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The SMU Dedman School of Law is proud to be hosting a series of “Rule of Law Forums” at the request of U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

“I am pleased the Dedman School of Law has taken an important role in promoting the concept of the rule of law throughout the world.” Senator Hutchison said. “I worked with Dean Attanasio and the Department of State to found the Rule of Law Forum program to broaden understanding of the rule of law among emerging democracies and those nations moving in that direction. The SMU program has been highly successful. It is being looked at by the State Department as a model for public diplomacy, and I hope it will be emulated and expanded.” It is no surprise that Senator Hutchison would look to SMU and Dean Attanasio.

The SMU Dedman School of Law has a long history of educating judicial, political, educational and business leaders from around the world. John Attanasio, Dean and William Hawley Atwell Professor of Constitutional Law, is a leading constitutional scholar with extensive expertise in organizing international forums.
“A primary objective of the Rule of Law Forum is to promote understanding and improve relationships between the visiting countries and the United States while promoting an understanding of government under the rule of law,” Dean Attanasio said. “The quality of the delegations has been outstanding. We have hosted senior members of the judiciary, legislature and executive departments. Many delegations also included prominent business leaders. The forums provide delegates the opportunity to discuss important issues with their respective counterparts in this country and that is a key to the success of this program.”

While each delegation is in the U.S., meetings are held in New York, Washington, D.C. and Dallas. Participants learn first hand about the rule of law, as it exists in the United States. They also become familiar with key individuals, institutions and systems in place in the United States. The delegates return to their countries with a much greater depth of knowledge about the United States and the American way of life.

“The rule of law involves four basic requirements: equality under the law; a respect for individual rights; an independent and honest judiciary; and transparent court proceedings,” Senator Hutchison said. “We have grown up in the United States in a society of laws, not of men. We tend to take that concept for granted. But in most emerging democracies, the rule of law is an alien idea, almost incomprehensible. It is critical, as we promote free elections, that we also promote the rule of law throughout the world.”

“The Rule of Law Forum is not a one way street however,” Dean Attanasio said. “It also provides an opportunity for key leaders in the United States to establish relationships and dialogue with leaders from the visiting countries. U.S. leaders learn more about the culture and systems in place in the visiting country. This communication promotes greater understanding and awareness in this country of how we are perceived in other parts of the world. All participants learn about the ways countries deal with common issues that face judicial, governmental and business leaders.”

“The response we have received from both the participating countries and from the legislative, judicial, governmental, commercial and academic communities in this country has been overwhelming and very positive,” Dean Attanasio said. “The willingness of participating countries to send high-ranking delegations shows that this program is needed and valued. The eagerness of delegation counterparts in the United States to invest their time in this educational and relationship building exercise, is evidence that this program is equally valued by our country’s leaders.”

Delegates typically spend time in New York where their itinerary includes meetings with members of the New York Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve Bank. In Washington, DC, delegates meet with senators, congressional representatives, members of the Executive Branch and the United States Supreme Court. The SMU Dedman School of Law also hosts an additional series of meetings in Dallas involving law school faculty and members of the Texas judiciary. Dallas business leaders have also participated in these forums, bringing their unique perspectives on the rule of law as it affects business.

Funding for the Rule of Law Forum comes from federal grants, which have totaled more than $3 million to date. Dean Attanasio and the SMU Dedman School of Law are grateful for the endorsement and opportunity that hosting these Rule of Law Forums provide to the Law School.

“We are overwhelmingly thankful to Senator Hutchison and our government for this tremendous opportunity to organize and participate in the Rule of Law Forums. It is programs like these that continue to advance the SMU Dedman School of Law’s reputation as a premier global law school.”

— Dean John B. Attanasio
Those participating in the Forums include (Photos clockwise, from top left):

U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (Colorado) with the delegation from Oman.

U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar (Indiana) speaks to the delegation from Kyrgyzstan.

Harriet Miers ’70, White House Counsel for President George W. Bush, meets with the delegation from Egypt.

Richard Lee Armitage, former United States Deputy Secretary of State, with His Excellency Jawad Al Arrayed, Minister of Justice for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The delegation from Afghanistan meets with Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States.
Photos clockwise, from top left

Members of the delegation from Afghanistan pose in front of the Statue of Liberty.

The delegation from Bahrain meets with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C.

Ray Hutchison ’59, of counsel for Vinson & Elkins LLP, with members of the delegation from Oman.

Delegation members from Brunei talk with former Texas Supreme Court Justice James Baker ’58 at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Members of the delegation from Bahrain tour the Washington, D.C. area.

Judge Patrick Higginbotham, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
Photos clockwise, from top left

Senior Judge Barefoot Sanders, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, with members of the delegation from Oman.

Michele Godfrey, Senior Vice President of International Affairs for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with members of the delegation from Afghanistan.

Delegates from Afghanistan gather for a group photo at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

The Delegation from Brunei gathers in front of the New York Stock Exchange.

Delegates from Brunei visit Ground Zero of the World Trade Center in New York.
Continuing a long history of support for SMU, the Dedman family, through their foundation, has designated $3 million of its $20 million commitment to the Dedman School of Law as a matching grant to attract additional gifts for scholarships and faculty positions. The $20 million commitment was made in February 2001 to endow and name the Dedman School of Law.

“The Dedman family’s gift of $20 million to name the School is helping propel the school into the ranks of the top law schools in the U.S.,” Dean John B. Attanasio said.

The Dedman Foundation will match gifts pledged by other donors over the next three years for specific projects. Qualifying gifts must be for scholarships (minimum pledge of $100,000), faculty professorships (gift of $1 million), or faculty chairs (gift of $1.5 million, of which $1 million can be matched). The Dedman Foundation has agreed to match qualifying scholarship gifts on a dollar-for-dollar basis for up to a total of $2 million. It will match up to $1 million pledged for faculty professorships or chairs. To encourage new giving among several donors, the Dedman Foundation will match gifts of no more than $2 million from any single donor.

Under the match system, if a donor pledges $1 million for a new scholarship, the Foundation provides the same amount, raising the scholarship’s funding to a total of $2 million, and the new gift is named in honor of the donor.

“This latest act of generosity from the Dedman family continues a heritage of support that has resulted in endowments for Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, the Dedman Life Sciences Building, Dedman professorships in economics and history, scholarships for Dallas area high school students, and funds to support the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Additional funds for scholarships and faculty positions are essential in providing the highest-quality education to students who will become leaders in the legal profession.”

The Dedman Foundation was established by the late Robert H. Dedman Sr., the founder of ClubCorp, who earned a LL.M. degree from SMU, and his wife, Nancy, who received a bachelor’s degree in political science from SMU and was named an honorary alumna of the Dedman School of Law. The Foundation board includes their daughter, Patricia, who earned a master’s degree from SMU; and their son, Robert H. Dedman Jr., who received both J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from SMU and serves on the law school’s Executive Board. Robert Dedman Jr.’s wife, Rachel Redecker
Dedman, holds a master’s degree from SMU.

“It is our hope this challenge grant will encourage others to accelerate their support of the great progress the Law School continues to make with attracting and retaining their outstanding faculty and most deserving student scholars,” said Robert H. Dedman Jr.

Already almost a third of the $3 million Dedman challenge grant has been matched. Martin Samuelsohn ’41 presented a generous gift of $450,000 to establish the Martin Samuelsohn Scholarship Fund in Jewish Studies at the SMU Dedman School of Law (see side story).

Anthony Atwell pledged an additional $200,000 to the Webster Atwell Scholarship Endowment Fund honoring his father, esteemed Dallas lawyer Webster Atwell. With the Dedman Foundation challenge grant, a total of $400,000 will be contributed to the fund.

William Noel ’82, and his siblings James L. Noel III, Edmund O. Noel, Carol Noel King, and Robert C. Noel, added an additional $100,000 to the James Noel, Jr. Endowed Scholarship honoring their father. James Noel, Jr. served as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas in Houston from 1961 until his death in 1997. He received the SMU Distinguished Alumni Award in 1969 and was one of the recipients of the first Distinguished Alumni Awards presented by the law school in 1986.

Dean M. Gandy ’50, who was a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas from 1970 to 1983, gave $100,000, which was matched by the Dedman Foundation to establish the Judge Dean Gandy Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The Class of 1986 also took advantage of the Dedman challenge grant by holding a class fundraiser. Members of the 20th Reunion Class of 1986, with the leadership of Ted Anderson ’86 and David Haley ’86, pledged $120,950 to endow a scholarship fund in memory of one of their classmates who died of cancer in 1993. Under the challenge grant, the Dedman Foundation will contribute another $120,950 to the Class of 1986 Teresa Jenkins Carson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

“This Dedman matching gift is yet another example of the Dedmans’ foresight in supporting the law school’s rise into the ranks of the top law schools in the United States,” Dean Attanasio said. “Joining the name of one of the nation’s leading families in educational philanthropy with the School of Law has reshaped the horizon of what we can accomplish in legal education at SMU.”

The match period started at 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 14, 2005, and concludes at 5 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2009.
Professor Pryor Honored By ABA and Named Associate Provost at SMU

Ellen Smith Pryor, Homer R. Mitchell Professor of Law, is the 20th recipient of the prestigious Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award from the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. The award recognizes a commitment to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession as demonstrated by outstanding contributions to the fields of tort and insurance law. Professor Pryor, who is one of the nation’s leading authorities on torts and products liability, accepted the award during the ABA annual meeting in Hawaii on Aug. 5, 2006.

“One doesn’t have to look any further than the names of the people who have received it in the past to know that this is a spectacular honor,” Professor Pryor said.

“I congratulate Ellen Pryor on this magnificent award,” Dean John B. Attanasio said. “Ellen will be added to a list of past award winners that consists of a virtual ‘Who’s Who’ in the field of torts.”

Robert J. Witte ’93, a shareholder at Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C., is one of her former students and one of the numerous individuals who nominated her for the award.

“There are some people who teach extraordinary well; there are some people who research and write extraordinarily well; there are some people who represent their university, their law school, and their profession extraordinarily well; there are very, very few people who ever do all of those things well,” Witte said. “It is a very rare situation that you find someone who is all of these things, but Ellen Pryor is one of those people.”


In addition to this distinguished award, Professor Pryor was recently named Associate Provost for SMU where she is responsible for all of SMU’s honors programs and the university’s international programs and initiatives.

“As SMU’s student body continues to rise in academic quality, it is important to have a strong honors program to provide a stimulating intellectual environment for these students. And as we seek to prepare students for an increasingly global society, international programs play a greater role as an educational resource,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Because of her distinction as a teacher and scholar, and her involvement in university life, Ellen Pryor will bring broad knowledge and important perspectives to her new role.”

Pryor joined the SMU faculty in 1986 and is the co-author of The Law of Torts (4th edition West 2004) and Advanced Torts (West 2004). She has written numerous articles about the law of disability, compensation, professional responsibility, mental disability, and tort law. Her writings have appeared in, among other journals, the Harvard Law Review, Virginia Law Review, Journal of Legal Studies, Texas Law Review, George Washington Law Review, University of Chicago Press, Georgetown Law Review, and Tulane Law Review. She earned a B.A. degree from Rice University and a J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the Texas Law Review.

“It is an interesting conjunction of events,” Pryor said. “I have received this wonderful award for the work I have done in the past and I am about to take on this job with somewhat different responsibilities in the future.” Pryor still plans to expand her scholarship particularly focusing on insurance in the global market.
The competition among law schools for the best faculty members is stiff, and the SMU Dedman School of Law continues to attract gifted scholars and teachers. The SMU Dedman School of Law is proud to announce the addition of two new professors: Rose Villazor as an Assistant Professor of Law specializing in property and immigration law and Jeffrey Kahn as an Assistant Professor of Law specializing in constitutional law.

John B. Attanasio, Dean and William Hawley Atwell Professor of Constitutional Law is excited about these new faculty members and said “Jeffrey and Rose will join a stellar group of young scholars that we have attracted to the law school over the past few years.”

“Rose just received her LL.M. from Columbia. She clerked for Judge Stephen Glickman of the D.C. Court of Appeals and has already published 3 articles,” Attanasio said.

Professor Villazor’s scholarship focuses on the intersection between property and race, relationship between international human rights law and domestic civil rights laws, post-colonial theory, and immigration law. Her articles have appeared in the *N.Y.U. Journal of Legislation and Public Policy* and *U.C.L.A. Asian Pacific American Law Journal*. She is also a chapter contributor to *Awakening from the Dream: Civil Rights under Siege and the New Struggle for Equal Justice* (Denise Morgan, et. al. 2006).

“I am excited to join the SMU Dedman School of Law,” Professor Villazor said. “Faculty members are renowned scholars and innovative teachers. The students are smart, conscientious and have interesting and diverse backgrounds. I believe that my scholarship and teaching interests will benefit tremendously from such a great law school community.”

Prior to joining the SMU law faculty, Professor Villazor completed a human rights fellowship at Columbia University Law School where she worked with the Human Rights Institute. While at the Institute, she examined the domestic application of various human rights treaties. Most recently, she drafted a shadow report on U.S. compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on behalf of the National Campaign to Restore Civil Rights (NCRCR), which was submitted to the U.N. Human Rights Committee in July 2006.

Professor Villazor received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the American University Washington College of Law, and a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. While in law school, she was an editor for the *American University Law Review*. She served as a law clerk for Associate Judge Stephen H. Glickman of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. After her clerkship, Professor Villazor was awarded an Equal Justice Fellowship to work for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI). At NYLPI, she litigated cases on behalf of immigrants with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities and racial minorities.

**Jeffrey Kahn, Assistant Professor of Law**

Professor Jeffrey Kahn specializes in constitutional law, comparative law (especially Russian law), and legal issues related to counterterrorism.

“SMU has established and well-regarded interests in comparative legal issues and rule-of-law issues that support...
my own research concentrations,” Professor Kahn said. “The faculty seems extremely dynamic to me, with a variety of interests and a variety of people from all over the world, and I was impressed with the caliber of the students.”

Prior to coming to SMU, Professor Kahn was a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. Last spring, he taught a course on Russian law and legal reform as an adjunct professor for the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Professor Kahn received his J.D. from the University of Michigan, a M.Phil. and D.Phil. from Oxford University, and a B.A. from Yale University. He clerked for Judge Thomas P. Griesa of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. During law school, Professor Kahn spent his summers working for the London-based A.I.R.E. Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe), a human rights office that sent him to Moscow to teach lawyers how to bring petitions before the European Court of Human Rights.

Also while in law school, Oxford University Press published Professor Kahn’s first book, Federalism, Democratization and the Rule of Law in Russia, which has received high acclaim. He has lectured and presented papers at conferences across the United States and Europe and has been published in the Georgetown Journal of International Law, the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform, the Review of Central and East European Law, and Post-Soviet Affairs.

“It is hard to pass up an opportunity to teach constitutional law and counterterrorism right off the bat at a top law school in one of the largest cities in the United States,” Professor Kahn said of his decision to join the faculty. “The place had a vibe, and I wanted to be a part of it.”

Misty Birdsong, Lecturer in Law

Misty Birdsong ’02 joined the law school as a Lecturer in Law teaching Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy in fall 2005.

“I love writing and I really enjoy teaching the students to be better writers and communicators, which I think is key to being a good lawyer,” Birdsong said. “It is nice to be back at SMU. I missed the academic environment, and I now have more time to focus more deeply not only on teaching students but also on my own writing and analysis of legal issues.

Prior to working for SMU, Birdsong was an Associate at Baker Botts in Dallas. From 2002 to 2003, she clerked for the Honorable Robert E. Keeton of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. She received her B.A. in philosophy from Baylor University in 1998 and her J.D. from SMU in 2002. She is also a member of the Genesis Women’s Shelter Shareholders Board of Directors.
The SMU Dedman School of Law’s Office of Career Services uses creative thinking and common sense to help Evening Law Program students find the professional experience they need before they graduate.
This fall the SMU Dedman School of Law Office of Career Services is busy preparing third-year Evening Program students, who will graduate in 2008, for entrance into the legal community and marketing the students to law firms.

“We recognize that these evening students need to be marketed a little differently than our other students,” said Karen Sargent, Assistant Dean and Director of Career Services. With that in mind, the Office of Career Services hired Tracy Zeleskey as an additional Associate Director to specifically focus on and counsel the evening students.

Zeleskey earned her B.A. degree from Virginia Tech in 1994 and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997. She practiced corporate/securities law for over eight years at the law firms of Jenkens & Gilchrist, Larson King and, most recently, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal.

“I am looking forward to working with the students,” Zeleskey said. “Evening Program students have diverse backgrounds and depths of prior work experience. They have already developed many skills and traits important for practicing law, such as a strong work ethic, maturity, and networking and business development skills.”

The Office of Career Services is working to inform legal employers about the high caliber of these students. Most Evening Program students have worked an average of 10 years since college in professions such as patent agents, engineers, accountants, marketing managers, consultants, pilots, teachers and reporters. Of the 85 third-year students in the program, over 40 percent have graduate degrees.

The Office of Career Services is working with legal employers to continue to find innovative ways for them to utilize the wide range of experience brought by the Evening Program students.

