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From the Dean's Desk

I am consistently inspired by the impact that generations of Baylor Lawyers have had, and continue to have, not just on the legal profession, but also on our state and communities across the nation.

This was brought home to me while reading this month's *Rocket Docket*. In our feature story, you will learn how recent graduate Justin Smith (JD '10) worked to bring Baylor Law School's American Association for Justice Mock Trial team to the federal courthouse in Texarkana, so that 60 local high school students could get a taste of what the legal profession has to offer.

Also in this issue we spotlight Wayne Fisher (JD '61), who has received the Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The award recognizes attorneys whose practices have spanned 50 years or more, and who adhere to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public. Among his many other accolades, Wayne has been recognized by the State Bar of Texas as a "Texas Trial Titan."

Finally, we say goodbye to one of Baylor Law School's more dynamic alumnus, Arlen Dean "Spider" Bynum (JD '63). Spider (a name given to him as a young boxer on account of his long, thin arms) passed away on March 25 at age 77. Besides his family, he had two passions in life: the law and boxing. He was a colorful legend in Texas courtrooms and a major figure in the world of professional boxing. A former World Boxing Council Special U.S. counselor, Spider was a strong advocate for boxing safety and was the primary drafter of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act. He will be greatly missed.

Nothing To Mock At: Justin Smith Introduces Texarkana High School Students to Baylor Law's Famed Mock Trial Program

On March 4, Baylor Law School's American Association for Justice Mock Trial Team presented a mock trial in Texarkana. The mock trial, organized by Baylor Lawyer Justin B. Smith (JD '10), was hosted by the Texarkana Young Lawyers Association and took place at the federal courthouse there. Federal Magistrate Judge Barry Bryant presided, and the jury was comprised of the entire Sixth District Court of Appeals, Cass County Court at Law Judge Donald Dowd, and two local attorneys. Filling the courtroom to observe the action were local attorneys, members of the community, and 60 local high school students.

Smith, who works for the firm Norton & Wood L.L.P., is president of the Texarkana Young Lawyers Association. Smith is a firm believer in Baylor Law's Practice Court program. With this event he hoped to enlighten and educate the young observers about the legal profession and the service element of practicing law.

Rocket Docket spoke to Smith about the event.

What led you to organize the mock trial?

I am the president of the Texarkana Young Lawyers Association. Some months before my term began, the president of a local employment agency approached some attorneys, including a partner at my firm, to see if any of them would be interested in putting on a mock trial for his group members.

The partner told me about this, but because it's hard enough to prepare for a real trial, I thought I would reach out to Baylor to see if the Law School would be willing to send a team to practice for this group. Because Texarkana is so far away from Waco, I never thought Baylor Law would be able to send a team. To my surprise and joy, Baylor Law agreed, but the timing wasn't going to work out with the employment agency.

However, I thought this would be a great project for our Young Lawyer affiliate, so I applied for (and received) a grant from the Texas Young Lawyers Association and began planning. This seemed like the perfect event for high school students, since they are our future and, for some of them, the future of the legal profession as well. I also knew there would be many students who might be interested in the law and would love to see a mock trial. For them, as well as for the rest of the students, this might be the closest they would get to ever seeing a trial.

What do you hope the young observers got out of this event?

I hope they realized that practicing law is primarily about service and sacrifice. The judges, the lawyers, the courthouse staff, and the law students each sacrificed their time to make this event a success and to do good for all involved.

I also hope they were inspired to pursue a career in the law if called to do so. For those who thought they might want to be lawyers, but after viewing the mock trial had second thoughts, I hope the event helped them to make the right decision. I urge people to choose the legal profession wisely, because far too many go to law school for the wrong reasons and end up miserable.

I also hope they walked away with a better understanding of the mechanics of a trial — how it works and what it entails. Even though the mock trial was, of course, highly polished, I still hope they realized that a trial is not quite like what they see on television.

Why was it so important to you to involve Baylor Law?



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I am a firm believer in Baylor Law's program and grateful to the Law School for all it has done for me. If I can help the Law School in any way, I'd like to do so.

