSCE, and the Council of Europe.
MICHAEL
DALLY HAWKINS

Senior Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address was the topic of Judge Michael Hawkins’s lecture “Writing Like Lincoln,” in which he discussed the importance of using the same rhetorical tools that appear in the famously brief speech delivered “seven score and seven years ago.” Hawkins serves as a senior judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Omitting needless words, using active voice, and understating the role of the attorney are the most important rules that a good lawyer must follow when writing for a judge, said Hawkins.

According to Hawkins, Lincoln “probably had one of the most hostile audiences, or one of the most bored audiences, in the history of public relations,” when he gave the Gettysburg Address. Although Lincoln and his critics were disappointed with the speech, Hawkins believes it was “perfectly attune to all time,” and that certain aspects of the speech should be applied to modern legal documents.

Judges receive “a tsunami of information,” he said, and it is the lawyer’s job to make that information interesting to read.

Hawkins noted that lawyers frequently begin sentences with dates, which are often just unnecessary words. He said that dates should be used only if they are critical to a report. He also noted that active voice is very helpful since it eliminates a road block between sending and receiving information. Finally, Judge Hawkins advised that a lawyer should downplay his own role and emphasize the significant aspects of the case instead.

“[Lincoln] sort of used understatement to reduce his role and emphasize the role of the importance of the moment,” explained Hawkins.

Hawkins commented that reading is the best way to improve writing skills. Lincoln read the Bible and Shakespeare when he was young.

“I think I can teach you to be a decent oral advocate,” said Hawkins, “but it is a much harder task to teach you to be a great writer, especially if you haven’t read a lot.”

CATHARINA HAYNES

Federal Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

The Honorable Catharina Haynes of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals discussed the challenges facing the American judicial system at the Carrington Lecture on November 10, 2009.

Haynes identified three particular challenges: judicial selection, judicial independence, and relevance. Rather than offering a solution to these challenges, Haynes told the audience, she was “going to offer a challenge to you to be part of the solution.”

According to Haynes, there are flaws and benefits to both methods of judicial selection—election and appointment—citing arguments such as levels of voter information, campaign finance, and preferences among people who appoint the judges.

The selection process can also affect judicial independence, Haynes said. Appointment can influence accountability, and rulings can determine re-election.

Decisions can be “very, very unpopular, but very, very correct,” said Haynes.

Finally, Judge Haynes examined the question of relevance, citing an increase in arbitration.

Although she must “enforce arbitration agreements as per the rules,” Judge Haynes noted that her concern is that arbitration agreements are no longer voluntary.

“How many of you have rented a car?” she asked. “Maybe it had an arbitration clause? Did you read it? Did you have an opportunity to negotiate it?”

Judge Haynes also offered various words of inspiration to the students, saying, “I never envisioned when I was you that I would be me,” she said. “Be knowledgeable and involved... It’s an honor to serve.”

Judge Haynes has served on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals since her appointment by President George W. Bush in April 2008. Before becoming a federal judge, Haynes was in private practice and also served on the state bench, in the 191st District Court in Dallas. She received her J.D. from Emory University School of Law and her B.S. in psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology.
HARRIET O’NEILL
Texas Supreme Court
Associate Justice

SMU Dedman School of Law enjoyed a visit from Texas Supreme Court Justice Harriet O’Neill on October 22, 2009, as she addressed a room full of inquisitive law students in Karcher Auditorium. Justice O’Neill spoke about her role as a Texas Supreme Court justice and her involvement with the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth & Families.

O’Neill, an active member in the Texas Access to Justice Commission, frequent author and speaker, and Chair of the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth & Families, stressed the importance of pursuing a legal education coupled with volunteerism.

With 5.1 million poor and low-income Texans qualifying for legal aid, and only 20-25% of the needs currently being met, there is room for growth in the system now and in years to come, she said.

The Texas Access to Justice Commission, created by the Supreme Court, is designed to develop and implement initiatives to ensure that the court system is available to meet the basic civil legal needs of low-income Texans. Established in 2007, the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth & Families is dedicated to strengthening the court system for children, youth and families in the Texas child-protection system, thereby improving the safety, permanency, and well-being of children.

O’Neill practiced law in Houston prior to assuming the bench, concentrating primarily in complex business and commercial litigation. She graduated in 1982 from the University of South Carolina Law School, where she was a member of the academic honors society and served as the law school representative to the American Bar Association. She also studied in Oxford, England.

Her undergraduate alma mater, Converse College, awarded her an honorary doctorate.

With O’Neill’s longstanding record of service in private practice and eighteen years on the bench, SMU Dedman School of Law was privileged to have her answer questions from eager SMU law students and speak about the importance of improving our court system in Texas.
The SMU Law Review Association sponsored the 17th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium on October 16, 2009, at the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas, Texas.

The daylong event, which has become a pre-eminent program for both corporate in-house counsel and private practitioners, is supported by several of the nation’s finest law firms. Nationally-recognized speakers shared their expertise on cutting-edge issues. The keynote address was delivered by William F. Cavanaugh, Jr., Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, whose presentation focused on “The Need for Vigorous Antitrust Enforcement in Challenging Times.”

 Appropriately, the Symposium addressed several topical issues in the post-market-collapse climate. The first panel discussed corporate governance and the difficulties involved with safeguarding the interests of stakeholders. Panelists included the Honorable Stanley Sporkin, Charles M. Elson, and Charles H. Still, with SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Alan R. Bromberg moderating. A second panel dealt with RIFs, COBRA extensions, age discrimination suits, and maintaining employee morale during difficult economic times. Members of this panel were comprised of inside general counsel who serve as members of the Symposium’s Advisory Board, John P. Fletcher, James H. Gallegos, Madeleine Johnson, and Elaine E. Whitbeck; Associate Professor D. Aaron Lacy of the law school served as moderator. Also, SMU Dedman Law Professor Marc I. Steinberg gave a presentation on “Ethical and Liability Concerns for Corporate Counsel,” focusing on client fraud and attorney liability after the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Other significant topics covered at the Symposium included, for example, the impact of institutional shareholders in corporate elections and other contested matters, law compliance programs (focusing on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), the applicability of the attorney-client privilege in internal investigations and government inquiries, director and officer insurance dilemmas, private securities litigation (including recent U.S. Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit decisions), and SEC enforcement developments.

The 18th Annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010, at the Omni Mandalay in Las Colinas. We look forward to another outstanding Symposium.
Professors Christopher H. Hanna and Henry J. Lischer, Jr. organized another series of talks related to tax policy and the implementation of it as part of the SMU Dedman School of Law 2009-2010 Tax Policy Colloquium Series.

Beginning in August 2009 and running through April 2010, SMU Dedman School of Law hosted speakers ranging from the Washington University School of Law to University of San Diego School of Law to Chuo University in Japan, and covered topics such as publicity rights and taxation, corporate tax shelters, and Japanese-style tax reform.

“This year’s colloquium had an array of great speakers, and we received positive comments on the fact that there was a nice mix of corporate and tax lawyers in the audience as well as non-tax faculty. One presenter’s discussion on sub-prime mortgages was interesting because it covered both tax and non-tax issues, which gives the colloquium a somewhat more broad-based appeal. Tax policy is affected by the law and impacts business as well, so that’s why we have designed the series to provide a major overview of tax policy,” said Hanna.

SMU Dedman School of Law was proud to host the following speakers:

Joshua C. Tate
SMU Dedman School of Law

Lawrence Lokken
University of Florida Levin College of Law

Karen C. Burke
University of San Diego School of Law

Adam Rosenzweig
Washington University School of Law

Leandra Lederman
Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington

Calvin H. Johnson
University of Texas School of Law

Fumitoshi Tamakuni
Chuo University

COLLEEN BARRETT
President Emeritus of Southwest Airlines, Inc.

Colleen Barrett, President Emeritus of Southwest Airlines Co., spoke to SMU law students about the management and success of the low-fare, point-to-point airline. Her discussion was entitled “Leadership: Southwest Style,” and took place in the Hillcrest Classroom of the Underwood Law Library on September 8, 2009.

Prior to joining Southwest in 1978, Barrett worked for several years as an Executive Assistant to Herb Kelleher, Southwest’s former Executive Chairman, at his law firm. Once at the airline, she oversaw various aspects of the company including management, leadership, budgets, revenue management and pricing, communications, performance reviews, talent development, and more. She received numerous awards, including a forbes.com ranking as one of the most powerful women in the world from 2004-2007.

Barrett’s philosophy on what has made Southwest Airlines a great place to work and a successful company on the whole is its determination to have employees who want to “make the world a better place.” According to Barrett, the structure of Southwest Airlines is based largely on the structure of Herb Kelleher’s law firm.

Overachievement, the golden rule, loyalty, and an overall “egalitarian spirit” created the character of the company so that Southwest Airlines could “open up the skies of America so people could fly,” Barrett said.

Harnessing the power of communication to drive sales, the company, in its beginning phases, made a “big splash with the media,” with various innovative and quirky in-flight perks. Mr. Kelleher wanted “work to be fun,” she adds, and the pair felt strongly about their employees. Often called the “Mom of Southwest,” and Herb Kelleher “The Dad,” they both agreed that “our best asset is our people and we need to capitalize on that.”

Southwest Airlines has always been managed for the bad times in the best of times. Hiring people who were willing to take on more than their share and who felt a sense of ownership in their job, customer service and strategic, cost-effective spending have always been top priorities and practices for the airline.
SMU Dedman School of Law continues to lead the discussion, debate, and education on the aviation landscape through its annual Air Law Symposium. Sponsored by the Journal of Air Law and Commerce, one of SMU’s five legal journals, the 44th Annual Air Law Symposium was held on February 25th and 26th, at the Hotel InterContinental in Dallas. The event is the oldest and largest annual aviation law symposium in the world and is organized and conducted by students from the Dedman School of Law.

As the airline industry reacts to tightening competition, economic constraints, and profitability challenges, aviation law grows in its importance. The two-day conference, attended by over 500 people, covered many issues involving those in the industry including insurers, major airlines, business and general aviation clients, airports, and manufacturers of aircraft, aircraft engines and component parts. The symposium also addressed various litigation occurring in both national and international courts on a variety of topics including complex contract disputes, major air disasters, and product liability matters.

United States District Court Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn ‘76 and American Airlines General Counsel Gary F. Kennedy keynoted the conference luncheons. Other speakers included The Honorable William R. Mullins, National Transportation Safety Board; Sarah Keast, U.S. Department of Justice; J. David Grizzle, Federal Aviation Administration; and Gary Halbert, National Transportation Safety Board; as well as many distinguished speakers from the private sector.

Charles A. Tarpley, who serves as the long–standing Chair of the Air Law Symposium, is to be congratulated for his continued success in coordinating this preeminent national conference on air law. SMU Dedman School of Law looks forward to celebrating the symposium’s 45th anniversary in 2011.

W.W. Caruth, Jr.
Child Advocacy Clinic

AD LITEM AND AMICUS ATTORNEY COURT APPOINTMENTS:
Inside and Outside the Box Training

The W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and Institute at SMU Dedman School of Law co-hosted a CLE program in July with the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP) on “Ad Litem and Amicus Attorney Court Appointments: Inside and Outside the Box Training.” The program covered the representation of parents and at–risk children.

“Partnering with DVAP and hosting the clinic’s inaugural two–day CLE dedicated to court–appointments and highlighting child welfare was a privilege,” said conference organizer Kathleen Turton.

“To truly excel in this area of the law, an attorney must take an interdisciplinary approach,” Turton explained. “It’s about more than case law and the Texas Family Code, and this CLE was designed to cover many important topics. An audience of over 100 attendees proved to us the family law community’s interest.”
More than five decades ago, the American Bar Association decided to publicly recognize the makers of two movies—one of which was based on a bestselling book—because they promoted a better understanding of the American justice system.

The year was 1958. The recognition was called the ABA Silver Gavel Award. The two movies were *Twelve Angry Men* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Fifty-two years later, SMU Dedman School of Law was honored with the opportunity to be a primary sponsor of the prestigious ABA’s Silver Gavel Award ceremonies in July 2010 in Washington, D.C. The ABA Silver Gavel Award recognizes media outlets, including publishing companies, broadcasters, and Internet based media, that educate the public about the American justice system. Recipients of the honor examine the role of the courts and lawyers in protecting the rule of law and the fundamental rights of the people, and point out flaws and improvements needed in our legal system. Works of fiction and non-fiction are welcome.


In 2001, the ABA awarded a Silver Gavel to *The Dallas Morning News* for its groundbreaking sixteen-article series on the future of the American jury system, which the newspaper did in conjunction with the SMU Law Review.

The 2010 Silver Gavel honorees were:

- SCOTUSblog and its editors and contributors, including noted Supreme Court advocate Tom Goldstein, editor and lawyer Amy Howe, and manager Erin Miller.
- *ABC News Primetime* for its hour-long special on Juvenile Rehabilitation.
- National Public Radio for its special on the impact of California’s 15-year-old three strikes law.
- *The New Yorker* magazine and writer David Grann for its article about a Texas death penalty case called “Trial by Fire.”

The Silver Gavel ceremonies were held on July 7 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., with more than 200 dignitaries from the legal and journalism professions in attendance. ABA President Carol Lamm presented the awards. Immediately following the awards ceremony, SMU Dedman Law School hosted a reception and dinner for the Silver Gavel honorees and other invited guests at the historic Cosmo Club.

Dean John Attanasio opened the dinner with brief remarks: “The SMU Dedman School of Law is honored to support this prestigious award and we are extremely pleased to be able to join in recognizing the great journalistic efforts that the Silver Gavel Award promotes.”
Many students wonder if Moot Court actually prepares them for the real thing. In April, they found out firsthand that it does.

For the first time in two decades, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit pounded the gavel and called court to order on the SMU Dedman Law School campus. A three-judge panel heard two days of oral arguments in nine different cases in the Underwood Law Library’s Hillcrest room.

“I appreciate the opportunity to make our court’s proceedings more accessible to both law students and the Dallas community as a whole,” said Judge Catharina Haynes of Dallas, who was one of the three judges on the panel. Judge Haynes was instrumental in making the event happen. “Thank you to Dean Attanasio and those who attended for making the process so smooth,” she said.

The opportunity for the students to watch the judges and advocates in action was immeasurable. About ninety SMU Dedman law students observed each session. For most of the students, it was their first time to see a federal appeals argument in person.

“The students were able witness in person how moot courts are very close in relationship to the real thing,” says Dean John Attanasio. “We are very thankful to Judge Haynes and the Fifth Circuit for agreeing to come to SMU and providing our faculty and students with this wonderful learning experience.”

Besides the oral arguments, the three appellate judges – Judge Haynes, Judge DeMoss and Judge Elrod – had dinner with SMU Dedman faculty members and lunch the following day with student leaders.

“The opportunity to host a day of oral argument before the Fifth Circuit excited both students and faculty,” said Assistant Professor Jeffrey Kahn, who helped organized the event. “The packed, standing room only Hillcrest Auditorium that I saw was sufficient evidence for me that the event was a success appreciated by many. Not only did SMU law students benefit, but some seats were made available for local secondary school students to observe the proceedings, too. I am sure that the active bench and skilled advocates that they saw kept them talking about the day long after they returned to their classrooms.”

One of the cases argued before the court, Morgan v. Swanson, addressed whether a public school can prohibit religious viewpoint messages by elementary students while at school. Further, was the law regarding viewpoint discrimination in the elementary school context such that the defendant/principals were on notice that their conduct was improper so as to deprive them of a qualified immunity defense?

Another case, U.S. v. Saucedo and Cardenas, dealt with jury instruction regarding the federal kidnapping statute, and whether there was sufficient evidence to support convictions for kidnapping, conspiracy, and firearms.

In U.S. v. Manners and Siebert, the case asks whether the prosecution knew that a cooperating witness was giving false testimony so as to trigger a duty to investigate, and whether it improperly withheld material evidence favorable to the defense.

The docket also included Anglin v. Tower Loan of Mississippi, Inc; Bruecher Foundation Services, Inc. v. U.S; Jackson v. Craig Watkins; Saenz v. Harlingen Medical Center, L.P.; Meaux Surface Protection, Inc. v. Fogleman; Highland Crusader Offshore Partners LP, v. Lifecare Holdings, Inc.

All oral arguments before the Fifth Circuit in recent years are posted online at the court’s website.
The legal industry is sometimes criticized as one of the least racially diverse in the country, the issue exists in legal academia as well.

In an effort to focus on attracting and retaining more African-American males into the law academy, SMU Dedman School of Law was proud to host a three-day “John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop” from June 24–26, 2010, which highlighted writing and teaching issues unique to African-American law professors.

Law professors ranging from the University of Miami School of Law to American University Washington College of Law in the District of Columbia attended the event and received feedback from a selected commentator in their area of scholarly expertise as well as from members of the audience. The workshop itself consisted of approximately ten work-in-progress sessions dedicated to producing high-level scholarly work, as well as three panels during which senior scholars discussed teaching and other matters.

The workshop, named after the first African-American law professor in the country and conceived in response to the dearth of African-American males in the law academy, came to fruition through months of discussions, brainstorming, and planning by a group of dedicated professors from around the country. Founding members of the workshop included Professors Frank Rudy Cooper of Suffolk University School of Law, Areto Imoukhuede of Nova Southeastern University Law Center, D. Aaron Lacy of SMU Dedman School of Law, and Terry Smith of DePaul University College of Law.

Associate Professor of Law D. Aaron Lacy, whose scholarship focuses on critical race theory among other topics, was very pleased with the conference:

“The discussions over the three days of the workshop and the intense level of analysis and productive feedback we all received on our scholarship was invaluable. There are tools that I will begin immediately implementing in my writing as a result of this conference. Not to mention it was a lot of fun. I want to thank Dean John B. Attanasio for agreeing to host this event.”
Methods of Interpretation:
HOW THE SUPREME COURT READS THE CONSTITUTION

An article by Lackland M. Bloom, Jr., Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law

As a student and teacher of constitutional law, I have always had a keen interest in the methods that the Supreme Court employs to interpret the Constitution and decide constitutional cases. I have tended to find the reasoning process even more interesting than the outcome of the decisions. Over the past several decades there has been an extensive amount of scholarship addressing constitutional interpretation from a theoretical or normative perspective. But it seemed to me that insufficient attention had been paid to the interpretive methods employed by the Court itself at least in a comprehensive way. I concluded that a detailed study of the Court’s actual approaches to constitutional interpretation would be a valuable resource for academics, students, judges, lawyers, and even to the lay reader. I began research on this project about a decade ago and completed it with the publication of *Methods of Interpretation: How the Supreme Court Reads the Constitution* (Oxford University Press 2009).