“There are many different ways for legal employers to benefit from the skills and expertise of our students,” Zeleskey said. “For example, legal employers can hire them to work full-time as law clerks or paralegals during their four years in law school, as summer associates (if they are able to take a leave of absence from their current jobs) or as temporary contract employees to do one-time only research assignments or longer term legal projects. Corporate employers can utilize Evening Program students to do periodic assignments in the company’s legal department involving legal research or writing, or as permanent or short-term law clerks or legal assistants in those departments.”

The legal community has been quick to welcome the Evening Program students. Law firms have hosted social events during hours convenient for the Evening Program students, collected their resumes and developed special clerkships lasting throughout the year rather than the traditional, six-week summer clerkship program.

As a result of these efforts, many evening program students are already transitioning from their previous careers into the practice of law. Several students who have engineering backgrounds have resigned from their jobs held prior to entering law school and are working full-time as technical advisors with law firms. Other students are working year-round with law firms, either in a part-time or full-time capacity, or as summer associates.

Evening Program students have the same opportunities as students in the full-time program to take classes from tenured faculty, participate in student organizations and have access to opportunities such as law review, moot court and mock trial teams. Students in the Program complete their first-year coursework over two years; therefore, the third-year evening students have completed their first-year core curriculum and are eligible this fall to take day classes. The third-year evening students essentially merge together with the second-year full-time students this fall as one class, and these students will graduate together in May 2008.

“As the Program moves ahead, we are continually impressed with the caliber of students and excited to help them utilize their expertise, skills and interests in law-related careers”– Tracy Zeleskey
SMU’s Dedman School of Law paid tribute to the achievements of its 2005-2006 Distinguished Alumni on February 11, 2006, at the Hotel Adolphus in Dallas. Pictured L-R: SMU President R. Gerald Turner, Edward V. Smith ’63, Rear Admiral Hugh Don Campbell ’62, Harriet Miers ’70, Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Judge Dianne Jones ’89, Robert E. Mellor ’68, Judge Terry R. Means ’74, and Dean John B. Attanasio.
The Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement

HARRIET MIERS ’70

The Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement was presented to Harriet Miers, Counsel to the President. The Robert G. Storey Award recognizes a lifetime of extraordinary achievement. It is the most prestigious honor that SMU Dedman School of Law can bestow upon one of its graduates.

Miers has long had close connections to SMU, receiving both her Bachelor’s degree and her J.D. from the University. Upon graduation from law school in 1970, she clerked for U.S. District Judge Joe E. Estes. In 1972, Miers became the first woman hired as an attorney for Locke Purnell, Rain & Harrell. Over the next fifteen years her reputation as a lawyer grew throughout the Dallas area, culminating in Miers becoming the first woman president of the Dallas Bar Association in 1985. Seven years later, Miers was elected the first woman president of the State Bar of Texas. Miers was appointed chair of the Texas Lottery Commission in 1995, a post she would hold for the next five years.

Miers was also co-managing partner at Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP from 1998 to 2000. Joining President Bush’s administration in 2001, she has served as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff, as well as Staff Secretary. Currently she is Counsel to the President. In October 2005, she was nominated for the Supreme Court of the United States.

Despite her considerable achievements, Miers remains humble, taking the opportunity to step out of the limelight and focus instead upon those unsung heroes of the SMU and legal communities. She began by praising fellow honoree Martha Hardwick Hofmeister for her dedicated service to the Dallas Bar Association’s annual ‘Bar None’ benefit performance.

“I just can’t begin to tell you how much we owe to Martha and everyone else who has contributed so long to ‘Bar None’ to fund the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Fellowship,” said Miers. “And what greater evidence of how important that work is than our ability to honor Judge Dianne Jones tonight? We owe all of those individuals our deepest gratitude.”

Miers also took the opportunity to thank all those who offered her guidance and a helping hand as she began her legal career. “I cannot accept an award like this one tonight without thinking back to those who made my career possible,” Miers told the distinguished audience of more than four-hundred.

Miers’s career came full circle on the night of the Distinguished Alumni Awards – it was a scholarship given by the Storey Family that allowed her to attend the Dedman School of Law.

“I was attending SMU Law School because of the generosity of (the Storey family), and Charles Storey always took the time to make sure that he knew who the recipient of that scholarship was,” Miers stated. “I am grateful for the confidence that the school had in me at that time, and to the Storey family; and I am particularly grateful tonight to receive an award named, once again, for Robert G. Storey, whose life and legacy are an example for us all.”

Throughout her career, Miers has always kept the community a priority. She has given generously of her time and talent by serving as a leader to more than a dozen community groups and charities, and she has received countless awards in recognition for her substantial service to the community.

“I can only hope that there will be more Storey families, more Dedman families, more Martha Hardwicks – more and more and more, who dedicate their resources – and their talents – to ensure education that enables service.”

Dean John B. Attanasio, Harriet Miers and SMU President R. Gerald Turner.
Judge Terry Means has over 17 years of judicial service and is currently a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas in Fort Worth. Means received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history with distinction from Southern Methodist University in 1971 and his law degree from the SMU School of Law in 1974.

After graduation, he and his wife, JoAnn Harris Means ’74, who is also an SMU law alumnus, maintained a private practice in Corsicana, Texas, until he was appointed as Justice of the Tenth Court of Appeals of Texas in Waco in 1989. President George Bush appointed Means to the federal bench as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas in 1991. At the time of his investiture, he was only 43 years old.

Judge Means accepted the award in a lively speech that recounted many of his fondest memories from his time at SMU.

“I’m thrilled to be recognized by my double alma mater, SMU,” Means said. “I’m truly humbled and gratified that so many of my friends and colleagues and mentors are here to enjoy this moment with me.”

“I think the appropriate focus here tonight is not so much on what I do for SMU, but on what SMU has done for me,” he said.

Means served as president of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court in Fort Worth in 1999 and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity. He has been the president and a director of both the Fort Worth and the Corsicana Youth Soccer Associations.

Before becoming a judge, he served as chairman of the Republican Party of Navarro County from 1976 to 1988, and, in 1980, cast an electoral vote for Ronald Reagan as a Presidential Elector for the State of Texas. He was the SMU Student Body president in 1971 and is a recipient of the SMU “M” Award for outstanding service to the University.

“This is corny, but I’m going to remind you of the words of ‘Varsity,’” Means said, “where it talks about ‘as [SMU] towers o’er the hill over there.’ It’s true that Dallas Hall does tower, but the highest ground is held by the northwest corner of the campus, and that’s where the law school is, and I think of that. It talks about how ‘our hearts are filled with joy,’ and certainly, mine is—with joy and pride to be an SMU graduate. And it says, ‘Alma Mater, we’ll be true forever;’ well, SMU has certainly been true to me, and I hope I’ll always be true to it.”

Edward V. Smith III is a sole practitioner and certified by the State Bar of Texas as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. He received a B.A. in 1960 from the University of North Texas and his J.D. in 1963 from Southern Methodist University.
“When I was a senior in college, there was kind of a fork in the road,” Smith said. “I had applied for a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to Princeton to become a history professor and get a Ph.D., and I had applied to law school. My draft notice and my acceptance to SMU came in the same mail, and I took that as an omen and forgot about Princeton.” He spent much of his speech reflecting upon the way that decision has affected his life.

“If I had not become a lawyer,” he said, “I would never have practiced with, against, and before some of the greatest and most talented lawyers and judges in this country, many of whom graduated from this great law school. If I had not become a lawyer, I would not passionately believe that without law, there is no society. If I had not become a lawyer, I would not be convinced that although our legal system has flaws, it’s the best there is in the world.”

Following graduation, Smith worked at Taylor & Mizell for 31 years. In 1994 he joined Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, and in 1996 he joined the firm of Graham & Smith. He was with that firm until the end of 2005.

He has served as chairman of the Probate Section of the Dallas Bar Association; a member of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Council of the State Bar of Texas; and is a lifetime Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and served a five-year term as Texas chairman and currently serves on its Board of Regents.

For the past 30 years, Smith has been a frequent lecturer for the State Bar of Texas on estate planning and probate. He has written over 50 articles and publications dealing with estate planning and probate topics, fiduciary liability and alternative dispute resolution.

He has also been a very devoted alumnus of the University of North Texas. He served as president of the UNT Alumni Association and was appointed to the UNT Board of Regents. As a member of the Board, he has served as chairman of the UNT Foundation, the Professional Development Institute, and the President’s Council. In 1992 he was named a UNT Distinguished Alumnus.

In 1985 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the University of the Ozarks where he served two terms as chairman and was named a lifetime trustee. In 1996 he received the first John Tower Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He has served as a Deacon and an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Smith closed by echoing the famous sentiments expressed by Lou Gehrig in his farewell speech.

“Tonight,” he said, “I consider myself to be the luckiest fellow on the face of the Earth.”

The Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service

ROBERT E. MELLOR ’68

Robert E. Mellor is the chairman, president and CEO of Building Materials Holding Corporation (BMHC). BMHC, a publicly held company headquartered in San Francisco, is a financial holding company that is involved in the residential construction industry. It is a distributor and manufacturer of building materials and building components, primarily serving custom and regional homebuilders. It also conducts major framing, concrete and plumbing services for high-volume production homebuilders involving the construction of over 50,000 residential homes. BMHC has annual sales of $3 billion and over 20,000 employees with major operations in Arizona, California, Florida, Texas, the Rocky Mountain states, the Northwest and other major areas in the country.

BMHC has been involved in many charitable causes in its markets and has been a sponsor of and involved in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects. In reference to his work in the corporate world, Mellor made mention of the Enron trials, using that example in contrast to his own experience.

“I think a lot of people forget how many good corpora-
tions there are out there,” Mellor said, “good directors, good counsel, good CEOs, good chairmen, and so forth. And I go back to my first years at the Dedman School of Law, back in 1965, and there was a grounding in ethics, which is something everybody talks about now, and yet, at that point in time, we were talking about it just as a general philosophy in each class, and I think that says a lot about the law school then and says a lot about the law school now.”

“I think we can be very proud of the school and what it’s done,” he continued, “and I think what it has done for me is given me that grounding in ethics for many, many years, and I appreciate it very much, and I know that hasn’t been lost.”

Mellor began practicing law in California in 1968 and was formerly the executive vice president and director of DiGiorgio Corporation in San Francisco. He was of counsel in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP before becoming a director of BMHC in 1991, later becoming CEO in 1997.

Mellor is also a director of Coeur d’Alene Mines Corporation, Monro Muffler Brake, Inc., The Ryland Group, Inc., and the California Chamber of Commerce. He is on the board of councilors of Save-the-Redwoods League, and a member of the Policy Advisory Board of the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, and the Executive Board of the SMU Dedman School of Law.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1965 from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, and his Juris Doctorate degree in 1968 from the Southern Methodist University School of Law.

“I’ve had an opportunity to get more acquainted with the law school in the last few years,” Mellor said, “and I’m very impressed with what the Dean has done, and it means a lot to me to have gone to the SMU Dedman School of Law and obtained my degree there.”

The Distinguished Global Alumni Award
DR. JULIO CÉSAR CUETO RUA ‘53

Dr. Julio César Cueto Rua is currently Emeritus Professor of Law at the National University of Buenos Aires in Argentina and has over 50 years of practice and teaching of law in Argentina and the U.S.

He received his law degree at the Universidad Nacional de La Plata and his Master of Laws in Comparative and International Law degree at SMU in 1953. After receiving his LL.M. degree, Cueto Rua joined the SMU law faculty and served as the deputy director of SMU’s Law Institute of the Americas.

In 1957 he returned to Argentina becoming a member of the law faculty of the National University of Buenos Aires and serving as Argentina’s Minister of Commerce and Industry until 1958. He stayed with the National University of Buenos Aires until 1985. In 1974, Cueto Rua became a Professor of Law at Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge and taught there until 1990. He is the founder of the Argentine law firm Cueto Rua Landaburu & Lynch where he still practices today.

Cueto Rua has authored three books and approximately 100 articles written in both English and Spanish and published in law reviews in Argentina and the U.S.

He has served as president of the Argentine Institute of Legal Philosophy, the National Federation of Center Parties, the Argentine Association of Comparative Law, the Argentine Branch World Peace Through Law Center, and the Argentine Section of the Inter American Commercial Arbitration Committee. He received an Honorary Degree from the University of Tucumán.

The Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Practice
THE HONORABLE DIANNE JONES ‘89

Judge Dianne Jones has been an active practitioner in Dallas for more than 16 years and currently presides over the Dallas County Criminal Court No. 11.

Jones received her B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin in 1984. After graduation, she worked as an accountant for Motorola. In 1986 she was admitted to SMU’s law school as a Sarah T. Hughes Scholar, an honor that bestows a full tuition scholarship on a minority student. She also earned a Doctor of Religious Philosophy degree in 2002 from the Jacksonville Theological Seminary.
Like so many great public servants, Jones sees her generous service to the community as simply repaying the community for the opportunities it gave her.

“I would not even be here, except for the Sarah T. Hughes Law Fellowship and the people in ‘Bar None’ who danced and sang their way to give me an opportunity to attend SMU,” she said. “Because you’ve done so much for me, I could do nothing less but give back to others that are less fortunate or unable to do what I’ve had the privilege of doing all these years.”

After graduation, she worked as an assistant DA in the Trial Section of the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office. In 1993 she became an assistant federal public defender for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She became an assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Texas in 1994.

Jones was appointed by the Dallas County Commissioner’s Court as Judge of the newly created County Criminal Court No. 11 in 1999.

Jones is an active member of the Governor’s Crime Victims Task Force, the Dallas Bar Association, the J.L. Turner Legal Association, and is a Fellow of the Dallas Bar Foundation. She previously served on the Board of Directors of Legal Services of North Texas.

She is a member of Dallas Republican Career Women and Dallas Downtown Republican Women as well as serving on the Executive Board of the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, she serves as an Elder, counselor and teacher for the Potter’s House in Dallas.

The Distinguished Alumni Award for Government Service

REAR ADMIRAL HUGH DON CAMPBELL ’62

Prior to retiring, Rear Admiral Hugh Don Campbell was the Judge Advocate General for the U.S. Navy. As the highest ranking attorney for the U.S. Navy, the Judge Advocate General is the chief legal counsel and advisor to the Secretary of the Navy and the chief of naval operations in formulating Naval Policy. In essence, he was head of one of the largest law firms in the world.

Campbell received his bachelor’s degree from McMurry University in Abilene, his J.D. from SMU in 1962 and his LL.M. in International Law at George Washington University.

He prepared a statement for the occasion, which was read on his behalf by life-long friend Dr. Weldon Crowley, Emeritus Professor of History at Southwestern University. “It was here,” Campbell wrote, “with excellent mentoring and challenging colleagues, that I acquired the tools which prepared me for a career both celebrating and refining that tradition. As I look back, I can say that were I fashioning my career again, I would do it the same way.”

He served in the Navy from 1963 until his retirement in 1988. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three times), Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal (three times, one with Combat “V”).
He is past president of the Pentagon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in addition to serving in many other volunteer capacities to help the Armed Services and the community.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Campbell became senior corporate counsel at Cubic Corporation until 1998 when he suffered a devastating stroke, which left him unable to walk, read, write or speak. With unwavering tenacity, Campbell was determined to walk again. Everyday, he swam until he built back the strength in his legs and arms so that he could walk with crutches and braces. Then he took daily walks until he no longer needed the braces. Unknown to him, people were so inspired by his determination that it encouraged their own rehabilitation.

To acknowledge the inspiration he had been to hundreds of people, the California Legislature named a new aquatics center at the Peninsula Athletic Club as the Rear Admiral Hugh Don Campbell Aquatics Center.

Today he is working at the Athletic Club at the Nuclear Submarine Base in Point Loma, San Diego, coaching young Navy men and women recovering from injuries and keeping in shape.

SMU Dedman School of Law Honorary Alumni Award

MARTHA HARDWICK HOFMEISTER

Martha Hardwick Hofmeister is a partner in the Dallas firm of Shackelford, Melton & McKinley, LLP and the director for the Dallas Bar Association’s “Bar None” show for the last 20 years. This year “Bar None” topped the $1 million mark in total profits made over the years to fund the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships at the SMU Dedman School of Law. Though Hofmeister has directed “Bar None” since its inception, she humbly refused to take credit for its success.

“Unlike the others tonight, who are being honored for their unique individual achievements,” she said, “I am here as the representative of literally hundreds—maybe thousands—of others who have participated onstage, backstage, and in the audience in 20 years of 'Bar None' shows. They deserve the credit for raising a million dollars for the Sarah T. Hughes scholarships.”

Hofmeister received her B.A. in English (magna cum laude) and her M.A. in English from Emory University in Atlanta. She received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Texas at Austin in 1984.

During her first year of practice, she joined the Dallas Bar Association and its Entertainment Committee. As a member of that committee, she missed the meeting where someone volunteered her to direct the first “gridiron/follies” show to raise money for the Sarah T. Hughes scholarships at SMU’s School of Law. Twenty years later, the show remains a huge success. All who audition are cast in a collection of skits, songs, and dances which poke fun at the law, lawyers, and current events.