I also thought this event would introduce some Baylor Law students to a part of Texas they may never have seen or considered. I am not from Texarkana (nor is my wife, Victoria, who is also a Baylor Lawyer), but I find it to be a challenging and great place to practice law. Attorneys here are usually licensed in at least two states, requiring us to know more law. Also, the small area gives us uncommon access to the judiciary and to each other. I question whether an event like this mock trial would be easily do-able in a large city. I hope the Baylor Law students, therefore, realized the advantages of practicing in a smaller area — wherever that may be — and will move away from the larger cities to the extent their loans (and significant others!) will permit it. I think they're more likely to be happier practicing law in a smaller town — and this comes from a San Antonio native and University of Texas at Austin undergraduate.

Do you have plans for any more events involving Baylor Law School?

I'd love to do regular events with Baylor Law. One part of the event we weren't able to do this time was a moot court performance before the Court of Appeals. If the court and Baylor Law are willing, I'd love to make that happen soon.

If it lay within my power, I'd have Baylor Law mock trial and moot court teams travel to Texarkana regularly and practice before real judges and attorneys. I daresay — at the risk of incurring a memo from Professor Gerald Powell — that not even Practice Court beats that kind of experience.

Texas Bar Foundation Honors Baylor Lawyer

Wayne Fisher (JD '61) has received the Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award was the first award established by the Texas Bar Foundation in 1974. The award 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. Fisher will be recognized at the Foundation's 2013 Annual Dinner on June 21 in Dallas.

A native of Cameron, Fisher founded the Houston law firm of Fisher, Boyd, Brown & Huguenard L.L.P. in 1966. One of the best known and most respected civil trial lawyers in Texas and the United States, Fisher graduated with honors from Baylor Law School and began his legal practice with the firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. He has been elected president of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He served as a Regent of the American College of Trial

Lawyers and is a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates.

Listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* for both personal injury trial law and business litigation, Fisher has been voted by his peers as one of “Texas’ Top 100 Super Lawyers,” and recognized by the State Bar of Texas as a “Texas Trial Titan.” He is board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and was recently honored as the 2011 Houston Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Fisher also was awarded the Lifetime Excellence in Advocacy Award by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.

Fisher has obtained recoveries in excess of \$1 million in hundreds of cases involving products liability, aviation, maritime, and medical malpractice claims, construction accidents, and truck, auto, and train collisions. He also has served as lead counsel in major business and probate litigation matters, including litigation concerning the estate of Howard Hughes.

A leader in community affairs, Fisher has served as chairman of the Texas Cultural Trust, a trustee of Scott & White Healthcare System, and as a director or trustee of South Texas College of Law, the Houston Symphony Society, the Center for American and International Law, the United States Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Texas State 4-H Development Foundation.

A Farewell to “Spider” Bynum

Arlen Dean “Spider” Bynum (JD ‘63) was a fighter in the ring and in the courthouses of Texas. He fought his last fight on March 25, 2013. He was 77. Besides family, his dog Freckles, and a host of friends, Bynum had two passions in life: law and boxing.

Bynum began the practice of law in 1963 after having graduated from Abilene High School in 1953, Abilene Christian College in 1957, and Baylor Law School in 1963, where he was a member of the Delta Pheta Pi fraternity. He learned his craft under the tutelage and mentorship of legendary trial lawyer Henry Strasburger. Bynum was a great trial lawyer, known for his ability to quickly memorize the names of jurors, deliver a devastating cross-examination, move quickly on his feet, use his deft sense of humor in the courtroom, and for rarely suffering a defeat. Even when you lost to Bynum, you couldn’t be mad at him, for he always slipped you several cartoon caricatures he had drawn of you during the trial. He was a very talented cartoonist.

Bynum practiced primarily as an insurance defense lawyer, first with Strasburger & Price, then with his own firms, Atwell Malouf Musslewhite & Bynum, Bradshaw & Bynum, and finally as a solo practitioner in



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the Law Offices of Arlen Dean “Spider” Bynum. Toward the end of his career, Bynum proved his talent and creativity by practicing both as a plaintiff and defense trial lawyer. By vote of his peers, Bynum was listed in *Best Lawyers of America* from 1983 through 2013. He received the highest possible AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, with an overall peer rating of 5 out of 5. In 2012, Bynum was selected into the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. He had been named a Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly* ever since its inception. Bynum was admitted to practice before all Texas state and federal courts, the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits.