Over the course of these several years, I read all of the Supreme Court’s significant constitutional opinions throughout its history of over two hundred years. In the process, I collected the best examples of the different interpretive methods employed by the Court in constitutional decision-making and organized the book by interpretive method rather than by time period or substantive subject matter. I attempted to cover the entire field of constitutional law as opposed to that segment that is addressed in the typical law school class on constitutional law. Given that many of the very best examples of constitutional interpretation are found in concurring or dissenting opinions and in a few instances in opinions that have been overruled, the book is not restricted to majority opinions.

I made no attempt to set forth a grand theory or normative critique of the approaches to constitutional interpretation employed by the Court and the various justices other than assessing whether the particular method was well executed and persuasive. Scholars may have the last word on what constitutional interpretation should be but the Court essentially has the last word on what it is. The latter is the subject matter of the book.

The book is organized around several well recognized methods of constitutional interpretation—Textual Analysis, Original Understanding, Tradition and Practice, Structure, Precedent, Doctrine, Consequential Reasoning, Ethical Argument, and Rhetoric.

In the final chapter, I chose five cases, each from a different era and substantive area, to illustrate how the Court synthesizes the various arguments into a coherent opinion and how dissenting or concurring justices employ these methods differently from the majority. I hope that the following snapshot of each chapter will provide a feel for the book.
Because textual analysis plays such a dominant role in constitutional interpretation, I devoted two fairly lengthy chapters to it. Chapter one addresses several well established canons of textual interpretation such as giving the text its plain meaning, understanding legal terms of art, and reading the text to avoid redundancy. Since the Marshall Court was able to approach the text largely free of precedent, it was in a position to employ textual analysis with greater frequency than subsequent courts. Consequently, many of the very best examples of textual analysis may be found in *Marshall Court classics* such as *McCulloch v. Maryland*, *Martin v. Hunter’s Lessee*, *Cohens v. Virginia*, and *Gibbons v. Ogden*. The canon that the Constitution should be given its plain as opposed to an arcane meaning was forcefully stated by Marshall in *Gibbons v. Ogden* and has been relied on by the Court with some frequency ever since. The Court has always recognized, however, that certain language in the Constitution such as “ex post facto” and “bill of attainder,” for instance, are legal terms of art that can only be understood through historical reference. Indeed, Marshall recognized that the term “suit” in the Eleventh Amendment had a specific meaning in law. But the canons of textualism are scarcely a relic of the Marshall Court. I discuss examples of textual analysis from *Chisholm v. Georgia* in 1793 through *District of Columbia v. Heller* in 2008, decided only months before the book went to press.

Chapter two addresses the issue of intra-textualism; that is, using one portion of the text to understand another. The chapter also addresses discerning the meaning of the text through reference to its purpose and considers some of the limits of textualism. The section on intra-textualism focuses on instances in which the Court has relied upon context to interpret constitutional language as well as the achievement of congruence from clause to clause and congruence over time. *District of Columbia v. Heller* provides a very recent example of intra-textual analysis. There, Justice Scalia, writing for the majority, reasoned that since the phrases “a right of the people” has been interpreted in prior cases to refer to an individual as opposed to a collective right in the First and Fourth Amendments, it should carry the same meaning in the Second Amendment as well.

Reliance on textual purpose to illuminate meaning was a favorite device of Chief Justice Marshall, however, there are excellent such examples throughout the Court’s history. Perhaps one of the most famous and influential was the dissent by Justice Brandeis in *Olmstead v. United States*, where he argued that the purpose of the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures was to protect personal privacy, the right to be let alone as he called it, and not simply interests in property, as the majority seemed to believe. Ultimately, the Brandeis conception of the Fourth Amendment’s purpose, and hence its meaning, carried the day.
The chapter also considers the limitations of textual analysis recognized by the Court. One such limitation is the absence of relevant text with respect to a particular constitutional question. The absence of relevant text has been used to support the argument that a particular practice either is or is not inconsistent with the Constitution depending upon the context. Textual analysis is not necessarily the absolute benchmark for constitutional interpretation. There are some prominent instances in which the Court has construed the Constitution in a manner that seems inconsistent with, if not in direct conflict with, the text. The Court’s complicated Eleventh Amendment jurisprudence provides some examples of this. Although by its explicit terms the Amendment states that the judicial power of the United States shall not extend to any suit by a citizen of another state against a state, the Court has long held that despite this seemingly restrictive language the larger purpose of the Amendment prohibits a suit by a citizen against his own state as well.

In view of its importance, two chapters are devoted to the Court’s use of original understanding as a source of constitutional meaning.

Chapter three addresses the Court’s use of pre-constitutional sources such as the Magna Carta, various incidents in English history, the common law, influential authorities such as William Blackstone, and sources from pre-constitutional America including the Declaration of Independence, colonial history, the Articles of Confederation, and protection of religious liberty in Virginia. As the foundation of Anglo-American civil liberties protection, the Magna Carta played a significant role in the Court’s early development of the concept of due process of law. Likewise, the Court has relied on events in English history to explain the scope and meaning of the congressional speech and debate clause. Recently, the majority in District of Columbia v. Heller traced the Second Amendment’s right to keep and bear arms to the English Bill of Rights.

Chapter three also examines the Court’s reliance on evidence from the drafting and ratification of the Constitution including debates at the Constitutional Convention and in the state ratifying conventions, the drafting history of constitutional provisions, and the Federalist Papers. The Marshall Court, largely as a matter of recent memory, frequently cited the problems that existed under the Articles of Confederation, especially with respect to limitations on congressional power as evidence that the framers of the Constitution intended to take a very different approach. Few colonial events have influenced constitutional interpretation as much as the religious struggles in Virginia during the 1780s. Madison’s famous Memorial and Remonstrance against taxpayer support of the clergy, as well as Jefferson’s Virginia Bill of Religious Liberty, have played a decisive role in the Court’s understanding of the Establishment Clause, drafted and ratified a few years later.

The justices often rely on the drafting history of a provision to shed light on its meaning. There has been a debate on the Court...
Perhaps no source of original understanding is as revered as the Federalist Papers.

John Marshall, perhaps more than any justice, is responsible for enshrining the Federalist Papers as a crucial source of constitutional understanding. In *Cohens v. Virginia*, he declared that they are “of great authority.” Even Marshall recognized, however, that the Federalist Papers must be utilized with caution, noting in *McCulloch v. Maryland* that “a right to judge their correctness” must be retained by the Court.

Chapter four discusses evidence of the contemporaneous understanding of the Constitution as well as some of the difficulties presented by originalism. This chapter considers several sources that the Court has relied on to establish the original understanding including eighteenth century dictionaries and writings, existing state constitutions, practice by state and federal officials, and statements and writings by influential individuals. *McCulloch v. Maryland* provides a classic example of reliance on prior executive and legislative practice. There, the fact that the Congress had thoroughly debated the constitutionality of the Bank of the United States and passed a bill reauthorizing it following its initial operation and expiration was viewed by Marshall as some evidence of its constitutional propriety.

This chapter also discusses the Court’s use of original understanding to illuminate constitutional purpose, as well as the means by which it attempts to resolve disputes over competing views of the original understanding. It also considers how the Court treats inconclusive evidence of original understanding and how it determines whether to adopt a broad or narrow conception of original understanding, and discusses instances in which the Court seems to conclude that reliance on the original understanding would lead to an unacceptable result. Justice Black’s reliance on a conception of original understanding of the Establishment Clause to perceive its purpose as creating strict separation of church and state, though quite arguable mistaken, is nevertheless an important example of original understanding as evidence of textual purpose. The Court’s dismissal of the original understanding of the Fourteenth Amendment, as inconclusive with respect to the views of the framing generation on school segregation in *Brown v. Board of Education*, is the classic example of the inability of originalism to answer every significant constitutional question.

Chapter five analyzes the Court’s use of tradition and practice as evidence of constitutional meaning. The use of tradition and practice as a means of constitutional understanding has played an especially prominent role in the separation of powers area, the development of due process of law, the relationship of church and state under the Establishment Clause, and the concept of the public forum under the freedom of speech clause of the First Amendment. For instance, the extensive debate between Justices Frankfurter and Vinson in *Youngstown Sheet and Tube v. Sawyer* as to the significance of prior Presidential seizures of private property during wartime, as evidence of the constitutionality of President Truman’s seizure of the steel mills, is a sterling example in the area of separation of powers jurisprudence of tradition and practice. The continuing debate on the Court with respect to the relevance of longstanding congressional and executive practice in acknowledging religion is another example of this mode of analysis. I also discuss some of the issues addressed by the Court with respect to the use of tradition and practice including the appropriate level of generality for defining a tradition, the significance of international tradition, the relevance of evolving or changing standards, and the significance of a declining tradition or practice. The recent debate on the Court in the area of the substantive due process right to privacy, with regard to whether a tradition should be defined at a relatively broad or narrow level of abstraction, highlights one of the more difficult issues in employing this method of analysis.

Structural reasoning in the Court’s interpretation of the Constitution is the subject of chapter six. By structural reasoning, I mean the derivation of constitutional meaning from the structure of the text, as well as the larger design and purpose of the Constitution. Several Marshall Court classics illustrate how the Court has employed structural reasoning very effectively. For instance, in *Marbury v. Madison*, Marshall’s justification for judicial review of congressional acts is a carefully crafted multi-step argument derived from constitutional structure. Likewise in *McCulloch v. Maryland*, Marshall employed classic structural arguments to justify a vigorous conception of congressional power, judicial deference to congressional action against the states, and judicial rejection of state taxation of federal instrumentalities. I also discuss the Court’s use of structural reasoning in several different substantive contexts including separation of
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powers, rights, judicial review, and the Eleventh Amendment.

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In addition to precedent, I devote two chapters to the Court’s development and use of constitutional doctrine which plays such a large role in contemporary constitutional analysis. By doctrine, I mean the rules and tests that the Court creates to provide some guidance in the analysis of constitutional issues. In chapter eight, I provide several specific examples of how the Court has derived broader principles of constitutional law in particular areas including freedom of speech, protection against racial discrimination, one person one vote, and the right to obtain an abortion. A close look at the famous dissents of Justice Holmes in Abrams v. United States and the equally classic concurrence by Justice Brandeis in Whitney v. California provide insight into how the justices derive large scale constitutional principles. Two examples from Establishment Clause jurisprudence illustrate how the Court moves from broad principles to more specific doctrine. First, the Court’s use of Jefferson’s famous wall of separation metaphor to establish a relatively strict separationist principle with respect to church state relations, which it almost immediately began to hedge and qualify, provides an excellent example of how the Court transforms general principle into usable doctrine. Second, the Court’s construction of the three part “Lemon test” for analyzing church state issues by piecing together bits of dicta over a series of cases provides another nice example of how doctrine is created. This chapter also explores various sources from which the Court derives its doctrine including precedent, purpose, structure, and theory, as well as the creation of doctrine from whole cloth.

Chapter nine explains how the Court shapes and clarifies constitutional doctrine. It examines ways in which the Court defines the issues and takes account of empirical support for doctrine as well as its impact. The Court’s cases involving First Amendment limitations on libel and attorney advertising provide examples of...
As the Court accumulates doctrine on a case by case basis, conflict and confusion is almost inevitable. At some point, the Court finds it necessary to attempt to clean it up.

how it sometimes fashions rules that are likely to have a significant effect on behavior with very little empirical support as to their likely impact. This chapter also examines various doctrinal approaches including bright line, balancing, and multi-factor tests. Some of the cases in the area of police practices illustrate the Court’s recognition that it is often important for it to construct bright line rules that are easily understandable and applicable by officers in the field. The Court is more likely to engage in explicit balancing of interests either where it is initially formulating doctrine in a particular area or when the unpredictability of a balancing approach does not impose too high of a cost on stability and efficiency. In addition, this chapter discusses ways in which the Court shapes doctrine, resolves doctrinal conflicts, chooses between competing doctrines, cleans up doctrinal messes, and changes doctrine. As the Court accumulates doctrine on a case by case basis, conflict and confusion is almost inevitable.

At some point, the Court finds it necessary to attempt to clean it up. San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez is an example of a case in which the Court attempted to straighten out its Equal Protection jurisprudence with, at best, limited success. In United States v. Miller, however, it did a fairly good job of resolving conflicts in the area of obscenity doctrine that had caused problems for over two decades.

Chapter ten on consequential reasoning gives several examples of classic consequential arguments by the Court; that is, instances in which it takes account of the likely impact of its decisions as an element in interpreting the Constitution. This chapter analyzes the factors that the Court considers in determining whether the possibility of adverse consequences should affect the constitutional decision. Among such factors are the likelihood of the occurrence, the ability of the Court or others to avoid the adverse consequences, the question of whether the consequences are really that bad, and the question of whether the Court should even be concerned with such impacts. Consequential reasoning, which is a staple of both legal method and constitutional interpretation, regularly causes the Court to ask the question of whether a principled line can be drawn or whether the slippery slope is inevitable. This is hardly surprising. As Justice Holmes once observed, “[W]here to draw the line . . . is the question in pretty much everything worth arguing about in law.”

Chapter eleven on ethical argument considers instances in which the Court seems to rely to some extent on its conception of the American ethos as a factor in deciding constitutional issues. The Court’s decisions in the areas of cruel and unusual punishment, punitive damages, and due process privacy provide examples of this fairly unusual method of constitutional interpretation. With respect to the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition of
cruel and unusual punishment, the Court has quite explicitly taken account of its understanding of American societal conceptions of fairness and decency in determining the constitutionality of capital punishment altogether, as well as the constitutionality of capital punishment for crimes other than murder or capital punishment of minors or the mentally disabled. The Court has also taken account of these considerations in determining whether a particular award of punitive damages are so excessive as to violate due process of law. The Court’s understanding of societal standards has also surfaced in the due process right of privacy cases involving sterilization, contraception, abortion, homosexual rights, and the right to die.

Rhetoric, the subject of chapter twelve, has often played a significant role in constitutional decision-making by the Court. Marshall’s opinion in Marbury v. Madison is an excellent example of how the Court could accomplish as much with rhetoric as with more conventional legal tools. The foundational freedom of speech opinions by Justices Holmes and Brandeis (generally in dissent or concurrence) illustrate how powerful rhetoric can resonate for decades, overwhelming more pedestrian counter-arguments. Justice Brandeis’s famous concurrence in Whitney v. California is one of the greatest examples, if not the greatest, of a devastatingly effective constitutional argument constructed almost entirely on rhetoric. Justice Jackson was without question one of the greatest writers ever to sit on the Court. His opinions in West Virginia Board of Education v.

Barnette, Edwards v. California, and HP Hood & Sons v. DuMond illustrate how he employed rhetoric effectively to mold enduring principles of constitutional law. The Court’s insertion of Jefferson’s wall of separation metaphor into Establishment Clause jurisprudence, starting with Everson v. Board of Education, illustrates the danger of placing too much reliance on a metaphor incapable of capturing all of the nuance of a difficult constitutional issue. As precedent inconsistent with the strict separationist approach of the wall metaphor accumulated, the justices began to describe the wall as “winding,” “warped,” or “twisted.” Justice Rehnquist, dissenting eventually, argued that the wall metaphor accumulated, the justices began to describe the wall as “winding,” “warped,” or “twisted.” Justice Rehnquist, dissenting eventually, argued that “the wall of separation between church and state” is a metaphor “based on bad history... which has proved useless as a guide to judging.” On the current Court, Justice Scalia often effectively uses colorful rhetoric, especially in dissenting opinions.

Chapter thirteen provides five examples, each from a different time period and substantive area of constitutional law, of how the Court or individual justices synthesize the various types of constitutional analysis into a coherent opinion. The first case, Cohens v. Virginia from 1823, shows how Chief Justice Marshall skillfully blended together textual, originalist, structural, precedential, and consequential arguments to make a powerful case for the constitutional authority of the Supreme Court to review a state court criminal judgment raising a federal question. In the process, Marshall found it necessary to distinguish and limit some of the dicta from his classic opinion in Marbury v. Madison.

In the Slaughterhouse Cases decided in 1871, the majority opinion had a profound and lasting impact on the course of constitutional law by reading the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the recently adopted Fourteenth Amendment in an extremely narrow manner. Like Cohens, the Slaughterhouse Cases show how Justice Miller, writing for the majority, blended together several different interpretive methods to support the result. But the cases are a particularly valuable illustration of how three separate dissenting justices, Field, Bradley and Swayne, were able to reach strikingly different results, though considering the same text and history as the majority, by employing similar interpretive methods in a very different manner. The opinions in the Slaughterhouse Cases illustrate the fluidity of constitutional interpretation in difficult cases of first impression.

In the 1932 opinion in Powell v. Alabama, the Court reversed a death sentence in the notorious Scottsboro Case under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, recognizing a limited right to counsel for indigent defendants in capital cases. Justice Sutherland, writing for the Court, relied on precedent, original understanding, constitutional purpose, tradition, rhetoric, and doctrinal creation to deliver one of the classic opinions in the history of the protection of civil liberties. The Court’s approach was cautious but was still a major step forward in the protection of the right to counsel in state criminal justice systems.

The fourth example is New York Times v. Sullivan, decided in 1963, where for the first time the Court brought the law of libel into the domain of the First Amendment. In a classic opinion, Justice Brennan relied on history, principle, and purpose to persuasively discard one hundred fifty years’ worth of contrary authority. Justice Brennan’s reliance on the dispute over
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the constitutionality of the Alien and Sedition Laws in the early days of American constitutional history, influenced by the brief filed by Professor Herbert Wechsler on behalf of The New York Times, is arguably one of the greatest examples of constitutional interpretation to appear in the United States Reports. The case also provides a sterling example of doctrinal creation as the Court relied on constitutional purpose and common law precedent to develop the reckless disregard standard for evaluating libel claims by public officials under the First Amendment.