Hofmeister served on the Dallas Bar Association’s Board of Directors and won the DBA’s Outstanding Committee Chair award twice, most recently in 2005 for the 20th anniversary production of “Bar None”. She is a former Fifth Circuit Vice President of the Federal Bar Association, and chaired that association’s Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award Committee for two years. She also serves as Immediate Past President of the William “Mac” Taylor, Jr. Inn of Court in Dallas and has been on its Executive Committee for ten years. She was also elected to the American Law Institute.

She is very active in Altrusa International, which is the first service organization founded for professional and executive women. She sits on the association’s International Board, is the International Foundation's legal advisor, and the Immediate Past Governor of District Nine (composed of the State of Texas).
In the Wake of the Storm
When Hurricane Katrina roared through Louisiana and Mississippi leaving devastation in her wake, law students were among the evacuees. Kayla Gilberti, a third-year from Tulane spoke of their ordeal.

“We expected to be gone for three days and now it's been three months, so it's been at least overwhelming,” Gilberti said. Mike Dauce, a third-year student from Loyola, said he had learned his lesson from Hurricane Ivan to get out of the area as quickly as he could. But he also thought it would only be for a few days, packing some clothes, a pair of flip-flops, and the dog. Dauce reported that his car and motorcycle were trapped in the storm and the ceiling in his kitchen collapsed.

SMU took in both undergraduate and graduate students who were displaced by the storm. The SMU Dedman School of Law invited 30 second- and third-year students from Tulane and Loyola to continue their fall semesters in Dallas. Nineteen accepted the offers.

The faculty, staff and students at SMU rallied around their new students and the evacuees in the Dallas area. Through the student government initiated “Three Weeks for Relief,” SMU as a whole raised $50,000 for the Red Cross's Hurricane Katrina relief fund. Law students, along with a donation from Jackson Walker LLP, contributed to the fund. The law school also participated in clothing collections, notably a suit drive so students could participate in interviews. Individually, a number of law students volunteered at the Dallas Convention Center, where evacuees were first housed, and with local programs providing pro bono legal services to evacuees.

To welcome the students and help them adjust to the Dedman School of Law, the Dean's office, the Public Service Committee, and the Student Bar Association held a welcoming reception for the students. At the reception, each new student was paired with a student mentor from SMU who helped them get acquainted with the law school. The students were thankful for the reception from the school.

“It's been a really good experience as far as classes and professors, and the people I’ve met have been really nice,” Dauce said. Gilberti added, “SMU’s been wonderful to us. They opened their arms overwhelmingly, generously to us.” Fellow third-year Tulane student Aaron Burdette was very complementary of SMU and said he enjoyed his time here.

“I love it here,” Burdette said. “I like the college feel of the law quad; the campus is gorgeous; the buildings are nice.” Overall, the Tulane and Loyola students seemed very pleased with the assistance SMU provided in helping them complete their education.

“SMU’s been really gracious, and I really appreciate the opportunity to continue my studies so I can graduate on time,” Dauce said. He added that he is thinking of coming back to Dallas after graduation.

Students were able to keep informed about what was going on at their schools through websites. Gilberti said that Tulane had done a good job, considering the circumstances, of keeping in touch with the students and helping them relocate to other schools. One thing the students missed about Tulane was the schedules that they as third-years had arranged.

“I was looking forward to having a really easy third year,” Gilberti said. “I wasn’t expecting to be the new kid in school.”

After fall finals, the Tulane and Loyola students returned for spring semesters in New Orleans.
The Appellate Judges Education Institute, which is located at the SMU Dedman School of Law, held its annual Summit Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, 2005, in San Francisco, Calif. More than 100 appellate judges and over 100 appellate lawyers attended the event.

“I thought the conference was an exceptional success,” said Sharon Freytag ’81, president-elect for the Council of Appellate Lawyers and a partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP. “I think the success was a combination of things, but I think primarily what was attractive to the participants was the opportunity for the judges and lawyers to participate in a variety of programs together and share ideas and responses during those programs. One of the comments that stuck with me was a comment by a judge who said ‘The program was an inspiration to both judges and lawyers.’ I think that is a good statement to capitalize on the success of the program.”

Among the many noted speakers at the 2005 Summit were Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court; Clifford Taylor, Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court; Randall Shephard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; Dean Kenneth Starr, Pepperdine University School of Law; and Professor Jesse H. Choper, Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley.

Keynote Speaker Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, discussed the basic structure, budget and staffing of the Judicial Branch in California and some of the changes he implemented as Chief Justice.

“It is very difficult to attract the best and the brightest without adequate funding,” Justice George said. Some of the changes he implemented include switching the funding of the courts from county based to state based funding, merging two levels of trial courts together and transferring court ownership to the state.

Plans are currently underway for the 2006 AJEI Summit to be held Nov. 8 - 12 in Dallas, Texas.

“I think we have one of the strongest programs I have ever seen,” said Rosemary Shaw Sackett, chair of the ABA’s Appellate Judicial Conference and Chief Judge for the Iowa Court of Appeals. “We have some great speakers and some really fine programs, and I am excited about the fact that it does provide a real opportunity for those interested in the appellate process to gather together.

Some of the 2006 distinguished speakers include Sandra Day O’Connor, former Justice for the U.S. Supreme Court; Harriet Miers ’70, White House Counsel; Chief Justice Randall Shephard, Indiana Supreme Court; Chief Justice Danny J. Boggs, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; Kenneth W. Starr, Dean of Pepperdine University School of Law; Professor Drew S. Days III, Yale Law School; and Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Duke Law School.

Two years ago, the executive committee of the Appellate Judges Conference of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association selected Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law as the home of its new Appellate Judges Education Institute, a nonprofit organization that administers the AJC’s nationally offered continuing education programs for both state and federal judges and appellate lawyers.

“The SMU Dedman School of Law is honored to host the nation’s premier institute on appellate judicial education,” Dean John B. Attanasio said. “We have always been an innovator in legal education and were happy to continue this tradition by helping the AJEI meet and exceed its lofty goals.

“I think it is a real credit to SMU that they have taken on the challenge of assisting with putting this program together,” Sackett commented. “The SMU Dedman School of Law has taken on a difficult challenge and has contributed a substantial amount in both time, energy and expertise in making the program go through. I hope that SMU alumni will welcome the opportunity to see what their school is doing in reference to appellate education.”

For those interested in the 2006 Appellate Judges Education Institutes Annual Summit, go to http://www.law.smu.edu/AJEI/ or call (214) 768-2761.
Panel members Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court; Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; Consuelo Callahan, U.S. Circuit Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court; and John B. Attanasio, Dean and William Hawley Atwell Professor of Constitutional Law at the SMU Dedman School of Law; make presentations on “Threats to the Judiciary and to the Courts in Time of Crisis: to Judicial Independence, to the Rule of Law, and to Courthouse Security” on Sept. 30, 2006.

Kenneth W. Starr, Dean of Pepperdine University School of Law, Arthur G. Scotland, Presiding Justice for the Third Appellate District for the California Court of Appeal, and Dean John B. Attanasio.

Mary R. Vasaly, Partner for Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP; and Frank Sullivan, Jr., Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court and vice chair for the Appellate Judges Conference.

Judith M. Billings, Presiding Judge of the Utah Court of Appeals; Tom Billings; Denise Johnson, Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court; James A. Winn Jr. Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals; and Mark I. Harrison, Osborn Maledon, P.A.
SMU Assists Corporate Directors In Understanding Corporate Responsibilities

The SMU Dedman School of Law hosted the 2006 Corporate Directors’ Institute at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Los Colinas on March 30, 2006. The event was co-sponsored by the SMU Cox School of Business and supported by the Texas General Counsel Forum. The Institute was launched in 2003 by the Dedman School of Law and the New York Stock Exchange and offers a series of conferences aimed at helping directors of publicly traded companies understand their legal, fiduciary and ethical oversight responsibilities. The conference, organized by Marc I. Steinberg, SMU Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law and Founding Director of the Institute, offered discussion panels on audit committee effectiveness and the new corporate governance procedures.

The Honorable Richard W. Fisher, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, delivered the keynote address. Fisher was the Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Carter administration and served as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative from 1997 to 2001. During his time in that role, he oversaw the implementation of NAFTA.

Fisher explained to the audience just how large an entity the United States is in the global market.

“We produce almost $13 trillion a year in output,” Fisher said. “That means that we produce more than Japan, Germany, France, India and China added together. We buy $2 trillion a year from the rest of the world. That means we buy more than all but five countries produce. And every year, we grow our economy by literally the entire output of Sweden or four Argentinas. That’s how big we are.” Fisher told those assembled that it is the American competitive spirit that made that kind of growth possible.

“What makes our economy grow are millions of middle managers,” he said, “women and men who get up every morning, put their gloves on, get in the ring of capitalism, and slug it out by trying to find the cheapest sources anywhere in the world to conduct business at the lowest possible cost. That’s what makes America great.”

Fisher warned the audience not to become too comfortable with America’s competitive edge but to take steps for the future in order to stay ahead in the global economy.

“If you’re not giving a substantial portion of your own money and your own time to education,” Fisher said, “you’re stealing from your children and your children’s children, and you’re ceding the future to China and to India. Our biggest challenge as a society is to keep up and to compete.”
SMU Dedman School of Law Hosts Colloquium on Law, Culture and Economic Development in Latin America

The Paul Carrington Memorial Lecture Series presented a colloquium on Law, Culture and Economic Development in Latin America at the SMU Dedman School of Law on March 7, 2006. It was organized by Joseph Norton, James L. Walsh Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Financial Institutions Law and Professor of Law at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

The keynote luncheon presentation was given by the Honorable Professor Roberto MacLean and the Honorable Roberto Dañino. Dañino, who is from Peru, is senior vice president and general counsel of the World Bank and the general secretary of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Roberto MacLean, who is also from Peru, is a leading scholar of Latin American comparative law, private international law and development law. He also served as a judge, policymaker, arbitrator and judicial reform specialist. He is a former SMU Distinguished Visiting Professor and former president of SMU’s Law Institute of the Americas. MacLean is a former Peruvian Ambassador to the U.S. and an Honorary Commander of the British Empire.

MacLean spoke about the knowledge he has gained from working for the World Bank, such as the understanding of fundamental differences of cultures worldwide. On the importance of international law, MacLean said, “if there is something that there are plenty of around the whole world, it is problems to solve with justice.”

The Carrington Lecture Series is made possible through a trust in honor of Paul Carrington, Sr., who was a founding partner in the firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal.

The event was sponsored by the SMU International Law Review Association, in conjunction with the SMU International Law Society and the SMU Law Institute of the Americas and its London Forum Initiative.
The Future of the Legal Profession

SMU hosted a State Bar of Texas seminar on “Reserving Your Place in the Future of the Legal Profession” on Oct. 20, 2005. The seminar discussed strategies lawyers can use to manage and anticipate changes in the legal profession, the law, and the economic environment.

On a panel entitled “Identifying Trends of the Future”, William C. Cobb, of Cobb Consulting Group, Dean John B. Attanasio of the SMU Dedman School of Law; Guy H. Kerr ’78, Senior Vice President and Secretary for Belo Corp.; and Phil J. Shuey, spoke to the audience about how to “tune your radar” to notice trends in business that will affect the legal profession. Cobb lectured on the importance of knowing how changes in business will affect your client and to anticipate and have solutions ready.

Michael M. Boone ’67 (pictured left) of Haynes and Boone LLP made a lunchtime presentation on “Changes that Must be Made in Our Professional Culture to Adapt to the Changes Coming from Client Need.” He said that there is a high level of dissatisfaction among lawyers, but that the internal culture of a firm is often overlooked by management.

“In large part, culture drives business performance. The right culture can give you a major competitive advantage,” Boone said. He described culture as the core values and beliefs of the people in the firm. According to Boone, a teamwork culture that embraces change is the strongest. Generations X and Y have different expectations about working and business culture, he said, and “firms need to adjust to more flexible work schedules, more meaningful experiences, and diversity. Lawyers don’t like change, and yet to be a successful law firm you have got to have a change culture. Smart people understand that what you’re doing now is not going to be the same in the future.”

Other topics included “Strategic and Action Plans to Cope with Identified Trends”, “Reports of Strategic and Action Plans Produced by Audience”, and “Transitions of the Past: Lawyers and Firms that Have Survived and Thrived During Past Transitions”.

SMU Focuses on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare

The SMU Dedman School of Law W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic sponsored a conference entitled “Relapse to Recovery: Making Home Safe for Children” on Nov. 4, 2005. Designed for attorneys and social workers, the conference focused on the issue of substance abuse and how to evaluate parents who are substance abusers. About 85 percent of parents whose children are in CPS care are substance users, so it is important to know how to determine when or if it is safe for the children to go home. Many courts, agencies and advocates are not trained on substance abuse issues.

The federal requirement of having a child in a permanent placement one year after removal is an issue when drug recovery is involved, according to Jessica Dixon, director of the Child Advocacy Clinic.

“A year doesn’t necessarily allow for all the nuances that occur with recovery for substance abusers, such as relapse,” she said. “Typically if there is a relapse that occurs in a case within a year’s time, then they don’t get their kid back, but relapse is often normal when it comes to substance abuse recovery. Within that 12 month period, how can we determine whether it’s safe for a child to go home or not?”

The symposium presented recovery modules and best court and judicial practices in dealing with substance abuse.

“We looked at different courts in different states to see what’s working and what’s not,” Dixon said. Illinois created a matrix that included indicators for progress in substance abuse recovery and noted what type of visitations with kids were recommended at different stages. “This is something that we can go and use immediately in our cases,” said Dixon.

Other sessions included creating service plans for sample clients and a large group discussion of common themes and challenges.
The 13th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, hosted by the SMU Dedman School of Law and the SMU Law Review Association, met on Oct. 28, 2005 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas.

Among the topics discussed by speakers and panelists at the symposium were current issues in corporate compliance, ownership of contaminated property, issues in conducting internal investigations, and recent developments in antitrust laws.

The keynote speaker was The Honorable Alex Kozinski, Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, who spoke on the topic of antitrust law, calling it “a solution in search of a problem.”

“Antitrust law has had a new rebirth with what is called ‘the new economy,’ where the laws of economics can be stood on their heads,” Kozinski said. “Exercising monopoly power in the new economy is about as easy as holding onto a greased pig.”

“Experience and economic theory tell us that efforts to restrict trade will not work in a competitive market,” Kozinski remarked. “But that is not so in markets where competition is restricted by the power of government, which limits competition. When government does restrict competition because it regulates, that’s a time when antitrust laws ought to be more vigorously applied. But the way our law has developed, our antitrust laws are enforced vigorously where the competition will solve the problem anyway, but not applied at all in the situations where we most need them: in those situations where the government helps enforce monopoly. If you ask me, that’s totally nuts.”

Kozinski closed his speech with an a cappella rendition of Sinatra’s “Strangers in the Night,” to describe a scenario in which he felt antitrust litigation would be appropriate. The lyrics were rewritten to tell the story of two competing companies who were “strangers in the night” until they negotiated a merger, giving them a monopoly over their market. The merger went off unhindered because, as Kozinski sang, “the DOJ was far away, and the FDC was closed that day.”

SMU Dedman School of Law Holds 40th Annual Air Law Symposium

The Dedman School of Law’s Journal of Air Law and Commerce hosted its 40th annual Air Law Symposium at the Hotel Inter-Continental in Dallas on Feb. 23-24, 2006.

More than 400 people attended the two-day symposium, which focused on recent developments in aviation law. Industry leaders and attorneys discussed ethics in aviation law, liability for aircraft maintenance, proving high profile damage cases, air carrier liability for questioning and not questioning passengers, aviation subrogation, and insurance issues.

Almost 20 speakers participated in the symposium including Rodney Patton of the United States Department of Justice; John C. Knudsen of Adam Aircraft Industries; C. Dennis Moore of Exponent Inc; and George Moore of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; as well as a host of distinguished attorneys from firms across the country.
Professor William E. Nelson
delivered the 2005 Roy Ray Lecture on Oct. 11, 2005, focusing on judicial power in Colonial Pennsylvania. Professor Nelson is the Judge Edward Weinfeld Professor of Law at New York University where he has taught law for 25 years. Prior to joining the NYU law faculty, Professor Nelson was an Associate Professor of Law at Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

According to Professor Nelson, at its core, Pennsylvania became a refuge for the Quakers much like Roman Catholics established Maryland and Puritans founded Plymouth. He pointed out, “William Penn was a firm believer in property rights and conveyed large grants of lands to his Quaker followers … yet unlike other colonies established by religious groups, the Quakers maintained control of Pennsylvania.” Other religious minorities lost controlling interest of the colonies they founded within a couple of decades.