Bynum was an old-school lawyer. His word was his bond. A handshake sealed the deal. Opposing lawyers learned quickly that confirming agreements, depositions or trial dates in writing was a personal affront to Bynum that could result in a visit by Bynum at your door ready to engage in his second passion — boxing. In other words, if Bynum said it was going to happen, it was going to happen without the necessity of written confirmation.

Bynum’s love of boxing began when he stepped into the Golden Gloves ring in Abilene as a flyweight. He was immediately tagged by coach Jack Turner with the nickname “Spider” because of his long, skinny arms. Rumor has it Bynum fought successfully in every weight class from flyweight to heavyweight, but no one knows for sure how many fights he won for all news reports of his amateur boxing career have mysteriously disappeared.

Bynum was chief of officials for the Dallas Regional Golden Gloves Tournament for more than 30 years. He judged more than 30 professional fights, including bouts involving Larry Holmes, Salvador Sanchez, and Julio Chavez. He refereed at least 11 professional bouts and supervised the Mike Tyson/Pinklon Thomas bout in 1987.

Bynum was a strong advocate for boxing safety and was the primary drafter of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act in support of which he testified before Congress in 1999. He was an NABF legal advisor, WBC Special U.S. counselor, and was appointed to the Texas Board of Licensing & Regulation by Gov. Ann Richards. In 1989, he was president of the Dallas All Sports Association, the primary sponsoring organization for the Dallas Regional Golden Gloves Tournament. In 2009, Bynum was the first inductee into the Ring Talk’s Wall of Fame. A trip into Bynum’s law office was like touring a boxing museum. On his wall were autographed photographs of every major professional fighter of the last 40 years, from Muhammad Ali to George Foreman to Joe Frazier to Mike Tyson to Sugar Ray Leonard to his closest personal boxing friend, Dallas’ own welterweight champion Curtis Cokes.

Bynum was a strong believer and advocate for civil rights. He was more than just a lawyer, boxing judge or referee. He also was considered by many to be one of the best, most honest, hard-working men in the

boxing world. When the WBC stripped Graciano Rocchigiani of his 175 lb. title for the purpose of giving it to Roy Jones Jr., Bynum, then a lawyer representing the WBC and a member of the Board of Governors, resigned his position with the WBC in protest.

Bynum was predeceased by his parents, Alma May and Charles Preston Bynum. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, whom he met on a blind date, Charlsie; Amy Bynum, son-in-law, Dwayne King, and granddaughter, Ella; Angela Bynum and John Neese; Andrea Bynum and husband, Chris Smith; Luke Kempf, and grandson, Bryan Charles Bynum-Kempf; father-in-law, Dr. Robert Nystrom; and his pets Freckles, Maggie, Ali, and Boots.

Baylor Alumni Named Texas Rising Stars

Congratulations to the almost 150 Baylor Lawyers who have been named to the 2013 Texas Rising Stars list. Honorees are selected based on nominations by members of the elite Texas Super Lawyers list and represent the top up-and-coming Texas attorneys age 40 or younger, and those who have been in practice for fewer than 10 years.

Overall, fewer than 2.5 percent of Texas attorneys were chosen for this honor. The complete Texas Rising Stars list appears on Superlawyers.com and will be included in the April 2013 issues of *Texas Monthly* and *Texas Rising Stars* magazines.

Jamal K. Alsaffar '00
Rick Anderson '07
Alison Ashmore '07
Christopher S. Ayres '02
Janet H. Ayyad '08
Camp Bailey '98
Wesley Todd Ball '03
Roy Barrera, III '02
Brent E. Basden '06
Jason R. Bernhardt '04
Giovanna Tarantino Bingham '03
Audrey J. Blair '00
Alexander G. Blue '00
Charles D. Brown '00
Cade W. Browning '00
Anthony K. Bruster '02



