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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been another wonderful year at SMU Law, and I am so grateful for our law school faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. I hope you enjoy the 2017 issue of The Quad, which features some of our highlights from the past year.

Our faculty have been hard at work – teaching, advancing their research, and sharing their expertise at conferences and symposia around the world and through the local and national media. Jeff Kahn was selected as a Fulbright Research Scholar and will spend the year at the University of Oslo, Chis Jenks was appointed Special Assistant to the Department of Defense General Counsel at the Pentagon, and Jenia Turner was appointed to our new Amy Abboud Ware Centennial Professorship in Criminal Law, to name a few outstanding faculty accomplishments.

We are excited to welcome two remarkable new faculty members. Pamela Metzger joins us from Tulane and will be the director of our new Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center. Lolita Buckner Inniss joins us from Cleveland-Marshall and will teach property and critical race theory.

SMU is thrilled to announce that the ABA has awarded the law school its prestigious E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award, which honors excellence and innovation in professionalism programs. We are working hard to continue our tradition of excellence as we produce lawyers ready to take on the legal and ethical challenges of the future and we are delighted to receive this national recognition for our efforts.

In April, we gathered to honor six of our outstanding alums for their accomplishments and dedication to the law school and to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni Awards. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to pay tribute to all of our Distinguished Alumni Award winners who have impacted the law school, the profession, and the community in such a profound way.

Our Mustang Bar Law Alumni Association continues to grow and engage more alumni. The Mustang Bar now has 10 Chapters, including an International Chapter, and we hosted events in 13 cities in the past year. We recently visited Asia where we met with alumni and prospective students in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei, and Tokyo. The trip was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our law school alumni and friends in Asia.

We are honored to call you our graduates and celebrate all that you have accomplished. We are eager to make the Class Notes a more vibrant and interesting resource for you, so please remember to share your news with us for the next edition of The Quad!

Wishing you the best,

Jennifer M. Collins
2017 Marks the 30th Year of SMU Dedman School of Law’s Distinguished Alumni Awards

2017
Robert Scott Hart ’87
Forrest Smith J.D. ’57, LL.M. ’63
The Honorable Tonya Parker ’98
The Honorable Lady Justice Catherine Bamgugemereire LLM. ’03
Angela (Weninian) Zambrano ’97
Charles A. Tarpley

2016
A. Shawn Evans Brown ’98
Jim Baldwin ’86
Cecie Cox ’04
Windle Turley ’65
The Honorable Catharina Haynes

2015
Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira ’99
Siriporn Chaiyasuta ’85
G. Michael Gruber ’81
William G. Holstein, Jr. ’81
Joseph W. McKnight

2014
The Honorable Mary L. Murphy ’83
Wm. Stephen Boyd ’81
Dr. Sheny Shiyong ’81
Travis T. Tygart ’99
The Honorable Elizabeth Lang-Miers

2013
Wiley Yandell Rogers ’61
Congressman Lamar S. Smith ’75
Pablo Allain ’92
Dennis Grindinger ’82
William D. Powell ’57
Nancy Underwood

2012
Edward B. Rust, Jr. ’75
The Honorable Mary H. Harjono ’81
The Honorable Dean M. Gandy ’50
W. Richard Davis ’58
D. Wayne Watts ’80
The Honorable Sarah R. Saldana ’84
Carl Sewell

2011
Jack D. Knox ’63
The Honorable Sobchok Sukharomna ’81
The Honorable Barbara J. House ’78
Donald J. Maupin ’62
Dr. Richard Wright Hogeland ’57
Philip J. Wise ’81
Marshall P. Cloyd

2010
The Honorable Nikki T. DeShazo ’99
The Honorable S.M. Krishna ’59
Robert H. Dedman, Jr. ’84
Frank L. Branson ’69
Dr. Richard L. Morgan ’57
The Honorable Terry P. Means ’84
Cecil E. Chase ’63

2009
Robert Hardin ’75
The Honorable Jane Boyle ’81
Dr. Mieke Komar Kantastmodja ’70
Angela Braly ’85
Robert A. Gwinn ’54
Darwin J. Bruce ’75
Marlilyn Hussman Augur

2008
William L. Hutchison ’55 LL.B.
The Honorable Linda Thomas ’73
Robert H. Mow, Jr. ’63
The Honorable Yukio Horigame ’71
Emily A. Parker ’73
Robert Ted Enloe ’64

2007
Adela Botello Callejo ’61
Martin Samuelsjohn ’41
The Honorable Stephen N. Limbaugh Jr. ’77
John H. McShane ’98
The Honorable Bagir Manan ’81
Raymond D. Noah ’66
The Honorable Alberto Gonzales

2006
Harriet Miers ’70
The Honorable Terry R. Means ’74
Edward V. Smith III ’63
Robert E. Meier ’68
Dr. Julio Cesar Cueto-Rua ’53
The Honorable Dianne Jones ’89
Rear Admiral Hugh Don Campbell ’62
Martha Hardwick Hofmeister

2005
Darrell E. Jordan ’64
The Honorable Richard A. Schell ’75
James H. “Blackie” Holmes III ’59
Dr. Mohamed Aboul-Enein ’67
Emiel Moore ’81
Captain Glenn N. Gonzalez ’74
Richard M. Hull, Jr. ’64
Nancy McMillan Dedman

2004
Walter P. Hume Jr. ’67
Judith K. Johnson ’75
The Honorable Fred Biery ’73
Donald E. Godwin ’73
The Honorable Reynato S. Puno ’67
Rhonda Hunter ’80
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison

2003
Gerald J. Ford ’69
Alphonso Head, Jr. ’71
The Honorable Sharon Keller ’78
Webber W. Beal, Jr. ’59
Robert B. Rowling ’79
The Honorable Lincoln Macalalad da Rocha ’63
The Honorable Ralph M. Hall ’51
Vester T. Hughes, Jr.

2002
Erle A. Nye ’65
John T. Sharpe ’60
The Honorable Deborah G. Hankinson ’83
George W. Bromblott, Jr. ’66
David B. Dillon ’76
The Honorable Sheghari Negishi ’60
The Honorable Edward V. Robbins ’61
Jack M. Kinnebrew J.D. ’67
LL.M. ’73
James C. Thompson

2001
Halima Johnson ’66
Gordon R. Carpenter ’48
The Honorable James A. Baker ’58
John R. Houston ’76
Clark J. Matthews II ’61
Herbert A. Marshall ’63
The Honorable Anthony O. Garza, Jr. ’83
The Honorable Ron Kirk

2000
Robert H. Dedman, Sr. ’53
E. Ray Hutchison ’59
The Honorable Nathan L. Hecht ’74
Reza E. Nami ’92
Stewart Morris ’43
The Honorable Meechai Ruchupan ’66
The Honorable W.C. Creuzot ’82
The Honorable Will R. Wilson, Sr. ’37

1999
The Honorable Hideo Chikusa ’62
Logan Ford ’30
Felix Tsai ’78
The Honorable Craig T. Enoch ’75
The Honorable Barbara M. Lynn ’76
William L. Hutchison ’35
The Honorable Ray Granillo-Ocampo ’88

1998
Harriet Miers ’70
The Honorable Max N. Osborn ’53

1997
Blake Tartt, Jr. ’59
Adela Botello Callejo ’61
J.K. Loh ’59

1996
Robert H. Mersher ’57
Robert L. Meyers III ’60

1995
Alan D. Feld ’60
Carl W. McKinnon ’66

1994
John R. Johnson ’65
Thomas W. Luce III ’65

1993
E. Taylor Armstrong ’31
J. Carlisle Dehay, Jr. ’49
Louis E. Baghope ’52

1992
Donald L. Case ’59
Sidney Stahl ’56

1991
Robert G. Vial ’50
Michael H. Boone ’67

1990
The Honorable Barbara Culver Clack ’51
Charles W. Hall

1989
Harry A. Shuford ’39
Edward B. Rust, Jr. ’75

1988
The Honorable Charles E. Long, Jr. ’35
The Honorable James L. Noel, Jr. ’38
Herbert S. Kendrick ’60
The Honorable Charles J. Murray ’50
Louis J. Weber, Jr. ’56
Neil J. O’Brien ’57
Eugene L. Smith ’58
On April 5, 2017, SMU Dedman School of Law celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, an evening that commemorated the enormous contributions 30 years of winners have made to the law school, the profession, and the community over the law school’s 90-plus years.

Since 1988, SMU Dedman School of Law has recognized more than 150 of its past graduates and honorary alumni who have used their legal educations to protect the rule of law, to represent the poor and powerless and to improve communities at home and around the world.

More than 400 alumni, friends, dignitaries and supporters of SMU Dedman Law attended the April dinner and presentation of the awards.

The 30th Anniversary DAA event kicked off by recognizing previous distinguished alumni who were in attendance. Twenty-five past Distinguished Alumni honorees – including former White House Counsel Harriet Miers, Haynes and Boone founding partner Mike Boone, Dr. Pepper General Counsel Jim Baldwin, high-profile Houston trial lawyer Rusty Hardin, and U.S. District Judge Jane Boyle – were present for the ceremony.

“These women and men are exceptional leaders of our profession and have provided immeasurable service to the law school and the legal community,” said Dean Jennifer Collins, who recognized each of the previous award-winning alums at the event.

Candles bearing name cards for each of the school’s past Distinguished Alumni Award recipients filled the ballroom with light. “These amazing people have shined so brightly in championing the public good, and for their indelible contributions, we are so deeply grateful,” said Dean Collins. “The Distinguished Alumni Award is the law school’s way of saying thank you for your dedication to the law and our communities and to express just how proud we are of you and your accomplishments.”
Six extraordinary lawyers and judges shared insightful and heart-moving personal tales and experiences when they were honored this past April at SMU Dedman School of Law’s 30th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony.

The 2017 recipients include two extraordinary and gifted trial lawyers – U.S. Air Force combat pilot and aviation law expert Charles A. Tarpley, and Angela Zambrano ’97, who co-chairs the Complex Commercial Litigation practice of global law firm Sidley Austin.