Pennsylvania maintained social and economic stability with a strong judiciary. To that end, the Quakers were able to shape the development of Pennsylvania by empowering judges rather than towns and juries.
Professor Marc Galanter  
John and Rylla Bosshard Professor Emeritus of Law and South Asian Studies  
University of Wisconsin  

On Jan. 19, 2006, Professor Marc Galanter delivered a serious discussion on lawyer jokes. Professor Galanter is the John and Rylla Bosshard Professor Emeritus of Law and South Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin and the Centennial Professor in the Department of Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Professor Galanter based his lecture on his recent book, *Lowering the Bar: Lawyer Jokes and Legal Culture*. In his book, Professor Galanter analyzes hundreds of jokes from Mark Twain classics to contemporary anecdotes about Dan Quayle, Johnnie Cochran, and Kenneth Starr. Using representations of law and lawyers in the mass media, political discourse, and public opinion surveys, Galanter believes the increasing reliance on law has coexisted uneasily with anxiety about the “legalization” of society.

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Professor Bernhard Grossfeld  
University of Münster, Germany  

On Nov. 22, 2005, Professor Bernhard Grossfeld, a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Dedman School of Law, gave a lecture entitled “International Financial Reporting Standards: Concepts of Corporate Governance.”

Professor Grossfeld is a member of the law faculty at the University of Münster in Germany, where he serves as director of both the Institute for International Business Law and the Institute for Cooperative Research.

He is the author of many books on corporate, commercial and international law, and is recognized as one of the leading European law scholars in comparative and international business law.

Professor Grossfeld observed that, “Comparative Law tells us that not withstanding differences in geography, language and religion, the human experiences overlap, providing us with shared fears and hopes.”

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Dr. Heba Shams, The World Bank  

Dr. Heba Shams (pictured with SMU Professor of Law Ndiva Kofele-Kale) spoke Oct. 27, 2005, on "The World Bank’s New Agenda." Dr. Shams is a financial sector specialist for the World Bank.

She has also worked as a consultant on anti-money laundering law.

Dr. Shams gave an overview of the structure of the World Bank, how the bank has evolved since its inception in 1944, and the challenges it faces. The World Bank refers to two institutions, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA).

Dr. Shams explained that each institution plays a different but supportive role in the overall mission of global poverty reduction and the improvement of living standards. The IBRD focuses on middle income and creditworthy poor countries, while IDA focuses on the poorest countries in the world. According to Dr. Shams, they provide low-interest loans, interest-free credit and grants to developing countries for education, health, infrastructure, communications and many other purposes.
Scott Turow, Best-Selling Author

On Nov. 9, 2005, the Dedman School of Law and The Writer’s Garret co-sponsored a “conversation” with Chicago defense lawyer and best-selling author Scott Turow on his latest novel, *Ordinary Heroes*.

*Ordinary Heroes* is a tale of a son probing the dark depths of his soldier father’s past as an Army lawyer on the European battleground during World War II. The story is told by David Dubin, a Judge Advocate General in Patton’s army, and by Stewart Dubinsky, Dubin’s son, who, after his father’s death, discovers wartime letters detailing his father’s court-martial, imprisonment and mysterious exoneration.

According to Turow, the story is inspired by the experiences of his own enigmatic father, who served as commanding officer in a World War II medical unit.

Turow is a frequent contributor of essays to *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *The New Yorker*. He has also written two non-fiction books—one about his law school experience entitled *One L* and the other about the death penalty entitled *Ultimate Punishment*.

Former U.S. Ambassador Jeanne Phillips for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development


The Hon. Ms. Phillips was appointed by President George W. Bush as the United States Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in August 2001.

During her time as Ambassador, Ms. Phillips concentrated on the enforcement of the Anti-Bribery Convention of the OECD, and reforms of the OECD for the 21st century.

“Almost everything you do has political ramifications if you are serving as the spokesperson of the President of the United States,” Ambassador Phillips stated. Her vast political experience helped her navigate the various challenges associated with her diplomatic role. Ambassador Phillips is now the senior vice president for corporate affairs and international relations at Hunt Consolidated.

Michael F. Silva
Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Michael Silva spoke on "Accommodating Islamic Banking Under the U.S. Bank Regulatory System" on Nov. 9, 2005. Silva is the chief of staff and senior vice president for the Executive Office at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He volunteered to work in Baghdad to assist in the effort to rebuild and reorganize the banking and economic structure of Iraq.

Silva explained that since Islamic Law, or Sharia, forbids charging or paying interest, a bank’s relationship with a consumer is a partnership where bank and consumer share the risk and reward equally. In addition, a bank maintains a council that decides what is and is not Sharia compliant, but there is no uniformity between different councils at different banks. As an example of a common compromise, Silva explained that rather than using a mortgage to buy property, a bank buys property then leases the property back at a higher price to the consumer. Silva was confident that accommodations for Sharia could be made in federal banking regulations.
Don Godwin
Chairman & CEO
Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo LLP

On Sept. 14, 2005, Don Godwin ’73 delivered a lecture entitled “Halliburton’s Stock Price Goes From $9 to $59: Globally Settling Its Asbestos Claims”. Godwin is Chairman and CEO of Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo LLP.

Godwin explained that asbestos litigation traditionally caused companies to declare bankruptcy.

In late 2001, Godwin was charged with settling the 382,000 asbestos claims against Halliburton. Over the next 11 months, Godwin said he sold the opposing asbestos lawyers on a global settlement plan that would compensate asbestos victims and not break Halliburton, thus avoiding the need to collect asbestos judgments through a bankruptcy process. The day Godwin began, he said the company’s stock price was at $8.90 a share; stock prices tripled less than a year later when Halliburton announced the settlement plan. At the time of the lecture, Halliburton was trading at about $60 a share.

Charlie Morris
SMU Professor Emeritus of Law

On Sept. 14, 2005, Charlie Morris, Professor Emeritus of Law for the Dedman School of Law, is a preeminent authority on the National Labor Relations Act. His books include the first two editions of the standard treatise, The Developing Labor Law: The Board, The Courts, and the National Labor Relations Act, and American Labor Policy: A Critical Appraisal of the National Labor Relation Act. His most recent book is The Blue Eagle at Work: Reclaiming Democratic Rights in the American Workplace, the thesis of which is now being tested in several cases pending before the NLRB.

That thesis was the subject of his lecture on March 8, 2006. Professor Morris recounted the history of union organizing and bargaining through members-only minority unions that prevailed widely both before and after passage of the 1935 Wagner Act. He explained how vintage language in the statute continues to protect minority-union bargaining today and how those rights are also guaranteed under the First Amendment and by international law, of which the United States is a committed party.

Author Mark Curriden and Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk

Author Mark Curriden (Pictured with former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Dean John B. Attanasio) discussed his book, Contempt of Court: A Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism at the law school on Sept. 1, 2005. In addition to writing, he directs all of Vinson & Elkin’s external communications.

At the SMU lecture, Curriden told the story of Ed Johnson, a young black man who, in 1906, was falsely accused of raping a white woman in Chattanooga, Tenn. After Johnson was quickly convicted and sentenced to death, two African-American lawyers appealed his conviction to the Supreme Court of the United States. The justices granted Johnson their first ever stay of an execution in a state criminal case and appeared likely to reverse his conviction, but the next day, an angry mob lynched Johnson. The Supreme Court ordered an investigation, which led to criminal contempt charges being filed in the Supreme Court against the sheriff, deputies and leaders of the lynch mob. The lecture ended with a follow-up discussion of the case by Mayor Kirk and Dean Attanasio.
Dr. Mimi Sasaki-Smith
Harvard University

Dr. Mimi Sasaki-Smith of Harvard University spoke on "Recent Developments in the Japanese Financial System" on Nov. 2, 2005. She has served as the head of research and chief economist at Credit Suisse First Boston Securities and as the chief strategist at Price Waterhouse Coopers Consulting. She was also a Visiting Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins University. The author of numerous papers, her research at Harvard examines Japan’s economic stagnation.

Dr. Sasaki-Smith explained that the Japanese economy has undergone a decade of sluggish growth marked by three recessions, including the current one. The current recession is accompanied by general price deflation, a situation unprecedented among industrialized nations since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Dr. Sasaki-Smith points to the healthy movement of the financial sector away from a mountain of bad loans that plagued it earlier, as well as a more effective regulatory and oversight system, as positive indicators for Japan’s economy in the future.

Toni D. Nguyen
Associate General Counsel, Travelocity

On Nov. 1, 2005, Toni D. Nguyen ’97 discussed her job as Associate General Counsel for Travelocity. She manages the company’s intellectual property portfolio; oversees litigation matters; represents the company in various commercial, financial and strategic transactions; fields Internet and privacy related questions; and provides legal advice to all lines of business and staff groups.

Nguyen used her experience at Travelocity to illustrate the problem-solving skills required to address the complex mixture of business and legal problems that face in-house counsel. The recent “Travelocity Guarantee” represented a compromise between marketing desires and legal realities. “Marketing wanted to do a lot more, but legal wanted to protect ourselves properly,” Nguyen said. She noted that legal issues in the business world do not exist in a legal only context but must also address business priorities.
**Professor Eads Receives Teaching Excellence Award**

The SMU Dedman School of Law graduating class of 2006 honored Associate Professor of Law Linda S. Eads as the recipient of the annual Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Student Bar Association President Kelly Boyington presented the award. “Professor Eads has a way of teaching the law that captivates you from the beginning of class by infusing personal, professional experience and stories, helping us to comprehend the law and what it will mean to us beyond these four buildings,” Boyington said.

“I’m shocked and I’m humbled,” Professor Eads said. “This is an incredible group of students and future lawyers, and I am truly humbled to have received this award from a group of people that I respect tremendously.”

Professor Eads has also been a SMU University Scholar and Teacher of the Year. She joined the Dedman School of Law faculty in 1986. She teaches in the areas of professional responsibility, evidence, trial advocacy, constitutional law, criminal tax fraud, and women and the law.

From 1999 to 2000, she served as the Deputy Attorney General for the State of Texas. During that time, she participated in the appeal to the 5th Circuit of the decision in Hopwood and in the landmark agreement between Aetna and Texas regarding HMO practices in the state.

Professor Eads also won the Don M. Smart Award in both 1989 and in 2004.

**SMU Law Professor’s Blog Ranks In Top 25 Most Popular Law Blogs In the Country**

In January 2006, HealthLawProf Blog, edited by Dedman School of Law Associate Professor Tom Mayo and Elizabeth Malloy of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, was ranked in the top 25 most popular law blogs (shorthand for “weblog”) in the country by traffic volume. The list was compiled by Pepperdine University School of Law Professor Roger Alford in his blog, *Opinio Juris*.

“The blog was intended to cover new developments of particular interest to teachers of health law around the country,” Professor Mayo said. “If it’s of interest to teachers of health law, chances are it’s of interest to students of health law and practitioners of health law—and so, we were finding that there were people all around the world who were tapping into the blog and picking up on the latest and greatest in health law.”

About the blog’s traffic ranking, Professor Mayo said, “I was surprised that we had that much traffic. I checked the traffic statistics from time to time but didn’t realize where that left our blog, compared to others. I was pleasantly surprised.” He has since left HealthLawProf Blog to resume his work on his personal law blog, HealthLawBlog. He says he prefers editing his own blog.

“I have a little more of a feeling of flexibility and freedom to hit topics that are of more idiosyncratic interest to me,” Professor Mayo said. “I think blogs work best when they are a reflection of the personality and the interests of the blogger, and if people find that interesting enough to follow, they do, and if they don’t, they won’t.” Professor Mayo also explained his initial reasons for joining the lawblogging community.

“I don’t know if this is something that’s going to stick or disappear in five years,” he said, “but if it has some value in terms of helping other people in the field or something of interest to law students, then it’s worth experimenting with and getting on board.”

PROFESSOR BERNHARD GROSSFELD
Professor of Law at the Muenster University in Muenster, Germany

Distinguished Visiting Professor Grossfeld is Professor of Law at the Muenster University in Muenster, Germany. At Muenster, he also serves as the Director of the Institute for International Business Law as well as the Director of the Institute for Cooperative Research. Professor Grossfeld received his J.D. degree from Muenster University and his Master of Law degree from Yale University. He is recognized as one of the leading European law scholars in comparative and international business law. Professor Grossfeld has previously taught as a visiting professor at SMU, Michigan, Texas, Chicago, and NYU (where he is a permanent member of its Global Law School Faculty). Professor Grossfeld taught Comparative Law I and Comparative Law II.

THE HONORABLE LINDA THOMAS
Chief Justice of Texas’s Fifth District Court of Appeals

The Honorable Linda Thomas is Chief Justice of the Fifth District Court of Appeals, the State’s largest intermediate appellate court. Chief Justice Thomas received her B.A. from University of Texas at Arlington and her J.D. from SMU in 1973. She served eight years as a family court judge and has been on the appellate court since 1987. She is board certified in family law and has been awarded the prestigious Sam Emison Award by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists for meritorious contributions to family law. In 2005, the Fellows of the Dallas Bar Foundation honored her for her legal and civic contributions. Chief Justice Thomas is a nationally-recognized leader in legal and judicial education. She taught Family Law.

THE HONORABLE BARBARA J. HOUSER
Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas

Judge Barbara J. Houser is Chief Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska and J.D from SMU School of Law in 1978 where she was editor of the SMU Law Review. After law school, Judge Houser joined Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely in Dallas and later practiced with Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. until she was sworn in as United States Bankruptcy Judge in January 2000. Judge Houser lectures and publishes frequently on corporate restructuring.
and insolvency law. She is a past chairman of the Dallas Bar Association Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization. She is a contributing author of *Collier on Bankruptcy* (15th Ed) and the *Collier Bankruptcy Manual* (3rd Ed). She taught Creditors’ Rights.

**THE HONORABLE D. MICHAEL LYNN**

**U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas**

Judge D. Michael Lynn is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas. He received his B.A. *cum laude* from Lawrence University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Lynn was of counsel with Stutzman & Bromberg. He is co-author of *Collier Handbook for Trustees and Debtors in Possession* and *Creditors’ Rights Handbook* (1995). He is a contributing author of *Collier on Bankruptcy* and *Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*. He taught Advanced Bankruptcy.

**THE HONORABLE DON BUSH**

**U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas**


**PROFESSOR DAVID ELKINS**

**Professor of Law at Netanya College in Israel**

Professor David Elkins, on sabbatical leave from Netanya College in Israel, is the author of *Taxation of Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Goodwill and Know-how* and has published numerous articles in law reviews and professional journals on subjects ranging from corporate taxation and tax accounting to constitutional issues of taxation as a violation of property rights. His article on horizontal equity as a principle of tax theory was published in the March 2006 issue of *Yale Law and Policy Review*. Prior to his academic appointment, he worked for the Israeli income and property tax authority as a senior assessor and senior assistant to the legal advisor. In Israel, he teaches courses on income tax, corporate taxation, land taxation, international taxation, tax policy and legal ethics. Professor Elkins received his LL.B from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and his LL.M, as well as his Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University. Professor Elkins taught Income Taxation and International Tax.
Faculty Scholarship

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


Presentations: Participated as a moderator, speaker and panelist at the International Contract Law Conference, Fort Worth, Texas (February, 2006).

MAUREEN NOBLE ARMOUR
Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Associate Professor of Law

Presentations: “Privacy and the American Landscape; Technology, Finance, Healthcare, Government and You” (Moderator: Professor Arthur Miller) (Spring 2005); Instructor, SMU NITA Deposition Course (Summer 2005).

JOHN B. ATTANASIO
Dean and William Haxley Atwell Professor of Constitutional Law


LACKLAND BLOOM, JR.
Professor of Law


WILLIAM BRIDGE
Associate Professor of Law

Presentations: Delivered speeches to the Eugene Kuntz Annual Natural Resources Program, University of Oklahoma (November, 2005); Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association (October, 2005); Dallas Bar Energy Section, Annual Oil and Gas Program (August, 2005).

ALAN BROMBERG
University Distinguished Professor of Law

Publications: 2005-1 and 2005-2 Supplements to BROMBERG & LOWENFELS ON SECURITIES FRAUD AND COMMODITIES FRAUD (with Lowenfels); 2005-2 Supplement to BROMBERG & RIBSTEIN ON PARTNERSHIP (with Ribstein); BROMBERG & RIBSTEIN ON LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS, THE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT AND THE UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT (2005 ed.).
REGIS W. CAMPFIELD
Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Law Faculty Fellow & Professor of Law


Presentations: Director/Coordinator, Joint SMU Dedman School of Law/Communities Foundations of Texas Estate Planning & Charitable Giving Program Initiative - (presentations in May & June 2005); “Death Tax Revision or Repeal,” Symposium in Recognition of the University’s Award of an Honorary Degree to Dean Charles O. Galvin, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas (April, 2005).

GREGORY CRESPI
Professor of Law


WILLIAM V. DORSANE0, III
Chief Justice John and Lena Hickman Distinguished Faculty Fellow & Professor of Law


Presentation: “Costs and Security,” Texas Court Clerk’s Lecture, Austin, Texas (September, 2005); “Advanced Civil Appellate Speaking on Interlocutory Appeals,” Austin, Texas (September, 2005); “Evolving Standards of Appellate Review,” Judge Jury Symposium, South Texas College of Law (April, 2005).