Finally, the 1992 case of 

This study of the interpretative methods employed by the Court illustrates that in any given case the justices have a wide range of analytical tools from which to choose.

To some extent at least, the choice is dictated by the nature and history of the constitutional issue presented. Sometimes a close reading of the text will prove useful while in other instances it will not. Sometimes there is a wealth of relevant evidence of original understanding and on other occasions almost none. Often there is a long line of constraining precedent and yet in other cases the Court writes on a blank slate. In some areas, the Court has developed a complex doctrinal framework while in other areas there has been little development. In most significant cases, a variety of analytical methods are available and pertinent, and the justices must determine which to employ and emphasize.

I make no attempt to wrap up constitutional interpretation by the Supreme Court with a bow. It is not normatively coherent on a grand scale. That would be too much to ask from a multi-member body deciding one case at a time through the application of such a wide variety of analytical tools. The Court’s work product may be best appreciated at the particularistic level as it applies these analytic methods and large measure of judicial judgment to the issues before it. I hope that with the foregoing I have provided some assistance in illuminating the approaches that the justices have relied on over the past two hundred years and continue to rely on today in reading the Constitution.
Eleven years ago, Stanford and Yale Law Schools started inviting promising young law professors from across the country to submit scholarly papers for presentation at an annual Junior Faculty Forum. The goal of the Forum is to encourage the pursuit of scholarship and scholarly exchange between senior and junior academics with the hope of creating discourse on the merits and methodologies of the work.

Scores of papers are submitted each year for this prestigious honor. Only a dozen or so are chosen. In 2010, only two law schools – Harvard and SMU Dedman – were privileged to have the work of two of their faculty independently selected.

Assistant professors Anthony Colangelo, who teaches and writes on conflict of laws, U.S. foreign relations law, and private and public international law, and Jeffrey Kahn, who teaches and writes on American constitutional law, Russian law, human rights and counter-terrorism, presented their papers at Yale in June.

“It is an honor to have my work chosen, and that two papers were selected from SMU speaks very well of the scholarly environment at the law school,” says Professor Colangelo. Colangelo also presented at the forum in 2008 at Yale, when his article “Double Jeopardy and Multiple Sovereigns: A Jurisdictional Theory” was selected in the Public International Law category.

In the article he presented this year, “The Foreign Commerce Clause,” Professor Colangelo comprehensively addresses Congress’s power “to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations,” which Congress has increasingly used to pass laws of unprecedented and aggressive reach over both domestic and foreign activity. Despite the Clause’s mounting significance for modern U.S. regulatory regimes at home and abroad, it remains an incredibly under-analyzed source of constitutional power.

“Faced with an increasing number of challenges, lower courts have been unable to coherently articulate the contours of Congress’s regulatory authority,” says Professor Colangelo. “When courts have tried, their efforts have largely been wrong.”

Professor Colangelo explains why courts have been wrong and offers a doctrinally and conceptually sound approach to the Clause based on the text, structure, and history of the Constitution. His article also “engages broader legal and policy questions triggered by the Clause involving federalism, separation of powers, foreign affairs, and individual rights.” He concludes that “the Clause is crucial to how Congress constitutionally may project U.S. law around the world.”

Colangelo’s “The Foreign Commerce Clause” was selected by the Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum under the category of Constitutional Law – Theoretical Foundations.

Professor Kahn’s article, “The Extraordinary Mrs. Shipley: How the United States Controlled International Travel Before the Age of Terrorism,” analyzes the legal and policy history that influenced the development of constitutional doctrine and administrative practice that for many years permitted government restriction of the right to travel without any judicial review. It was chosen in the category of Law and Humanities.
“Our current policies restricting travel through the use of terrorist watchlists owe their conceptual origins to Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, one of the most powerful people in the federal government for almost thirty years, but virtually unknown today,” says Professor Kahn. “As Chief of the State Department’s Passport Division between 1928 and 1955, she had the unreviewable discretion to determine who could leave the United States, for how long, and under what conditions. If, in the language of her day, she determined that travel was ‘not in the interest of the United States,’ that U.S. citizen stayed put.”

Using original documents obtained from the National Archives, Professor Kahn analyzes how Mrs. Shipley denied passports to Paul Robeson, Arthur Miller, Linus Pauling, and many other ordinary as well as well-known Americans during the 1950s. Many found their travel curtailed due to suspicion that they were part of a world-wide Communist movement. Fear of communism then was the equivalent of fear of terrorism today.

Professor Kahn compares the work of Mrs. Shipley to the current watchlisting procedures employed by the FBI’s Terrorist Screening Center and the Department of Homeland Security. This part of the paper is further developed with the aid of interviews he conducted with current and former officials from those agencies.

“I conclude that today’s so-called ‘No Fly List’ used to deny boarding passes to suspect travelers resonates with Mrs. Shipley’s passport power, which was rightly scaled back by the courts and Congress as incompatible with our constitutional values,” says Professor Kahn.

John B. Attanasio, Dean of SMU Dedman School of Law, noted, “To be selected from among so many junior faculty from around the country is a special honor. The work of Professors Kahn and Colangelo is emblematic of the outstanding contributions being made to the advancement of law and public policy by our outstanding junior faculty.”


On Monday, February 22, 2010, Sherry L. Mueller, President of the National Council for International Visitors, presented the Gold Star award to Dean John B. Attanasio and professors of the SMU Dedman School of Law for their many years of participation with the Dallas Committee for Foreign Visitors and the North Texas Council for International Visitors.

The Gold Star signifies significant service to Citizen Diplomacy, the Rule of Law and contribution to the work of the National Council.
Lackland H. Bloom Jr., professor at SMU Dedman School of Law, has been honored at the Godbey Lecture Series Authors’ Award Luncheon for his book *Methods of Interpretation: How the Supreme Court Reads the Constitution*, published by Oxford University Press.

“I was truly honored to receive the Godbey award especially considering that it involved a university-wide competition with outstanding books from so many different academic disciplines,” said Professor Bloom.

The 592-page book is the first detailed examination of the various interpretive approaches which the Supreme Court justices have employed throughout the court’s entire history including textualism, original understanding, tradition and practice, structural reasoning, precedent, and doctrine.

“Speaking as a constitutionalist myself, Professor Bloom’s book on the Supreme Court’s approaches to Constitutional Interpretation represents a major step forward illuminating the methodology of the court,” observed Dean John B. Attanasio.

Following the publication of *Methods of Interpretation: How the Supreme Court Reads the Constitution*, Oxford University Press has asked Professor Bloom to write another book, which he has entitled *Great Cases*.

Bloom teaches constitutional law and copyright law, two fields in which he specializes and is an active scholar.

The Godbey Authors’ Awards are given for the three most outstanding academic books published by SMU professors during the prior year. Each of this year’s three honorees received a prize of $1,000.
SMU Dedman School of Law’s graduating class recognized Professor Gregory S. Crespi with the 2010 Dr. Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Teacher of the Year award was presented during the May hooding ceremony.

“This award is very satisfying to me because we academics often do not receive very much feedback regarding our usually rather technical scholarly writings, and we worry whether we are really making any difference in anyone’s lives. This award tells me that I have made a difference, that I have contributed in some small way to the education and personal development of my students, and I am very grateful that they appreciate my efforts,” said Crespi.

Crespi’s academic and professional interests combine law and economics. Before graduating from Yale Law School in 1985, Crespi earned a Ph.D. in economics with a specialization in microeconomic theory from the University of Iowa. Crespi also taught economics at the University of Iowa and the University of Tulsa. After earning his law degree, he served in the White House as Senior Counsel for the Council of Economic Advisers under both the Reagan and Bush Administrations and later worked in private practice as well, handling corporate and commercial law matters.

Crespi joined SMU Dedman School of Law in 1990. He teaches contracts, business enterprise, and law and economics. He has authored two books on securities regulation and over fifty articles covering multiple legal topics ranging from disability rights to jurisprudence.

Having been honored with SMU Dedman Law’s Teacher of the Year Award three times before, Crespi is clearly much admired and appreciated by the students.

Jessica Dixon-Weaver, founding director of the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic at SMU Dedman School of Law, was honored as an Extraordinary Minority in Texas Law by Texas Lawyer in September 2009.

The magazine recognized 25 lawyers who have, according to the publication, “made significant contributions to law and lawyering in Texas. They write the laws that shape our state; stand up for the powerless; guide powerful corporations; and extend a helping hand to the next generation of attorneys.” There were 400 nominees for the award.

As a professor and a child advocate, Weaver helped establish a clinical program at Dedman Law that allows law students to serve as court-appointed guardians and attorneys ad litem. Through the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic, children find the representation they need, and law students learn valuable professional skills.

“It’s such important work,” Weaver told Texas Lawyer. “These kids are at their most vulnerable stage after being removed from their parents, and the guardian ad litem is the one person who’s with them for the entirety of the legal process, who can answer their questions and assist them in getting their needs met. It’s important for there to be trained and qualified people representing these kids.”

Weaver has also positively impacted the Child Protective Service foster care process. Two years ago, she arranged a roundtable that resulted in a formal interview for the CPS exit process. She is currently working on Hearing Your Voice, a series of free publications for children who are entering foster care.

Weaver is recognized in Texas Lawyer among other notable Texas attorneys, including Texas Solicitor General James Ho and Dallas District Attorney Craig Watkins.
In today’s ethics-challenged society, the public is faced with the reality of questioning the strength and reliability of its many institutions: corporate, non-profit, political, religious, educational, professional, and cultural.

Political analyst Fareed Zakaria in a June 2009 *Newsweek* article said, “Most of what happened over the past decade was legal. But very few people acted responsibly, honorably, or nobly. And no political system – capitalist, socialist or otherwise – can work without a sense of ethics and values at its center.”

Tom Mayo, Director of the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility, would agree. But not without optimism—backed by a five-year record of results in directing a university-wide ethics center at SMU. “Ethics is widely understood to provide an indispensable element in the education of tomorrow’s leaders and in the DNA of the institutions where much of that leadership activity will occur,” according to Mayo. The creation of the Ethics Center, he says, “evidences a deep commitment to ethics as an integral part of the SMU experience.”

Over the fifteen-year history of the Ethics Center, four professors from SMU Dedman School of Law including Peter Winship, Jeffrey Gaba, Linda Eads, and Jenia Turner have been appointed as Public Scholars. Public Scholars are regarded as “the University’s most exciting scholars” and they receive course development grants to develop ethics-related curriculum in their respective fields.

Mayo, who was also a founding member of the Ethics Center before taking on the role as its Director, says, “I think the center accomplishes a great deal on our campus. It promotes student awareness of ethics as part of their undergraduate study in a number of ways.”

During his five years as Director, Mayo’s goal was to make the Ethics Center more well-known—both on the university campus and throughout the wider Dallas community. Starting as what Mayo called “one of SMU’s best-kept secrets,” the Ethics Center has developed into what it is today under his leadership.

With many member organizations and four community programs in place, the Ethics Center represents a comprehensive “ethics culture” at SMU. In 2009 alone, course-development grant applications to the Ethics Center increased by 100%, and the number of applications for the Center’s summer public service internship program tripled.

Commenting on his last year as Director of the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Mayo says, “The past five years serving as the Director have been a privilege. Recognizing, honoring, and modeling ethical behaviors, providing moral reflection on contemporary issues, and celebrating ethics overall are important steps toward creating a general awareness of ethics. The challenge for a university-wide ethics center is a bit like the problem of someone who tries to take a sip of water from a wide-open fire hydrant: how to keep from drowning in too much of a good thing.”

SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Tom Mayo discusses the overall impact of SMU’s Maguire Center for Ethics & Professional Responsibility – as well as the five years he spent serving as its Director.
Zealous advocacy during international criminal trials contradicts the goals of the International Criminal Court, argued SMU Dedman School of Law Associate Professor Jenia Turner at the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility’s Public Scholar Lecture on November 5, 2009.

The unique features and goals of international criminal trials demand a different approach to resolving some of the ethical dilemmas facing defense attorneys who represent clients before international criminal courts. The goals of international trials are broader and often more political than those of ordinary domestic trials, according to Associate Professor Turner. The ICC aims to establish historical truth about crimes, give victims a voice and a sense of closure, and foster respect for human rights, she said.

Turner said, “All of these considerations weigh more heavily in international trials than they do in domestic trials,’” where it is the norm for defense attorneys to take drastic, aggressive measures.

For example, while it would be acceptable in a domestic court for a defense attorney to impeach a witness for the prosecution whom he knows is telling the truth, the goals of the ICC prevent such a practice.

Turner also discusses other scenarios in her article, “Legal Ethics in International Criminal Defense,” published in the Winter 2010 issue of the Chicago Journal of International Law. Practices differ, for example, when clients want to testify falsely or wish to boycott or disrupt proceedings, and when defense attorneys face the question of whether to let an innocent client plead guilty.

Associate Professor Turner teaches criminal procedure, international criminal law, comparative criminal procedure, and international organizations at SMU Dedman School of Law. Her law career was influenced by her upbringing in Bulgaria during the political turmoil of the 1990s.
VISITING FACULTY

THE HONORABLE ADEL OMAR SHERIF

Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt
Charles J. and Inez Wright Murray Distinguished Visiting Professor in Law

Dr. Adel Omar Sherif has been the Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt since December 2002. He earned his LL.B. (1979), Advanced Studies Diploma in Public Law (1980), Advanced Studies Diploma in Administrative Law (1981), and Ph.D. in Constitutional Law (1988) from Cairo and Am Shams Universities in Egypt. After working in private practice for a short period of time, he was appointed to the Egyptian judiciary, commencing his judicial career at the Council of the State, where he served in various judicial positions between 1980 and 1992. In 1992, Justice Sherif moved to the Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt’s Supreme Court, as Assistant Counselor for the Commissioners’ Body. He was promoted to full Counselor in 1993 and was assigned Acting Head of the Commissioners’ Body that same year. In December 2002, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Justice. Justice Sherif was a Visiting Fellow at the International Human Rights Law Centre of the College of Law, DePaul University, in Chicago in 1992; the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex from 1993–94; and the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. in 1996; and was a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University from 1998–99. He often represents the Egyptian judicial community in international conferences and seminars and has already received many honors and awards at the international level. Justice Sherif is a member of the International Board of Judicial Advisers for the Judges Newsletter of The Hague Conference on Private International Law and a member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights’ Judicial Reference Group. Further, he has recently been appointed as a Vice-President of the International Judicial Academy in Washington D.C. In 2005, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan awarded Justice Sherif the Medal of the Constitution of Kazakhstan. In addition, in 2007, the Ateneo de Davao University in the Philippines conferred upon Justice Sherif an honorary doctorate degree in laws.

He has written and published widely on various legal aspects including human rights, constitutional issues, Islamic law, criminal law, and environmental law.

Justice Sherif taught Comparative Law II: Islamic Law in Fall 2009.

DON BUSH

Magistrate Judge – United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas


Judge Bush taught Trial Advocacy in Fall 2009.
DR. DAVID ELKINS
Senior Lecturer and Distinguished Teaching Fellow
Netanya College School of Law, Israel

Dr. David Elkins is a Senior Lecturer and Distinguished Teaching Fellow at the Netanya College School of Law in Israel. He is the author of *Taxation of Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Goodwill and Know-How and Taxation of Corporations and Their Shareholders*. He has also published numerous articles in leading Israeli and American law reviews and professional journals, some dealing with subjects such as tax accounting and corporate taxation, others exploring the concepts of distributive justice and horizontal equity. Prior to his academic appointment, Dr. Elkins served as Senior Assessor and as Senior Assistant to the Legal Advisor for the Israeli Tax Authority. He received his LL.B. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his LL.M. as well as his Ph.D. from the University of Bar Ilan.

Dr. Elkins taught Corporate Tax and Income Taxation in Fall 2009.

ROBERT M. FILLMORE
Judge – Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals

The Honorable Robert M. Fillmore was appointed Justice of the Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals in May 2009. He received his undergraduate and J.D. degrees from the University of Kansas. Prior to his appointment to the Court, Justice Fillmore was in private practice in the Dallas office of Hunton & Williams LLP, and its predecessor, Worsham, Forsythe & Wooldridge LLP, focusing upon energy regulatory litigation. Earlier in his career, he served as Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General of Kansas. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, teaching trial advocacy. Justice Fillmore has been elected Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, and the Dallas Bar Foundation and has served as Chairman of the Public Utility Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.


ALLEN JOE FISH
Senior District Judge – United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

The Honorable Allen Joe Fish is a Senior Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas. Born in Los Angeles, California, Fish received his B.A. from Yale College in 1965 and his LL.B from Yale Law School in 1968. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve from 1968 to 1974 and was in private practice in Dallas from 1968 to 1980. In 1980 Judge Fish was elected to the 95th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas. From 1981 to 1983, he was a justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas. On January 31, 1983, Fish was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to a seat on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Fish was confirmed by the United States Senate less than a month later and received his commission the following day. He served as Chief Judge of the Fifth District from 2002 to 2007, before assuming Senior Judge status in November 2007.

Judge Fish taught Civil Procedure I in Fall 2009 and is teaching a Federal Judicial Externship course in Fall 2010. He also held a pre-trial conference at SMU Dedman School of Law in September 2009.
H. DeWAYNE “COOTER” HALE

United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas

The Honorable H. DeWayne “Cooter” Hale was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas in November 2002. He received his undergraduate and J.D. degrees from LSU, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and an editor of the Law Review. He worked at Strasburger & Price before opening a boutique firm, where he became well-versed in bankruptcy law. Two years before his judicial appointment, Judge Hale was a regional partner in charge of the bankruptcy practice at Baker & McKenzie in Dallas. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Bankruptcy Bar Association, and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Judge Hale taught Creditors’ Rights along with Chief Judge Barbara J. Houser in Fall 2009. He also taught the course again during Spring 2010.

BARBARA J. HOUSER

Chief Judge - United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

The Honorable Barbara J. Houser is Chief Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. She received her B.S. with honors in 1975 from the University of Nebraska before graduating from SMU Dedman School of Law in 1978. Chief Judge Houser practiced with Locke, Purnell, Born, Laney & Neely in Dallas and then Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C., until she was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in January 2000. Chief Judge Houser lectures and publishes frequently on corporate restructuring and insolvency law. She is a past chairman of the Dallas Bar Association’s Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization. She is also a contributing author to Collier on Bankruptcy (15th Ed.) and the Collier Bankruptcy Manual (3rd Ed.).