The list also includes two highly respected jurists – Lady Justice Catherine Bamugemereire LL.M. ’03 of the Uganda Court of Appeals and Texas District Judge Tonya Parker ’98 – who have broken barriers and demonstrated true leadership under extraordinary pressures.

Finally, there are the two of America’s most innovative and esteemed corporate lawyers – Robert Hart ’87, who serves as Senior Executive VP, General Counsel and Secretary for Mark Cuban Companies, and Forrest Smith ’57, LL.M. ’63, who served as corporate counsel at Mobil Oil for more than 30 years and founded the Texas General Counsel Forum.

CHARLES A. TARPLEY
Honorary Alumnus Award

Born in Sherman and raised in Dallas, Charles Tarpley was fascinated with flying. He built and flew model airplanes as a teenager and he dreamed of being a pilot.

To say he reached his dreams would be an understatement. In fact, law experts widely regard Tarpley as one of the world’s leading authorities at the crossroads of aviation and insurance law. It is a reputation that is well-earned.


A graduate of SMU’s School of Engineering and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business, Tarpley obtained his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

“There is no question that Charles Tarpley helped define the conversation regarding aviation law for three decades,” Dean Collins said when recognizing Tarpley with SMU Dedman Law’s Honorary Alumnus Award. “He has chaired SMU’s Air Law Symposium for 35 years. Under his leadership, it is the largest and oldest air law symposium in the world.”

As chair of the SMU Air Law Symposium, Tarpley serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Air Law & Commerce. The journal is the oldest scholarly periodical in the English language devoted primarily to the legal and economic problems affecting aviation and space. It has a circulation of more than 2,300 subscribers in 54 countries.

Tarpley also has taught aviation law as an adjunct professor at SMU Dedman Law.

With his experience as a pilot and a lawyer, Tarpley frequently testifies as an expert witness in cases involving commercial aviation disputes and he is a regular lecturer at aviation and insurance conferences in the U.S. and around the world.

Tarpley was a trial lawyer at the Chicago-based law firm Lord Bissell & Brook, which is now known as Locke Lord, and an electrical engineer at General Electric. He also served as senior vice president and secretary for Aviation Office of America Inc., a subsidiary of Xerox Corp.

The 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

by MARK CURRIDEN
When Angela Zambrano finished college and was contemplating going straight into the workforce, her mother wrote her a letter urging her to go to SMU Law School.

“It will open doors for you and provide opportunities that you cannot understand now,” her mother wrote.

“She was right,” said Zambrano, who now co-leads the Complex Commercial Litigation practice at the global law firm Sidley Austin.

“My 22-year-old self could not imagine the transformative powers that this university would have on my life. SMU has literally changed my stars.”

Born in Topeka, Kansas to two teenage parents, Zambrano was the oldest of three children. Her parents knew the key to success was a great education.

Zambrano was the first person in her family to graduate from college – the University of Kansas in 1994 with a degree in business and a minor in economics. Despite having to work throughout college to pay for tuition and living expenses, she graduated with honors.

Zambrano arrived at SMU nearly penniless. When her 10-year-old Ford broke down during her first week of law school, Zambrano decided to walk to classes so as not to fall behind. She didn’t take into account the 100-degree temperatures in Dallas in August and arrived drenched in sweat. One of her classmates kindly offered to drive her until she could get on her feet financially. The hard work and perseverance paid off. She graduated second in her class, magna cum laude and Order of the Coif in 1997.

“First and foremost, this law school gave me relationships with amazing classmates who are interesting and smart and caring,” Zambrano said in accepting the Distinguished Alumni Award recognizing Emerging Leaders. “They became my friends and now sometimes even my clients. They are the backbone of my community in this great city.”

After clerking for Chief Judge Mary Beck Briscoe of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, Zambrano was hired as an associate in the Dallas office of the elite Wall Street law firm Weil Gotshal & Manges. In 2006, she made partner.

While she was still an associate, she was assigned the task of interviewing law school students for potential clerkships. One of them was an SMU Dedman Law honors student named Luis Zambrano.

“When I interviewed him, I saw something special right away,” she said.

Weil hired Luis and then Angela married him. He is now a litigation partner at Estes Thorne & Carr. They have three children. She coaches both daughters’ softball teams and is a Girl Scout troop leader.

In 2013, Zambrano joined a group of eight Weil partners that moved their legal practices to Sidley Austin, where she represents businesses and boards of directors in complex litigation cases involving allegations of breach of contract, securities fraud, consumer class actions, internal investigations, and employment-related claims.

Zambrano made news in 2016 when, as president of the Dallas Women Lawyers Association, she successfully pushed the Dallas Bar Association’s board of directors to give the women’s bar two seats on the DBA board.

“Angela is not only a superb trial lawyer, she is a leader in the legal profession and in our community,” Dean Collins said. “Angela is a truly great representative of SMU Dedman Law.”
Always smiling and ever giving thanks to God, Justice Bamugemereire was appointed in October 2015 to the Uganda Court of Appeals, which doubles as the nation's Constitutional Court.

Justice Bamugemereire champions causes of the people who are the silent victims of corruption. Despite the high risks associated with her work, her resilience and tenacity are unmatched.

“Justice Bamugemereire is passionate about good governance, the fight against corruption, human and women’s rights and the strengthening of anti-corruption institutions,” said Dean Collins, who presented the judge with SMU Dedman Law's Distinguished Global Alumni Award.

Justice Bamugemereire was born in Bumbo, 200 miles out of Kampala in the Mbale Region in the Eastern Region of Uganda. Her now-deceased father was a lay magistrate.

“He was my first encounter with the law,” she says.

In accepting the Distinguished Alumni Award, Justice Bamugemereire praised her professors at SMU Dedman Law.

“Today, I live for the law,” she said. “I work for the law. I administer the law, because you taught me the law.” She said SMU’s faculty showed her that “international human rights will not work in Africa if we do not fight the scourge of corruption.

“SMU is a beacon of hope that proves to us that problems such as corruption can be tackled. I thank SMU for giving me the opportunity to broaden my knowledge.”

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) operations in Mexico.

Two years later, she received her Master of Laws in Comparative and International Law (LL.M.) from SMU Dedman Law.

In 2010, Justice Bamugemereire was appointed to serve on the High Court Bench in Uganda, where she worked in the court's Anti-Corruption and Family Divisions. During the past six years, she presided over three high-profile and televised commissions of inquiry as well as cases exploring corruption and mismanagement within the City and Uganda National Roads Authority.

In December 2016, Uganda President Museveni appointed Justice Bamugemereire to chair a Commission of Inquiry into the Land Sector. President Museveni noted the judge had done “a very good job” in her previous appointments “despite intimidation.”

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Conducting inquiries into corruption and mismanagement of public resources in Africa is a dangerous business because it threatens those who may have acquired ill-gotten wealth. During the probe into the Road Sector, Justice Catherine Bamugemereire was visiting family in London when she was urged by Ugandan Security Officers to move to a safe location.

“If you are in a public place, please get out quietly,” the security official bellowed at the end of the line. “Go back to your hotel, because we cannot guarantee your safety.”

Justice Bamugemereire was grateful to the Security Forces for their diligence, but she admitted she wondered what she had gotten herself into.

“Corruption is the single biggest bottleneck to development in Africa today,” she told a reporter in 2016. “Corruption must be confronted head-on in order to take Africa to the next level.”

International law experts have described Justice Bamugemereire as a “crusader for justice” and “corruption’s biggest enemy in Africa.”
THE HONORABLE
TONYA PARKER ’98
Distinguished Alumni Award
for Judicial Service

Judge Tonya Parker grew up in North Dallas and was the first in her family to go to college. While a student at the University of North Texas studying communications and public address, Judge Parker organized a Black History event that featured a local judge as the speaker. After the program, the judge told the young student that she should seriously consider law school and becoming a trial lawyer.

“That was my first exposure to someone who worked in law,” Judge Parker said in an interview in 2008. “Up to that point, the only judges I heard about were the ones who sentenced members of my community to jail. Something just clicked for me when she made the suggestion and I knew the law was the path for me.”

Judge Parker was attracted to SMU for its trial advocacy program. She dominated moot court, winning every competition she entered. It was there, she said, that she learned to be a fierce courtroom competitor.

The Dallas law firm White & Wiggins hired Judge Parker to work in its litigation section, where she represented government entities, companies, business leaders and individuals in an array of civil disputes in state and federal courts.

“It was clear right away that Tonya had the intelligence, skills and enthusiasm to be an excellent trial lawyer,” said H. Ron White.

Judge Parker worked at White & Wiggins for a decade and made partner at the end of her seventh year. In 2007, she took her successful complex commercial trial practice to the litigation boutique known then as Gruber Hurst Johansen Hail, where she became the firm’s first African-American partner.

With the encouragement of her law partners, Judge Parker sought election to the state court bench. The Dallas Morning News endorsed Parker, saying that Dallas County was “badly in need of solid, ethical new leadership” and calling her “an impressive lawyer with diverse legal experience and a bright future as a leader.” The voters agreed, electing Judge Parker to serve on the 116th Judicial District Court in November 2010. She won re-election in 2014 and plans to seek a third term in 2018.

“Iron sharpens iron,” Judge Parker said when receiving the SMU Dedman Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service. “I am grateful to have spent and to spend much of my life with the most talented and capable [lawyers] that the legal profession has in our country. Being in your company has made me a better lawyer and a better judge.

“I thank you for showing our bar that when people and firms truly commit to excellence and equality and diversity, they don’t have to trade one for another,” she said. “All three can be pursued at the same time and you never have to give one up to get the others. Thanks to each of you for pursuing me and investing in me, for standing by me and most of all, for giving me a chance to realize my potential.”