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R. Brandon Bundren '05
Shana L. Burleson '04
Craig D. Cherry '99
Brian W. Clark '01
Edward B. Cloutman, IV '10
Mary Elizabeth Conlon '04
Mark A. Cooper '99
Leah W. Coulter '04
Casey H. Cross '00
Geoffrey P. Culbertson '04
Hollie G. Davenport '08
Scott M. DeWolf '99
Brannon C. Dillard '03
Rebecca S. DiMasi '98
Jeff Domen '00
Jonathan R. Dotson '02
Vickie L. Driver '00
Blake Edwards '05
William D. Ellerman '98
Christian Ellis '98
Kyle W. Farrar '02
Laurel A. Fay '99
Casey Cox Fisk '05
J. Ryan Fowler '08
Jonathan P. Friday '01
Allen F. Gardner '04
Mari R. Gianukos '00
Kenneth C. "Casey" Goolsby '98
James B. Greer '98
Robert L. Greeson '04
Zachary McLean Groover '06
Jon Harrison '05
Danielle Herring '03
Rebecca A. Hicks '00
Andrea Alford Hight '04
Justin A. Hill '07
Sara K. Hollan '04

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Jay T. Huffman '07
Leslie L. Hunt '04
T. Gregory Jackson '98
Brian S. Jacob '01
Scott H. James '02
Hudson M. Jobe '03
Ryan C. Johnson '05
Brandon S. Jones '00
Michael E. Kabat '05
Melissa Russ Kingston '99
Kevin Koronka '04
Jacob B. Kring '07
Jennifer Bellow Landry '02
J Pete Laney '02
Christopher M. Lavigne '00
Lesley W. Lewis '07
Hamilton P. Lindley '04
John R. Lively, Jr. '02
Brian C. Lopez '00
Matthew C. Matheny '03
Warren T. McCollum '99
Sarah E.W. McGahee '05
Jason M. Medina '03
John C. Middleton '07
Terrell R. Miller '04
Shakeeb Mir '08
Marilyn M. Montano '04
Darren B. Moore '00
Lawrence Morales, II '05
Kevin J. Muenster '06
Mitchell Murphy '02
Laci Myers '08
Omar A. Nawaz '00
Matthew G. Nielsen '01
Christine Adamson Nowak '05
M. Keith Ogle '02



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Dustin A. Paschal '05
Michael E. Pierce '03
Kirk L. Pittard '99
Derrick A. Pizarro '01
Heather R. Potts '05
Lara D. Pringle '06
Fredrick "Fritz" W. Quast '01
Michael Patton Raab '08
Tonya Moffat Ramsey '98
Kendal B. Reed '05
Randall S. Richardson '00
Kelly K. Robb '03
R. Ritch Roberts, III '03
Shad Robinson '99
Brittani W. Rollen '05
Jeffrey R. Ross '03
J. Matt Rowan '01
Jennifer B. Rustay '97
Marcie L. Schout '00
Marisa M. Schouten '02
Corey J. Seel '02
Niti Shah '08
Devon D. Sharp '07
Kristen L. Sherwin '04
Stewart Shurtleff '04
David A. Skeels '03
Amber L. Slayton '00
Matthew A. Smith '00
Sunny L. Smith '99
D. Scott Snellings '04
R. Daniel Sorey '03
M. Seth Sosolik '01
Ryan Squires '04
James R. Staley '98
Paul Byron Starr '97

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Gregory S. Stieg '99
Amanda G. Taylor '04
Ryan L. Thompson '04
Erin Ator Thomson '06
Christopher B. Trowbridge '98
Ryan J. Tucker '01
Sean C. Urich '01
Alexander S. Valdes '02
Rebecca Vela '98
Rich Villa '04
Gwen I. Walraven '04
J. Michael Wilson '04
Kimberly Anne Wilson '01
John T. Wilson IV '01
Brandy M. Wingate '02
Caleb D. Wood '06
Celeste R. Yeager '96
Andrew K. York '05

New Alumni Directory

Baylor Law School strives to keep in contact with our alumni. To that end, Baylor Law School has authorized Publishing Concepts (PCI) to reach out to our alumni in order to update contact information for all Baylor Lawyers. Starting in mid-April, you will receive emails and postcards from PCI requesting that you update your contact information. Once PCI has collected the information, the company will compile the data and create a new alumni directory. PCI is a trusted partner of Baylor Law School. We hope to hear from you!