LINDA EADS
Associate Professor of Law


DAVID EPSTEIN
Professor of Law


JULIE FORRESTER
Associate Professor of Law


Presentations: “Our Pedagogical Choices: Use of Technology in Teaching”, panel participant, Section on Teaching Methods, annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (January, 2006); “The Uniform Assignment of
JEFFREY M. GABA  
Professor of Law


SHUBHA GHOSH  
Professor of Law


CHRISTOPHER HANNA  
Professor of Law


Presentations: “The "Business Purpose" Doctrine After the Enron Case,” Symposium in Recognition of the University’s Award of an Honorary Degree to Dean Charles O. Galvin, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas (April, 2005).

HENRY J. LISCHER, JR.  
Professor of Law


Presentations: “Professional Responsibility Issues Relating to Asset Protection Trusts”, Tarrant County Bar Association Tax and Estate Planning Section (November, 2005); “The Scope of the New Treasury Department Circular 230 Professional Practice Rules and Other Professional Responsibility Developments,” Symposium in Recognition of the University’s Award of an Honorary Degree to Dean Charles O. Galvin, SMU Dedman School of Law (April, 2005).

JOHN S. LOWE  
George W. Hutchison Professor of Energy Law


Rents Act” to the Dallas Area Real Estate Lawyer’s Discussion Group (October, 2005).

JEFFREY M. GABA  
Professor of Law


SHUBHA GHOSH  
Professor of Law


CHRISTOPHER HANNA  
Professor of Law


Presentations: “The “Business Purpose” Doctrine After the Enron Case,” Symposium in Recognition of the University’s Award of an Honorary Degree to Dean Charles O. Galvin, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas (April, 2005).

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JOHN S. LOWE  
George W. Hutchison Professor of Energy Law


THOMAS WM. MAYO
Associate Professor of Law


Presentations: “End-of-Life Decision Making and Medical Powers of Attorney”, North Texas Estate Planning Council, Plano, TX (December 2005); “Living and Dying in a Post-Schiavo World”, Texas Health Law Conference (State Bar of Texas and Texas Hospital Association), Austin, TX (October, 2005); “End-of-Life Decision Making and Advance Directives,” First United Methodist Church, Coppell, Texas (October, 2005); “Living and Dying in a Post-Schiavo World”, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas (October, 2005); “Life, Death, Spirituality, and Poetry” and “End-of-Life Decision Making and Advance Directives,” St. Thomas the Apostle Episc. Church, Dallas, Texas (October, 2005); “Who Is a Person?” The Glenn Mitchell Show, KERA-FM, Dallas (September, 2005); “Privacy”, Planned Parenthood of North Texas, Dallas, Texas (September, 2005); “Who is a Person?” Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, Dallas (September, 2005); Bioethics: Ethical, Legal, and Medical Issues Implicated in End-of-Life Cases”, Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys Seminar, Dallas (July, 2005); “Brain Dead, Medically Dead, Legally Dead?”, Grand Rounds, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Medicine, Departments of Neurology and Internal Medicine, Little Rock, Arkansas (July, 2005); “Ethical and Legal Aspects of End-of-Life Treatments in the Institutional Setting”, Annual Meeting, American Health Lawyers Association, San Diego, CA (June, 2005); “End of Life Decision Making”, Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas (June, 2005); “Medico-Legal Update”, Neonatology Grand Rounds, UT-Southwestern Medical School at Dallas (June, 2005); “Genetics & Law: The Year in Review”, Clinical Genetics Grand Rounds, UT-Southwestern Medical School at Dallas (May, 2005); “They Were Never Wrong, The Old Masters”, Duke University, Center for the Study of Medical Ethics and Humanities, Symposium: Beyond Measure: Accounting for Suffering in the Context of Illness, Durham, NC (April, 2005); “Futility of Care”, 37th Annual Haltalin Pediatric Seminar, UT Southwestern Medical School & Department of Pediatrics, Irving, Texas (April, 2005); “Ethics”, Leadership Dallas Health Care Day, Dallas (March, 2005); “Legal Ethics and Clinical Decision Making in a Technologically Advanced World”, Health and Hospital Systems Legal Institute, American Health Lawyers Association, Tuscon, Arizona (February, 2005).

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


FREDERICK C. MOSS
Associate Professor of Law


Awards: Honorable Prentice Marshall Faculty Award for teaching innovation and extraordinary contributions to the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

JOHN J. MYLAN
Professor of Law


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


Ellen Smith Pryor
Homer R. Mitchell Professor in Insurance and Commercial Law


C. Paul Rogers, III
Professor of Law


Peter Belter
Professor of Law


Awards: American Academy of Forensic Psychology Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award
MARY SPECTOR  
Associate Professor of Law


MARC. I. STEINBERG  
Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law


Presentations: Fouston Siefkin Distinguished Lecturer, Washburn University School of Law (February, 2006); Spoke to the Securities Section of the Dallas Bar (February, 2006); Moderator, SMU Dedman School of Law Corporate Counsel Symposium (October, 2005); Presentation, University of Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law, Stockholm, Sweden (May, 2005); “Professional Responsibility Issues in the Sarbanes - Oxley Legislation,” Symposium in Recognition of the University’s Award of an Honorary Degree to Dean Charles O. Galvin, SMU Dedman School of Law (April, 2005).

Appointments: Visiting Professor, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden (May-June 2005).

JOSHUA C. TATE  
Assistant Professor of Law


ELIZABETH THORNBURG  
Professor of Law


JENIA IONCHEVA TURNER  
Assistant Professor of Law


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

Publications: Editor, Year-in-Review issue, THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER (with Professor Louise Ellen Teitz) (Summer 2005).

SMU Law Alumni Selected To Lead State And Metropolitan Bars

Arkansas Bar Elects James Sprott ’73 as President

James D. Sprott ’73, a partner at Sprott & Golden, assumed the presidency of the Arkansas Bar Association in June 2006 for a one-year term. Sprott graduated from Hendrix College in Arkansas in 1970 and received his law degree from SMU in 1973. After graduation, Sprott was hired by James B. Sharp who was then president-elect of the Arkansas Bar Association.

“I have always been involved in civic organizations but when you go to work for your boss who is president-elect of the Arkansas Bar Association in a two-person office, you get real involved in the Arkansas Bar Association,” Sprott said.

Prior to becoming president, he served on the Arkansas Bar Association’s House of Delegates, the Executive Council, and the Board of Governors, which he chaired in 2002. He is a Fellow of the Arkansas Bar Foundation and served as secretary, vice president and president of the Foundation. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Boone/Newton County Bar Association, and the Arkansas Trial Lawyer’s Association.

A self-proclaimed “country lawyer”, Sprott hopes to emphasize the importance of bar associations to lawyers and the importance of lawyers to our society. He also plans to implement a law related education committee that was organized by their Board of Governors.

“Basically we hope to obtain funding to endow the expenses necessary to provide education on law related matters to the general public,” Sprott said. “I think it is our responsibility as lawyers to speak out on some of these issues that are at the forefront in our country. We have people who don’t understand the constitutional separation of powers or the need for judicial impartiality. We lawyers should be speaking out on these kinds of issues and helping the general public understand them.”

In addition to his professional organization involvement, he is involved in numerous community and church activities. Sprott married Jan Greene in 1971 and they have three children.

Glenn Ballard ’81 Leads Houston Bar Association

Glenn Ballard ’81, who is a partner at the Houston office of Bracewell & Giuliani, took office in May as the new president of the Houston Bar Association, the fifth largest metropolitan bar association in the nation. He has served on the HBA Board of Directors since 1999 and the Executive Board since 2003.

An ardent volunteer, Ballard chaired the Houston Volunteer Lawyer’s Program, which provides services to the indigent in Harris County, and the Dispute Resolution Center, which provides free mediation services in Houston. This year he hopes to increase the number of pro-bono cases the Houston Bar is handling through the Houston Volunteer Lawyer’s Program.

“We are calling this year ‘The Year of the Volunteer’,” Ballard said. “We are trying to
pre-commit firms for a period of five years to take a certain number of cases depending on their size. Hopefully the program will be self-sustaining once we get them all pre-committed and we accomplish all our goals.”

Prior to his work on the Board of Directors, Ballard served as chair of the Houston Bar Association Litigation Section and co-chaired the 1999 Civil Bench Bar Conference. He also participated in coordinating both the State Bar Judicial Conference in 1998 and the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference in 1999. He served as Co-Chair of the 1999-2000 Administration of Justice Committee of the Houston Bar Association, which is responsible for the Appellate Bench Bar Conference and the Criminal Bench Bar Conference in 2000. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, and the Houston Bar Foundation.

“SMU was a great platform for me, even though it is in Dallas. It’s enabled me to succeed and thrive in Houston,” Ballard said. “I have a daughter there now who loves it as an undergraduate and is considering law school herself.”

Orange County Bar Under Leadership of Julie McCoy ’83

Julie McCoy ’83, a sole practitioner in Newport Beach, Calif., assumed the 2006 presidency of the Orange County Bar Association, the second largest voluntary bar association in California. In past years, she has served as director and officer of the OCBA, as well as chair of the OCBA Charitable Fund and the OCBA Judiciary Committee, which evaluates judicial candidates for the Orange County Consolidated Courts and makes recommendations to the governor.

McCoy subscribes to the philosophy that attorneys, as relatively privileged members of society, owe a debt to the community. As such, during her time as president, McCoy is encouraging Orange County attorneys to get involved in their community and raise their level of volunteer work, both pro-bono and general volunteerism.

“I am urging lawyers to get involved and to give back to the community,” McCoy said. “Not everyone enjoys doing legal work all the time, but they may be encouraged to volunteer doing something else. It is my personal view that if people are urged to do something they enjoy doing, then they are more likely to do it.”

A good role model herself, McCoy volunteers as a pilot with The Flying Doctors of Mercy, an organization that provides free medical services in remote, impoverished areas of Mexico. She also volunteered for over five years at Human Options, a shelter for battered women and children offering not only her legal services but telephone counseling for victims as well.

“By inspiring more lawyers to get involved, hopefully we can raise public opinion of lawyers and do something good for the community.” Prior to forming her own practice, she worked as a partner for Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth. She was also President of the Orange County Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She is a member of California Women Lawyers, Orange County Women Lawyers, and is on the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

History of Dallas Bar Shows Long SMU Presence

In the last 60 years, almost 50 percent of the presidents of the Dallas Bar Association have been SMU Dedman School of Law alumni. These presidents include:

1939 - J. Glenn Turner ’49
1948 - Robert L. Dillard Jr. ’35
1950 - Hawkins Golden ’30
1952 - E. Taylor Armstrong ’31
1953 - Ralph D. Baker ’35
1954 - Franklin E. Spafford ’33
1957 - John Louis Shook ’31
1963 - H. Louis Nichols ’40
1965 - J. Edwin Fleming ’41
1966 - Walter H. Magee ’49
1968 - Arthur Philip Wilson ’49
1970 - Frank C. Moore ’40
1972 - Henry D. Schlinger ’47
1974 - Louis J. Weber ’56
1975 - Charles P. Storey ’52
1976 - Walker M. Collie Jr. ’42
1978 - Robert H. Thomas ’57
1980 - Robert Edwin Davis ’58
1982 - Darrell E. Jordan ’64
1983 - Jerry Lastelick ’58
1984 - Robert A. Gwinn ’54
1985 - Harriet Miers ’70
1990 - Alfred W. Ellis ’71
1992 - Orrin L. Harrison III ’74
1995 - Ralph "Red Dog" Jones ’73
1996 - Jim Burnham ’68
2001 - Mark A. Shank ’81
2003 - Brian D. Melton ’80
2004 - Rhonda Hunter ’80
More Than $1 Million Raised For Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships at the SMU Dedman School of Law

The Dallas Bar Foundation presented the SMU Dedman School of Law Sarah T. Hughes Scholarship Fund with a check for $176,390. The funds are raised through Bar None, which is an annual variety show sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association and Dallas Bar Foundation. Since its debut performance in 1986, Bar None has raised more than $1 million for the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship.

SMU Dedicates Godwin Gruber Lawyers Inn and Dining Hall

Don Godwin ‘73, CEO of Godwin Gruber (now Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo, LLP), speaks to Dedman School of Law alumni and friends as they joined together to dedicate the SMU Dedman School of Law’s Godwin Gruber Lawyers Inn and Dining Hall with the unveiling of a plaque on Oct. 10, 2005.
Texas Attorney General’s Office Awards $360,000 to SMU Dedman Law Clinic

The SMU Dedman School of Law received more than $360,000 from a San Antonio bankruptcy court to create a Consumer Advocacy Project as part of the Civil Clinic, one of the law school’s five legal clinics that provide representation to low-income members of the metroplex community. This project will focus on assisting Spanish-speaking consumers with dispute resolution and prevention of fraud.

The $360,000 came from the Chapter 7 bankruptcy liquidation of Mark Nutritional, the marketer and seller of Body Solutions weight loss formula. The company in its own study had determined that the product did not contribute to weight loss but continued to market it as a weight loss product. The Attorney General sued on behalf of over two million customers defrauded by the deceptive marketing and sale of this product.

Since locating each affected customer was impossible and there was no meaningful way to distribute the funds, Attorney General Abbott urged the court to seek an alternative use of the money to provide relief to the state’s consumers. The court used the doctrine of cy pres to divide the total amount of $727,000 between legal programs at SMU and the University of Houston. Civil clinic co-directors Mary Spector, Associate Professor of Law, and Maureen Armour, Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Associate Professor of Law, were asked to develop a proposal to utilize the funds to advance consumer law education in Texas.

“We saw a need in the community for legal services to the Spanish speaking consumers,” Spector said. “Language can be a tremendous barrier to consumers seeking relief for common problems such as car repair or home improvements.” Students who participate in the new Consumer Advocacy Program will not have to be bilingual, though it will be a benefit.

Although the State Attorney General’s Office handles a number of consumer protection cases annually, they are not equipped to deal with smaller cases. This new project will fill some of this gap.

“There are so many consumer complaints where consumers get ripped off for a small amount of money and private lawyers won’t take the cases,” Abbott said. The Consumer Advocacy Project will provide an opportunity to help with these issues. The donated money will allow the clinic to hire a full-time lawyer to oversee the project and act as an interpreter.

“These funds are a wonderful gift allowing us to expand our clinics as well as expand our service to the community,” Spector said.

Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Honor H. Ron White

H. Ron White, managing partner at Adorno Yoss White & Wiggins LLP and Executive Board member for the SMU Dedman School of Law, received the 2006 Fellows Award presented by the Dallas Bar Foundation at the 15th Annual Fellows Luncheon on April 19, 2006.

The award is presented to outstanding attorneys for their contributions to the legal, business and civic communities.

As a part of the award, White received a $10,000 grant, which he donated to the SMU Dedman School of Law to create a forum on “Race and Ethnicity: Challenges and Solutions.”

Some of the past recipients of the award include: Chief Justice Linda Thomas ’73; Adelfa Callejo ’61; Robert H. Thomas ’57; and Harriet Miers ’70.
Major Donor Reception

Will Noel ’82, Kathy Attanasio, Nancy Dedman (honorary alumna ’05), Adelfa Botello Callejo ’61, and Dean John B. Attanasio.

Dorothy Thompson and Cleo Thompson (honorary alumnus ’02).

Dorothy Todd, Martin Samuelsohn ’41, and Kathy Attanasio.

John Jackson ’71, Professor Paul Rogers, Dennis Lutes ’72.
Darrell Jordan ‘64 and Jack Kinnebrew ‘67, ‘73.

Bruce Cheatham ‘72, Jeanne Cheatham, and Barbara Bratton.

Professor Joseph McKnight and Mimi McKnight.

Brian Webb ‘75 and Glenn Portman ‘75.

Fred Fulton, Doug Yeager, and James Griffin ‘86.

Sam Burford ‘67, Fred Fulton and Darrell Jordan ‘64.
Vester Hughes Receives Morris Harrell Professionalism Award

Vester Hughes Jr., (Honorary Alumnus, 2002), was named the 2005 recipient of the Morris Harrell Professionalism Award by the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and the Dallas Bar Association. Hughes founded the firm of Hughes & Luce LLP with Tom Luce ’66.

He has served as lead counsel on four cases brought before the United States Supreme Court and currently serves as a member of the board of the American Law Institute. Hughes says that, to him, professionalism means “integrity—a view of a lawyer’s role to represent his or her client knowing the lawyer is also an officer of the court.”
1966

George W. Bramblett Jr. received the 2005 Larry Schoenbrun Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League. He was selected as one of the “Top DFW Defenders” by the Dallas Business Journal.

J a m e s Wallenstein was nominated as Real Estate Attorney of the Year by Chambers USA.

1967

Sam P. Burford Jr. is now included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006. He received the 2006 Justinian Award for Community Service from the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary.

1968

Robert E. Mellor received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law.

1969

James L. Irish III is now included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Sam Burford Selected For Justinian Award

Sam Burford ’67, partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, received the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary’s prestigious Justinian Award for 2006. Established in 1982, this award is given annually to a member of the Dallas Bar Association who has been a practicing attorney for the majority of his or her professional life and has made outstanding volunteer contributions to the Dallas community during that time.