Judge Parker is consistently recognized for her performance and temperament on the bench. The Dallas Bar Association, in its Judicial Evaluation Poll of local lawyers in 2013 and 2015, gave her an overall approval rating well above 90 percent — the highest of any civil district judge evaluated. And her peers recognized Judge Parker’s leadership by selecting her to be president of the Texas Association of District Judges.

“Judge Parker is a champion of justice on and off the bench,” Dean Collins said. “She has relentlessly pursued her passion for equality under the law and earned the respect of her colleagues in the bar and on the bench.”

In 2015, the American Board of Trial Advocates named Judge Parker the group’s “Trial Judge of the Year.” The American Bar Association’s Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity awarded her its prestigious Stonewall Award in 2017.

Judge Tonya Parker has clearly lived by her motto: “Shrink from no sacrifice in one’s service of God, family and community.”
ROBERT HART ’87
Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service

Born in Lincoln, Rhode Island, Robert Hart attended Boston University where he earned joint B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science and a minor in sociology. He spent a semester studying abroad at the University of Copenhagen, which allowed him to travel extensively to other countries, including the former Soviet Union. In 1983, Hart took a Greyhound bus from Providence, Rhode Island, to Dallas to check out SMU’s law school.

“It was a very interesting and challenging trip with lots of very interesting people on that bus,” he said. “Took two days to get here.”

With the assistance of SMU law professors Joe McKnight and Peter Winship, Hart attended SMU’s summer program at University College at Oxford University. In 1987, he graduated from SMU Dedman Law with joint J.D./M.B.A. degrees.

After graduation, Hart spent several years doing transactional work at Bracewell. His first client as a first-year associate was Mark Cuban.

In 1995, while Hart was visiting him at his house, Cuban exhibited his new technology putting radio broadcast sporting events from across the country on the internet.

“Mark talked about clicks and eyeballs, which I had never heard before,” Hart told The Texas Lawbook in a 2016 interview. “I didn’t think the concept had much merit, but I had complete faith Mark would turn it into something successful.”

Cuban did. He ended up altering his radio internet business to broadcast video over the internet and then selling Broadcast.com to Yahoo for more than $5 billion. Over the next few years, Hart helped Cuban invest in real estate and worked on several other transactions, continuing to be Cuban’s personal outside counsel.

Hart’s first major business assignment from Cuban came in 1999 when the Mavericks owner called to say that he had just purchased a Gulfstream V (G5) private jet over the internet for $41 million.

“There was no hand-signed contract. It was a transaction done completely over the internet,” Hart said. “Mark had already wired the money and I was trying to catch up. It was very scary buying the plane over the internet because that big of a financial transaction over the internet had never happened before.”

In fact, the $41 million purchase is still the largest internet transaction ever, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

“None of Mark’s early deals were simple,” Hart said. “I had to learn a lot very quickly.”

In 2000, Cuban officially named Hart his corporate general counsel. In 2013, Hart was promoted to senior executive vice president for Mark Cuban Companies, which encompasses nine separate operations comprising more than 100 business entities.

During the past two decades, Hart has advised Cuban on major projects, including the acquisition of the Dallas Mavericks, oversight of the construction of the American Airlines Center, formation of the AXS TV Network, purchase of the Landmark/Magnolia Theatre chains, defending Cuban in a civil lawsuit brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission and “Shark Tank” television show-related matters, among many others.

“I learned quickly with Mark that I had to be on my toes and go fast,” Hart said in accepting the Distinguished Alumni Award for Corporate Service. “Now, I have been working with him for 30 years. It has been an amazing journey.”

“I don’t think I would have been able to do it if I had not had the fine faculty at SMU,” he said. “I bleed SMU.”
FORREST SMITH ’57
Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice

Nearly 70 years ago, a teenage Forrest Smith and his parents made their first trip to visit the campus of SMU.

“I was told to take a right at Loop 12, go 17 miles and I couldn’t miss,” Smith recalls. “I did that. After 15 minutes, we made a turn and there it was – in all its splendor. I went to the first building and asked, ‘Where’s the law school?’

“The lady told me, ‘Son, you are seven miles short. This is Buckner Orphans Home.’ I am thankful that my parents didn’t leave me there,” he says.

Born in Beaumont, Smith received his bachelor’s degree from Southwestern University in 1949. He attended the evening program at SMU Law School, where he met his wife Martha on a blind date. They will celebrate their 66th anniversary this December, and have five daughters and eight grandchildren.

“Forrest realized early in life that his calling was to ‘follow his heart’ and serve his fellow man,” Dean Collins said. “Becoming a lawyer would help realize that dream. During his 65-year career, Smith found ways to solve complex legal and community problems.”

Known as the great unifier, Smith brought together adversaries in the courtroom, boardroom and the community to affect profound change. He learned early in his career that finding common ground with all sides led to positive results.

During 31 years as a lawyer at Mobil, he handled numerous employment law matters, including litigating about 50 arbitrations, but his specialty was state and local tax. He also found time to become an adjunct professor in the evening program at SMU Law School.

In the mid-1970s, it became clear to Smith that state court judges were no longer being elected based on their qualifications. As a result, he helped create the Committee for a Qualified Judiciary, which was designed to assist voters in evaluating judicial candidates. The CQJ is still active and influential in judicial elections.

In 1983, Smith got the opportunity of a lifetime to take a case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The case was *Container Corp. v. Franchise Tax Bd.*

“During the mid-1970s, the biggest issue facing international corporations was whether states had the ability to tax income of U.S. corporations when the income was earned totally outside of the U.S. Although we lost by a 5 to 3 decision, it was a thrill of a lifetime to be there,” he said.

In 1984, he retired from Mobil to become President of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, where he forged partnerships with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

In 1997, Smith came up with the idea of creating a non-profit organization of corporate in-house lawyers that shared best practices. As a result, the Texas General Counsel Forum was founded.

Smith has received many honors and awards and is particularly pleased to have received The Dallas Morning News Father of the Year Award and the The Justinian Award from the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary, and to have been named a Lion of the Texas Bar in 2016 by The Texas Lawbook.

“Every day from the Lord is a precious day,” Smith said in accepting the Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice. “Every once in a while, He sends one that is absolutely amazing. I believe this is one of those.

“One of the greatest honors that a lawyer can receive is from his peers,” he said. “When that recognition is from his alma mater, then that recognition is exponentially increased.”

Now 88 and dealing with chronic leukemia, Smith still maintains an active life. “The leukemia may have dampened my love of golf and tennis, but it has given me more time for my family, my friends, and my church – The Potter’s House.” Smith is Chairman of the Board of the North Texas Better Business Bureau, serves as Honorary Consul General of Thailand for his 28th year, and is senior partner with Friedman & Feiger.
By BROOKS IGO

It was the Wednesday of spring break, and SMU Professor Natalie Nanasi and eight Dedman School of Law students were emotionally drained.

They had just received difficult news – the kind that “knocks the air out of your lungs” – that one of their clients, a Honduran woman who had been sexually assaulted and who had received threats on her life and the lives of her children, had received an unfavorable ruling from an immigration judge and would almost certainly be deported.

The first half of the week had been overwhelming. Working in pairs, the students had met with at least 20 detainees each day at the Karnes County Residential Center, a family immigration detention center located one hour south of San Antonio.

The detainees were women and children, from eight months to 15 years old. The majority did not speak English and were from Central America’s Northern Triangle – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. They were not economic migrants; they were fleeing for their personal safety.

Nanasi had high expectations for this trip. She figured it would be life-changing for her students, whom she convinced to give up their spring break to spend it in one of the three family immigration detention facilities in the country.

“The day-to-day was incredibly different than what I expected,” said Nanasi, Assistant Professor of Law and director of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women. “You can’t really prepare for this kind of experience.”

Listening to story after story of hardship was emotionally taxing. Being in the stressful and repressive environment of the detention center added to the intensity, Nanasi said.
Anticipating the emotional toll the work could have on her students, Nanasi invited a trauma specialist from Genesis Women’s Shelter to join them. She proved to be an invaluable resource of encouragement for the team.

On Thursday, the team resolved to pick themselves up and get back to work. At the end of the trip, Nanasi reported that her students were proud they persevered and were incredibly impacted by their week in Karnes County.

Marshall Momin, who was a second-year law student at the time of the trip, called the experience an “eye-opener.” She previously worked as a paralegal at a business immigration law firm and interned last summer with an immigration court in Houston. The SMU clinic offered her another perspective on asylum law.

“This trip showed us you don’t have to have complete expertise in immigration law to help,” Momin said. “Advocating on someone’s behalf is much more than knowing the law.”

The architect of this transformational program, Nanasi was the director of the domestic violence clinic at American University, Washington College of Law, when SMU selected her to lead the newly launched Hunter Legal Center, created in 2014 thanks to a $5 million gift from Ray and Nancy Ann Hunt.

Nanasi described the opportunity as her “dream job,” combining her two main interests: immigration and gender violence. She said the place where these two issues intersect is critically important because the “area of vulnerability is unparalleled.”

Immigration is personal for Nanasi. She and her family came to the U.S. from Hungary in the 1980s through the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program.

“There is always some part of myself that relates to the immigrant experience,” she said.

The inspiration for the trip to one of the country’s family detention centers came in 2014 as the unaccompanied minor crisis heated up. Being in Texas amid the new presidential administration’s focus on immigration only increased the importance of finding a way to meet the legal needs of detainees, Nanasi said.

Mary Spector, Associate Dean for Clinics at SMU Dedman School of Law, praised Nanasi for creating a trip that was “designed wonderfully and executed beautifully.” She said it demonstrated that lawyers have “special tools” to make a positive impact in people’s lives.

“Personally, I was moved,” Spector said. “I want to go next year and do what I can to help this incredibly vulnerable population.”

The eight SMU law students spent most of their time at the Karnes County Residential Center counseling clients on an area of asylum law called the “credible fear interview” (CFI). Each client session preparing for the CFI took an average of one to two hours.

The CFI is a process where the detained individual must demonstrate that there is a significant possibility that she will be subject to persecution based on one of five reasons: race, religion, national origin, membership in a social group or political opinion.