Chief Judge Houser taught Creditor’s Rights in Fall 2009.

DR. YEHIEL KAPLAN

Senior Lecturer – Haifa University, Faculty of Law

Professor Yehiel Kaplan lives in Israel where he is a senior lecturer at Haifa University, Faculty of Law. Kaplan teaches and writes about Jewish Law and Family Law. Professor Kaplan earned his LL.B. in 1983 and his LL.M. in 1985 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was a Visiting Scholar in Medieval Roman and Canon Law at the University of California Law School at Berkeley from 1987 to 1988. Professor Kaplan has taught a wide variety of courses dealing with Jewish Law and Family Law at the University of Haifa, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Tel-Aviv University. He has published several articles, including most recently “The Power of Interpretation: Religious Scholars Elevate the Status of Female Guardians in Jewish Law,” which appeared in the Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender.

Professor Yehiel Kaplan taught a course entitled Introduction to Jewish Law.
BOE MARTIN
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Boe W. Martin is a partner at Bell, Nunnally & Martin LLP. His areas of expertise are Bankruptcy and Reorganization, Creditors’ Rights, Real Estate, and Real Estate Finance. He has extensive experience in representing debtors and creditors in Chapter 11 and other insolvency proceedings. In 2005 and 2006, Professor Martin was selected by Texas Monthly as a “Texas Super Lawyer.” He received his B.A. from Texas A&M University in 1962, his LL.B. from University of Texas in 1964, and his LL.M from George Washington University in 1970. Professor Martin has taught Real Estate Transactions at the University of Texas School of Law and at the University of Houston Law Center. He began teaching as an adjunct professor at SMU Dedman School of Law in 1972. He has taught Payment Systems, Real Estate Development Law, Secured Transactions, Property, and Torts at the law school.

Professor Martin taught Secured Transactions and Torts.

RICHARD A. SCHELL
United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas

A native Texan, The Honorable Richard A. Schell graduated from SMU with his bachelor’s degree in 1972 and his J.D. in 1975. He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in June of 1988 to serve as a Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Judge Schell taught Research Methods/Legal Writing to first year students at SMU Dedman School of Law from 1975 to 1976. He then became an Assistant District Attorney for Collin County, Texas. Afterward, he spent five years in private practice until 1982 when he was appointed and then elected as a County Court at Law Judge for Collin County. In 1986, Judge Schell was elected as a State District Judge for the 219th Judicial District Court in Collin County and remained in that position until his appointment to the federal bench in 1988. Judge Schell served as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas from 1994 until 2001. He has also served on the U.S. Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and on the board of the Federal Judges Association.


LINDA THOMAS
Chief Justice – Fifth District Court of Appeals (Ret.)
Visiting Professor

The Honorable Linda Thomas is the former Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, the State’s largest intermediate appellate court. Chief Justice Thomas received her B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington and her J.D. from SMU Dedman School of Law. She served eight years as a family court judge and has been on the appellate court since 1987. Chief Justice Thomas is Board Certified in Family Law and has been awarded the prestigious Sam Emison Award by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists for meritorious contributions to family law. Chief Justice Thomas is a nationally-recognized leader in legal and judicial education.

Chief Justice Thomas taught Family Law in Fall 2009 and Texas Trial & Appellate Procedures in Spring 2010.
SMU Dedman School of Law’s annual series of presentations through the Faculty Forum provides an opportunity for new ideas to be explored through informal discussion between the presenter and SMU Faculty.

Scholars and law professors from around the country and world including Notre Dame, Suffolk University and University College London (UCL) participated in this year’s Faculty Forum Series. Discussions centered on topics such as trade implications for climate change regulation, EU energy markets, and human rights in relation to armed conflict.

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“The Future of the 2nd Amendment: McDonald v. Chicago,” Moderator, Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law (Sponsored by the Federalist Society and The American Constitution Society) (Dallas, TX (November 2009)).

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

PUBLICATIONS:
2009 Supplements to CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & UNDERSTANDING CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (LexisNexis) (with N. Redlich & J. Goldstein):
Tribute for Regis Campfield, 63 SMU L. REV. 3 (2010).

Presentations:
Panelist, “Dean’s Roundtable: The International Legal System and its Place in the New Millenium,” 2010 ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting (New York, NY (April 2010));
“Legal Education by 2020,” Dallas Bar Association (Dallas, TX (April 2010));
Panelist, “Law Reviews: Today & Tomorrow,” 50th Annual National Conference of Law Reviews (Fort Worth, TX (March 2010));
Moderator, Panel on “The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty” and panelist on three other sessions of the Judicial Summit between members of the U.S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010)));
“The Global Financial Crisis: An Academic Research Agenda,” to: • Dallas Roundtable (Dallas, TX (January 2010)); • Park Cities Rotary Club (Dallas, TX (August 2009)); • Southeast Asia Security Roundtable Series III – Brunei Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (July 2009)); • Ministry of Finance (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (July 2009)); • Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (July 2009)); • The Brunei Economic Board (BEDB) (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (July 2009)); • Kyung Hee University (Seoul, Korea (June 2009)); • The Ministry of Defence (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (June 2009));
Moderator, “Supreme Court Review,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Conference (Orlando, FL (November 2009));
“Is Punishment Relevant After All? A Prescription For Informing Juries of the Consequences of Conviction, 90 BOSTON UNIV. L. REV. (forthcoming) (with Junichi Semitsu);
Reconceptualizing the Fifth Amendment Prohibition of Adverse Comment On Criminal Defendants’ Trial Silence, 71 OHIO ST. L. J. (forthcoming).

JEFFREY BELLIN
Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
Widening Batson’s Net to Ensnare More than the Unapologetically Bigoted or Painfully Unimaginative Attorney, 96 CORNELL L. REV. (forthcoming) (with Junichi Semitsu); Is Punishment Relevant After All? A Prescription For Informing Juries of the Consequences of Conviction, 90 BOSTON UNIV. L. REV. (forthcoming);
Reconceptualizing the Fifth Amendment Prohibition of Adverse Comment On Criminal Defendants’ Trial Silence, 71 OHIO ST. L. J. (forthcoming).

PRESENTATIONS:
“5th Amendment Protections for Accused Criminals,” Indonesian Rule of Law Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (October 2009)).
PRESENTATIONS:
“The Intelligent Design Controversy—The Establishment Clause Background,” Darwin Symposium, Maguire Center for Ethics, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (September 2009));

“District of Columbia v Heller: An Interpretive Goldmine,” Annual Meeting of the Texas State Bar Bill of Rights Section (Houston, TX (May 2009)).

AWARDS:
SMU Godbey Lecture Series Authors’ Award for his book METHODS OF INTERPRETATION: HOW THE SUPREME COURT READS THE CONSTITUTION (Dallas, TX (April 2010)).
“Harnessing the New Geography of Health Care,” St. Louis University School of Law (St. Louis, MO (February 2010));

“Recalibrating the Legal Risks of Cross-Border Health Care,” Center for Medical Tourism Research, University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, TX (January 2010));

“Ethics in Social Security Cases,” U.S. Social Security Administration, Bench-Bar Conference (Dallas, TX (January 2010));

“International Health and the Law,” World Medical Tourism and Global Health Congress (Los Angeles, CA (October 2009));

“Medical Repatriation: Can Hospitals Effectively Deport Patients?” Texas Health Law Conference (Austin, TX (October 2009));

“The Expanding Geography of Our Health Care Safety Net,” Panel on Race and Ethnicity in Medicine, 2009 Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association (Denver, CO (May 2009));

“Recalibrating the Legal Risks of Cross-Border Health Care,” Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (April 2009));

“A Class Apart: Hernandez v. Texas,” American Constitution Society, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (April 2009)).

**AWARDS:**

2010 Dr. Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Green Cards for Foreign House Buyers: A Way to Help Stabilize Housing Prices, TULSA L. J. (forthcoming 2010);

The Endogeniety Problem in Cost-Benefit Analysis: Valuing Policies that Alter Preferences or Genetic Identities, 8 GEO. J. L. & PUB. POL. (2010) (forthcoming);

How Recognizing the Endogeniety of Identity Renders the Discounting Debate Largely Irrelevant, 50 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 101 (2010);

Further Reflections on Post-Realist Legal Scholarship and Teaching: A Brief Response to Professor Scordato, 50 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 101 (2010);


**PRESENTATIONS:**

Panelist, “When You Don’t Want to Wait for Final Judgment to Appeal,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit (Orlando, FL (November 2009));

Moderator, Appellate Judges Education Institute Roundtable, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (January 2010)).
LINDA EADS  
Associate Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
“Sexual Harassment Law,” Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX (2009));
“Ethics for Government Lawyers,” Texas Attorney General’s Office (Austin, TX (2009));
Moderator, discussion led by State Representative Rafael Anchia on Voter Registration in Texas (Dallas, TX (2009));
“Conflicts of Interest,” Dallas Bar Association, Torts and Insurance Section (Dallas, TX (2009));
“Remarkable Women Lawyers,” Panel Moderator, Dallas Bar Association (Dallas, TX (2009));
Lecturer on Evidence BARBRI Georgia (2009);
“Issues Facing Women Lawyers,” Dallas Women Lawyer’s Association (Dallas, TX (2009));
“Proposed Changes to Texas Ethics Rules,” Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section (Dallas, TX (2009));
“Voir Dire Workshop,” Faculty, Dallas Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (Dallas, TX (2009)).

APPOINTMENTS:
Elected to serve as President, Southern Methodist University Faculty Senate 2010 – 2011.

JULIA P. FORRESTER  
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
“The Subprime Mortgage Mess,” Reunion Weekend CLE, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (April 2009)).

APPOINTMENTS:
Elected to American Law Institute (December 2009).

JEFFREY M. GABA  
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
2009 Edition, GABA’S TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW STATUTES ANNOTATED (West 2009 Edition);
20TH Update, THE LAW OF SOLID WASTE, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RECYCLING (West);

CHRISTOPHER H. HANNA  
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor and Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
CORPORATE INCOME TAX ACCOUNTING, THIRD EDITION (coauthored) (Warren Gorham & Lamont 2009);
Corporate Tax Reform: Listening to Corporate America, 35 J. CORP. L. 283 (2010);

APPOINTMENTS:
Appointed to the Council of the State Bar of Texas Section of Taxation and the Dallas Bar Association Section of Taxation.

LARRY JONES  
Director, Tax Clinic

PUBLICATIONS:
Small Tax Cases, J. TAX PRAC. & PROC. (JUNE-JULY 2010) (with K. Miaw);
Who Owns the Client’s File?, J. TAX PRAC. & PROC. 7 (February/March 2010) (with K. Ryan & J. Braisted);
Is the Worker an Independent Contractor or Employee? J. TAX PRAC. & PROC. 7 (December 2009/January 2010);

PRESENTATIONS:
“Dealing With the IRS in the Practical World,” Dallas CPA Society (Dallas, TX (January 2010));
Panelist, “ Contribution Among Responsible Persons Under Section 6672(d)—Unresolved Issues” ABA Section of Taxation 2010 Midyear Meeting (San Antonio, TX (January 2010));
Presentations to First Wednesday Tax Forum (Dallas, TX):
- “Legislative Update: What Congress Has Been Up To and How It Affects Your Tax Practice” (May 2010);
- “The Increased Focus of the IRS on Employment Tax Audits” (March 2010);
- “Bill and Larry’s Bootcamp on Dealing With the IRS–Part III (Update on IRS Collection Issues)” (November 2009);
- “Bill and Larry’s Bootcamp on Dealing With the IRS–Part II (A Practitioner’s Guide to Handling IRS Appeals)” (October 2009);
- “Bill and Larry’s Bootcamp on Dealing With the IRS - Focus on Audits” (September 2009);
- “The Shape of Things to Come” (June 2009);
- “How the Tax and Benefits Provisions of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Affect You and Your Clients and Section 7216” (March 2009);

“New Section 6694 Preparer Regulations–Are You Protected?” The Practice Management Group, (Dallas, TX (February 2009));

Panelist, “Bankruptcy v. Installment Agreements v. Offer in Compromise,” 27th Annual Advanced Tax Law Course, State Bar of Texas Tax Section, (Houston, TX (August 2009));

“Dealing with the IRS in the Practical World,” 57th UT Annual Taxation Conference, (Austin, TX (December 2009)).

LAURA K. JUSTISS
Reference Librarian, Electronic Services, Underwood Law Library

PUBLICATIONS:

JEFFREY KAHN
Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
Zoya’s Standing Problem, or, When Should the Constitution Follow the Flag?, 108 MICH. L. REV. 673 (2010);
Ten Questions on National Security, 36 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. 5041 (2010);
No-Limit Texas Hold’em, or, The Voir Dire in Dallas County, 13 GREEN BAG 2D 383 (2010);

PRESENTATIONS:
“The Extraordinary Mrs. Shipley: How the United States Controlled International Travel before the Age of Terrorism,” Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (New Haven, CT (June 2010));
Organizer and Moderator, “Russia, Europe, and Human Rights,” a symposium honoring Karina Moskalenko, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX (May 2010));
Invited Panelist, "Russia’s Expanding Engagement with International Law in Trade, Human Rights, and Energy Investments," The Harriman Institute, Columbia University (New York, NY (April 2010));

Discussant, 3rd Annual National Security Law Workshop, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX (April 2010));
Invited Panelist, “From 9-11 Through Guantanamo, Iraq, and Afghanistan: Recent Developments in National Security Law,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Conference (Orlando, FL (November 2009));

Invited Panelist, Roundtable on Law and Politics in Contemporary Russia, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 41st National Convention (Boston, MA (November 2009));

“Federalism in American and Comparative Perspective,” Indonesian Rule of Law Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (October 2009));
Invited Participant, 3rd International Roundtable on the Supremacy of Law (Moscow, Russia (June 2009));

“Fear, Lawfare, and Access to Court,” Meeting of the Executive Board, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (April 2009));

“Russian Federalism at Fifteen.” The Russian Constitution at Fifteen: Assessments and Current Challenges to Russia’s Legal Development Conference, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington, DC (March 2009)).
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDS:
SMU Golden Mustang Award – University-wide award given to a junior tenure-track faculty member for excellence in teaching and scholarship (Spring 2010).

THOMAS KIMBROUGH
Associate Director for Public Service, Underwood Law Library

PRESENTATIONS:

“Is the Student Pathfinder Assignment Broken? If So, Can It Be Fixed?,” Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship & Teaching at the University of Colorado (Boulder, CO (June 2009));

AWARDS:
“Spirit of the FCL–SIS Award,” Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section, Annual Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries (Washington, DC (July 2009)).

D. AARON LACY
Associate Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
“Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: Conforming for Hire,” Fourth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium, Intersectionality: Challenging Theory, Reframing Politics, Transforming Movements, UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, CA (March 2010));

“Represent: The NFL and NBA’s Reaction to the Infiltration of Hip Hop Culture with its Players and its Effect on the Employment of the Black Male Athlete,” Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC (March 2010));

Henry J. LISCHER, JR.
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, “The Challenges Posed by the Current Economic Climate: RIFs, COBRA Extensions, Age Discrimination Suits and Maintaining Employee Morale,” 17th Annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium (Dallas, TX (October 2009));

John S. LOWE
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and George W. Hutchison Professor of Energy Law

PRESENTATIONS:

“Represent: Professional Sports Response to the Infiltration of Hip Hop Its League,” Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Seton Hall University Law School (Newark, NJ (September 2009));

Panelist, “Attorney Satisfaction and the Limits of Employment Discrimination Law,” Workshop on Labor and Employment Law Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (Palm Beach, FL (July 2009));

Panelist, “Changing Employment Laws and Their Effect on Women in the Workplace,” Women and the Law Section Program, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX (June 2009)).

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Panelist, “Changing Employment Laws and Their Effect on Women in the Workplace,” Women and the Law Section Program, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX (June 2009)).

NhDIVa KOFELE-KaLE
University Distinguished Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, “The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));

Panelist, “The Challenges Posed by the Current Economic Climate: RIFs, COBRA Extensions, Age Discrimination Suits and Maintaining Employee Morale,” 17th Annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium (Dallas, TX (October 2009));


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University Distinguished Professor of Law

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Panelist, “The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));

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University Distinguished Professor of Law

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“Represent: Professional Sports Response to the Infiltration of Hip Hop Its League,” Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Seton Hall University Law School (Newark, NJ (September 2009));

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NhDIVa KOFELE-KaLE
University Distinguished Professor of Law

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Panelist, “The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));

Panelist, “The Challenges Posed by the Current Economic Climate: RIFs, COBRA Extensions, Age Discrimination Suits and Maintaining Employee Morale,” 17th Annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium (Dallas, TX (October 2009));


“Represent: Professional Sports Response to the Infiltration of Hip Hop Its League,” Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Seton Hall University Law School (Newark, NJ (September 2009));

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Panelist, “Changing Employment Laws and Their Effect on Women in the Workplace,” Women and the Law Section Program, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX (June 2009)).

NhDIVa KOFELE-KaLE
University Distinguished Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, “The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));

Panelist, “The Challenges Posed by the Current Economic Climate: RIFs, COBRA Extensions, Age Discrimination Suits and Maintaining Employee Morale,” 17th Annual SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium (Dallas, TX (October 2009));


“Represent: Professional Sports Response to the Infiltration of Hip Hop Its League,” Fourth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, Seton Hall University Law School (Newark, NJ (September 2009));

Panelist, “Attorney Satisfaction and the Limits of Employment Discrimination Law,” Workshop on Labor and Employment Law Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (Palm Beach, FL (July 2009));

Panelist, “Changing Employment Laws and Their Effect on Women in the Workplace,” Women and the Law Section Program, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX (June 2009)).

PRESENTATIONS:
“Tax Law Changes,” SMU Planned Giving Advisory Council, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX (February 2009)).