Burford has served as president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and chairman of the United Way of Dallas’s Professional Division. He was Mayor of Highland Park between 1986 and 1990. He is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Dallas Bar Foundation.

Callejo Receives Dual Honors For Years Of Service To The Community And The Profession

Adelfa Callejo ’61 was honored twice this year for her service and achievements. In May, the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism presented Callejo with the Sandra Day O’Connor Award, which celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding women lawyers who have not only reached a level of professional excellence in their field, but who have actively made the way easier for future women in the profession.

In March, the SMU Women’s Symposium recognized Callejo for her decades of service to the Hispanic community, her leadership in the promotion of Hispanic organizations both inside and out of the legal profession, and her achievements as a leader in the Dallas community. Callejo was the first Hispanic woman to graduate from the SMU Dedman School of Law, and the first to practice law in Dallas. She co-founded the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas and is a past regional president of the Hispanic National Bar Association. In 2004, she was honored by the Fellows of the Dallas Bar Foundation for her contributions, both legal and civic, to the Dallas community, and in 1996 she was named a Distinguished Alumna of the Dedman School of Law. She is a partner at Callejo & Callejo in Dallas.
SMU Alumni Chair Chambers of Commerce

In the past year, three alumni of the Dedman School of Law have taken the reigns of their respective Chambers of Commerce in the metroplex.

Last year, Albon Head ’71 was named chair of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He is a founding Master of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, as well as a past-president of both the Fort Worth chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Fort Worth Opera. He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation in 1999 by then-Governor George Bush and currently serves as the Board’s chairman. Since his graduation from SMU, where he received both his J.D. and his B.A., he has remained very involved with the university. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the SMU Athletic Forum, served as ex-officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees, and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Dedman School of Law. He also chairs the committee for the law school’s Distinguished Alumni Award, which he received in 2003.

This year, Erle Nye ’65 was elected chairman of the Board for the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman emeritus of TXU Corp. and served a two-year term as chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents; he now serves as vice chairman. He was formerly chairman of the Board of Baylor College of Dentistry, from which he holds an honorary Doctor of Science. Nye serves on the Executive Boards for both SMU’s Dedman School of Law and its Cox School of Business. He previously co-chaired the Dallas Together Forum. In 2002, he received the Robert H. Dedman Award for Ethics from the Texas General Counsel Forum, the Robert G. Storey Award from the SMU Dedman School of Law, and the Texas Association of Business Distinguished Leader Award. He was also named the 1999 Humanitarian of the Year by the American Jewish Committee.

The North Dallas Chamber of Commerce elected Ron Chapman Jr. ’95 as chairman of the board in April 2006. Chapman is a shareholder at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC. Before being tapped for the Chamber’s top position, he served as its legal counsel from 1999-2002 and was named the Volunteer of the Year during his last year in that role. He also serves on the City of Dallas Civil Service Board.

Lois Bacon received the Merrill L. Hartman Award from Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas for outstanding pro bono efforts in serving the poor.

Ernie Figari was selected as one of the “Top Five DFW Litigators” by the Dallas Business Journal.

Harriet Miers received the Sandra Day O’Connor Award for Professional Excellence from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. She received the Robert G. Storey Award for Distinguished Achievement from the SMU Dedman School of Law. She was the keynote speaker at the 2006 Dallas Bar Association Law Day Luncheon.

Albon O. Head Jr. was elected Board Chairman for TG, formerly known as the Texas Guarantee Student Loan Program. He was also elected Chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Richard D. Pullman has become Partner at Collins & Basinger PC in Dallas.

Timothy J. Vineyard joined Cowles & Thompson, PC in their Addison office.
1972

W. Frank Carroll was elected Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Dallas Bar Association. He was appointed Co-Chairman of the Securities Arbitration Subcommittee of the American Bar Association’s Business and Corporate Litigation Committee.

Frederick "Rick" Sherman was elected Vice Chair of State Delegates of the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was also elected Secretary to the State Delegates for American Trial Lawyers Association.

Gillian Triggs is the new British Institute of International and Comparative Law Director, and published International Law: Contemporary Principles and Practices.

Joe Whisler was awarded the American Judicature Society Herbert Harley Award by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association for helping defend the way Missouri appoints its judges.

1973

Rhett G. Campbell was elected to serve on the management committee for 2006 at Thompson & Knight’s Dallas office, and was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Malcolm D. Gibson is continuing in his legal practice as a real estate and business lawyer, while developing and managing retail centers.

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1974

James D. Sprott was elected President of the Arkansas Bar Association.

Travis Vanderpool was elected to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors representing the Dallas area.

Braden W. Sparks has relocated his law office to 8117 Preston Rd., Ste. 800, Dallas, Texas 75225.

Vanderpool

Kathy R. Kelly was elected Chair of the Board and Treasurer of the Tarlton Foundation for Easter Seals. She is Executive Director of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Craig Enoch was elected Chairman of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors.

Cynthia Day Grimes was appointed to the Texas State Committee for the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Hunter Receives Women’s Advocacy Award

On June 9, Legal Aid of North Texas honored three women for their tireless service to impoverished women by presenting them with 2006 Women’s Advocacy Awards. Among them was Rhonda Hunter ’80, who received the Louise Raggio Women’s Legal Advocate Award, and who, just two years ago, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service from the SMU Dedman School of Law. Since 2001, when they were first presented, the Women’s Advocacy Awards have raised over $230,000 for free legal aid for low-income women seeking to escape abusive domestic conditions.

Hunter was the 95th president of the Dallas Bar Association and the DBA’s first African-American president. She also co-founded the DBA’s Minority Attorney Business Development Initiative. Also honored by Legal Aid that evening were Ruth Altshuler, who serves on the SMU Board of Trustees, and Paige Flink, executive director of the Family Place.
Mark Shank Receives State Bar of Texas Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award

Mark A. Shank ’81 was the 2006 recipient of the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award, given by the State Bar of Texas. The award is presented annually to lawyers who display exemplary dedication to the State Bar in both leadership and service, as well as to their local bar association.

Shank received his J.D. from the University of Missouri and his LL.M. in labor law from the SMU Dedman School of Law in 1981. He served as president of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers in 1986 and chairman of the Board for the Texas Young Lawyers Association from 1989-90. He served on the State Bar’s Board of Directors and chaired the Bar’s Labor and Employment Section from 1998-99. He was president of the Dallas Bar Association in 2001, and is a trustee of the Dallas Bar Foundation, a trustee and Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Shank serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity and is chairman of the Dallas Breakfast Group.

Shank is a partner at Hughes & Luce, LLP and currently serves as legal counsel to U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions.

Guy N. Goodson was sworn in as Mayor of Beaumont, Texas.

Judge Barbara Lynn was presented the Sarah T. Hughes Award by the State Bar of Texas’s Women and the Law Section. The award honors women whose outstanding achievements have helped pave the way to success for other women lawyers.

1977

O. Paul Corley Jr. was appointed 2006 Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Dallas Summer Musicals Inc. He was also included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Barbara Ferguson was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Ronald A. Foxman joined Cowles & Thompson, PC in their Addison office.

J. Craig Jett was elected First Vice President of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

G. Roland Love received the 2004-2005 President’s Award from the Texas Land Title Association. He was also named to a fourth term as Chairman of the Texas Land Title Institute.

Rob Mowrey was elected to Locke Liddell & Sapp’s management committee in the firm’s Dallas office.

1978

Storrow Gordon is EVP and General Counsel for EDS.

Barbara J. Houser has assumed the position of Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.

James W. McKellar was elected to serve on the management committee for 2006 at Thompson & Knight’s Dallas office. He was also included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Barry Sorrels was elected Vice-Chair of the Dallas Bar Association’s Board of Directors.

W. David Tidholm joined Porter & Hedges in Houston as a Partner in the firm’s Real Estate and Real Estate Finance practice groups.

Les Weisbrow was elected Secretary of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America for 2005-2006.

1979

Mina Brees was honored by the State Bar of Texas with a Presidential Citation for outstanding
contributions to the State Bar Board of Directors.

Martin L. Camp was named Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Michael B. Cohen was elected president of the Texas Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

John R. Norris III was appointed to the Guardianship Advisory Board of Calloway, Norris, Burdette & Weber in Dallas.

Michael K. Pierce was elected to serve on the management committee for 2006 at Thompson & Knight’s Dallas office. He was also included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Stuart R. Schwartz was chosen by the State Bar of Texas to be Course Director and Planning Committee Chairman of the Collections and Creditors’ Rights Course 2005 seminar in San Antonio, Texas.

Kevin Thomason was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

1980

Roy Lawrence Hance opened a satellite office of Hance and Wickham, PC in Rockwall, Texas.

Rhonda Hunter was elected to a three-year term on the Board of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and was elected to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors representing the Dallas area. Legal Aid of Northwest Texas honored her with the 2006 Woman’s Advocacy Award.

William H. Liebbe recently relocated his office from Dallas to Tyler, Texas.

Betsy Whitaker served on the Board of Advisors for the Dallas Women Lawyers Association.

1981

Glenn Ballard was voted President of the Houston Bar Association.

William H. Blair joined Snakard & Gambill as a Shareholder.

G. Michael Gruber formed the law firm Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail LLP in Dallas with Michael K. Hurst, Brian N. Hail and Mark L. Johansen.

William O. Holston Jr. had the Pro Bono Legal Services Program of the Human Rights Initiative named in his honor.

T. Mark Kelly is serving on the Board of Directors for the Houston Bar Association.

Barry McBee was appointed Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations in the University of Texas System.

Molly Buck Richard formed Richard Law Group, Inc. in Dallas.

Peter J. Riley was elected to serve his sixth term as managing Partner at Thompson & Knight’s Dallas office. He was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Paul B. Sander joined Strasburger & Price in Collin County, Texas, as Of Counsel in the Real Estate practice.

Mark Shank received the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award from the State Bar of Texas for exemplifying outstanding leadership and services to the Dallas Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas.

Paula Fisette Sweeney was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Trude A. Tsuchimoto is now Senior Vice President & General Counsel of the Texas Bar Foundation.

State Bar of Texas Frank J. Scurlock Award Presented To Sally Crawford

Sally Crawford ’86 (pictured with State Bar of Texas president Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez) was awarded the 2006 Frank J. Scurlock Award by the State Bar of Texas for outstanding service to the poor.

A corporate partner at Jones Day in Dallas where she serves as the firm’s public service coordinator, Crawford was nominated by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, which estimates that she has spent about 480 hours in the service of that organization.

In 2004, she served as co-chair of the Pro Bono Activities Committee of the Dallas Bar Association, and in 2003 she was named Pro-Bono Attorney of the Year by Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.
Counsel for Fremont Investment & Loan in California.

Dorothy H. Bjorck was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Jeffrey Dunn was reappointed to the National Automated Clearing House Association Arbitration Board.

Robert D. Kilgore joined Ball & Weed in San Antonio, Texas, as a Shareholder in the Labor and Employment area, representing management exclusively.

Stuart A. Lautin joined Cowles & Thompson, PC in its Addison, Texas, office.

Kathleen G. Nugent joined Nokia Inc. managing North American contracts for Nokia Networks.

Deborah K. Wright was selected as "Best General Counsel: Good Samaritan" by the Dallas Business Journal. She works for Prudential Asset Resources Inc.

Dale Atkins was elected to her fifth term as Clerk of the New Orleans Civil District Courts.

Bruce A. Campbell was selected as a recipient of the Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal by The National Republican Congressional Committee.

Julie M. McCoy is President of the 6,800 member Orange County (California) Bar Association.

Kathleen O'Connell Henry was named Shareholder for Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in their Dallas office.

Daniel W. Rabun is President of ENSCO International Inc.

Leland C. de la Garza joined Shackelford, Melton & McKinley LLP at their Dallas firm.

Robert H. Dedman Jr. was named by the Environmental Institute for Golf to its Advisory Council.

Barbara Elias-Perciful is the Founder and Director of Texas Lawyers for Children (TLC). The TLC website (www.texaslawyersforchildren.org) is a resource for those looking for online legal research on issues concerning children. The site provides hundreds of case summaries that are linked to the full text of the cases, a brief bank, more than 200 legal forms, articles, manuals, medical and psychological information, and more.

Dawn E. Fowler received the first "Louise Raggio Women’s Advocate Award" from Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.

Henry Gilmore joined DuBois, Bryant, Campbell & Schwartz in Austin as a Partner in the firm’s municipal land use and real estate practice groups.

Jack T. Jamison was chosen to lead Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo’s Houston Energy practice.

Lisa A. Peterson joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld as a Partner in the firm’s Investment Funds Group in Dallas.

Randall G. Ray was elected an Officer of the Dallas Assembly.

Terry L. Simmons was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Robert H. Voelker joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas as a Shareholder with its Real Estate Group.

Angela Braly was named Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief of Public Affairs for WellPoint Inc.

Wade G. Channell has recently moved back to the U.S. from Belgium to take a job as a commercial law reform and trade law advisor.

Anne Crowe was promoted to Senior Vice President, Corporate Services Group, at Avnet Inc.

Elizabeth Horn was one of two finalists for "Best General Counsel: Attorney Staff of 2-10" by the Dallas Business Journal. She works for the Dallas Housing Authority.

Susanna Yarbrough Johnson joined the Law firm of Bourland, Kirkman, Jay & Michel LLP in Fort Worth, Texas.

Robert M. O’Boyle was selected to receive the Judge Suzanne Covington Award by Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas for his outstanding commitment to pro bono legal services.


Val J. Albright joined Gardere Wynne Sewell in Dallas as a Partner in the firm’s Tax section.

Sally L. Crawford received the 2006 Frank J. Scurlock Award from the State Bar of Texas for outstanding services to the poor.

Randall K. Lindley was appointed to the management committee at Bell Nunnally and Martin LLP in Dallas.

James M. McDonough was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Ernest Metzger was appointed Professor of Civil and Comparative Law at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Penelope A. Redington was recently named Executive Director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils.

William A. Bond became a member of the law firm McDonald, Fleming, Moorhead, Ferguson, Green, Smith, Blankenship, Heath & de Kozan, LLP in Pensacola, Florida.

Susan E. Coleman was elected to serve on the management committee for 2006 at Thompson & Knight’s Houston office.
Alicia M. Dewey is currently pursuing her Ph. D. in history at SMU and just finished her fourth year. She is teaching a course at SMU-in-Taos in June 2006.

James L. Dunn was named AMEX:ILC Chief Financial Officer.

M. Lewis Kinard was named Chief Operations Officer for Practice Manager Group LLC of Denver, Colorado, where he oversees world-wide operations.

C. Scott Nichols joined Strasburger & Price in Houston as a Partner.

Rose Romero was named District Administrator of the SEC’s Fort Worth District office.

Raymond A. Williams was named CEO and General Counsel for Sixx Holdings Inc. and Knox Interests in Dallas.

Brad Broberg joined the Real Estate Structured Finance Practice Group as a Shareholder of Winstead Sechrest & Minick PC in Dallas.

Andrew T. Fifield joined Johnson Robinson, P.C. in Dallas as Shareholder.

Mary A. McNulty was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2006.

Dana Tait Sandlin was hired as a Mediation Consultant for FOMA.

Karen G. Cowden was named Shareholder for Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in their Dallas office.

Lori Dalton, a Partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, was named Practice Leader in the firm’s newly created Health Law practice group.

Katherine Staton was selected for membership in the International Aviation Women’s Association.

John Stride published a book on confessions law in Texas titled Confessions.

Paul Wehrmann joined the Law Firm of Wood & Sartain LLP in Dallas as a Partner.

Chris Atwell returned to Texas from Colorado and is a Partner with Fritz, Byrne, Head and Harrison in Austin, Texas.

Vicki Blanton is President-Elect of the J.L. Turner Legal Association in Dallas.

Patty Logsdon Clifford and husband Andy Clifford had a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, born on April 25, 2006.

Leslie DeGillis was selected to be a Lifetime Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Debi D. Douglas moved back to the U.S. after living in the Middle East for almost 10 years and is currently living in northern California, near Napa Valley.

Elise A. Healy was named to the Immigration Practice Group at Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall in Dallas.

Abigail G. Kampmann became Associate General Counsel and Executive Vice President of The Performance Companies in Dallas.

Carlos Lopez and wife gave birth to son Lucas Martin Lopez.

James D. Struble was made Partner at Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas.

Gregory Wells joined Deutsche Bank in its Shanghai, China, office as a Director and Head of Commercial Real Estate.

Steven N. Williams joined Slater and Matlis LLP in Dallas.

Vance L. Beagles was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dallas division of the March of Dimes.

Jeffy Blair was promoted to Income Shareholder with Jenkens & Gilchrist in Dallas.

Christopher Joe joined to the Property Litigation Section at Greenberg Traurig’s Dallas office.

Alan W. Tompkins was selected as “Best General Counsel: Best Deal” by the Dallas Business...
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Tonya Parker Receives the Dallas Bar Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award

Tonya Parker ’98 was honored by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers with the 2005-2006 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Parker served two terms as a director for the J.L. Turner Legal Association and is currently an at-large director for the Dallas Bar Association.