Gender is not a protected group. Nanasi said this makes gender-based violence and gang-based violence the most difficult asylum cases.

A key challenge to helping the detained women prepare for their CFI’s involved getting them to share their stories in a way that met the criteria to achieve a positive credible fear determination. The language barrier made this more difficult, though two of the SMU students were native Spanish speakers.

“They think they have to explain why they are afraid, but this could not be further from the truth,” Nanasi said. “It has to fit a narrow legal category. You need someone with legal expertise to explain to the women what they have to do.”

The negative ruling from the immigration judge that had crushed the SMU team on Wednesday of their week in Karnes County was not, in fact, the end of the road for the Honduran woman and her young children.

Law students Alyssa Morrison (2L) and Paola Muñoz (LL.M.) wrote a brief appealing the negative CFI determination by the judge. In mid-April, they learned that the ruling had been overturned and their client was released from the detention center.

Josh Karam, a third-year joint J.D./M.B.A. student, plans to return to the Karnes Detention Center before school starts back up. He summed up the feelings of his team perfectly.

“Getting to use our legal education and the gifts and blessings we have been afforded has been one of the most rewarding things you can experience in law school and after.”

STUDENT REFLECTIONS FROM A WEEK AT KARNES Panel Discussion, April 18, 2017

“This trip will forever shape how I view humanity.”

“All my concerns went out the window when I realized I had to be there emotionally for our clients.”

“You can show compassion regardless of the language barrier.”

“Speaking in court to a judge was the most impactful experience I’ve had in law school.”
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May 30, 2017
Taipei Alumni Reception

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 Texas Women Lawyers Annual CLE and Annual Meeting

March 22, 2017
 Retiring Professor Maureen Armour “Last Lecture: 25 Years in the Basement”

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April 18, 2017
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August 17, 2016
Alumni Lunch - Student Orientation

September 15, 2016
Haynes and Boone, LLP Inns of Court Welcome Reception

September 19, 2016
Law School Lessons from Community Fellows

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February 14, 2017
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February 27, 2017
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March 7, 2017
Mustangs Give Back Day

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Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst Moot Court Competition

March 27, 2017
A Conversation with Bob Rowling ’79, Chairman & CEO of TRT Holdings, Inc.

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Jackson Walker Moot Court Competition

April 17-28, 2017
#LawGradsGiveBack 3L Giving Challenge for Bridge & Armour Scholarship

May 20, 2017
Graduation Hooding Ceremony
Barbara Bush was a self-described “young and idealistic” 21-year-old student at Yale University during her father President George W. Bush’s first term when she had a life-changing experience that would ultimately be the springboard for her career in global health care.

The former first daughter took two weeks off from her summer internship at a New York design firm to attend the launch of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Uganda. Bush was shocked to see hundreds of people waiting for drugs and vaccines that are readily available in the U.S.

“I was enraged by the idea that where you are born can limit your life,” she told more than 400 people, including former First Lady Laura Bush, at the SMU Dedman School of Law Louise B. Raggio Endowed Lecture Series. The event was held at the Bush Institute at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on April 18.

Before her next semester at Yale, Bush decided to switch her major from architecture to the humanities. It was in a conversation years
Bush calls her grandmother and namesake “The Enforcer” for having no fear in using her voice and fiercely protecting whomever she loves.

later with her sister, Jenna Bush Hager, where the idea to build a movement for health equity was born.

Bush said her sister talked with someone at a conference about tapping into young people who are passionate about solving social problems and creating a Teach for America for global health.

Bush co-founded Global Health Corps in 2009. Since that time, the organization has placed almost 1,000 young leaders from more than 20 countries with non-profit and government health organizations.

“What’s amazing is how solvable health problems are,” she said. “We have the tools that can change entire countries.”

In 10 years, CEO Bush says Global Health Corps will have thousands of alums who are highly-connected and rising to positions of influence. This is Bush’s long-term vision.

“The more partners and the more people you can share ideas with, the better it will get,” she said. “Everyone should have access to what they need to live a healthy life.”

The lecture, facilitated by SMU Law Dean Jennifer Collins, turned emotional when Bush started talking about her grandfather, President George H.W. Bush, who had been hospitalized earlier that month.

“Being soft and caring about other people is a source of strength,” she said of her grandfather. “It is hard to see that in our world now.”

The mood lightened when she told stories about growing up in the first family. She said public service was engrained in them at an early age.

“I thought you became president when you were a grandfather,” she laughed. “I asked a friend when I was 8 years old when her grandfather would be inaugurated.”

Growing up in the first family “opened the world to us,” Bush said, and included events such as sitting next to Russian President Vladimir Putin at an 18-person private dinner.

Bush was the fourth featured speaker of the SMU Dedman School of Law Raggio Endowed Lecture Series. The first three were U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Jill Abramson, former executive editor of The New York Times; and Susan Hawk, former Dallas County District Attorney.
We are profoundly grateful for the generous support of our wonderful friends and alumni! Because of your help, we continue to provide our students with the best possible education and help them secure outstanding employment outcomes upon graduation.

Every gift matters - no matter the size - whether creating a long-term endowment or providing funds for today’s most pressing needs. Every gift makes a real impact.

Annual gifts for current use strengthen every part of SMU Dedman Law and make an immediate impact. That’s why SMU has started Pony Power: Strengthening the Stampede, a three-year drive to raise annual gifts that help today’s students and faculty - and build a foundation for even more ambitious efforts in the decades to come.

Your Pony Power gift will provide key support in many meaningful ways. Gifts for scholarships, for example, mean we can attract top students and reduce student loan debt. Gifts that support our robust Clinical Program mean more of our students can get vital hands-on learning opportunities while they serve more of those in need in our community. Gifts for faculty research and other investments in faculty excellence help us attract and retain outstanding scholars and teachers.

One great way to get involved is to make a gift to the SMU Fund for Dedman Law, which provides flexible support for key priorities and emerging opportunities. Your gift to this Fund helps with all of Dedman Law’s strategic priorities.

A committee of volunteer leaders representing academic schools and constituencies is leading the Pony Power initiative. Thank you to Jim Baldwin ’86 for serving as the law school’s representative on the committee!
THE ROARK REED FUND TO SUPPORT THE CRIMINAL CLINIC

David Dillon ’76 has established a fund to support Dedman Law’s Criminal Clinic in honor of the late Professor Emeritus Roark Reed. Professor Reed was a law school legend known for his passion for serving the underprivileged and his fierce commitment to justice. Professor Reed joined the SMU Law faculty in 1975 to start the Criminal Justice Clinic and also served as Associate Dean for Clinical Education. We are so honored that David Dillon has generously offered to match all gifts to the Roark Reed Fund up to $100,000.

THE BRIDGE & ARMOUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The graduating Class of 2017 created the Bridge & Armour Scholarship Fund in honor of retiring Professors Bill Bridge and Maureen Armour. Taking the lead on fundraising, the students designated their class gift so that the legacies of these professors will live on in the form of a student scholarship. Special thanks to Timothy Reames ’61 for his generous gift of $30,000 and to Scott Kimpel ’98 for his very thoughtful match of the students’ giving efforts. The graduates are now opening up their challenge to alumni and hope their efforts will encourage you to participate in this permanent gift to honor these beloved professors. Total donations of $120,000 will enable Dedman Law to establish the scholarship endowment and start giving immediate scholarship awards to deserving students.
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CLINICS

- Practical training + Community impact
  - Judge Elmo B. Hunter
  - Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women
  - Spring break trip to Karnes Family Immigration Detention Center
  - Center-supported scholarships
  - Spring 2017 Pro Se Help Desk
  - Collaboration with Dallas County Family Courts

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  - Corporate counsel externships
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- 350+ low-income residents received help with divorces, custody, child support and more
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Mertzon, TX - SMU, English/Spanish Major
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Dean's Scholarship
Dr. Lolita Buckner Inniss comes to SMU from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, where she has taught for 19 years and where she held the Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker and Hostetler Chair in Law. She has held the Hamilton College Elihu Root Peace Fund Visiting Professorship in Women’s Studies, a distinguished visiting chair. She also was a fellow of the New York University-Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Memory Project in Paris, France. In addition, she is a pro bono attorney with the American Bar Association/United Nations Development Program.

Dr. Inniss received her undergraduate degree from Princeton and her J.D. from UCLA. She also holds an LL.M. with Distinction and a Ph.D. in Law from Osgoode Hall, York University, in Canada. Her research addresses geographic, historic and visual norms of law, especially in the context of comparative constitutionalism, gender and race.

The author of dozens of articles, essays and other writings, her work has appeared in the Texas Law Review, Washington University Law Review and other distinguished publications in the United States and beyond. Dr. Inniss is also one of the contributors to a volume titled International Law’s Objects (Oxford University Press), which addresses legal and metaphoric aspects of various objects in international law.

Dr. Inniss’s current major research project is a book titled The Princeton Fugitive Slave: James Collins Johnson, an account of race, gender, slavery and the law at Princeton University. This fall, she will teach Property and Critical Race Theory.

Pamela Metzger is the new Director of the Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center. She comes to SMU from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, where she has taught since 2001.

Professor Metzger received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth and her J.D. from New York University School of Law. A nationally recognized Sixth Amendment and ethics scholar, Professor Metzger’s scholarship combines theory and practice in seeking improvements in criminal justice. Most recently she has explored how a data-driven systems approach to high-risk practices can improve the implementation of public defense services.

She captured a national spotlight for her round-the-clock work to help 8,000 indigent defendants left incarcerated without legal representation after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005. She was interviewed recently on 60 Minutes, in a segment titled “Overburdened NOLA public defenders say innocents went to prison because they lacked resources and time to defend them properly.”

Professor Metzger’s work has appeared in publications such as the Yale Law Journal, Vanderbilt Law Review, Southern California Law Review and Northwestern University Law Review, and has been widely cited by leading authorities and by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Metzger will oversee the new Deason Center’s independent research and its development of educational opportunities focused on issues ranging from wrongful convictions to over-incarceration.