J OHN S. L OW E  
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and George W. Hutchison Professor of Energy Law

PUBLICATIONS:  
INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM TRANSACTIONS (Rocky Mtn. Min. Law Fnd., 3rd Ed., 2010) (with Smith, Dziennkowski, Anderson, Kramer & Weaver);
2010 Cumulative Pocket Parts, KUNTZ, LAW OF OIL AND GAS, (with Anderson, Smith & Pierce) (Lexis);

PRESENTATIONS:  
Panelist, “Natural Gas Nation” Conference, George W. Bush Institute, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX (March 2010));

GE ORGE A. M ARTINEZ  
Professor of Law


The Future of Oil and Gas Law, Symposium at Washburn University Law School (Topeka, KS (October 2009));

Taught a short course in Oil and Gas Law at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (Westminster, CO (October 2009));

Presented a one-week, short course on International Oil and Gas Contracts at the University of Dundee (Scotland (June 2009));

Presented a one-week course on International Oil and Gas Transactions at the University of Melbourne (Australia (May 2009)) and at the University of Sydney (Australia, (May 2009));

PUBLICATIONS:
Bobbitt, The Rise of the Market State and Race, 18 AM. U. J. GENDER, SOC. POL. & L. (forthcoming 2010);

PRESENTATIONS:
“Race, Culture and the Courtroom: African-Americans, Latinos and the Reduction of Damages Awards,” The Fourteenth Annual Latino Critical Legal Theory Conference (Washington, DC (October 2009));

“Some Thoughts on Critical Error,” Critical Race Theory 20th Anniversary, Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future Conference, University of Iowa College of Law (Iowa City, IA (April 2009));

“Civil Rights on the Cell Block: Race, Reform and Punishment in Texas Prisons and the Nation, 1945-1990,” Manuscript Workshop, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX (February 2009)).

T HOMA S W. M AYO  
Associate Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:  

PRESENTATIONS:  
“Physician Misconduct: Ethical and Legal Considerations,” Ethics Grand Rounds, UT Southwestern Medical School (Dallas, TX (February 2010));

“National Health Insurance: Prospects & Pressure Points,” UT Southwestern Medical Center (Dallas, TX (July 2009));

“Twyla Tharp Goes to Law School: Incorporating Dance (and Painting and Sculpture) in a Course on Professionalism,” Beyond Text, University of Edinburgh School of Law, (Edinburgh, UK (June 2009)).

J OESEPH M CKNIGHT  
Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
TEXAS MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY LAW (LONE STAR PUBLICATIONS ) (LITH ed. 2009) (with W. Reppy, Jr.).
PRESENTATIONS:
Dallas Bar Association Lecture

FREDERICK C. MOSS
Associate Professor Emeritus of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
"Can Law Schools Teach Professionalism?," Dallas Bar Association’s Professional Development and Ethics Committees (Dallas, TX (September 2009)).

XUAN-THAO NGUYEN
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (Vietnam National University Press) (in English and Vietnamese) (forthcoming);
LICENSING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: LAW AND APPLICATIONS (Aspen 2008) (coauthored);
2009 Supplement to INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TAXATION (BNA) (with J. Maine);
Dynamic Federalism and Patent Law Reform, IND. L. J. (forthcoming) (2010);

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, "The China We Hardly Know," and presented "Google V. China: Clash of the Titans" University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law IP Conference Week (Honolulu, Hawaii (March 2010));
"The Evolving Development of Intellectual Property Licensing Law," Southwest University of Politics and Law (Chongqing, China (March 2010));
Panelist, "Court Organization and Procedure," Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));
"The Financial Crisis: A Commercial Law Professor’s Perspective," (Hanoi, Vietnam (May 2009));
"Scholarship: Strategies for Success," American Association of Law Schools Pre-tenured Minority Law Professors Conference (Washington, DC (June 2009));
"Sale versus License: Licensing Trademarks and Goodwill," East China University of Politics and Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));
"Licensing and Leveraging Intellectual Property Rights," Southwest University of Politics and Law (Chongqing, China (November 2009));
"The Laws in Licensing Law," Fudan University School of Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));
"Examining the Financial Meltdown From Your Law School’s Courses on Contracts, Payments Systems and Secured Transactions," Shanghai University of Finance and Economics School of Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));

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

PRESENTATIONS:
"China as Owners of Intellectual Property: An Emerging View of the New China," University of Washington, School of Law (Seattle, WA (October 2009));
"Shifting the Intellectual Property Paradigm: Stronger in China and Weaker in the United States?," Intellectual Property Symposium, Seton Hall (South Orange, NJ (September 2009));
"Comments on UNCITRAL Model Legislative Guide on Security Interest in Intellectual Property Assets," Experts Meetings at UNCITRAL (Vienna, Austria (June 2009));
"A U.S. Perspective on Cross-border Education Programs," Program on Higher Education as Service in Cross-border Economy, Center for Educational Testing, Quality, and Assurance, Vietnam National University (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (May 2009));
"From Barack Obama, to My Tam and Trinh Cong Son: Right of Publicity," Faculty of Law, Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam (May 2009));
"Intellectual Property Assets in Corporate Transactions," Faculty of Law, Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam (April 2009));
"Valuation of Intellectual Property and Financing," Faculty of Law, Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam (April 2009));

ELLEN SMITH PRYOR
Associate Provost and University Distinguished Teaching Professor, Homer R. Mitchell Endowed Professor of Insurance and Commercial Law

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, "Court Organization and Procedure," Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));
"The Financial Crisis: A Commercial Law Professor’s Perspective," (Hanoi, Vietnam (May 2009));
"Scholarship: Strategies for Success," American Association of Law Schools Pre-tenured Minority Law Professors Conference (Washington, DC (June 2009));
"Sale versus License: Licensing Trademarks and Goodwill," East China University of Politics and Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));
"Licensing and Leveraging Intellectual Property Rights," Southwest University of Politics and Law (Chongqing, China (November 2009));
"The Laws in Licensing Law," Fudan University School of Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));
"Examining the Financial Meltdown From Your Law School’s Courses on Contracts, Payments Systems and Secured Transactions," Shanghai University of Finance and Economics School of Law (Shanghai, China (November 2009));

C. PAUL ROGERS III
Professor of Law and Former Dean of the Law School
“The Economic Crisis: A Commercial Law Professor’s Perspective,” Economic Law Department, Faculty of Law, Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam (March 2009));

“Globalization in Higher Education: Localizing and Addressing Challenges,” Program on Globalization in Higher Education, Center for Educational Testing, Quality and Assurance, Vietnam National University (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (March 2009)).

“Developments in International Financial Law and Regulation,” Dallas Bar Association (Dallas, TX (May 2009));

“The Global Financial Crisis and Related Litigation – Update,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Conference (Orlando, FL (November 2009)).

“Evaluating the Responses to the Global Financial Crisis: An American Perspective,” Conference on Global Financial Crisis: Causes, Threats and Opportunities, University of Warwick (Coventry, UK (April 2009));

“The Global Financial Crisis and Related Litigation – Update,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Conference (Orlando, FL (November 2009)).

“Developments in Forensic Psychiatry,” American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, (San Francisco, CA (May 2009));

“Irreconcilable Differences: Forensic and Therapeutic Relationships,” Texas College for Judicial Studies, (Houston, TX (April 2009)).
MARY SPECTOR
Co-Director of Civil Clinic, Director of Consumer Law Project, and Associate Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
“Exploring the Litigation of Consumer Debts,” Cardozo Alumni in Teaching, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University (New York, NY (November 2009));
“Work-in-Progress: A Study of Consumer Debt Collection Litigation,” AALS, Clinical Legal Education Workshop (Cleveland, OH (May 2009));
“Work-in-Progress: A Study of Consumer Debt Collection Litigation,” Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (February 2009));

“Common Tenant Problems and the Role of the Volunteer Attorney,” Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program–Housing Crisis Center, Continuing Legal Education (Dallas, TX (January 2009)).

MARC I. STEINBERG
Senior Associate Dean for Research And Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
Releases 47 & 48 to SECURITIES REGULATION: LIABILITIES AND REMEDIES (Law Journal Press);
2009 Supplement to ATTORNEY LIABILITY AFTER SARBANES – OXLEY (Law Journal Press 2005);
Annual Supplement to SECURITIES PRACTICE: FEDERAL AND STATE ENFORCEMENT (West) (2d ed., 2001) (coauthored);

PRESENTATIONS:
“Ethical and Liability Concerns for Corporate Counsel,” 17th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, SMU Dedman School of Law (Dallas, TX (October 2009));
Participant, Roundtable on “Corporate Raiding, Insider Trading and the World Financial Crisis,” Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia (May 2009));
Participant, Roundtable with Russian Federation Anti-Monopoly Service on “Preventing Anti-Competition Practices and Securities Violations” (Moscow, Russia (May 2009));
Participant, Roundtable with Russian Federation Ministry of Internal Affairs, Economic Crimes Department on “Corporate Raiding and Securities Fraud” (Moscow, Russia (May 2009));
“Legal and Ethical Concerns for the Corporate/Securities Attorney,” University of Texas Annual Conference on Securities Regulation and Business Law (Dallas, TX (February 2009)).

JOSHUA C. TATE
Associate Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, “Methodology and Interpretation,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));

PUBLICATIONS:
PROPERTY, PATRONAGE, AND THE BIRTH OF THE COMMON LAW (Yale University Press) (forthcoming);
The Third Lateran Council and the Jus Patronatus in England, PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDIEVAL CANON LAW: ESZTERGOM, 3-8 AUGUST 2008 (Monumenta Iuris Canonici, C:14) (forthcoming);
Should Charitable Trust Enforcement Rights Be Assignable?, CHICAGO–KENT L. REV. (forthcoming);
Immortal Fame: Publicity Rights, Taxation, and the Power of Testation, 44 GA. L. REV. 1 (2009);

PRESENTATIONS:
Panelist, “Methodology and Interpretation,” Judicial Summit between members of the U. S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));
APPOINTMENTS: Appointed to the Standing Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting for the American Society for Legal History.

PUBLICATIONS:
- LAWTALK (Yale University Press) (coauthored) (forthcoming);
- TEXAS CIVIL PROCEDURE: PRETRIAL LITIGATION (LexisNexis 2009-2010 edition) (with Crump, Carlson & Dorsaneo);
- TEXAS CIVIL PROCEDURE: TRIAL AND APPELLATE PRACTICE (LexisNexis 2009-2010 edition) (with Crump, Carlson & Dorsaneo);
- The Managerial Judge Goes to Trial, 44 U. RICH. L. REV. 1261 (2010);

PRESENTATIONS:
- “Manipulating Public Perception of Law and Courts,” at the law faculty’s series “Collegial Conversations,” University of Melbourne (Melbourne, Australia (March 2010));
- “The Rhetoric of Tort Reform: Considering the U.S. and Australia,” at the “Lunchtime Seminar Series,” University of Sydney (Sydney, Australia (March 2010));
- “Off Limits,” Appellate Judges Education Institute Conference (Orlando, FL (November 2009));
- “Lessons from Turkey,” Interfaith Dialog Dinner (Dallas, TX (October 2009));
- “The Ethics of Judicial Research,” Vermont Judicial College (Middlebury, VT (June 2009));
- “The Curious Appellate Judge,” University of Houston Colloquium: Re-envisioning Law, (Houston, TX (March 2009));
- “Where’s the Hellhole?” West Virginia Association for Justice (Charleston, WV (February 2009)).

AWARDS:

JENIA IONTCHEVA TURNER
Associate Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:
- PLEA BARGAINING ACROSS BORDERS: TEACHER’S MANUAL (forthcoming);

PRESENTATIONS:
- “Legal Ethics in International Criminal Defense,” Public Scholar Presentation, SMU Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, (Dallas, TX (November 2009));
- “Ethical Dilemmas for International Criminal Defense Attorneys,” International Law Colloquium, Northwestern Law School (Chicago, IL (April 2009));
- Moderator, “Addressing Corruption on a Global Basis,” Annual Institute, State Bar of Texas International Law Section, (Houston, TX (March 2009)).

JESSICA DIXON WEaver
Assistant Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:
- Capturing the Psychological Abuse of Children, Feminism and Legal Theory Project Workshop, Emory University School of Law (Atlanta, GA (March 2010));
- Panelist, “Court Organization & Procedure” and “Relationships with the Other Courts,” Judicial Summit between members of the U.S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg (February 2010));
- “Cultural Considerations in CPS Cases,” Family-Focused Collaborative Project: CPS Training for Collaboratively Trained Professionals, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic, Forest Heights Community Center (Kitchener, Ontario (August 2009));
- “FLDS Reconsidered: Establishing Substantial Psychological Abuse as Part of the Legal Standard for Emergency Child Removal,” Children and the Law Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington and Lee University School of Law, (Lexington, VA (July 2009)).

FEATURED:
An elite group of the country’s judges gathered at the SMU Dedman School of Law on March 2nd to hear the arguments of the school’s best moot court attorneys at the 2010 Howie Sweeney Moot Court Competition.

The evening before the competition, faculty and students were invited to a dinner honoring the three judges at Godwin Gruber Lawyer’s Inn.

Justice Michael Hawkins from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Justice Harriet O’Neil from the Texas Supreme Court, and Justice Margaret Robb from the Indiana Court of Appeals graciously volunteered to help with the competition.

The Howie Sweeney Moot Court Competition is the most prestigious competition put on by the SMU Board of Advocates. The competition provides a great opportunity for participants to hone brief-writing skills and improve appellate advocacy capabilities.

Competitors wrote a brief for the first part of the competition, and then argued both sides of the brief and answered questions. Each aspect of the competition was judged by some of the brightest legal minds in the state.

The top two teams from the preliminary rounds, Gemma Galeoto and Colin Newberry, and Olga Bograd and Farbod Farnia, competed in front of the elite panel of judges to determine the winner. The team of Bograd and Farnia won Best Brief, and Newberry won Best Advocate. Galeoto and Newberry were named the overall winners.

Speaking to an audience of over 350 people, three prominent alumni, The Honorable Jane J. Boyle ’81, Wayne Watts ’80 and Adelfa Callejo ’61, shared their pearls of wisdom with an inquisitive group of incoming daytime and evening students.

Boyle reflected on the toughness of the professors and how that affected her. Watts talked about the hands-on experience he received while participating in the law school’s clinics, and what a valuable service it still is to the Dallas community. Callejo discussed the rarity of women in law at the time she attended law school and shared anecdotes from her days as an evening program law student.

Dean John B. Attanasio offered introductory remarks and moderated the question and answer session between students and the panelists.
SMU Dedman School of Law students often look to one another for support with late-night study sessions and early-morning due dates. Rarely, however, do they expect that they will need help because of a natural disaster.

But when a fellow law student’s home in Haiti was destroyed by the earthquake, help arrived. Through SupPort-au-Prince, a relief effort organized by two SMU Dedman School of Law students, supplies were transported directly to the student’s family.

SupPort-au-Prince also made donations to three worthy organizations with a strong presence in the disaster-torn country and managed to charter a plane and purchase a load of supplies, thanks to private donations.

Eugene T. Cook and Erin C. Callahan, both SMU Dedman School of Law students from the Class of 2011, organized the project. The effort, which extended to all SMU graduate programs, mobilized the student body and raised $5,000 for Haitian disaster relief.

Fishers of Men Ministries, one of the recipients of SupPort-au-Prince relief, is the largest evangelical church in Haiti, occupying a strategic location for bringing supplies and manpower into the country. As one of the only facilities in Haiti left standing and mostly undamaged, the Fishers property was converted to a home base to house 10,000 displaced Haitians, along with medical efforts to serve the larger Haitian population.

North Care, an organization acting as an umbrella for smaller efforts within Haiti, and 2 Life 18, an organization handling the logistics and distribution for supplies and personnel, were also recipients of SupPort-au-Prince aid.

SupPort-au-Prince, in association with the Women-in-Law Society, kicked off the two-week fundraising effort February 5th at Sambuca in Uptown.
In February 2010, 5th grade Law-Related Education (LRE) students in Dallas visited SMU’s campus with their law student instructors and participated in a mock trial of “Jack and the Beanstalk.”

REBECCA GARZA GREENAN (left), Director of the Public Service Program at SMU Dedman School of Law, and 2L NATALIE MILLER (right).
Since 1996, SMU Dedman Law students have been required to complete thirty hours of law-related public service in order to graduate. But clearly that’s not enough for our students. Between 1996 and 2010, SMU Dedman Law graduates averaged almost forty hours per student, logging in a total of 148,190 hours of public service during that time.

Students, faculty, and the administration all played important roles in creating the public service graduation requirement. When she was serving as President of the Student Bar Association, Lynn Switzer Bozalis ’90 named Robert Doggett ’90 as chair of a newly-formed Pro Bono Committee. Doggett, now with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, and other students performed public service with Dallas area non-profits, and the faculty and administration explored the merits of instituting a mandatory public service requirement.

With the goal of enhancing the legal profession and the law school curriculum by introducing students to the importance of a life-long commitment to public service, the faculty passed a resolution in 1992 mandating the performance of public service.

The Public Service Program was designed to offer a broad and diverse pool of public service placements. The program does not endorse any particular ideology. Students may dedicate time to organizations of their choice, whether on behalf of non-profit community groups, government offices responsible for protecting the rights of individuals in the interest of the public, or attorneys in private practice.

The work students perform at each placement varies greatly. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) placement, for example, provides law students to help low-income individuals file their income taxes, while the Dallas County Court Visitors Program arranges for law students to visit with wards and their guardians. Students also might work on civil legal matters through organizations such as Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT), or they might work on criminal law matters such as reviewing files of incarcerated individuals through the Innocence Project.

A significant number of students perform their public service by teaching fifth grade children in selected Dallas Independent School District (DISD) schools, through the Law-Related Education (LRE) program. Through LRE the children learn about basic legal principles and about the American legal system. But the students involved—both law students and fifth graders—learn other lessons as well. The LRE experience introduces law students to children and their communities at inner-city schools, and it introduces the children to the law students’ community. Several hundred children visit the law school each spring to participate in mock trials, as the culmination of the LRE curriculum. Both the law students and the children are richer for the experience.

Public Service allows students to learn and develop in a hands-on setting and provides early exposure to the community’s general need for legal assistance. Natalie Miller, a current 3L, reflects on her public service: “Fulfilling the public service component has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of going to law school. My work with Dallas District Attorney’s Family Violence Division exposed me to some of the top legal minds in the area and made me appreciate the tremendous amount of work involved to address the legal issues in a city like Dallas. It also made me understand just how much help is really needed out there.”