Meet The Faculty & Staff

Every month we feature some of the faculty and staff members here at Baylor Law School.

Gerald Powell

Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence

During his undergraduate days at Baylor University, Professor Gerald Powell was a top debater, reigning



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as champion of the Southwest Conference and qualifying for the national tournament. It was a skill that has served him well as both a litigator and as director of Baylor Law's renowned Practice Court Program. Professor Powell, a native Wacoan, earned his JD from Baylor Law School in 1977, and was ranked No. 1 in his class. During his time at Baylor Law School, he was a member of the national mock trial team and national moot court team and executive editor of the *Baylor Law Review*. He joined the Dallas law firm of Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox in 1977 and had an active litigation practice with the firm. He was made a partner in 1982. In 1986, Professor Powell returned to Baylor Law School to teach, and in 1987 he was appointed the Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence Law. Professor Powell was recently named a Master Teacher by Baylor University, the highest honor granted to Baylor faculty members.

Laura Obenoskey **Assistant to the Dean**

Laura Obenoskey joined Baylor Law School as the assistant to Dean Brad Toben in 1992, a year after he became the dean. Prior to coming to the Law School, Obenoskey worked as a legal assistant, training that prepared her well for working in the fast-paced world of law school administration. Obenoskey's work encompasses many areas that touch on day-to-day operations of the Law School, including budgeting, facilities management, alumni relations and communications, and personnel issues. She prides herself on working to make sure that the Law School is a good steward of its resources.

Ricky Lovecky **Information Technology Senior Systems Analyst/Programmer**

With a Bachelor of Arts in computer science from Baylor University, Ricky Lovecky started working for Baylor Law School in the summer of 2001 as a systems analyst and programmer. Lovecky's main responsibilities include desktop and laptop support, classroom and courtroom audio visual, network support, and server administration. Ultimately, he makes the technology at the Law School accessible to students, staff and faculty, as well as to visitors.

News & Notes

Dallas Bar Foundation Awards

W. Mike Baggett (JD '73) received the Dallas Bar Foundation's 2013 Fellows Award. Baggett was recognized during a luncheon on March 27. Also at the luncheon, Baylor Law student Kyle Farrar was presented with the Justice James A. Baker Memorial Clerkship. Farrar will serve his clerkship with Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson at the Supreme Court of Texas.

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On Topic With Ken Starr: George Mitchell

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

7 p.m.

Waco Hall

Baylor University Campus

Upcoming Alumni Networking Events

Houston Baylor Lawyer Network Reception

Hosted by John Eddie Williams (JD '78) of Williams Kherkher

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

6-7:30 p.m.

Reception will be held at the firm of:

Williams Kherkher

8441 Gulf Freeway, Suite 600

Houston, TX 77017

Austin Baylor Lawyer Network Reception

Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, L.L.P.:

Chris Elliott (JD '90)

Preston Randall (JD '90)

Susan Burton (JD '87)

Lauren Damen (JD '11)

Tuesday, May, 14, 2013

5:30-7 p.m.

Reception will be held at the firm of:

Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, L.L.P.

401 Congress St., Suite 2200

Austin, TX 78701



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Alumni Notes

1980s

Kenneth Broughton (JD '81) has joined Reed Smith LLP as a partner in the new Houston office. He is a member of the U.S. Commercial Litigation practice group. Broughton previously worked for Haynes & Boone. He has more than 25 years of experience representing corporate clients and individuals in a broad spectrum of business and employment disputes, and litigation. He has represented clients in the following industries: health care, banking, oil and gas, waste disposal, technology, and construction, among others. Broughton has significant financial services litigation experience and is a well-known attorney in the Houston market.

Karen Crawford (JD '83) has joined California-based Stearns Lending as chief legal officer. In this role, Crawford leads the overall legal, compliance, and internal audit strategy and functions for Stearns' multi-channel mortgage origination, sales, and servicing operations. Prior to joining Stearns Lending, Crawford served as chief risk officer at MetLife Bank, where she was responsible for monitoring and mitigation of credit, operational, legal, and regulatory risks of the bank's operations. Crawford's career has included legal positions with MetLife Home Loans mortgage division of MetLife Bank, Fannie Mae, and Countrywide Home Loans. Crawford also represented clients in a variety of real estate and mortgage lending transactions during her tenure in private law practice.