This fall, Professor Metzger also will teach Professional Responsibility.
Promotions

Christopher Jenks
Director of the Criminal Clinic and Associate Professor of Law

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

Meghan J. Ryan
Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow and Professor of Law

Joshua C. Tate
Professor of Law
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Professor of Law
Appointed:
Larry and Jane Harlan
Senior Research Fellow

William J. Bridge
Associate Professor of Law
Awarded:
Tom Tunks University
Distinguished Citizen Award

Martin Camp
Assistant Dean for Graduate
and International Programs,
Professor of Practice
Awarded:
2016-17 HOPE Award from the
SMU Residence Life and Student
Housing Department

Gregory S. Crespi
Professor of Law
Appointed:
Homer R. Mitchell Endowed
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and Insurance Law

Jeffrey M. Gaba
M.D. Anderson Foundation
Endowed Professor in Health Law
Appointed:
Senior Associate Dean
for Academic Affairs

Christopher Jenks
Director of the Criminal
Clinic and Associate
Professor of Law
Appointed:
Special Assistant to the
Department of Defense General
Counsel, Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey Kahn
Professor of Law
Awarded:
2017-18 Gerald J. Ford Research
Fellowship, 2017-18 Fulbright Research
Scholar Grant, Dr. Don
M. Smart Teaching Award given
by Class of 2017
Appointed:
Dedman College Interdisciplinary
Institute Faculty Fellow

Orly Mazur
Assistant Professor of Law
Awarded:
Golden Mustang
Outstanding Faculty Award
Awards & Recognition

Joseph J. Norton
James L. Walsh Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Professor in Financial Institutions Law
Appointed: Distinguished Visiting Professor at Peking University Law
Awarded: Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws at University of Edinburgh

W. Keith Robinson
Co-Director of the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation and Associate Professor of Law
Awarded: 2017-18 Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Award

C. Paul Rogers III
Professor of Law and Former Dean
Appointed: Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Faculty Fellow
Awarded: “M” Award from SMU

Marc I. Steinberg
Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law
Appointed: Visiting Academic Fellow at Lauterpacht Centre of International Law University of Cambridge, Fall 2016
Visiting Professor at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy Spring 2017

Elizabeth G. Thornburg
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Appointed: SMU’s Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Jenia Iontcheva Turner
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Judge William Hawley Atwell Chair of Constitutional Law and Professor of Law  

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Gerald J. Ford Research Fellow and Professor of Law

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July 19, 2016; “After Dallas, Gov. Abbott Proposes Protecting Cops With Hate Crimes Law”
For Bill Bridge, “Teaching is a loving adversarial activity.”

He says today’s concern about professionalism is about the larger profession. He calls it “Professionalism and the need for heroes.” He says it’s about people.

Several years ago, when Bridge visited Auschwitz on his way to teach in Oxford, he found the halls were lined with photos of inmates – and photo after photo of judges and lawyers. He took photos of the photos to remind himself of how fortunate we can be.

He reminded the Last Lecture audience of the stories of revolutionary times – such as the Bolshevik Revolution and the French Revolution – when one of the first acts by the revolutionary authority was to abolish the bar.

But not after the American Revolution.

“In 1791, one of the first things our founders did was adopt the Sixth Amendment, which meant that criminals – people on the other side of the law – were guaranteed the right of assistance of counsel,” Bridge explained. “They were entitled to have an enemy of the government standing by their side while the government was trying to put them in jail or kill them.” To Bridge, that “idea of resistance is professionalism as well.”

Bridge always began his criminal law classes by conjuring the image of a client in need of help. “That’s why we’re here…there is glory in our profession….glory in the craft of helping other people.”

For Bill Bridge, “Teaching is a loving adversarial activity.”
Two beloved professors share the wisdom they learned along the way.

**MAUREEN ARMOUR LAST LECTURE: March 22, 2017**

Maureen Armour says, “It’s all about the client.” But clearly it’s also all about the clinic students for her. In her Last Lecture, Armour described that moment when a student faces a real client for the first time. “That moment when you sit down opposite the client, and they look at you, and the look in their eye says, ‘This person can help me.’” Then – with her characteristic saltiness – Armour added, “And you look at them and you think to yourself, ‘I have no idea what I’m doing.'”

That moment is profound. “They’re so brave,” she says with respect and affection. “For 27 years I’ve seen it over and over again, and that has just reaffirmed my commitment to this kind of experiential education. What clinic lawyers do – what real lawyers do – is take complicated stuff and make it simple. That’s how you can talk to a client or talk to a jury. Law professors take simple and make it complicated.”

What Armour calls the “bizarre and meaningless” distinction between “theory” and “practice” is slowly eroding. With SMU Law’s current slate of 10 clinics, she says we have “gotten over the hurdle” of resistance to practical legal education. Discussing the new ABA requirement for six credits of “experiential” courses, Armour said, “Finally, the ABA has given the seal of approval to that part of clinic we’ve always known was its heart – that is, the students representing clients.”

Dean Collins said, “I am personally so grateful for Professor Armour’s wisdom and her passion and her absolute commitment to doing what is right, even when it’s hard.”

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ALMOST 30 YEARS AT SMU LAW**

- Taught the Civil Clinic, Civil Rights Litigation, Conflicts, and Aging and the Law
- Served as Associate Dean for Clinics
- Instrumental in developing the Child Advocacy Clinic, the externship program with Legal Services of North Texas, and a mediation clinic
- Taught in Oxford
- Served on countless law school and bar committees
- Honored with the Louise Raggio Award from the Dallas Women Lawyers Association in 2001
- Won the 2016 Willis M. Tate Award, a Student Senate award that honors an outstanding faculty member who has been involved in student life
- COLLABORATED WITH MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS TO PROVIDE ALMOST 75,000 HOURS OF LEGAL SERVICE!

“Always, always, Professor Armour has fought for the rights of those desperately in need of legal assistance,” said Dean Jennifer Collins.

Mary Spector, SMU Associate Dean for Clinics and Professor of Law, Director of the Consumer Advocacy Project and Co-Director of the Civil Clinic, has been Armour’s close friend and colleague for three decades. Professor Spector says, “The same fierce loyalty that Maureen shows her clients and students, she shows for her friends. When you need her, she’s got your back.”

Professor Armour is beloved by her students. “She was candid about the beauty as well as the shortcomings of the law,” wrote a former clinic student. “I so admired her superior intellect and adored that wicked sense of humor. My clinic experience is by far one of my fondest memories of my time in law school.”
Professor Joseph J. Norton was honored in a major international conference that addressed the evolution and changing environment for both transactional and regulatory aspects of financial law.

SMU Dedman School of Law, the SMU Law International Graduate Program and the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, in conjunction with the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary, University of London and the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, University of Hong Kong, hosted the conference held on May 4-5, 2017. Professor Marc I. Steinberg, Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law at SMU Law, along with Dr. Seema Sharma LL.M. ’06, helped plan the conference.

The conference brought together 40 former students and colleagues of Professor Norton, drawn from 14 different countries/jurisdictions and six continents. Numerous attendees presented summaries of their most recent research. Topics included Brexit and its implications for financial regulation, opportunities and challenges of technological innovation ("FinTech" and "RegTech") for financial services, and the outlook for international financial regulation under the new U.S. administration.

The conference concluded with an appreciation dinner for the attendees hosted by Professor Norton and Mrs. Colleen Norton where Douglas Arner, LL.M. ’95, Kerry Holdings Professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong, presented Professor Norton with the 5-year award of a Distinguished Visiting Professorship at the Peking University Law School.

Part I of the conference, held in London on May 5-6, 2016, was attended by 50 former graduate students and colleagues of Professor Norton.

The ABA recently named SMU Law one of two national recipients of the 2017 E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award. The law school’s Professionalism Initiative – aimed at developing practice-ready, competent and thoughtful lawyers – was recognized by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism.

Professionalism is a core component of learning at SMU Law, incorporated into the first-year curriculum through a series of required programs. Through the Inns of Court program, the Mustang Exchange mentoring program and the Public Service program, the professionalism initiative is designed to ensure that SMU graduates are ethical, compassionate attorneys committed to civility, public service and zealous advocacy on behalf of their clients.

The Inns of Court program, sponsored by Haynes and Boone, connects new law students with fellow classmates, faculty, student leaders, career advisors and alumni for a community experience that extends throughout their time at the law school and beyond graduation.

The Mustang Exchange “flash” mentor program develops student professionalism in two ways: in the classroom, through professionalism training, and in the real world, through one-on-one mentor meetings with esteemed lawyers. This program connects each student with multiple alumni and legal mentors throughout the year.

SMU Dedman Law also offers a comprehensive Public Service program designed to instill a commitment to service that will extend throughout the students’ professional careers. In addition to many externships and clinical opportunities, all J.D. students are required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of law-related public service.
Roark Reed, 76, died January 7, 2017, at a hospice facility in Charlottesville, Virginia. Professor Reed joined the faculty of SMU Dedman School of Law in 1975 to start the Criminal Justice Clinic and serve as Associate Dean for Clinical Education. He served as director of the Death Penalty Project from 2001-08. Professor Reed retired from SMU in 2010 after 35 years as a devoted faculty member.

Professor Reed was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He earned his B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University, and served in the U.S. Marine Reserves. His legal career began as a staff attorney for the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia and then as Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center. In 1982, Professor Reed was awarded the first of two Fulbright Lectureships in Japan. His work as a Fulbright Fellow made him a leading authority on U.S. criminal procedure in Japan.

Professor Reed was devoted to improving the U.S. criminal justice system and to the students he trained to become part of that system. “Roark accomplished it all without taking himself too seriously,” said C. Paul Rogers III, Marilyn Jeanne Johnson Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Professor of Law and former Dean, SMU Dedman School of Law.