A number of graduates perform a significant amount of pro bono work or work in the public interest beyond graduation as well. As a law student Amanda Childs ’03, former President of SMU Law Review, performed her public service with Legal Action Works and because of her ongoing efforts she was named the 2009 Dallas Volunteer Attorney of the Year; see story in Class Notes. Peggy Glenn-Summit ’00, a Hatton Sumners alumna, performed her public service with the non-profit Senior Source. After graduation, Glenn-Summit served as a member of the Board of Directors for Senior Source and is now employed as the Director of Programs for the non-profit. While a student, Erin Hendricks ’02 helped coordinate the law school’s second annual Domestic Violence Symposium and after graduating went on to work with the Dallas District Attorney’s Office Family Violence Division.

Rebecca Garza Greenan, who has directed the Public Service Program since 1995, has worked with each graduating class since the inception of the public service graduation requirement. Greenan said, “Each class over the past fifteen years has impacted the community through their public service, and it has been a tremendous privilege to get to know so many of the students individually.”
The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) held its fourth annual APIL Fool’s Auction on the Law Quad on April 9th. The event raised funds for SMU Dedman School of Law students to work at public interest organizations across the country. The theme, “Big Hats and Bow Ties,” allowed members of the Dallas legal community to celebrate the Kentucky Derby a month early while supporting the good cause of helping service-minded law students.

The auction was very successful, raising about $30,000. Dean John B. Attanasio agreed to match the entire amount, as he has done in previous years. All the money raised provides stipends for students who serve six weeks as interns for government or non-profit organizations designed to provide legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford representation.

Bidders at the auction enjoyed great weather, tasty appetizers, and beverages, while listening to live music. Approximately 400 people attended the event, and the variety of items up for bid ranged from a vintage Valentino dress to a two-day/two-night stay at a lakefront property.

“We were glad to have had such a great outpouring of donations for the auction. The support was tremendous, not only from the student body, but also from faculty and alumni,” said APIL President, Rachel Kingrey.

More than 50 faculty, students, and staff worked very hard to make the auction a success.

Event organizers were grateful to Professors Colangelo, Eads, Spector, and Rogers for adding “auctioneer” to their resumes, as they managed to gracefully moderate the bidding, and to Professor Forrester who also participated in the auction.

APIL fools who preferred a more subdued approach to their bidding could participate in the silent auction, which offered items such as portrait sittings, an assortment of fine jewelry, and dinners with professors.

As the event grows in popularity and attendance, organizers are looking forward to another successful APIL Fool’s Auction in 2011.
NEW STUDENT GROUP FORMED: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW ASSOCIATION

The Human Rights Law Association, a new student-run organization at the SMU Dedman School of Law, was founded by Michael Moore, an evening student in the Class of 2012.

“In the fall of 2009, we formed the Human Rights Law Association at SMU Dedman School of Law because there seemed to be an overall need for it in the student body. The study of law with a focus on human rights allows you to give a voice to those who don’t have one. As law students, it helps you understand that any kind of work you’re doing, whether it be a contract or corporate law, has the ability to positively or negatively affect human rights,” Moore said.

Moore earned his bachelor’s degree in secondary education from TCU and taught in the United States, Jordan, and China before attending the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Former LL.M. Student
Dr. Teresa Genta-Fons ’85
Presents Lunchtime Lecture

The Human Rights Law Association joined with the International Law Society on October 30, 2009 to present a lunchtime lecture by Dr. Teresa Genta-Fons, Class of 1985.

Dr. Genta-Fons presented “The Social and Legal Dimensions of Equitable Development,” a discussion on how social policy can be a new take on international development while also improving human rights. Genta-Fons is the lead counsel for the Latin American Practice Group of the Legal Vice Presidency of the World Bank. She received her LL.M. from the SMU Dedman School of Law as a student from Uruguay.

24TH ANNUAL BAR NONE PRODUCTION BENEFITS SARAH T. HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP

Lawyers often exhibit their best presentation skills in the courtroom. For four days in the summer of each year, though, members of the Dallas legal community get a chance to put on a show that does not involve evidence and objections.

The 24th annual Bar None production “Scumbag Millionaire,” held June 17-20, 2009, was an amusing display of singing, dancing, and acting by the Dallas legal elite.

Although it is always entertaining to watch lawyers poke fun at their own profession, the goal of Bar None is more than just laughs. Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Director of Bar None for twenty-four years, commented, “Simply stated, Bar None is a community of people who like to perform, who really like each other, doing something they enjoy doing for a good cause.”

Sponsored by the Dallas Bar Foundation, Bar None raises money for the Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship at the SMU Dedman School of Law, which is awarded to several minority students annually. The Dallas Bar Association selects the recipients, and the scholarship covers tuition and fees for three years, provided the students maintain good academic standing.

After the production, the SMU Dedman School of Law hosted a Bar None Appreciation Luncheon at the Tower Club in early November for all those involved with the show. The 2009 Sarah T. Hughes Scholar Esmeralda Tinajero (Class of 2012) was introduced. Dean John B. Attanasio spoke at the luncheon, where he acknowledged the scholarship winners and expressed his gratitude to the Bar None cast and crew.

“We are very grateful to the extremely talented and dedicated cast and crew of Bar None, particularly director Martha Hardwick Hofmeister and producer Tom Mighell. Through the years they have raised $1.6 million to fund scholarships for outstanding students with diverse backgrounds, enabling them to attend the SMU Dedman School of Law,” said Dean Attanasio.

Hughes Scholar Jeff Ghouse spoke on behalf of his fellow Sarah T. Hughes scholars and praised SMU Dedman School of Law for having “created some of the top legal minds in the Dallas area.”

“I look forward to following in some of these people’s steps,” he said.
Rwan Hardesty earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a master’s degree in criminal justice and criminology from San Diego State University. In law school, Hardesty was a mentor and a director of the Jackson Walker Moot Court Board. An active member of the Student Bar Association, she served the organization as Secretary, Programs Director, and Graduation Chair. Hardesty competed and was a finalist in many on-campus advocacy competitions, and was a member of the Jessup International Law Moot Court team.

“I truly enjoyed my time at SMU Dedman School of Law,” said Hardesty. “I was looking for an experience that not only challenged me academically, but also practically. I got both and was very pleased with my education.”

“The evening program was a great mix of the two as many of the students I interacted with had practical experiences in not only the law, such as paralegals and legal secretaries, but also in human resources, medicine, technology, and many other fields. In being an active member of the law school community, I made many great friends. I felt that people at our school were genuine and it was a very supportive atmosphere from not only the students, but from the faculty and staff as well. I wouldn’t change my choice to go to SMU and I am thankful for all I learned and experienced while there and honored to be an alumni.”

She was honored with the John Kennedy Scholarship during graduation, was inducted into the National Order of the Barristers, and is now an associate attorney at Javitch, Block and Rathbone, LLC.
ROBERT BOBO

Robert Bobo is a graduate of the Dedman School of Law’s evening program and worked full-time during the day as SMU’s Director of Media Relations from March 2003 to May 2010. Before Bobo’s departure from SMU in order to pursue a career in Washington, D.C., he was also grateful to attend the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl and be part of the Mustangs’ historic win at their first bowl game in twenty-five years.

While in law school, he was a member of The Federalist Society, the Hispanic Law Students Association, and the Christian Legal Society. Outside of law school, he volunteered with International Justice Mission, a human rights organization that rescues victims of slavery, sex trafficking, sexual assault, land theft, and illegal detention.

Bobo was impressed by the dedication and influence of SMU’s faculty and staff members.

“Whether it was discussing the specifics of family law over dinner at Lawyer’s Inn with Chief Justice Linda Thomas, doing an independent study with Dean John B. Attanasio, planning the best academic direction for my future with Registrar Laura Amberson, or having a classroom debate with Associate Professor Linda Eads,” said Bobo, “the real strength of the SMU Dedman School of Law is its faculty and administrators. They have an intimate understanding that the total experience SMU law students seek goes far beyond traditional Socratic instruction. As a result, SMU Dedman School of Law’s academic environment challenges students inside and outside of the classroom, which was the perfect preparation for a career in Washington, D.C.”

RACHEL HARRISON

Rachel Harrison graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history from Duke University. During her time at SMU Dedman School of Law, she was President of the SMU Law Review Association and represented the organization as a panelist at the National Conference of Law Reviews. As a Staff Editor, her comment, Carbon Allowances: A New Way of Seeing an Invisible Asset, was nominated for the Best Comment Award and published by the Law Review. She also worked for Karen Sargent in the Office of Career Services and served as a research assistant for Professor D. Aaron Lacy. Harrison was awarded scholarships by both the Dallas Lawyer’s Auxiliary and the Air Law Symposium. Harrison graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif. This fall, she will serve as a stagiaire in the chambers of Judge Allan Rosas at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. When she returns she will practice in the oil and gas section of the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight.

“I chose SMU Dedman School of Law because I believed that it offered unparalleled opportunities, partly from its advantageous position in a great city to practice law, but mostly because of the connections created by a strong and loyal alumni network. Those alumni were invaluable to me as a student, providing job opportunities, research support, and personal guidance. As I begin my career, SMU’s resources and renown have provided me with the unique opportunity to work at the European Union. I am confident that no other law school could have helped me achieve that goal. I am especially grateful for the experiences I had on Law Review, for the advisors who supported us, and to the opportunities we were given to succeed as an organization and as individuals.”

CLIFFORD ROBERTSON

Clifford Robertson chose the SMU Dedman School of Law, because he was awarded the full-tuition Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship for minority students. For Robertson, the scholarship was significant in two ways: first, the scholarship provided financial assistance that he did not otherwise have; second, the scholarship signified a concern for improving diversity at SMU Dedman School of Law and the legal community within Dallas.

“I enjoyed attending the law school, because it was a tremendous challenge. I was tested mentally, emotionally, and spiritually by the experience. It was not easy, but year after year I became a stronger person,” Robertson said.

After graduation, Robertson intends to pursue employment in the state of Texas. Currently, he is working in the Office of Admissions at SMU Dedman School of Law as an alumni recruiter.
Hallie Graves applied to eight law schools across the U.S. looking for a school that would provide the tools, network, and know-how she needed to launch whatever legal career she wanted. Graves’s father, Peter E. Graves, a 1980 graduate of SMU Dedman School of Law, put his daughter in touch with his law school colleagues. Each of them told her that whatever she wanted to do with a law degree, SMU was the right choice. Graves received a generous scholarship from the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation and decided SMU was the best place for her.

“I haven’t looked back since,” said Graves. “The best thing about SMU is the people—the professors and the students,” she continued. “Never one for free time, I joined as many student groups as possible and took as many courses as I could from the incredibly talented and dedicated SMU law professors. Furthermore, my wife and I knew that the Dallas area was an excellent environment in which we could raise our three kids.”

While attending SMU Dedman School of Law, McBride particularly enjoyed the myriad of opportunities the law school provided.

“I was privileged to serve as a member of the SMU Law Review Association, as a Barrister, and as a Hatton W. Sumners Scholar. I appreciated the opportunity to interact with SMU’s outstanding professors both inside and outside of the classroom and am grateful for the encouragement they provided,” McBride said.

McBride graduated magna cum laude and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. He will start as an associate attorney in the Dallas office of Bracewell & Giuliani this fall.

Graves graduated summa cum laude and Order of the Coif and, beginning August 2010, will clerk for Chief Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater of the Northern District of Texas. Following the clerkship, she will join the litigation section of Baker Botts, LLP.
Ahmed Alhudaithi earned his bachelor’s degree in law from King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. King Saud University, established in 1957, was the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s first institute of higher education.

Alhudaithi, upon his graduation from King Saud University, set out to continue his studies in law with a university that had, according to him, a “high reputation and good methods of education.” He learned of SMU Dedman School of Law and, in 2008, received an offer to study the LL.M. program, which he considered to be “a great chance.”

Upon graduation from the LL.M. program in December 2009 with a focus on Comparative and International Law, Alhudaithi was accepted into SMU Dedman School of Law’s J.D. program.

“I am so excited to continue study,” Alhudaithi said.

Before receiving acceptance into SMU Dedman School of Law’s J.D. program, however, he received an offer to work as a legal consultant at the biggest bank in Saudia Arabia. Nonetheless, Alhudaithi rejected the offer and returned to the United States because he was determined to earn his J.D. and “to continue my dream,” he said.

“I am so proud to be one of SMU Dedman Law School’s students,” said Alhudaithi.
SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW continues to attract top international scholars from around the world. The 2009-2010 class came from 52 countries and 15 legal jurisdictions. In 1950, SMU Dedman School of Law established graduate degree LL.M. programs to become a leading international legal center. The international program continues to be highly-esteemed with most students completing the Master of Laws in Comparative and International Law and then returning to their home countries to go on and specialize in corporate and commercial law.

For more information on the International Program, visit the law.smu.edu website and click under Academics.
GRADUATION 2010

GRADUATION
Left: EDWARD RUST ’75 gave the commencement speech. See excerpts from his speech in Class Notes.
TAILGATE PARTIES!
Please... join us for FUN, FRIENDS, & FOOD!

2010 Season Home Games:

Saturday, September 11, 2010
SMU vs. UAB
Tailgate from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Kickoff at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 18, 2010
SMU vs. Washington State
Tailgate from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Kickoff at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, September 24, 2010
SMU vs. TCU (Family Weekend)
Tailgate from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Kickoff at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 9, 2010
SMU vs. Tulsa
Tailgate from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Kickoff at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 2010
SMU vs. Houston (Homecoming)
Tailgate from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Kickoff at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 20, 2010
SMU vs. Marshall
Tailgate from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Kickoff at 2:00 p.m.
SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW
hosted its annual alumni reunions at the W Hotel in Victory Park this year. With almost 400 people in attendance, reunions started with a combined class cocktail reception and were followed by individual class dinners.

To view photos from the event, visit:
http://smudedmanschooloflaweventphotos.shutterfly.com/
ALUMNI
Monday, May 3, 2010

HOUSTON
ALUMNI RECEPTION
RUSTY HARDIN ’75
Hosted an evening cocktail reception for more than 80 alumni and their guests at the offices of Rusty Hardin & Associates, P.C.

To view photos from this event, visit: www.law.smu.edu, click on Alumni & Development, then Photo Galleries, and click on this event.
FORT WORTH
STATE BAR RECEPTION
1950

**William L. Keller**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

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1952

**Scott McDonald**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

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1957

**William D. Powell**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of real estate law.

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1958

**R. W. Calloway**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

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1958

**Robert E. Davis**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of commercial litigation, and tax law.

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1959

**John H. McElhaney**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the fields of antitrust law, bet-the-company litigation, and commercial litigation.

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1959

**George A. Butler**

joined Tarpley Dispute Resolutions.

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1960

**E. Ray Hutchison**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of public finance law.

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1960

**George R. Milner**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the fields of criminal defense: non-white-collar and criminal defense: white-collar.

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1960

**Robert L. Meyers, III**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of construction law.

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1960

**William M. Ravkind**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the fields of criminal defense: non-white-collar and criminal defense: white-collar.

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1960

**Blake Tartt**

received an Outstanding Fifty Year Attorney Award from the Texas Bar Foundation.

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1960

**Cecil A. Ray, Jr.**

was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2010 in the field of employee benefits law.

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**Blake Tartt ’59 Receives 2010 Outstanding Fifty Year Attorney Award**

The Texas Bar Foundation, a philanthropic organization distinguished by both legal excellence and a fundamental mission to serve, named Blake Tartt ’59 to receive an Outstanding Fifty Year Attorney award in 2010.

A partner at Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, Tartt has extensive experience representing a diverse group of Texas and international clients in significant litigation, including construction and nuclear power, securities fraud, class actions, and mass tort cases involving personal injury and death claims. Tartt has not only served his many clients by trying cases; his career has been marked by tireless service to the Bar, including a term as the President of the State Bar of Texas. Among his numerous leadership roles at the Texas Bar Foundation, he has served as Chair of the Board and Chair of the Fellows. Tartt has also served on the Board of Governors, the House of Delegates, and the Chair of the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary for the American Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 1996, Tartt was named a distinguished alumnus of SMU Dedman School of Law.
Sam Rosen was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

Donald A. Swanson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Charles R. Johnson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Rice M. Tilley, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of non-profit/charities law, and trusts and estates.

1961

George W. Coleman was hired as of counsel by Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

P. Gregory Hidalgo was hired by K&L Gates as a partner in the firm’s corporate practice.

1962

Steven K. Cochran was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate governance and compliance law, and corporate law.

Reese L. Harrison, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of commercial litigation and criminal defense: white-collar.

Lawrence R. Maxwell was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

1963

J. W. Dewbre was made vice president of Group & Pension Administrators, Inc.

1964

C.L. Mike Schmidt was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of mass tort litigation and personal injury litigation.

R. Windle Turley received the Trial Legends Award from the Tort and Insurance Section of the Dallas Bar Association, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of personal injury litigation.

1965

Edward V. Smith was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, and legal malpractice law.

Joseph F. Canterbury, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of construction law.

1966

George W. Bramblett was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, legal malpractice law, and securities law.

Edward A. Peterson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

1967

Harry E. Bartel was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of employee benefits law, and trusts and estates.

Michael M. Boone was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate governance and compliance law, and corporate law.

George G. Brin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of personal injury litigation.

Sam P. Burford was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

David G. McLane joined Scheef & Stone, L.L.P. in Dallas and is also engaged to marry Shelley Moore in October.

William C. Strock was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.
AL W. ELLIS ’71 RECEIVES 2010 JUSTINIAN AWARD

The Dallas Lawyer’s Auxiliary presented the 2010 Justinian Award to Al W. Ellis ’71. The award is given annually to a Dallas Bar Association member who has actively demonstrated a long-standing dedication to volunteer service in the Dallas Community.

Ellis is “Of Counsel” with Sommerman & Quesada, and earned his J.D. degree after a tour of duty in Vietnam. Al has litigated nearly 200 jury trials as a personal injury lawyer, and has earned a membership with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Since serving as the student chief counsel for the SMU Legal Clinic, Ellis’s philanthropic spirit has led him to serve as the Dallas Golden Gloves Tournament Director and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. He was President of the Dallas Bar Association, and under his leadership the DBA formed the Community Involvement Committee and developed the Plan for Inclusion to promote service and minority involvement within the organization.

According to the Dallas Lawyer’s Auxiliary, “Through his unselfish volunteer service, commitment, and actions, Al represents the very best of the legal profession.”