In 2004, she worked on the committee for the DBA’s commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

In 2005, Parker was selected as an American Marshall Memorial Fellow by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. This year, she co-chaired the DAYL Lawyers Promoting Diversity Committee. She is a partner at Adorno Yoss White & Wiggins, LLP.

Robert J. Witte was honored with the Texas Young Lawyers Association President’s Award during the State Bar of Texas annual meeting in Dallas. He works for Unity Hunt Inc.

R. Bradley Fletcher joined Strasburger & Price in Dallas as Of Counsel.

Michelle Heron Galindo launched the firm, Michelle Heron Galindo, Esq. in Dallas.


David Marchand became grandparents to Preston William Rossi, born July 5, 2005 to Victoria Marchand Rossi and Jared Rossi.

Jennifer Morris received the President’s Award of Merit from the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Audrey Mross was elected to the Kansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was added as a Shareholder at Davis Munck P.C. in Dallas.

Christopher M. Lake, with Steven Bruneman and Allen Griffin, formed the law firm of Bruneman, Lake & Griffin, LLP in Dallas.

Christopher D. Olive was recently admitted as a Partner in the Real Estate, Energy and Finance group of Braccwell & Giuliani LLP in Dallas.

James Phillips was made Partner at Cantey & Hanger in their Dallas office.


Erin Williams was appointed to the State Bar of Texas Judiciary Relations Committee.

Joel Winful was elected Vice Chairman of Legal Aid of Northwest Texas.

Kristie Leigh Blumenschein made Partner at Krage & Janvey LLP in Dallas.

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Kevin B. Gordon has become a member of the firm Scariano, Himes, and Petrarca in Chicago, Illinois.

Brad M. La Morgese received an award of
merit from the National Center for Missing Children in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the protection of children and knowledge of the Hague Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction. He is a family law and appellate Shareholder in Cooper & Scully in Dallas.

**Teodoro M. Marco**

started a new job as Legal Natural Gas & LPG Manager at Repsol YPF in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Michael F. Meskill joined Jackson Walker in Austin as Partner.

Dean M. Naccarato was named Director of Cohen & Grisby P.C. at the firm’s Pittsburgh office.

Anthony C. Odiorne was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense.

Ellen Sessions was promoted to income shareholder with Jenkens & Gilchrist in Dallas.

Karen Woodward was promoted to Associate at Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP in their Los Angeles office.

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**1997**

Aaron R. Allred was named Partner at Hughes & Luce in Dallas in the firm’s Corporate section.

Gela Bezhushvili is now Minister of Foreign Affairs for the country of Georgia.

Patrick K. Craine joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas as a Shareholder with its litigation and dispute resolution groups.

Jennifer B. Farnell was named Shareholder for Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr for their Dallas office.

Glen A. Fitzmartin was appointed Judge of Dallas County Criminal Court No. 3.

Laura Geisler served on the Board of Advisors for the Dallas Women Lawyers Association, and served as President-Elect for the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Jose Luis Gonzalez of Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo, LLP, in Dallas was promoted to Partner.

John Hagan served as the Chair of the Fellows of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Kyle C. Krpata was elected Partner at Weil Gotshal & Manges in the Silicone Valley area of California.

Laurie Lamb Martin and Todd Martin ’97 recently had their third son, Benjamin Todd Martin on May 9, 2006.

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S. Scott Pavel was made Partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Dallas.

Chad Ruback established a new solo practice specializing in appellate law, The Ruback Law Firm in Dallas. He was also elected President of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Todd S. Spickard was made Partner at Brown McCarroll at the firm’s Dallas office.

Angela C. Zambrano was elected a Partner at Weil Gotshal & Manges in Dallas.

A. Shonn Brown was promoted to Partner at Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP in Dallas.

Patrick T. Farley joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in their Dallas office.

Brandon Freeman was selected as one of “DFW’s Rising Stars Under Age of 40 in the Business World Today” by the Dallas Business Journal.

Ryan Higgins joined Rusty Hardin & Associates, P.C. in Houston.

Gregory A Kline joined Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC in Dallas.

Elaine T. Lenahan was named Partner at Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons LLP in Dallas.

Alan J. Marcuis was made Partner at Hunton & Williams L.L.P. in their Dallas office.

David Ovard was made Partner at Strasburger & Price in Dallas.

Tonya Parker was appointed a Member of the 2006 Board of Directors of the Dallas Bar Association. She received the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award at the 2006 DBA Law Day Luncheon.

Paul Pilbosian joined Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo in Houston as an Associate in the firm’s Products Liability section.

Doug Skierski, of Locke, Liddell & Sapp LLP, was promoted to Partner.

Mark C. Tatum was promoted to Partner at Shook, Hardy and Bacon in Kansas City, Missouri.

Carlos J. Valdes joined Eyzaguirre & Cia in Chile.

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**1999**

Kristopher Barber opened the Law Offices of Kristopher S. Barber in Dallas.

Robert M. Behrendt joined Kilgore & Kilgore PLLC in Dallas as an Associate.

April Carter is currently a Legal Officer with the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Alfonso Chan was a Board Member for the Dallas Asian-American Bar Association.

Brian C. Corrigan was promoted to Chief Felony Prosecutor in Criminal District Court #4.
George Ellis joined the Board of Directors of Blackbaud Inc.

Ashley Green was made an Associate at the new firm Walters Balido & Crain in Dallas.

Aimee Moore served on the Board of Advisors of the Dallas Women Lawyers Association, and served as Vice President for the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Jennifer Morris served as Texas Young Lawyers Association Director for the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. She received the 2006 TYLA President’s Award for exemplary performance of duties in service to the public and the legal profession.

Robert E. Nail is Senior Counsel with Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP in Dallas.

James J. Savina co-founded Schweizer & Savina LLP in Dallas with Paul Schweizer.

Stanley O. Springerley started a new practice in Immigration Law, and is teaching as an Adjunct Instructor in the Paralegal Program with Tyler Junior College.

Dena Denooyer Stroh was elected to the 2006 Board of Directors of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Robin Wheatley opened her own firm, Robin M. Wheatley, P.C., operating primarily in the areas of corporate and real estate transactions.

2000


Robert K. Radcliff joined Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo in Dallas in the firm’s Commercial Litigation section.

Eric S. Tautfest joined Greenberg Traurig’s Dallas office.

LaVern M. Ferdinand has entered into private practice as a solo practitioner including estate planning, family law, criminal law, and personal injury.

John R. Howie Jr. merged with Broome, Bobo & Greene, LLP to form Howie, Broome, Bobo & Greene, LLP in Dallas.

2001

Eric Kimball received the Outstanding Volunteer Attorney Award from the Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources for his commitment to non-profit associations in Texas.

Roger C. Knapp was named Partner at Slater & Matsil, LLP in Dallas.

2002

Samuel J. Barrett joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas as an Associate with its Corporate and Securities groups.

Nathan J. Boucher opened the Law Office of Nathan J. Boucher, PLLC in Dallas.

Jennifer Brockett McNeel and husband Ryan McNeel gave birth to son Brock McNeel November 2005. She was promoted to Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Concentra Inc.

Ryan McNeel and wife Jennifer Brockett McNeel gave birth to son Brock McNeel November 2005.

Jeremy A. Medeiros accepted the position of Contract Surety Bond Counsel for Safeco Surety in Dallas.

Michael Myers joined the law firm Stromberg & Associates P.C. in Dallas.

Christopher J. Paris formed the Partnership Van Stean & Paris with Austin Van Stean in Houston, Texas.

Luis Zambrano was elected to the Board of Directors of Gilda’s Club North Texas for a three-year term.

R. Scott Calili joined The Point Group in Dallas, as lead market research analyst and Assistant General Counsel.

David L. Clark accepted a position with Patterson & Sheridan LLP in Houston to be an Associate attorney in their Patent Litigation section.

David D. Johnston married Martha Olivia Gutierrez on April 30, 2005.

Michael Lang joined Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

Joseph P. Regan joined Winstead Sechrest & Minick in Fort Worth as an Associate in the firm’s litigation practice.

Blake Riordan joined Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

Andrew J. Rosell joined Kleinheinz Capital Partners Inc. in Fort Worth as General Counsel.

Jared Ross joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Dallas as an Associate in the firm’s corporate section.

Martin S. Sosolik moved to Austin with his wife
Anna Sosolik to be closer to family, where both are starting new jobs.

Jason A. West opened a new law firm Shore West Freeman PC in Longview, Texas, where they specialize in oil and gas law.

Jacob B. Wilson married Kristen Mistretta in October 2005 and is an attorney in the Securities and Corporate Law Department of Fed Ex Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee.

2003

Shelby Angel joined Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

Jesse Bush Butler is an Associate with Brown McCarroll, LLP in Austin, TX.

Emily Ann Carr became an Associate at the Law Office of B. Diane Heindel P.C. in Tyler, Texas, where they practice in criminal law, family law, general civil litigation, real estate, and wills and trusts.

Christy L. Fields joined Crouch & Ramey in Dallas as an Associate with its real estate practice group.

Charles Florsheim joined Fulbright & Jaworski as an Associate in their Dallas office.

Kathy Heffernan is working as a Transactional Attorney at Barlow Garsek & Simon in Fort Worth, Texas.

Christina Herrera served as Treasurer of the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association.

Francisco J. Lagger joined Severgini, Robiola, Grinberg & Larrechea in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

B. Adam McGough joined the Dallas City Attorney’s Office in October 2005 serving as the Community Prosecutor for Old East Dallas.

Steve Melendi joined the new firm of Tollefson, Bradley, Ball & Mitchell in Dallas as an Associate.

Gianna M. Ravenscroft accepted an Associate position at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, D.C.

Eileen R. Youens joined the Raleigh, North Carolina, office of Womble Caryle Sandridge & Rice PLLC.

2004

Stacy L. Blakeley joined Kleiman Lawrence

Baskind Fitzgerald LLP in Dallas as Of Counsel.

Chip Brooker joined the Payne Law Group in Dallas as an Associate.


Matt Grunert has begun working for Fulbright & Jaworski’s Houston office as an Employee Benefits attorney.

Kate Jett was elected as Associate Counsel of the Southwest Sports Group in Frisco, Texas.

Roshanak Khorasaghsemodabi joined Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

Linda S. LaRue joined Austin Commercial LLP.

Chase Laws is an Associate at the new firm Walters Balido & Crain in Dallas.

Kendra D. Link was sworn in as an Attorney-Advisor for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency in Washington, D.C.

JoDee L. Neil is an Assistant District Attorney in Collin County, Texas.

Tanya Oliveira joined the Dallas City Attorney’s Office Community Prosecution Program as an Assistant City Attorney and Oak Lawn Community Prosecutor.

Justin B. Tilley was named an Associate at Stewart Stimmel LLP in Dallas.

Steve Walkowiak joined Gruber Hurst Johansen & Hail LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

2005

Robert H. Baker joined Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons LLP in Dallas as an Associate.

W. Ira Bowman joined Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo in Dallas in the firm’s commercial litigation section.

Reene Chaftiz joined Strasburger & Price in Dallas as an Associate in the firm’s health care practice group.

Brian D’Amico joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Dallas as an Associate.

Monika Ehrman was hired at Locke Liddell & Sapp in Dallas as a litigation associate.

Melissa Gardner joined Strasburger & Price in Dallas as an Associate in the firm’s litigation practice group.

Crystal R. Gobble is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Transactions group at the Texas General Land office as of January 2005.

James R. Gourley joined Carstens & Cahoon in Dallas as a newly licensed patent Associate.

Kara D. Grimes joined Winstead Sechrest & Minick in Dallas as an Associate in the firm’s litigation and dispute resolution practices section. She and her husband had their first son Samuel Harris Grimes on August 10, 2005.

Jaime Gunnoe joined Brown, Sawicki, and Mitchell in Dallas as an Associate with the firm’s medical malpractice department.

Eric R. Hail joined Jenks & Gilchrist in Dallas as an Associate in the firm’s litigation practice group.
The Honorable Will R. Wilson Sr. ’37

Will R. Wilson Sr., age 93, died Dec. 14, 2005. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma and was first in his class at SMU Law School. Following graduation, he joined the law firm of Turner, Rogers, and Wynn, where he served as aide to future Mayor Woodall Rogers.

After serving in World War II, Wilson returned to Dallas and was elected Dallas County District Attorney. In 1950 he was elected to the Texas Supreme Court, where he served as an Associate Justice until 1956. He left the bench after he was elected Attorney General of Texas from 1957 thru 1962. He then co-founded the law firm Wilson, Kendall, Koch, and Randall in Austin, Texas. In 1969 he returned to public service as U.S. Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

In 1971, Wilson returned to Central Texas, where he was a rancher. During his retirement, he continued his public service as director of the Brushy Creek Water Control and Improvement District. He was also chairman of the Cullum and Boren Company and of the Wilson Land and Cattle Company. Wilson is an icon of law enforcement and known for leading the cleanup of court corruption, organized crime, gambling and prostitution across the state and around the country. He received the Outstanding Attorney General in the United States award by the National Association of Attorneys General in 1959, and in 2000 he was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of the SMU Dedman School of Law.
In Memoriam

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

Cleo C. Sessions ‘33
February 7, 2006

Dee Brown Walker ‘35
April 27, 2006

Will R. Wilson Sr. ‘37
December 14, 2005

R. Leslie Gleaves ‘39
June 17, 2005

Flora Borom ‘40
September 2, 2005

James R. Blakeney ‘41
November 4, 2003

Dewey A. Hunt Jr. ‘44
January 18, 2004

F. Leo Nevitt Jr. ‘47
January 10, 2006

Lawrence Ackels Sr. ‘48
April 12, 2006

Eddie B. Becker ‘48
April 21, 2006

William B. Jennings ‘48
December 19, 2005

Marcus F. Vasco ‘48
February 18, 2005

James D. Currie ‘49
October 29, 2004

Clyde L. Davis Jr. ‘49
April 12, 2006

Dan H. Farr ‘50
July 28, 2005

Lawrence R. Green ‘50
January 9, 2006

Wilson A. Hanna ‘50
July 7, 2005

Daniel D. Moon ‘50
October 3, 2003

Loncy L. Leake ‘51
July 31, 2005

Jack S. Cole ‘54
May 15, 2006

Robert D. Grisham ‘54
February 24, 2006

Alex H. McGlincey ‘54, ’65
April 2, 2006

Fred D. Rice ‘54
May 13, 2005

Farris V. Rose ‘54
January 1, 2005

J. Harvey Lewis ‘56
January 2, 2003

Lee S. Turner Jr. ‘57
October 28, 2003

J. Richard Gowan ‘58
January 20, 2006

Emmett M. Collins ‘59
September 12, 2005

William L. Evans Jr. ‘59
August 12, 2005

Richard Needham ‘61
April 6, 2006

John W. Pettry ‘61
December 2, 2005

Tom F. Reece Jr. ‘61
January 26, 2005

James C. Slaughter ‘62
July 5, 2005

Landon Winstead Jr. ‘63
April 22, 2005

James Brennan Jr. ‘65
May 23, 2005

Tom H. Satterwhite ‘65
January 27, 2003

M. Coleen Sewell ‘65
November 7, 2005

Ann Camille Jones ‘66
November 21, 2004

Spencer J. Brewer ‘67
January 26, 2006

Wesley C. Brister ‘67
November 17, 2005

Jim Curtis ‘67
August 7, 2004

Walter J. Woodman ‘67
July 7, 2005

Von M. Crain III ‘68
July 11, 2005

Ted H. Mitchell II ‘68
January 10, 2006

Loren L. Purvines ‘69
February 22, 2006

R. Michael Parker ‘70
March 21, 2006

Farideh Namazie ‘71
October 1, 2005

Bruce Twombly ‘71
October 10, 2005

John P. Byers ‘72
January 20, 2005

James L. Hicks Jr. ‘72
August 5, 2005

John F. Elder Jr. ‘73
January 13, 2005

Robert E. Henry Jr. ‘73
November 8, 2005

Charles Anderson ‘92
October 9, 2005

Dana Burton ‘95
August 27, 2005

* as of June 30, 2006
Alumni, faculty, law students, friends and families gathered before each of last season’s home football games to enjoy free food, drink and fellowship at the law school’s tent on the northern curve of Bishop Boulevard.

Plan to join us at the same location this fall two hours before game time, every home game! The tailgates include a hot food buffet, with a different featured entree each game ranging from bratwurst to gumbo to hamburgers. Guests are always welcome. A good time will be had by all!

2006 HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 16, 2006 (Family Weekend)  
SMU vs. Sam Houston State  
Tailgate at 5:00 - 7:00

September 23, 2006  
SMU vs. Arkansas State  
Tailgate at 5:00 - 7:00

October 14, 2006  
SMU vs. Marshall  
Tailgate at 12:00 - 2:00

October 31, 2006  
SMU vs. UAB  
Tailgate at 4:30 - 6:30

November 11, 2006 (Homecoming)  
SMU vs. Houston  
Tailgate at 12:00 - 2:00

November 18, 2006  
SMU vs. Tulsa  
Tailgate at 12:00 - 2:00

* Times subject to change
The Class of 1956 met at The Dallas Petroleum Club in downtown Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006.