“Roark remained the same gentle, wise, passionate mentor to young faculty members in criminal justice, and to hundreds of law students and young lawyers. Illness took him from the faculty too soon.”

Many of Professor Reed’s clinic students went on to distinguished careers in criminal practice, both prosecution and defense, and on the bench and in the legislature. Others, in corporate practice or business, still credit his teaching as a vital contribution to their legal education. “Professor Reed was an inspiration to his students and to those with whom he worked. He made a huge contribution to the law school and the Dallas legal community,” said Jennifer Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law. “He will be missed by all.”

He is survived by his five children, Kathleen Reese, Michael Roark Reed, Jr., Jenny R. Conway, Joseph Brendan Reed, and John Jamison Reed; a sister and three brothers; and seven grandchildren.
Thank you to our Dedman Law Adjunct Professors!

Val J. Albright ’86
Jay Balfour
Daniel Bauccum
Matthew S. Beard ’06
Mitsy Birdsong ’02
Jeffry M. Blair
Jonathan Blum
Vickie S. Brandt ’03
Ada Brown
Christa Brown-Sanford
John G. Browning
Brooke Busbee
Judge Don D. Bush ’86
Martin L. Camp
William F. Carroll
David W. Carstens
Eric Cedillo
David Cho
Wilson Chu ’84
Susan Mills Cupione ’06
Robert Colwell ’94
John M. Cone ’83
Susan C. Cox
Timothy Curren ’07
Karen H. Currie
Anthony P. Daddino
Joseph R. Dancy
William Dawkins
Steve P. Doyle
Dennis B. Drapkin
Joanne Early ’89
Yolanda Einstein ’04
Paul Enriquez
Sander L. Esserman ’76
Lisa Evert
Stephen P. Fahey
Randy W. Fickel
Justice Robert M. Fillmore
Judge Allen Joe Fish
C.W. “Peter” Flynn
Patricia H. Flynn
Zeke Fortenberry
Jason B. Freeman
David Gair
Judge Dennise Garcia ’93
Bryan A. Garner
Larry F. Glasgow ’83
Rebecca A. Gregory
Shannon Guthrie
Judge H. Dewayne “Cooter” Hale
Susan M. Halpern
Chris Hamilton
Sally Helfpie
Eric Hinton
Dale Hortonstine
Charles M. Hosch
Marc A. Hubbard ’88
Clifton T. Hutchinson ’80
James T. Jacks
Thomas Jackson
Jay Johnson
Judge Kimberly C. Priest
Johnson ’90
Larry Jones
Ralph C. Jones ’73
Kent C. Krause ’82
Gary M. Lawrence
David J. Lowery ’78
Jay J. Madrid ’77
Eric D. Marchand ’00
Ernest Martin, Jr.
Errin Blythe Martin
Mike McCollum
Alex G. McGrooch
Patsy Young Micle
Dana Nahlen
Charlotte Noel ’01
Christopher Nolland
Judge James A. Nugent
Gerald N. Olson ’71
David James Parsons
Michael P. Penick
Don Peterson
Phillip B. Philbin
Ellen A. Presby ’84
Robert D. Probasco
Will Pryor
Judge Irma Ramirez
Shane Read
Stuart Reynolds
G. Thomas Rhodus ’71
Laura K. Rogers
Douglas K. Rudley
Michelle P. Scheef
Mark A. Shank ’81
Elliot Shavin
Bart Showalter ’93
Ronald F. Shuff
Maxel “Bud” Silverberg ’59
Steven Smathers
Stephen P. Smith
Bruce Sostek
Jaime Spellings
Sally Spurgin
Clifton A. Squibb ’95
Sid Stahl ’56
Marjorie Stephens ’81
Harry W. Sullivan, Jr. ’84
Harriet Tabb
Walter O. Theiss
Michael Theeet
Don Tittle
Cody L. Towns
Robert Udashen
Michael J. Uhl ’85
John Vernon
Peter Vogel
Lewis M. Wasserman
Brian L. Webb ’75
George E. West, II
Glenn D. West
Russell Wilson, II
Denney L. Wright

Our Corporate Counsel Externship Program places more than 70 students each year inside the legal departments of major corporations. SMU Law thanks all the corporations who make this opportunity possible.
STAFF NEWS

NEW STAFF

Jerchel Anderson
Financial Business Manager

Brenda Balli
Advancement Associate, Office of Development & External Affairs

Brittany K. Barnett
#cut50 Fellow and Practitioner-in-Residence, Deason Family Criminal Justice Reform Center

Anne Beard
Director of Development, Office of Development & External Affairs

Moira Cary
Administrative Assistant, Registrar’s Office

Natalie Greco
Director of Programs and Operations for the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation

Roland Webb
Financial Officer

SAVE THE DATE

LAW TAILGATE PARTIES!
Sat. 9/23 (Family Weekend, SMU vs. Arkansas State) 3:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/4 (Homecoming, SMU vs. UCF)
law.smu.edu/alumni
SEEN & HEARD

1 Office of Career Services Boot Camp; August 2, 2016
3 New Student Orientation; August 17, 2016
4 Pro Bono Tax Day Clinic Hosted by SMU Dedman Law Federal Taxpayers Clinic; August 20, 2016
5 The 2016 Texas Legal Scholars Workshop Co-Hosted by SMU Dedman Law and University of Houston Law Center; August 26, 2016
6 4th Annual Texas Food Law Forum CLE; September 9, 2016
7 Diversity Week at SMU Dedman Law; September 26-29, 2016
NEW! FACULTY/STUDENT DISCUSSIONS

“Flash Classes”

The Controversy of Suing Saudi Arabia for 9/11: Innovation or Violation of International Law and Practice
October 6, 2016

The 2016 Election: Voter I.D. and Voter Fraud
October 17, 2016

Don’t Fence Me In (or Out): Navigating Borders and Immigration
February 2, 2017

Pipelines, Energy and Environment
February 14, 2017

Is the Doctor In? Reproductive Rights
February 21, 2017

The Future of the Affordable Care Act
March 6, 2017

The Supreme Court’s Nomination and Confirmation Process
March 7, 2017

8 East African Ambassadors Panel; September 29, 2016
9 Dallas Latina Leadership Program; October 15, 2016
10 The Nuremberg Trials: 70 Years Later, An Educational Program Featuring the Storey Nuremberg Collection; October 24, 2016
11 24th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, October 28, 2016
12 Pablo Clusellas ’87, Legal Secretary and Counsel to the President of Argentina; November 3, 2016
14 AJEI Summit and Reception Honoring SMU; November 10-13, 2016
15 Take Back the Law: Legal Careers Combatting Violence Against Women Panel Hosted by the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women; November 10, 2016  
16 Corporate Counsel Externship Reception; November 30, 2016  
17 Meet the Firms Night; January 18, 2017  
18 Public Advocate Day, January 25, 2017  
19 2017 Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium; February 17, 2017  
20 Texas Women Lawyers Annual CLE and Annual Meeting; March 3, 2017
**Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation**

Events & Symposia

21 10th Annual APIL Auction; March 3, 2017

22 Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst Moot Court Competition; March 21, 2017

23 A Conversation with CEO Bob Rowling ’79, Chairman & CEO of TRT Holdings, Inc.; March 27, 2017

24 51st SMU Air Law Symposium; March 30-31, 2017

25 Roy Ray Lecture featuring Professor Frederick Schauer, David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law, “Freedom of Speech and the Problem of Group Knowledge”; April 12, 2017

26 Tsai Talk: “Universities and Innovation”; September 6, 2016


27 Tsai Talk: “Legal Support of the Automotive Industry and Beyond”; October 4, 2016


30 Tsai Talk: “Tech Transactions and Big Pharma”; January 26, 2017

31 “Big Data”: A Panel Discussion on Database Technology, Liberty, and Privacy; February 3, 2017

32 Tsai Talk: “The Economics of Innovation”; February 28, 2017

33 Tsai Talk: “Inside the Energy Industry”; March 20, 2017
**Graduation Awards**

**Congratulations!**

The **John E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarships** are given in honor of Professor John Kennedy, who served on the faculty with distinction for 20 years until his untimely death in 1989. Professor Kennedy was a beloved teacher who had a strong commitment to the law as a service profession. It is most fitting that the awards given in his memory are presented to the J.D. graduates who are deemed by their classmates to exemplify the spirit of service by working tirelessly to benefit the law school community.

**Stephen “Jake” Torres**

Jake Torres grew up in Mertzon, Texas. Jake graduated from SMU in 2011 and served as SMU’s student body president. For three years, Jake taught ninth and tenth grade English, while coaching football and soccer, at W.W. Samuell High School in DISD with Teach for America. Jake and his wife Laura (who is also a law student) learned they were expecting a child around the same time they were accepted by the law school. Their daughter was born two weeks after law school began! Jake served as president of the Hispanic Law Student Association, was past chair of the SMU Hispanic Alumni Board, and received the “M” award, the most highly prized recognition bestowed upon students, faculty, staff and administrators on the SMU campus.

As a third-year law student, Jake ran a series of legal clinics for tenants in west Dallas low-cost rental homes about their rights when facing mass eviction. Jake also served as a student trustee on the SMU Board of Trustees and as a member of the search committee for the University’s next vice president for student affairs.

Jake was selected as a Winstead Juris Doctor Scholar and will join Winstead in the fall.

**Farshad Marzban**

Farshad Marzban served as a Ziegler Fellow and chief student attorney in the SMU Civil Clinic, where he represented Dallas tenants who faced eviction and served as an advisor to new student attorneys in the clinic. He also served as co-director of the SBA Mentor Program and was an integral part of new student orientation in August.

Farshad was an SBA mentor for the Callejo Inn for two years through the law school’s Inns of Court Program, was an active member of the Barristers, and was a member of the SMU Science and Technology Law Review. Farshad attended Texas Tech University and formed the Red Raider Law Society as a law student. Farshad will serve as a recruiter for the SMU Dedman Law admissions office.