The Justinian award is named for Justinian I of the Eastern Roman Empire. The Corpus Juris Civilis, also known as the Justinian Code, was formed during his reign and is a building block for many modern nations’ codes of law.

Ellis also received the 2009 Jim D. Bowmer Professionalism Award from the College of the State Bar of Texas as well as the 2009 C.B. Bunkley Community Service Award from the J.L. Turner Legal Association.

The Jim D. Bowmer Professionalism Award came with a $5,000 cash award to the law school of one’s choice. Ellis opted to donate to SMU Dedman School of Law specifically for the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship.

James H. Wallenstein was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Eldon Lee Youngblood was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Lawrence J. Brannian was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Jim Burnham was inducted as a member into the American College of Trial Lawyers, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

David M. Ellis was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

Retired Judge Jay Patterson started a mediation practice.

Mark T. Davenport was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of bet-the-company litigation and commercial litigation.

Peter A. Franklin opened a new law firm, Franklin Skierski Lovall Hayward LLP.

Hugh E. Hackney was appointed as a U.S. representative for the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Frank L. Branson, III was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of medical malpractice law, personal injury litigation, product liability litigation, and professional malpractice law.

1968

1969
**James L. Irish**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

**Ronald E. Massingill**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

**William B. Short**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of alternative dispute resolution and construction law.

**Robert E. Wilson**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of banking law and real estate law.

**1970**

**James P. Bradley**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

**Ernest E. Figari, Jr.**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, and securities law.

**Ronald L. Goranson**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

**Philip R. Jones**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of appellate law and criminal defense: white-collar.

**Robert F. Begert**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of legal malpractice law.

**Charles F. Plenge**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employee benefits law.

**David W. Shuford**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of legal malpractice law.

**Ira D. Einsohn**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

**T. Randall Matthews**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation and communications law.

**Richard D. Pullman**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

**1971**

**Samuel H. Bayless**
was elected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

**Thomas P. Goranson**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

**G. Thomas Rhodus**
was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.
JUDGE S. FRED BIERY ’73 PROMOTED TO CHIEF JUDGE OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Judge S. Fred Biery ’73 has been elevated to Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. The district is the second-largest geographically in the United States, and has the largest case load in the country.

Biery was appointed to the United States District Court by President Bill Clinton in 1994. He had previously served as a judge for the County Court at Law Two, the 150th District Court, and the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals. From 1973 to 1979, he co-owned a legal practice in San Antonio, Biery, Biery, Davis and Myers.

After graduating with a B.A. from Texas Lutheran University in 1970, where he participated on the basketball team and was student body president, Biery entered the United States Army Reserve active duty as E-1 and was released six years later as E-4. Biery attended SMU Dedman School of Law while he was with the Reserve; he was a Hatton W. Sumners Scholar and Order of the Coif. In 2004, he won the Hatton Sumners Foundation Distinguished Public Service Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service from SMU Dedman School of Law.

He serves on the Executive Board of the SMU Dedman School of Law and the Board of Regents and Corporation Board at Texas Lutheran University.

2010 in the field of tax law.

Alton C. Todd was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of personal injury litigation.

J. David Tracy was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employee benefits law, tax law, and trusts and estates.

1972

Robert L. Abbot was announced as an advisory board member for 2010 by the First Tee of Dallas.

William F. Carroll was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Bruce A. Cheatham was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate governance and compliance law.

Robert H. Kroney was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Mike McCurley was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Bruce Monning was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

Rev. John R. Pitts was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of Native American law.

Darrel A. Rice was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate law and venture capital law.

Paul D. Schoonover was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

Richard W. Wilhelm was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

1973

Richard A. Anderson was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the State Bar of Texas for outstanding contributions to excellence and professionalism at the Advanced...
Edward B. Rust, Jr. ’75, Chairman of the Board and CEO of State Farm Mutual, gave the SMU Dedman School of Law Commencement Address on May 15, 2010. In his speech, he reflected on the changes that have occurred in the legal profession in the thirty-five years since his graduation from SMU Dedman School of Law.

Such transformations, he said, have been marked by increased specialization, high costs and long delays in the civil justice system, and using technology to effectively collaborate with clients.

Rust is a nationally recognized leader in business community efforts to improve the quality of education in the United States. He is Vice Chair of the Business Roundtable and Co-chair of the Business Coalition for Student Achievement. He serves on the boards of America’s Promise Alliance, The James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy, and Achieve, Inc. He is the former chairman of the Business Higher Education Forum, and the Business Roundtable for its educational initiative. He served on the No Child Left Behind commission. Rust is Past Chairman of the American Enterprise Institute Financial Services Roundtable, the National Alliance of Business, and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. He currently serves as a trustee at The Conference Board and at Illinois Wesleyan University, where he is a graduate. Rust received his JD from SMU Dedman School of Law and his MBA from SMU Cox School of Business. He began his career with State Farm at the company’s Dallas regional office in 1975. Ten years later, he became President and Chief Executive. Rust has been Chairman of the Board at State Farm Mutual for the past twenty-three years.
David Dillon ’76, CEO of Kroger Co., was prominently featured in the May 2010 edition of the ABA Journal in an article titled “CEO, Esq.” Kroger, a leading grocery store chain in the United States, is ranked 22 on the FORTUNE 50.

Along with other lawyers-turned-CEOs, Dillon gave his perspective on why the nation’s largest corporations are choosing lawyers to run the companies. He said that law school teaches practical lessons that can be applied to life and business in general.

“I went to law school not to be a lawyer but to study how society operates and to learn why we don’t kill each other,” Dillon told the magazine. “The rule of law has a lot to do with that.”

Dillon is among two other SMU Dedman School of Law graduates who have made their way onto the Fortune 50 list.

According to the article’s author, Mark Curriden, “Corporate management analysts and headhunters point to SMU law school’s long-standing emphasis on business law, especially international business law... as reasons their graduates seem to populate the corporate management ranks.”
William D. Ratliff, III was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of banking law, corporate law, and real estate law.

Deirdre B. Ruckman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor–debtor rights law.

Robert R. Smith, Jr. spoke to the SMU–Dedman White Collar Crime law school class about criminal tax prosecutions.

Brian L. Webb was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Roger G. Williams was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of personal injury litigation.

1976

Michael D. Allen was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

1977

Michael R. Boulden was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Bruce R. Coleman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Michael J. Collins was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Richard Brent Cooper was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of insurance law.

RICHARD L. SCOTT’78 WINS FLORIDA GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY

Richard L. Scott ’78 is running for Governor of Florida. A newcomer to politics, Scott is an entrepreneur and advocate specializing in hospital efficiency. In August, he won the primary election.

Scott began his career as a lawyer in Dallas, specializing in health care, oil and gas, and communications.
O. Paul Corley was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Barbara B. Ferguson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Thomas R. Helfand was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

J. Stephen King was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Richard K. Martin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

1978

Gay G. Cox was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of alternative dispute resolution, collaborative law: family law, and family law mediation.

Edwin W. Davis was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law and tax law.

Gary D. Elliston was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of mass tort litigation.

Charles R. Gibbs was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

Brian M. Lidji was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

James W. McKellar was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

James H. Moody, III was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of insurance law.

David M. Prichard was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of commercial litigation, personal injury litigation, and product liability litigation.
Les Weisbrod was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of medical malpractice law.

Mark S. Werbner has received the Trial Legends Award from the Tort and Insurance Section of the Dallas Bar Association, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, and criminal defense: white-collar.

Lawrence M. Wolfish was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Michael D. Wortley was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and venture capital law.

1979

Bruce Anton was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

Richard Scott Cohen was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of mergers and acquisitions law.

Sanford R. Denison was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

1980

Mary Emma Karam spoke at the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation’s 2009 Annual Assembly & Technical Exhibition on “Preparing to Enter Practice -- Negotiating Contracts.”

Patricia F. Meadows was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

John R. Norris, III was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Kevin Thomason was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Larry Hance was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Jonathan K. Hustis spoke on Incentive Compensation and Fringe Benefits at the North Texas Enterprise Center Professional Services Series and at UT Dallas School of Management on the topic of Legal Entity Choice and Formation.

T. MARK KELLY ’81 ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

T. Mark Kelly ’81, editor of the SMU Law Review while at SMU Dedman School of Law, was elected president of the Houston Bar Association. He assumed the position in June 2010.

Kelly is a partner and global business chair of Vinson & Elkins LLP. His principle areas of practice are mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, public financings, and private placements. His clients include public companies; venture capital funds; start-up companies; manufacturing companies; medical technology companies; oil field service companies; gas marketing, exploration and production companies; and investment banking firms. He has represented clients listed on the NYSE, ASE, and NASDAQ National Market.

Kelly is also a fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation, a past president of the Houston Young Lawyers Association, a past director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, and chair of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Eugene J. Flynn was the discussion leader on “Immigration/Open Borders” at the Dallas Libertarians Meetup Group, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of immigration law.
John V. Janso–niius was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

Peter A. Lodwick was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate governance and compliance law, corporate law, and securities law.

Richard H. Lottman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Brian D. Melton has won the Dallas Bar’s Jo Anna Moreland Outstanding Committee Chair Award, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

Gordon M. Shapiro was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of immigration law.

Gary A. Udashen was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of appellate law, criminal defense: non–white–collar, and criminal defense: white–collar.

1981

Michael F. Albers was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of construction law.

William S. Boyd was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Theodore W. Daniel was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of international trade and finance law.

Edward L. Rothberg has become a partner at Hoover Slovacek, L.L.P.

Dan C. Dargene has joined Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. as a shareholder, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

Sharon N. Freytag was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of appellate law and commercial litigation.

G. Michael Gruber received the 2009 Foundation Award of Excellence from the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation.

William O. Holston, Jr. spoke on “The Rise and Fall of Entrepreneurial Silica Litigation” at the 35th Annual Meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Association’s Yuma Pacific–Southwest Section in Los Angeles and on Political Asylum Law at Jesuit High School Human Rights Education Day.

Sharon S. Millians was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Molly B. Richard was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

Dwight A. Shupe formed Shupe, Ventura, Lindelow, & Olson, P.L.L.C., and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of land use and zoning law.

Marjorie J. Stephens was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Paula Fisette Swee–ney was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation.

Sharon S. Millians was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor–debtor rights law.
1982

Mark S. Biskamp has joined Munsch Harpt Kopf & Harr in Houston as a shareholder in the real estate group.

Dorothy H. Bjorck was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

Mary Clariday Burdette was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

R. Brent Clifton was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Michael E. Dillard has joined Latham & Watkins in Houston as a partner.

Jeffrey D. Dunn was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

Mark T. Josephs was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of collaborative law and merges and acquisitions law.

Cary Plotkin Kavy was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

Kathleen M. LaValle was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

William L. Banousky was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

Lawrence E. Glasgow was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate law and mergers and acquisitions law.

James S. Meyer was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Patrick C. Sargent was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of structured finance law.

John A. Scully has become the immediate past president of The Epilepsy Foundation of Texas-Dallas/Fort Worth.

Robb P. Stewart was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Deborah G. Hankinson was recognized as one of the leading appellate lawyers in the state of Texas by Chambers USA, and was named one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America. She was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of appellate law.

1983

Robert S. Ballentine has joined Burleson Cooke in Houston as a partner.

Jody L. Johnson has opened an office for the practice of law, Jody Lynn Johnson, P.C., and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of collaborative law: family law and family law.

Steven M. Ladik was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial law.

Mary R. Korby was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employee benefits law.

1984

R. Bradley Oxford was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

Mark A. Shank was selected as a member of the Civil Trial Law Exam commission and as chairman-elect of the board for the Dallas Bar Foundation, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of commercial litigation and intellectual property.

Barbara Elias-Perciful has received the American Bar Association’s 2009 Child Advocacy Award for her service on behalf of abused and neglected children.

Mary R. Korby was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and securities law.

Daniel P. Novakov was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Robert D. Allen was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

Wilson Chu has joined K&L Gates LLP as a partner. Chu was also selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate law and mergers and acquisitions law.

Dan D. Davison was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employment law.

Tom Pappas was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of criminal defense: non-white-collar.

Jeffrey D. Dunn was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation and legal malpractice law.
Mark A. Shank has joined Grubker Hurst Johansen Hail in labor and employment law and commercial litigation.

Terry L. Simmons was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Steven R. Smith has joined Perkins Coie as a partner in the firm’s Dallas office.

Lawrence D. Smith was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

Robert H. Voelker discussed fair housing issues while a panelist at the annual Texas Association of Affordable Housing Providers annual conference.

1985

Charla G. Aldous was honored as one of the top women lawyers in Dallas by D Magazine, and was inducted into the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers. She was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation. She was named one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.

Judge Margaret Barnes will be the Denton County Republican Party’s nominee on the November general election ballot for the 367th District Court.

Joseph M. Coleman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Kay Elkins Elliott was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

Scott A. Farrimond was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Randy R. Jurgenstemeyer was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Michele Wong Krause has received the Dallas Asian American Bar Association Inspirational Leadership Award.

Priscilla K. Park was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Joel R. Reifman has joined the U.S. Department of State – Embassy Asmara, Eritrea as the Deputy Chief of Mission.

Linda A. Wilkins has launched her law practice, the Law Offices of Linda A. Wilkins, and spoke at the American Conference Institute in New York on the topic “IRS/Treasury Regulatory Developments.” She was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employee benefits law.

1986

Val J. Albright was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Sally Crawford was elected second vice president of the Dallas Bar.

1987

Angeline L. Bain was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Susan E. Coleman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

K. L. Alex Lau has successfully convinced the Chinese Government to amend three articles in the Chinese Company Law (Act).

Stephen D. Marcus was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Larry L. Martin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

James M. McDonough was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Gary G. Short was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of employee benefits law.

Christopher C. Halton has joined Kronen Morse Law PC as an associate.

1985

Edward F. Valdéspino was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of environmental law.

Greg Rogers was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of municipal law.

D. Randall Montgomery was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

1986

Val J. Albright was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Sally Crawford was elected second vice president of the Dallas Bar.

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Angeline L. Bain was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Susan E. Coleman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of
DENISE SCOFIELD ’92 NAMED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

Denise Scofield ’92 was chosen as the president-elect of the Houston Bar Association. She will assume the office of president in May 2011. She is the third woman in the organization’s 141-year history to hold the position.

Scofield is a partner with Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius LLP. She focuses her practice on the defense of product liability and toxic tort lawsuits, as well as complex commercial litigation. She has worked in the chemical, oil and gas, pharmaceutical, railroad, and beverage industries, also serving as a national and regional counsel in connection with the defense of mass tort claims.

She is the director of Lone Star Legal Aid, a member of the Texas Bar Foundation Nominating Committee and the State Bar of Texas Committee on the Provision of Legal Services to the Poor, a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation, and a charter fellow of the Houston Young Lawyers Association. In 2006 she won the Distinguished Alumni Award for Emerging Leadership from Southern Methodist University.

1988

Todd P. Kelly was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of health care law.

Michael L. Kreager was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of health care law.

Steven C. Malin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

Mary A. McNulty was elected to the 2010 Management Committee in Thompson & Knight, L.L.P, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Cynthia Hoff Trochu was named one of the 2010 Women in Business Award winners by the Dallas Business Journal.

Ronald W. Breaux was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of antitrust law.

Daniel L. Butcher was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of tax law.

Deborah G. Hankinson was named one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of appellate law.

Sylvan S. Lang, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of employee benefits law, insurance law, labor and employment law, and personal injury litigation.

Julie E. Lennon has joined Gaedeke Group and Gaedeke Oil & Gas in Dallas as general counsel.

Kathryn J. Murphy was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Scott D. Weber was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

1989

Kelly Franklin Bagnall was added as a member of Dykema’s Dallas office as of counsel to lead the firm’s new hospitality practice group.

1990

Van H. Beckwith was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.

Andrew L. Campbell was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Mark Early was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of corporate law and mergers and acquisitions law.

Joseph P. Goldstein has opened the Law Office of Joseph P. Goldstein, PC in Prescott, Arizona.

Vicky P. Gunning is the Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP president-elect.
Mark N. Reiter was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

Dr. Alice Kay Roska was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of environmental law.

Mark M. Sloan was elected to the 2010 Management Committees in Thompson & Knight, L.L.P., and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Katherine B. Staton was elected president of the International Aviation Women’s Association and recently spoke at the Embry-Riddle 21st Annual Aviation Law and Insurance Symposium. She also co-chaired the IAWA’s 21st Annual Conference, Rendez-Vous in the EU: A New Era of Cooperation.

Josh O. Ungerman spoke on “The IRS Wealth Squad—Holistic Taxpayer Analysis” at the ABA 2010 Midyear Meeting in San Antonio and “Preparing for and Defending the Examination of Estate and Gift Tax Returns” at the Central Estate Planning Council in Austin.

Barbara G. Van Duyn was elected president of the Dallas Bar Association’s family law section.

Taylor H. Wilson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of securities law.

1991

Alissa K. Christopher was hired by Hermes Sargent Bates LLP as an attorney focused on insurance coverage.

T. Andrew Dow was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Diana S. Friedman was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Robert J. Garrey was hired as a partner at Friedman & Feiger LLP.

Elise A. Healy was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of immigration law.

Karen S. Precella was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of appellate law.

Steven N. Williams was added as an attorney at The Law Offices of Stephen A. Kennedy PC.

1992

Ann Marie Cowdrey was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

E.F. Mano DeAyala has joined the downtown Houston law firm Buck Keenan as a partner.

Daryl L. Lansdale, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of corporate law.

David G. Monk was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of information technology law.

1993

Charles E. Carpenter has joined Latham & Watkins in Houston and New York as a partner.

Sally Longroy was appointed as a Director of Division II of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of environmental law.

Barton E. Showalter was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of intellectual property law.

Albert C. Tan has received the 2009 Outstanding Member Award from the Dallas Asian American Bar Association and was elected to a two-year term on the Dallas Asian American Bar Association board of directors.

1994

Jeffrey O. Anderson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of family law.

Jeffrey J. Ansley joined Curran Tomko Tarski LLP as a partner in the white-collar and securities enforcement practice.

Cynthia J. Bishop was appointed as a Director of Division II of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association.

Nisha P. Byers was recently inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America.