Claude Wilson ’56 and Emlynn Wilson.

The Class of 1961 reunion was held at the Park Cities Club in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006.

Judge John McCall ’61 and Adelfa Callejo ’61.

Franklin Perry ’61, Ralph McDowell ’61 and Glynn Hatley ’61
The Class of 1966 reunited at the Park Cities Hilton in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006.

Jim Barklow ’66, Kathy Attanasio and David McLane ’66

Cynthia Alderson and James Alderson ’66

Class of 1971

The Class of 1971 met at the home of John and Kathy Jackson in Highland Park, Texas, April 22, 2006.

John Jackson ’71 and Albon Head ’71

Mary Ellen White ’71 and Judge Harlan Martin ’71
The Class of 1976 held their reunion at Margaux’s in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006.

Richard Dafoe ‘76, Colleen Dunbar ‘76, Steve Wolens ’76, and Dallas Mayor Laura Miller.

Michael Lynn ’75, Judge Barbara Lynn ’76, Jack Garvey, Mary Ann Garvey ’76, Ed Smith ’63, and Judge Nikki DeShazo ’76.

The Class of 1981 reunion was held at Ciudad in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006.

Judge Jane Boyle ’81, Daniel Hagood ’81, Kathy Attanasio, and Dawn Moore ’81.

Peter Riley ‘81 and Mike Gruber ‘81.
The Class of 1986 reunion was held at the SMU Meadows Museum, April 22, 2006. 

Dean John B. Attanasio, Shannon Savage Lynch ’86 and Ted Anderson ’86. 

Sally Crawford ’86 and Diane McFadin-Snelson ’86. 


Colin Cahoon ’91, Lee Michaels ’91 and Mark Schwartz ’91. 

Chris Atwell ’91 and Gretchen Atwell.

The Class of 2001 reunited at the Pepe’s & Mito’s Mexican Cafe in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006. Laura Ramirez ’01 and Jennifer Tobin ’01.

The Class of 2001 reunited at the Pepe’s & Mito’s Mexican Cafe in Dallas, Texas, April 22, 2006. Bart Biggers ’01, Melanie Biggers, Michelle Hartman Murawski ’01 and Brian Murawski.
Law Students Excel In Competitions

With two national championships in moot court and two national championships in mock trial, along with a host of other awards, this year’s BOA teams brought the Dedman School of Law nationwide recognition.

Melissa Iyer ’06 and Michael Ma ’07 were the national champions in the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. Ma also won the Best Oral Advocate award for the Southwest Region. Eighty-seven teams from law schools throughout the country participated in the 2005 competition. The winners and runner-ups of the six regional competitions met in the national competition at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association annual convention in Philadelphia in October 2005.

In addition, Valerie Lu ’07 and Josh Sandler ’08 took home the top trophy in the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition at Pepperdine University, Nov. 11-13, 2005. They also won best petitioner’s brief, and Sandler won second best Oral Advocate.

“Competing in the Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition was overall a very positive experience,” Lu said. “The months of preparation were both challenging and time-consuming, but once we arrived at the competition, all of our hard work paid off. My coach and teammate were wonderful, and having the competition in Malibu definitely made the experience more enjoyable.”

The Dedman School of Law sent two teams to the 2006 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, which is the largest and most prestigious moot court competition in the country. Jason Ellis ’07, Susannah Chester ’07 and Elizabeth Perry ’07 were national qualifiers, while Michael Ma ’07, Hillary Kramer ’06, and Melissa Iyer ’06 were regional finalists along with winning third-place for Best Brief. Ma was named Third Best Oral Advocate, and...
Iyer was named Fourth Best Oral Advocate.

Of the experience, Ma called the competitions “a wonderful experience and a highlight in my law school career.” He added that “the competitions have given me an unique opportunity to hone advocacy skills, develop strong friendships with practicing lawyers and judges, open up job opportunities not otherwise available, and provide an affirmation of my desire to practice law and be an advocate.”

In mock trial, SMU teams were national champions in the Michigan State Mock Trial Competition and the Georgetown White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition. Trey Crawford ’07, Ashley Goodwin ’06, Stephen Cumbie ’06, Duane Galligher ’07, and Aurora Perez ’07 were on the Michigan State team. Barrett Havran ’06, Mark Melton ’08, Brad Knapp ’07, Caroline Clore ’06, and Hilary Lefko ’08 were on the Georgetown White Collar Crime team. Havran won the award for Best Oral Advocate of the competition.

“Winning a national championship and an outstanding advocate award in Washington, D.C., competing against schools such as Georgetown, not only shows the talent of the students at SMU but is also a tribute to the type of coaches who volunteer their time,” Havran said. “Perhaps the most over-looked aspects of these BOA competitions are the relationships you build with your teammates and coaches. We spend the countless hours working and preparing because that it what we want to do and we all want to succeed. The motivation doesn’t come from grades but from each other and your coaches.”

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### 2005 – 2006

#### National Moot Court & Mock Trial Champions

**Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition**

- National Champions & Southwest Region Champions: Melissa Iyer and Michael Ma
- Southwest Regional Best Oral Advocate: Michael Ma
- Coaches: John Baker and Jana Dimmine

**John Marshall Moot Court Competition**

- 2nd Place Overall (Finalist):
  - Teresa Harrold, Beth Perry, and Josh Somers
  - Best Oral Argument: Teresa Harrold; Beth Perry; Josh Somers
  - Coaches: Nicola Shiels and Shana Burleson

**Administrative Law Moot Court Competition**

- 2nd Place Overall: Pradhath Boya, Elizabeth Boydston, and Haley DeVault
- 1st Place Oral Argument: Prabhath Boya, Elizabeth Boydston, and Haley DeVault
- Best Oral Advocate: Pradhath Boya
- Coach: Jessica Brown

**Jessup Southwest Regional Moot Court Competition**

- 2nd Place Overall: Julie Clements, Stephen Hopkins, Sean Hsu, Jocelyn Loftus-Williams, and Hailey Moore
- 2nd Best Oral Advocate: Sean Hsu
- Coaches: William Bridge and Ndiva Kofele-Kale

**ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition**

- National Qualifiers:
  - Jason Ellis, Susannah Chester, and Elizabeth Perry
  - Regional Finalist: Michael Ma, Hillary Kramer, and Melissa Iyer
  - 3rd Best Oral Advocate: Michael Ma
  - 4th Best Oral Advocate: Melissa Iyer
  - 3rd Best Brief: Michael Ma, Hillary Kramer, and Melissa Iyer
  - Coaches: Lance Caughfield and Rebecca Bell

**Wagner Labor and Employment Law National Moot Court Competition**

- National Finalist: Meyling Ly, Jeffrey Spigg, Heather Morgan, and Nathan Anderson (alternate)
- Coach: John Baker

**Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition**

- 3rd Best Oral Advocate: Alex Caraveo
- Coach: Dave Schulte

**Tulane Sports Law Moot Court Competition**

- Best Brief Award: Mary Lee Hackedorn
- Coaches: Kendall Kelly and Paul Grinke

**National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition**

- Best Brief Award: Britt Darwin and Rebecca Tillery
- Coaches: Lance Caughfield and Roshanak Khosravi

**Michigan State Moot Trial Competition**

- National Champions: Trey Crawford, Ashley Goodwin, Stephen Cumbie, Duane Galligher, and Aurora Perez
- Coaches: Randy Block, Clarke Wilcox, and John Ivey

**Georgetown White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition**

- National Champions: Barrett Havran, Mark Melton, Brad Knapp, Caroline Clore, and Hilary Lefko
- Best Oral Advocate: Barrett Havran
- Coaches: Andy Sommerman and Ward Maedgen

**Lone Star Mock Trial Competition**

- Best Oral Advocate: Troy Burleson
- Coaches: David Clouston and Leslie Moseley

**National Trial Competition**

- Regional Champions: Trey Crawford and Duane Galligher
- Regional Semi-finalist: Ashley Goodwin and Blake Glover
- Coaches: Randy Block, Katie Stepp, and John Ivey

**Association of Trial Lawyers of America Regional Semi-Finalist**

- Barrett Havran, Lindsay Martin, Stephen Cumbie, Greg Beane, and Kim Carner
- Coaches: Ashton Randall and Chris Joe
Congratulations to the 249 J.D. graduates and the 39 LL.M. and S.J.D. graduates of the Class of 2006. A few of our graduates discuss their experiences, dreams and words of wisdom they took to heart during their law school days at SMU.

Syeeda Amin
Bangladesh

Syeeda Amin was always encouraged to go into the sciences. She graduated from Yale University with a B.S. in chemical engineering and went to work for Procter and Gamble as a research engineer. After two years, she felt she had given engineering a try, but what she really wanted to do was practice law.

“I have always had this interest in law,” Amin said. “I want to be a part of shaping policy and enforcing laws.” She looked into several law schools, but SMU became her choice after she received the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship from the Dallas Bar Foundation.

“I am so grateful to the Dallas Bar Foundation. They have been so wonderful to us over the years,” Amin said. “I like that it is a scholarship that is truly supported by the legal community.”

While in school, Amin participated on the International Law Review and was associate managing editor her third year. She was also the student director for the Academic Skills Assistance Program, a first-year tutoring program.

After graduation, Amin is joining the firm of Littler Mendelson in the Dallas office. She also plans on integrating public service into her career so she can give back to the community in recognition of what the Dallas Bar Foundation and Bar None have done for her.

Elchin J. Babanli
Azerbaijan

Elchin Babanli received his Bachelor of Law and Master of Law in Constitutional Law from Baku State University in Azerbaijan. He also received a Master of Business Administration from Lindenwood University in Missouri. Wanting to specialize in oil and gas law, Babanli contacted SMU Professor John Lowe to find out which universities had excellent oil and gas programs, and Professor Lowe convinced Babanli to come to SMU.

“People at SMU were very welcoming, caring and an inspiration to us as international students, and this made my stay at SMU Dedman School of Law a very pleasant experience,” Babanli said.

While a student at SMU, Babanli was elected to the Student Bar Association as the LL.M. representative. He was also a member of the International Law Society and was a research assistant for Professor Lowe.

“The International Program is a perfect opportunity to share our professional background and our professional experiences as well as cultural and historical differences,” Babanli said.

Following graduation Babanli plans to live in the U.S. or Europe and to specialize in international consulting including international oil and gas law issues.
Prior to law school, Kaufman graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master in Professional Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin. He interned at the Washington, D.C., office of Deloitte & Touche, where he decided to pursue a law degree at SMU. He received the Martin Samuelsohn Scholarship from the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas.

“I didn’t know what to expect when I came to law school,” Kaufman said. “During my second and third years I really enjoyed the opportunities outside of the classroom such as doing research for professors, externships, and the law review. It’s great to have opportunities where you learn the theoretical in the classroom and then actually apply it in the extracurricular activities.”

One of his main extracurricular activities was as editor-in-chief of the International Lawyer Law Journal. In addition, he was a research assistant for Professor Marc Steinberg and Professor Joe Norton, and clerked for Judge Jorge A. Solis of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He particularly enjoyed teaching Law Related Education to children.

“Why did I want to become a lawyer?” Ding wondered. “Throw five coins into the air and the result is three heads and two tails. Heads means law school; tails means economics school,” Ding said. “I remember the very beginning of my law school life in China. My professor talked about the definition of law. I knew from that moment that the law is an affair of art which is between God and humans; the balance between justice and injustice, as an ancient Greek legal scholar once said.”

Ding graduated with an LL.B. from Fudan University Law School in Shanghai, China. While there, he heard about the SMU Dedman School of Law through an exchange program that Fudan University has with SMU. He applied and was granted a full scholarship as the recipient of the coveted Dr. Helmut Sohmen Scholarship.

“SMU is a damn good law school,” Ding said. “I have lots of friends who have studied or are studying at Harvard, Yale or NYU. But the education experience is the same. SMU will get better and better, that’s for sure.” Following graduation, Ding plans to work at a law firm in Shanghai, China, and would love to return someday to Texas.

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Kelly Boyington admitted that one of the reasons she decided to become a lawyer is because she always argued well with her family.

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Dallas, Texas

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Antonio Peña  
Mexico City, Mexico

Antonio Peña’s family has many lawyers. His wife is a lawyer; his sisters are lawyers; his parents are lawyers. So it comes as no surprise that he has always known he wanted to be a lawyer.

Born in Mexico, Peña received his first law degree at Panamerican University Law School in Mexico City in 1999. While in law school, he spent a year as an exchange student at Navarre University Law School in Pamplona, Spain. It was there that he met his future wife, Adriana.

In 2003 Peña, his wife and newborn baby, moved to the United States. To better prepare himself for American law, he enrolled at SMU to receive his LL.M. in Comparative and International Law. Three years later he completed not only his LL.M. from SMU but a J.D. as well.

“I am really appreciative to SMU for everything they have done,” Peña said. “I was working at a Braums for about 30 hours a week during my first semester. Associate Dean Gail Daly found out about my situation and offered me a job at the Underwood Law Library, and I kept that job until I graduated. It was a much better environment and allowed me to focus more on my studies and family.”

After graduation, Peña plans to join the Miami, Florida, office of Greenberg Traurig. In addition, both Peña and his wife are currently pursuing doctorates at Navarre University.

Abby Newman Ruth  
Dallas, Texas

Abby Newman Ruth received her B.S. from The University of Texas where she was captain of the UT Cheerleading squad. During her undergraduate education, she decided to intern in Washington, D.C., where her interest in law began.

“I interned for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in Washington, D.C., during my junior year in College,” Ruth said. “I was so interested in all the aspects of law. It was there that I really developed an interest for the law and determined that it was something that I wanted to pursue.”

Ruth was a member of the SMU Law Review Association and a Law Related Education teacher. During her third year, she was elected President of the SMU Law Review Association.

“During our administration, we really focused on setting a positive tone and tried to be a motivating force for our staff,” Ruth said. “We published the greatest number of books in SMU Law Review’s history. We hosted more symposia this year than we ever have, and we even won a new ABA symposium, The National Symposium on the American Jury System, that will occur this fall. We’ve had a very successful year, and I have enjoyed being a part of it.”

Upon graduation, Ruth is joining the litigation section at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP as an associate.

Paul Theiss  
Dallas, Texas

Paul Theiss graduated with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology from Indiana University.

“I originally wanted to go to law school because I wanted to be a sports agent,” Theiss said. “But after working a few internships with the PGA of America, I decided I didn’t want to be a sports agent anymore, but I did still want to go to law school.” Theiss spent most of his school career working on the SMU Law Review where he was editor-in-chief his third year.

“I really enjoyed law review my first year,” Theiss said. “As editor-in-chief, it is really interesting to see where the articles are coming from and to be instrumental in putting it all together. It is a good feeling at the end of the day when you have this finished book of law articles and to see what you have accomplished.”

He was also a tutor for the Academic Skills Assistance Program, a volunteer for first-year orientation, and participated in moot court competitions.

“It is really neat to go to a school like SMU that has such a presence in Dallas,” Theiss said. After graduation, Theiss is clerking for Judge Mary Lou Robinson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Afterwards, he will be working for Hughes & Luce in their litigation section.
Daphne Walker
Hereford, Texas

Daphne Walker received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. After graduation, she worked as a Registered Nurse in a rural hospital in Hereford, Texas. She and her husband moved to Arlington, Texas, in 2001 where she worked at Medical Center of Arlington.

“I initially thought I wanted to be a lawyer in high school, but my life took me in a different direction,” Walker said. “I went into nursing, and through my nursing experience I ended up being more involved in the legal aspects of health care, which drew me back into wanting to go to law school.”

After talking it over with her family, Walker, who has two children, applied to the SMU Dedman School of Law and received the Sarah T. Hughes Law Diversity Scholarship, which pays three years of full tuition.

“It was extremely difficult to balance my law school responsibilities with my work life and my family life,” Walker said. “I worked 20-30 hours a week and still had to participate in some of my kids’ activities and get them where they needed to be.”

Walker has accepted full-time employment with Fulbright & Jaworski in their health law section, where she clerked during the summer and has worked as a briefing clerk since September 2005.
LL.M. Class of 2006

The LL.M. Class of 2006 included 21 candidates for the Master of Laws degree in Comparative and International Law, 14 candidates for the Master of Laws Degree in Taxation, and three candidates for the Master of Laws degree. Our international LL.M. students came from Azerbaijan Republic, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Columbia, Ecuador, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Singapore, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia.
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U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (Texas) and U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (Pennsylvania) meet with the delegation from Egypt.

Judge Jane Boyle ’81, US District Court for the Northern District of Texas, meets with members of the delegation from Oman.

Elizabeth Thornburg, SMU Professor of Law, and William V. Dorsaneo III, SMU Chief Justice John and Lena Hickman Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law, meet with the delegation from Egypt.

U.S. Senator Mark Pryor (Arkansas) speaks to the delegation from Oman.

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