**The Sarah Tran Award** honors beloved faculty member Sarah Tran, whose selfless service and unyielding commitment to her students and her scholarship in the face of personal adversity represent the very best of our profession. The award is selected by the faculty and is presented to a student who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, service, and dedication to the nobility of the legal profession.

**Blair Moore Raggio**

Blair Moore devoted two years of leadership (first as secretary and then as chair) to the SMU Dedman Law Board of Advocates. She worked tirelessly to lead this very large student organization, coordinating dozens of competitions and teams as well as managing the budget.

Under her leadership, the SMU advocacy teams won multiple national competitions and the moot court teams were ranked sixth in the nation. Blair served as Executive Director of the Jackson Walker 1L Moot Court Competition and competed on three off-campus teams herself. She was a very dedicated member of the Barristers. Blair will join the Dallas office of Holland & Knight.

**Laura Choi**

Before law school, Laura Choi interned with Neighborhood Legal Services for Los Angeles County where she worked almost exclusively with female victims of domestic violence.

In law school she continued this work as a student attorney and chief with the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women, advocating for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence. Laura also served as a student coordinator for the law school’s academic success program, a tutoring program that teaches 1Ls about law school study skills, and was instrumental in overhauling the program curriculum. She was a member of SMU Law Review and served on two moot court teams. Laura will work with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid.
In May 2017, the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women released a report titled “Taking Aim at Family Violence: A Report on the Dallas County Gun Surrender Program.” The report is the culmination of a year-long study of a Dallas County Program that provides domestic violence offenders, who are barred from possessing firearms under both federal and state law, a safe and secure mechanism to surrender their weapons. The authors analyzed the Dallas program as well as similar programs in other jurisdictions to provide stakeholders with recommendations and a roadmap for effectively reducing intimate partner femicides due to gun violence.
Edward V. Smith III ‘63 was selected as a 2017 recipient of the Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award, which recognizes attorneys whose practice has spanned 50 years or more and who adhere to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public.

Jack M. Kinnebrew JD ‘67, LL.M. ‘73, of Strasburger & Price, was selected by Communities Foundation of Texas as the 2017 recipient of the inaugural Vester Hughes Award – established to honor those who most embody the spirit of the late, respected tax lawyer, Vester T. Hughes, Jr., who served 50+ years as general counsel or senior tax counsel to CFT.

Jim Burnham ‘68, CEO at the Law Offices of Jim Burnham, was selected as one of the most influential business leaders in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in D Magazine's “The Dallas 500.”

Donald P. “Rocky” Wilcox ‘68 was recognized by the Council of the Health Law Section for his decades as general counsel of the Texas Medical Association.

Al Ellis ‘71, Of Counsel at Sommerman, McAffity & Quesada, was selected by The Texas Center for Legal Ethics and the Dallas Bar Association to receive the 2016 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award – given to honor achievement of the highest standards of ethics and professionalism in the legal field.

Doug Harrison ‘74 joined Connatser Family Law.

Judge Brett Hall ‘78, State District Judge of District 382 in Rockwall County, TX, was re-elected to a second term.

Chief Judge Barbara Houser ‘78 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas received the Distinguished Service Award from the Bankruptcy Alliance of the American Ins of Court.

Phillip McCrury LL.M.’78 joined Kelly Hart as senior counsel.

Trevor Rees-Jones ‘78 received the L. Frank Pitts Energy Leadership Award from the Maguire Energy Institute at SMU Cox School of Business for his long-term impact on the energy industry and for exemplifying a spirit of ethical leadership.

Mark Freeman ‘80 joined Strasburger & Price as a partner in their new Beaumont office.

Sawnie McEntire ‘80 launched the new boutique law firm of Parsons, McEntire, McCleary, & Clark.

John Jose ‘81, of Slack & Davis, was named 2016 H.G. Wells Outstanding Trial Lawyer by the Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association.

Barbara Kennedy ‘81 joined Strasburger & Price as Of Counsel.

Dale E. Cottingham ‘82 was named to the 2017 Board of Directors of GableGotwals.
Alumni Author Spotlight

Clay G. Small ’75 released a novel, *Heels over Head*, a story of how misinterpretations and grudges can turn into deadly revenge.

Hubert Crouch ’76, a trial lawyer and legal thriller author, was a Bronze Medal Winner in the 2016 International Book Award Contest for his book *The Word*.

Colin P. Cahoon ’91, historical fiction author and a practicing patent attorney, recently published the novel *The Man with the Black Box*, a five-star thriller.

Julie Timmer ’95, best-selling author and lawyer, released her third novel, *Untethered*, which explores what bonds truly form a family and how, sometimes, love knows no bounds.


Carter Hopkins ’04, an in-house lawyer for Intel in Plano, recently published a book, *The Lincoln Prophecy*, which features an SMU Law professor as the protagonist. Several of the key scenes take place in and around the campus.

Dan Branch ’83 joined Academic Partnerships’ Board of Directors.

Deborah Hankinson ’83 earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the editors of Texas Lawyer in recognition of her career as a Texas Supreme Court justice and her instrumental role in providing legal aid to low-income Texans.

Roger McCleary ’84 launched the new boutique law firm of Parsons, McEntire, McCleary & Clark.

Eddy Moore ’84 was selected University Park’s 2016 Citizen of the Year for his ongoing focus to enhance his community and assist those in need across North Texas.

Charla Aldous ’85 of Aldous/Walker will join five other attorneys to argue cases on FOX’s new show *You and the Jury*.

Angela Braly ’85 was elected to the ExxonMobil Board of Directors.

Siriporn Chaiyasuta ’85 was promoted to executive advisor to the president at Chevron Asia Pacific Exploration and Production in Thailand.

David Burton ’88 joined Scheef & Stone as Of Counsel.

Mary McNulty ’88, of Thompson & Knight, was named to The Family Place Board of Directors.

1990s

Nicholas Foley ’90 joined McKool Smith as a principal.

Steve Gwinn ’90 was elected president of the William “Mac” Taylor Inn of Court, the SMU-affiliated chapter of the American Inns of Court.

The Honorable Dennise Garcia ’93, presiding judge of the 303rd District Court and SMU Law adjunct professor, received the Jurist of the Year award from the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Brian Webb ’75 presented the award.

Thomas G. Yoxall ’92 was elected vice chair of the executive committee at Locke Lord.

The Honorable Dennise Garcia ’93, presiding judge of the 303rd District Court and SMU Law adjunct professor, received the Jurist of the Year award from the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Brian Webb ’75 presented the award.
Sean Tetsuo Hamada ’93 opened the new Dallas firm of Hamada Smith, PLLC.

Douglas Yeager ’93 moved to the Houston office of Chicago-based Winston & Strawn.

Meloney Perry ’94 was named chair of the State Bar of Texas’ Insurance Law Section.

Mark A. Platt ’94 joined Fox Rothschild as a partner.

Bill Adams ’96, managing shareholder for Gunster’s Jacksonville Office, joined the Leadership Council: Justice for Girls, which serves as an advisory council to the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.

Drew Schilling ’96 joined Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago.

Winston & Strawn.

Smith, PLLC.

the new Dallas firm of Hamada

Treasurer of Godwin Bowman &

Vice President and Secretary/

American Inns of Court.

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“Mac” Taylor Inn of Court, the

secretary-treasurer of the William

Jenny Martinez ’99

Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira ’99 was appointed the Director of the new Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs for Dallas.

Jenny Martinez ’99, Executive Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of Godwin Bowman &

Martinez, became a name shareholder.

2000s

Jennifer Murphy ’00 joined Wilson Elser’s Dallas office.

John Quitman “Q” Stephens ’00 joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr as a shareholder.

Barrett Howell ’01 joined Bracewell as a partner, leading a four-person white collar practice team in Dallas.

Brandon Nelson McCarthy ’01 joined Bracewell in Dallas as a partner.

Luis Guillermo Zambrano ’01 joined Estes Thorne & Carr as a partner.

Samuel J. Barrett ’02 joined Chambers Energy Capital as General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer.

Janet Bubert ’02, whose practice focuses on school law, joined Underwood Law Firm as a shareholder.

Jason Franklin ’02, of The Franklin Law Firm, was elected president of the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association.

Dyan M. House ’02 joined Baker McKenzie as counsel.

Debbie Lively ’02 joined Fisher Broyles as a partner.

Mark A. Shoffner ’02 joined Bell Nunnally & Martin as a partner.

Eliot Burrell ’03 joined McDermott Will & Emery as a partner.

Ann Carmichael ’04 was hired as Vice President of Congressional Affairs of the American Financial Services Association (AFSA).

Karly Steohr Rodine ’04 was promoted to managing partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton.

Kenneth Sheets ’04 was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

Aimee L. Stone LL.M. ’04 joined J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Fort Worth, Texas, as the Executive Director Trust Officer.

Steven Walskiwiak ’04 was promoted to shareholder at Greenberg Traurig.

MacKenzie Wilfong ’04 was named general counsel for Tulsa Community College by the Tulsa Community College Board of Regents.

Gregory M. Wilkes ’04 was promoted to partner at Norton Rose Fullbright.

Susan Ormand Berry ’05 was promoted to partner at Reed Smith’s Houston office.

Jason Elliott ’05 was promoted to partner at Perkins Coie in the firm’s Labor & Employment practice.

James “J.R.” England ’05 was promoted to partner at Hunton & Williams.

Eric Hall ’05 was promoted to partner at Hunton & Williams.

Seth Roberts ’05, a litigation partner at Locke Lord and a member of the Board of Trustees at Dallas Baptist University since 2011, received the DBU 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Monty Ward ’05 was named a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Dallas.

Craig Woods ’05 joined the litigation team at Dykema Cox Smith.

Judge Tonya Parker ’98, of the 116th Civil District Court in Dallas, received the 2017 Maura Women Helping Women Award presented by the Dallas Women’s Foundation and the 2017 ABA Stonewall Award.

Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira ’99 was appointed the Director of the new Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs for Dallas.