M. Brett Johnson was selected for individual recognition by Chambers USA 2010 rankings for intellectual property law.

David A. Levy has joined Winstead in Dallas as an associate with the labor and employment practice group.
TONYA PARKER ’98 GIVEN “OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD” BY DALLAS AREA YOUNG LAWYER (DAYL)

Tonya Parker ’98 received Dallas Area Young Lawyer’s (DAYL) Outstanding Mentor Award and was honored at the Annual Law Day Luncheon on May 7, 2010.

Parker is a partner at Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail. Her experience includes representation of Fortune 500 companies and a broad array of commercial litigation in both state and federal courts. Her expertise includes matters involving contract disputes, business torts, insurance coverage disputes, intellectual property, general negligence and premises liability, negligent entrustment, and consumer debt collection and fair credit reporting violations.

She has maintained involvement with numerous professional and civic groups ranging from the City of Dallas Community Development, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, to the DAYL Mentor Match Program.

1995

The Honorable Joseph D. Brown was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to a two-year term on the Texas Youth Commission.

Ronald W. Chapman, Jr. was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of labor and employment law.

Anne Cook was appointed managing partner in the Dallas office of Cozen O’Connor.

Erin Nealy Cox was promoted to Executive Director and appointed to the Executive Committee of Stroz Friedberg. She was named one of the 2010 Women In Business Award winners by the Dallas Business Journal.

Todd A. Fisher was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of information technology law.

Jessica Gallivan was appointed to a four-year term as Magistrate at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Charla C. Truett was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of immigration law.

Christopher D. Williams was elected as legal counsel for the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

1996

Kennon Brock Bailey was named managing partner of the Dallas office of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP.

Jeffrey R. Erler has joined Bell Nunnally & Martin in Dallas as a partner.

Reginald Ashley Harden was promoted to general counsel at the Texas Comptroller’s Office.

Kimberly Lafferty has announced the formation of Lafferty & Slayton, PLLC.


Misty M. Ventura formed Shupe, Ventura, Lindelow & Olson, P.L.L.C.

Tracey R. Wallace has joined Jackson Walker’s labor and employment group.

1997

Classmates Tonya Parker and Gene Roberts, both John Kennedy Award recipients, will be running for Judge in Dallas County.

I. Scott Carter was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of trusts and estates.

Chad M. Ruback spoke on “Appellate Issues in Workers’ Comp Cases” at a recent seminar sponsored by Worker’s Comp Publications.

1998

Todd E. Betanzos formed the law firm of Tillman Betanzos LLP.

Brant C. Martin will manage the recently-expanded Fort Worth office of Wick Phillips Gould & Martin.
litigation matters.

**Doug Skierski** has opened a new law firm, Franklin Skierski Lovall Hayward LLP.

**Sarah Q. Wirsky** was a panelist at the ABA White Collar Crime Conference in Miami on “Criminal Procedure in White Collar Crime Cases.”

**1999**

**Christopher Shawn Cleveland** was hired as special counsel by Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal.

**Jennifer Evans Morris ’99 Takes Office as TYLA President**

Jennifer Evans Morris ’99, a partner with Carrington Coleman, started her term as President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) in June 2010 through June 2011.

Morris specializes in complex commercial litigation and served as TYLA secretary in 2007–2008. She has been an active member of the TYLA Board of Directors and Dallas Area Young Lawyers (DAYL) Board of Directors since 2004.

Earning both her B.A. and J.D. from SMU, Morris is passionate about fighting domestic abuse and child abuse and providing support to abuse survivors. She is active with Community Partners of Dallas and Attorneys Serving the Community.

As TYLA’s new president, Morris plans to implement several programs that focus on TYLA members to help meet the needs of young lawyers in a downturned economy as well as educating the public about the importance of reporting child abuse.

In a June 2010 article by Patricia L. Garcia from the Texas Bar Journal, Monica Wiseman Latin says of Morris, “Jennifer is really the complete package when it comes to a participating attorney. She has the intellectual ability to reason through whatever an issue is, but frankly, the harder thing to find in a lawyer is a person who brings a personality that is very likeable and yet still professional. Jennifer shows what’s good in the legal profession.”

**Brian C. Corrigan** has become a Board Certified criminal defense lawyer after spending ten years as a prosecutor with the D.A.’s office.

**Allen J. Dickey** was named a shareholder at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC in the finance group and spoke at the 43rd Annual William W. Gibson, Jr. Mortgage Lending Institute in Austin on “Securitized Loan Workouts.”

**Ed M. Fjordbak** was appointed President and CEO of the Essilor Vision Foundation.

**Adam T. Fox** formed Brown Fox, P.L.L.C.

**Thomas Gallagher** was added as an associate at The Law Offices of Stephen A. Kennedy PC.

**Jonathan Leatherberry** has become a partner in Vinson & Elkins in Dallas.

**James Savina** has become an executive director of the global legal department of Avon Products, Inc.

**Dena DeNooyer** Stroh has joined Gruber Hurst Johnson Hail in Dallas as Senior Counsel.

**Aimee Williams** was honored as one of the top women lawyers in Dallas by D Magazine.

**2000**

**Hilaree A. Casada** has joined Cowles & Thompson, P.C. as a senior attorney in the firm’s appellate practice group.

**D. Stewart Clancy** has started Anderson Tobin, PLLC, a full-service business and employment firm.

**Todd Donohue** was hired by the Curtis Law Firm PC to head up the commercial litigation practice.

**Jennifer B. Grace** was promoted to partner at Curran Tomko Tarski LLP.

**David A. Krueger** has joined Kroney Morse Lan PC as a shareholder.

**David M. Minces** co-founded a new law firm, Mize, Minces & Clark, P.C. in Houston.

**James B. Parks** was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the fields of criminal defense: non-white-collar and criminal defense: white-collar.
Eric M. Pfeifle has become a partner of Patton Boggs’ Dallas office.

Aaron Z. Tobin has started Anderson Tobin, PLLC, a full-service business and employment firm.

Peter S. Wahby was promoted to Shareholder at GrenbergTraurig.

Stephen S. Womack has re-joined Scheef & Stone, L.L.P. in Scottsdale.

2001

Catherine E. Bright has rejoined Dallas’ Andrews Barth & Harrison in its estate planning and probate practice.

Tom M. Dees has joined Hallett & Perrin in Dallas as of counsel.

Noelle Garsek was named one of the “Best Women Lawyers in Dallas 2010” by D Magazine.

James Jeffers was elected to the Looper Reed & McGraw board of directors.

Chad A. Key has become a partner in the real estate practice group of Kelly Hart & Hallman in Fort Worth, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of real estate law.

Eric Williams was promoted from firm member to partner at Haynes and Boone LLP.

2002

Michael D. Anderson has become a partner in the litigation practice group of Kelly Hart & Hallman in Fort Worth.

Jules S. Brenner was elected partner at Strasburger & Price LLP.

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Anthony P. Daddino was named partner at Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman LLP.

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Bryan A. Erman has joined Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P. as an associate.

AMANDA CHILDS ’03 NAMED PRO BONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR

The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP) presented the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award to Amanda Childs’03 for her support of and participation in DVAP’s efforts to provide legal services to those in need.

Childs, an associate with Jones Day’s Dallas office, donated nearly 1,000 pro bono hours, including 790 hours of service to DVAP. Attorneys who serve with DVAP commit to at least three months and are paid by their law firm during that time.

During Childs’ pro bono term she handled twenty-seven cases, including a protracted child custody case in which a mother was reunited with her young son. Childs is a founding member of her firm’s Dallas Associate Pro Bono Committee, and volunteers as a crisis counselor at the Suicide and Crisis Center of Dallas.

“It has been such an amazing experience working with the talented and hard-working people at DVAP,” Childs said. “Words cannot express how honored I feel to receive this award.”

Jessica B. Wilson has joined Littler Mendelson, P.C. as an associate in the Dallas office.

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M. Jeanette (Yakamavich) Fedele was recognized by Texas Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” as published in the April 2010 edition of Texas Monthly.

Habeeb I. Gnaim was named an income shareholder in Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin, L.L.P.

Christine S. Johnson has become an associate of Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, L.L.P.

Deborah Lawson was elected treasurer of the Association of Women Attorney for 2010–11.

Khalid M. “Kal” Malik has become executive vice president and general counsel to Franchesca’s Holdings.

J. Cliff McKinney was recognized by Chambers USA’s Guide to America’s Leading Lawyers for Business in the area of Real Estate.

Lisa B. Schulgen has become an associate of Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, L.L.P.

2004

Katherine B. Bandy has joined Klemchuck Kubasta LLP as an associate.

Stacy L. Blakeley has joined McGowen & Shaw as Of Counsel.

Walter L. McInnis was added by Griffith Nixon Davison PC as an associate in its construction law and business litigation practice.

Matthew J. Restrepo has joined Greenberg Traurig LLP as an associate.

2005

James S. Bell was hired as a partner at Friedman & Feiger LLP.

M. James Benes has joined Jenkins | Babb, LLP serving as Of Counsel.

Jessica A. Escobar has joined the Texas Department of Agriculture as Assistant General Counsel.

John A. Greco was elected to a leadership position with The North Texas Association of Insurance Counsel.

Melissa S. Hayward has opened a new law firm, Franklin Skierski Lovall Hayward LLP.

Aaron G. Koury has joined Carpenter & Schumacher, P.C.

Kurt P. Martin has joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a staff attorney.

Melinda R. Newman has joined Cowles & Thompson in Dallas as an associate with the commercial litigation section.

T. Nguyen was named a Rising Star by Texas Monthly for a second time.

Dwayne C. Norton has joined the Dallas office Alston & Bird LLP as an associate with the intellectual property litigation practice.

Adriana M. Parrondo has joined the Law Offices of David Logan and Associates.

Brandon L. Starling was hired at Shackelford, Melton & McKinley as a construction litigation associate.

Thomas J. Urquidez formed Torres Rodriguez & Urquidez, L.L.C.

2006

Sara M. Abbott has transferred to Jackson Walker’s Dallas office from Fort Worth.

Jared Barrett formed Bull & Barrett, L.L.P.

David E. Colmenero spoke at the University of Texas 2010 Texas Margin Tax Conference in Austin, Houston and Dallas on “How to Survive an Audit.”

Robert B. Jackson was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010 in the field of banking law.

Kristin E. Kruse has joined Winstead in Houston as an associate with the commercial litigation practice group.

Christopher J. Parvin was elected to Place 4 of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

Christopher J. Theriot has joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas as an associate with the business litigation group.

2007

Nathan T. Anderson formed the firm of O’Neil Anderson with Michelle May O’Neil.

Michael E. Ma placed as a finalist in the second annual Moot Court National Championship with his team from SMU Dedman School of Law.

Christopher W. Neilson has joined Thompson & Knight, LLP as an associate.
Elisabeth A. Wilson has joined Winstead in Dallas as an associate with the business restructuring/bankruptcy practice group.

Peter K. Lacina has joined Greenberg Traurig in Dallas as an associate.

Lauren E. (Wilkins) Matthews has joined the Carleton Law Firm LLC as an associate.

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Melanie A. Spriggs has become an associate of Quilling, Selander, Cummiske & Lownds, P.C.

Sunny J. Thompson was recognized as an Outstanding Youth Associate by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Award Program.

Nicole L. Tong was hired as an associate at Burford & Ryburn LLP.

Charlene M. Wardrope has joined Jackson Walker LLP as an associate.

2009

Clinton J. Bodien has joined Winstead in Dallas as an associate with the finance and banking practice group.

Aaron T. Capps has joined Griffith Nixon Davison PC’s construction litigation section.

Stacie L. Cargill was hired by Weil Gotshal & Manges in its Dallas office.

Melissa L. Deal has joined Thompson & Knight as an associate in the corporate and securities practice group.

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Mr. Ruben K. Abney ’47
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Mr. George T. Allison, III ’74
June 18, 2009

Mr. C. Robert Anderson ’57
April 13, 2010

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March 28, 2010

Dr. William Robert Cole ’95
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Mr. William Maston Boyd ’63
August 29, 2009

Ms. Mina A. Brees ’79
August 7, 2009

Mr. William B. Browder, Jr ’36
July 8, 2010

Ms. Amber Dawn Browning ’09
November 14, 2009

Mr. James L. Buchanan, II ’65
November 7, 2009

Mr. Frank Burke ’65
July 24, 2010

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January 14, 2007

Mr. David Donosky ’63
October 20, 2009

Mr. William E. Easterling ’62
March 23, 2010

Mr. John C. Ferguson ’63
February 11, 2010

Mr. Robert Charles Gist ’65
October 5, 2009

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March 31, 2010

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July 18, 2009

Mr. Jack T. Ingram ’63
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Mr. David A. Johnson ’51
January 3, 2007

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June 2, 2010

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February 9, 2010

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December 12, 2009

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Mr. Ralston C. Makuta ’82
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Mr. Richard B. Martin ’04
January 30, 2010

Mr. Perry H. Martineau ’76
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Mr. Juan G. Matus-Valencia ’56
October 27, 2008

Mr. Gene L. McCoy ’60
November 10, 2009

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December 9, 2009

Mr. Roger R. Scott ’65
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May 7, 2009

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July 19, 2010

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November 22, 2009

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July 7, 2009

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February 22, 2009

Ms. Adrienne E. Willson ’03
July 9, 2009

Mr. Bruce E. Woolner ’56
December 13, 2000

Mr. B. G. Wylie ’53
June 19, 2010

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WHITNEY HARRIS

Former Professor at SMU Dedman School of Law

Former SMU Dedman School of Law professor Whitney R. Harris died April 21, 2010 after a three-year battle with cancer.

A renowned lawyer, professor, and human rights advocate, Harris came to Dallas in 1948 at the invitation of Dean Robert G. Storey of the SMU Dedman School of Law after working in Germany as a prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials.

“There was a lot of curiosity about the trial and the bringing to justice of these war criminals, so there was a lot of attention focused on the three prosecutors,” said SMU Dedman Law professor Alan R. Bromberg of the three Nuremberg attorneys who taught at the SMU Dedman School of Law at the time.

“Professor Harris was not only a phenomenal asset to the SMU Dedman School of Law, but a great legal thinker who served the entire international community,” said Dean Attanasio.

Harris is survived by a son, Eugene; three stepsons, Charles Foster Jr., Christopher Galakatos and Greg Galakatos; a stepdaughter, Theresa Galakatos; four grandchildren; and nine stepgrandchildren.
MARTIN SAMUELSOHN ’41
Charles O. Galvin
Service Award Recipient

Martin Samuelsohn ’41, known as “Uncle Marty” among friends, died on February 16, 2010 after a three-year struggle with cancer. Samuelsohn was 94.

Born on July 3, 1915, Samuelsohn made his way to Dallas in 1939 to study at SMU Dedman School of Law after attending school in his home state of New York. After graduation, he opened Marty’s Liquors on Greenville Avenue and worked in the wholesale liquor and wine business for the remainder of his career.

Samuelsohn was actively involved in the Dallas community and with SMU Dedman Law. In addition, he volunteered for SCORE and the Dallas Bar Association. Widely recognized for his generous contributions, he received the DeWitt Clinton Distinguished Alumni Award from his high school and the Dean Charles O. Calvin Distinguished Alumni Award from the SMU Dedman School of Law. Other honors included awards from the North Texas Volunteer Attorney Program, the Dallas Bar Association and SCORE. His passions were his family and promoting education among the youth in the community. He is survived by his daughter Reesa Abrams (Xander), son Phillip Samuelsohn (Karen), niece Susan Candy Luterman (Allen), nephew Jerry A. Candy (Suzi), and several grandchildren.

DR. ROGER S. JOHNSON ’91
Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Law Faculty Fellow

Dr. Roger S. Johnson ’91, died May 2, 2010 of pulmonary fibrosis.

Born April 29, 1924, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Johnson served as a First Lieutenant during World War II. He was part of the crew of the B-17 Flying Fortress and flew several combat missions over Europe.

Johnson practiced medicine for thirty-three years in his hometown and later in Corpus Christi, Texas. He and his family relocated to Dallas in 1984 and he attended SMU Dedman School of Law after retiring as a trauma surgeon.

Johnson was a strong supporter of SMU Dedman School of Law, establishing the Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Law Faculty Fellow Fund in honor of his wife. SMU Dedman School of Law Professor Regis Campfield held the fellowship until his retirement in 2009.

Johnson established various medical programs for regions in need, developed a volunteer surgical program at Pengang Hospital in Malaysia, and also wrote a book, Wounded Fortress, about his good friend’s brother, an American airman who was killed during World War II.

Johnson died in Kerville, Texas; he is survived by his second wife, Cheryl McDowell Johnson ’91, whom he married after his first wife’s death, four children, two stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.
SMU Dedman School of Law hosted its eleventh “Rule of Law Forum” in the fall of 2009 with officials and justices from Indonesia. This marks Indonesia’s second visit to SMU Dedman School of Law through the Rule of Law series. Read more on p. 10

Left to Right: OBERT STRANG, Resident Legal Advisor, U.S. Embassy to Indonesia; SYAMSUL MA’ARIF, Justice of the Supreme Court of Indonesia; SARJITO, Director for Enforcement Bureau, Capital Markets Oversight Body; ARIEF SUROWIDJOJO, Legal Consultant, Lubis Ganie Surouridjojo Law Firm; ITO SUMARDI, Senior Advisor to the Chief of the Indonesian Police; BRUCE SCHWARTZ, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; ABDUL WAHID, DG Legislation, Ministry of Law and Human Rights; NATALIA SOEBAGIO, Executive Director, University of Indonesia Center for the Study of Governance; ERIC HOLDER, United States Attorney General; DIANI WATI, Director of Legal and Human Rights Affairs of the State Ministry for National Development and Planning (BAPPENAS); MARSU DIATMODJO, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Gadjah Mada; YAN WARINUSSY, Executive Director of LP3BH (Institute for Research Analysis, and Development of Legal Aid); SALDI ISMAIL, Lecturer of Faculty of Law, Andalas University; AKHIRUDDIN MAHJUDDIN, Coordinator, GeRÄK (Anti-Corruption Movement) Aceh; JOHN B. ATTANASIO, Dean SMU Dedman School of Law; AHMAD HANAFIAH, Director Legal Affairs, Bank of Indonesia; AKIL MOCHTAR, Justice, Constitutional Court