Jenny Martinez ’99, Executive Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of Godwin Bowman &

Carl Pankratz ’06 married Holly Lottie on April 22. He is Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer with NorthMarq Capital in Dallas.

Abby Newman Ruth ’06, Peter, Lucy (5) and Rex (3) welcomed their little firecracker, Wright Newman Ruth, four minutes before the Fourth of July, 2016.

Kelly Chen ’07 was promoted to partner at Munck Wilson Mandala, and has been selected to participate in the respected Leadership Dallas program, class of 2017.

Kyle L. Howard ’07 was promoted to partner at Haynes and Boone.

Sean N. Hsu ’07 joined the firm Janik Vinnakota as an equity partner.

Brad Knapp ’07 was promoted to partner at Locke Lord.

Amy Lott ’07 was promoted to partner at Carrington Coleman.

Jason S. Luter ’07 joined Gardere Wynne Sewell as a partner.

John O’Connor ’07 was selected to join the Leadership Arts Institute, a prestigious Dallas organization dedicated to developing the next generation of business leaders to advocate for the arts in North Texas.

Jarrett Reed ’07 was promoted to partner at Norton Rose Fullbright.

Aaron J. Rigby ’07 was promoted to partner at Sidley Austin.

Paul Rynerson ’07 was promoted to partner at Berry Appleman & Leiden.

Andrew C. Cookingham ’08 was elected partner at Thompson & Knight.

Jeff Leach ’08, member of the Texas House of Representatives, was appointed Vice Chair of the House Committee on Urban Affairs and as a member of the House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development.
Matthew Mattson ’08 was named a principal at Fish & Richardson. Mark Aaron Melton ’08, of Hunton & Williams, opened Mac’s Southside, a new bar in the Cedars district. Jake Menefee ’08 became the head of office for Marathon Petroleum Corp.’s Federal Government Affairs. Brett Fisher Miller ’08 was promoted to partner at Ward, Smith & Hill.

Julie Pettit ’08, of The Pettit Law Firm, was named the 2017 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. Bailey Pham ’08 was promoted to partner at Vinson & Elkins. Stephanie Smiley ’08 was promoted to shareholder at Greenberg Traurig. Olga Torres ’08 is the Founder and Managing Member of the International Trade Firm, Torres Law, PLLC.

Tyson Wanjura ’08 was promoted to partner at Holland & Knight. Russell Zimmerer ’08 was promoted to shareholder in Littler Mendelson.

Alana Ackels ’09 was promoted to partner at Bell Nunnally & Martin. Christopher R. Bankler ’09 was promoted to partner at Jackson Walker.

Steve Wayne Dimitt ’09 was promoted to partner at Jackson Walker. Thomas Michael Horan II ’09 was named partner at Thompson Coe. John J. Kane ’09 was promoted to director at Kane Russell Coleman & Logan.

R. Scott Rewalk ’09 joined the Neal Ashmore Family Law Group as an associate attorney. Elliot Strader ’09 was promoted to partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell.

Emily Stroope ’09 was elected as a member of the firm McGlinchey Stafford. James Robert Wills IV ’09 was promoted to partner at Wick Phillips Gould & Martin.

Audra Mayberry ’10 was promoted to member at Scheef & Stone.

Jennifer Larson Ryback ’10 was elected the 2017 President-Elect of Dallas Area Young Lawyers.

Brittany K. Barnett ’11, attorney and criminal justice reform advocate, has handled several successful clemency petitions, including the nationally reported cases of Sharanda Jones and Donel Clark. She was named one of America’s most outstanding young lawyers by the ABA. In May 2016, she also received the Nonprofit Leadership Award (founder of Girls Embracing Mothers) at the 17th Annual Women’s Advocacy Awards.

Blake C. Billings ’12 joined the Fort Worth law firm of Harris, Finley & Bogle where he will practice in the business transaction and corporation section.

Lance Kennedy ’13 joined the Comal County District Attorney’s Office as an assistant district attorney.

Christopher A. Klement ’13, an associate with Cantey Hanger, was elected Chairman of the Dallas Bar Association’s Government Law Section.

Ryan Parsley ’13 serves as Chief Executive Officer of Ascent Energy in Denver, Colorado.

Lauren Smyth ’13 joined McGuire, Craddock & Strother as an associate.

Barry A. McCain ’14 joined McGlinchey Stafford’s Commercial Litigation Group in Dallas as an associate.

Katherine Wilcox ’14 joined The Strong Firm as an associate attorney.

Pamela Flanagan ’15 was featured on a billboard in New York City’s Times Square for the U.S. Polo Association.

Clinton J. Kuykendall ’15 received the top score on the February 2017 Texas Bar Exam.

Callum Ross ’15 joined Winstead as an associate in the Corporate Commercial Transactions & Outsourcing Practice Group in the Dallas office.

Jenna Alame ’16 joined Ferguson Braswell Fraser Kubasta as a commercial real estate attorney.

Aaron Dilbeck ’16 joined Munck Wilson Mandala as an associate.

Amy Estes ’16 joined McGuire, Craddock & Strother as an associate.

Vienna Flores ’16 joined Kane Russell Coleman & Logan as an associate in the Dallas office.

Travis D. Jones ’16, Deputy Command Judge Advocate, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, received the New York Bar Association Trial Advocacy Award during Naval Justice School. The award is given to the sailor or Marine who wins the Naval Justice School Trial Advocacy Competition at the end of the 10-week training.

Jessica L. Kirk ’16 joined Thompson & Knight as an associate.

Kent Love ’16 joined the firm Hiersche, Hayward, Drakeley & Urback in Addison, Texas.
George W. Bramblett ’66
Executive Board Member and 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice

After practicing law for five decades, George Walter Bramblett, Jr. passed away on November 21, 2016. Born in Dallas on May 29, 1940, Mr. Bramblett grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas, received his undergraduate degree from SMU, and earned his J.D. from SMU Law School in 1966, where he was captain of the national moot court team.

Mr. Bramblett was a distinguished trial lawyer involved in high profile, high stakes litigation. He represented clients in the full range of business, commercial and tort litigation, as well as securities and shareholder litigation. He spent 40 years as a partner and head of litigation for Haynes & Boone.

Mr. Bramblett received the SMU Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for Private Practice in 2001 and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of SMU in 2010. He served on the law school’s executive board since 1998.

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Mr. Bramblett was a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the International Academy of Barristers, as well as a Master and President in the William Mac Taylor American Inns of Court. He received the Luther Soules III Award for Excellence in Litigation, the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary 27th Annual Justinian Award, the Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award and the Anti-Defamation League Jurisprudence Award. The Dallas Bar Association named him Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2001.

Mr. Bramblett was also deeply involved with his community. He was a member of the Salesmanship Club and Northwood Country Club and was an active member of Highland Park United Methodist Church. He also served on many Boards, including the Hillcrest Foundation, Baylor College of Dentistry, Baylor Oral Health Foundation, Southwestern Medical Foundation, Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation, Alliance for Higher Education, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Mr. Bramblett is survived by his wife, Pedie; his daughter, Faerol Bramblett Wiedman, and her husband and children; his sons, George Bramblett, III and Graham Bramblett; and his brother and sister and their children.

Barbara Culver Clack ’51
1990 Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service

Former Justice Barbara Culver Clack ’51, the second woman to serve full time on the Texas Supreme Court when she was appointed in 1988, passed away on September 12, 2016.

“Small of stature, she was a towering figure in the judiciary, to the legal profession and for the West Texas community she loved and who loved her,” Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht said.

In 1990 Justice Culver received SMU Law’s Distinguished Alumni Award for her work in the judiciary.

Born in Dallas, Justice Culver attended Highland Park High School, earned her bachelor’s degree at Texas Tech University, and received her J.D. from SMU Law School in 1951. At SMU, Justice Culver met a fellow law student, John Culver, and the two were later married. The couple formed Culver & Culver in Midland, where they practiced law together for a decade. She became the first woman Republican judge in Texas in 1962, when she was elected County Judge. After serving for 15 years, she served as District Judge for 10 years before she was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court by Governor Bill Clements. She served for one year on the highest court in the State of Texas before retiring.

Justice Culver’s passion was family law and juvenile law. The Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center in Midland was named in her honor.

Among her professional honors, she was the first recipient of the Judge Sam Emison Memorial Award by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, was a member of the state commission to rewrite the Texas Constitution in 1975-76, and served on the Family Code Project to codify marriage, divorce, custody, child-support and juvenile laws in Texas.

She was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church of Midland.

In 1988, she married Judge Jim Clack of Andrews after John Culver’s passing in 1981. Justice Barbara Culver Clack is survived by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many friends.
Vester T. Hughes, Jr.
2003 Honorary Distinguished Alumnus

Vester T. Hughes, Jr. passed away on January 29, 2017, at age 88. Born in San Angelo, Texas, he received his undergraduate degree with distinction from Rice University and his law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1952. While in law school, he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Following graduation, he was a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, served in the Army during the Korean War, and served in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps.

In 2003, SMU Law recognized Mr. Hughes with the Honorary Alumnus Award at the Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration.

Mr. Hughes was a nationally respected tax attorney who testified before Congress and influenced many aspects of federal tax matters, and argued two cases before the United States Supreme Court. He helped build the law firm Hughes and Luce, which merged with K&L Gates in 2008, where Mr. Hughes was a partner until his death.

Mr. Hughes advised charities on whose boards he served, including Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Communities Foundation of Texas. He was an active member of Park Cities Baptist Church since 1955 where he served as a deacon.

The Honorable Chukiert Ratanachaichan LL.M. ’84

Chukiert Ratanachaichan passed away on July 27, 2017, at the age of 62. He earned a Master of Comparative Law from SMU in 1984. His distinguished career included serving as the secretary-general of the Council of State in Thailand until his retirement in 2015. Mr. Ratanachaichan received Royal decorations from H.M. King of Thailand. He is survived by his two sons, Mr. Sukrid Ratanachaichan and Mr. Siravid Ratanachaichan.
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