1990s

Derek Gilliland (JD '98) of Nix Patterson & Roach was part of a trial team that won a \$96 million patent verdict in Washington state federal court for biotechnology research firm Syntrix Biosystems. A former adjunct professor, Gilliland taught Torts II at Baylor Law School.

2000s

Corey J. Seel (JD '02) has been elected to voting shareholder with MehaffyWeber in the firm's Houston office. His practice includes commercial litigation, oil and gas litigation, and transactional matters, intellectual property, bankruptcy litigation, and personal injury litigation. While at Baylor Law, he was the associate editor of the *Baylor Law Review* and a member of the Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society.

In Memoriam

Reese Parker Andrews (JD '82) passed away March 2, 2013 at the age of 62 in Nacogdoches from

complications associated with pancreatic cancer. In the words of almost everyone who knew Reese's exuberance for life, "He sure crammed a lot into every day — all 62 years of his life." Born Dec. 8, 1950 in Fort Worth, he was the son of U.S. Army Ret. Colonel Robert Parker Andrews and Selma Louise Andrews. He spent his boyhood years traveling with his family, finally settling in Weatherford the spring of his sixth-grade year. Throughout the remainder of his school years, he excelled in track, football, and public speaking, while developing his love and talent for playing the piano and the guitar. He graduated from Weatherford High School in 1969. He then attended Texas A&M University, where he was a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets and graduated with high honors in May 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in German. He returned to Texas A&M to earn his master's degree in English in December 1976. Meanwhile, not content to remain stationary for very long, Andrews was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1975 and stationed at various army bases, including Fort Riley, Fort Sill, Fort Hood and Fort Bragg, where he was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Andrews served in a variety of capacities during his service in the Reserve, oftentimes spending summers abroad in Europe. Perhaps his favorite assignments were the summers he spent in southern Germany serving as a translator for the brigade commander of the First Infantry Division. He eventually attended "jump school" and earned his wings at Fort Benning in October 1982. Upon receiving a substantial scholarship, Andrews returned to school in Texas, graduating from Baylor Law School in May 1982. He began practicing law that fall and soon married the love of his life, Carolyn Louise Pennebaker, in June 1983. Carolyn earned her law degree at Baylor soon after, and in September 1992, the two of them moved to Nacogdoches, where they opened their own law firm, Andrews & Andrews. Carolyn stopped practicing with Andrews when their first child, Parker, was born. A lover of music, Andrews loved the great hymns of the Christian faith and was often heard singing them along the sidewalks of downtown Nacogdoches as he walked from his office to the courthouse or the bank. He and his family were members of Grace Bible Church, where Andrews served as a Sunday school teacher for the college class and the fifth- and sixth-grade combined class. They have been active members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church since August 2005. Andrews is survived by his mother, Louise Andrews; his best friend and wife, Carolyn; his sons, Parker and Payton; his daughter, Annaleigh; his sisters, Bekki Andrews and Gini Andrews Chesney; his mother-in-law, Joan Pennebaker; his brother-in-law, Doug Pennebaker and wife, Karrie; and nieces and nephews including Sara Clark, and Stephen, Rebecca and Hannah Chesney.

Halsell Sam Davis Jr. (LLB '51) of Dallas passed away Feb. 26, 2013 at the age of 83. Davis was born in McKinney on March 15, 1929 to Halsell Sam Davis Sr. and Ara Simpson Davis. Davis received his bachelor's and law degrees from Baylor University. Davis attended Baylor undergraduate on a music scholarship and played clarinet in the Waco Symphony Orchestra. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a JAG officer and ensign aboard the U.S.S. St. Paul. After service in the Navy, Davis joined the law firm of Burford & Ryburn in Dallas. Davis remained with Burford & Ryburn for the entirety of his law career, providing legal advice to large companies such as Texas Power & Light, hospitals, charitable organizations,

and individuals. Davis joined Park Cities Baptist Church when his family moved to Dallas and remained an active member of PCBC, serving as a deacon and in other advisory capacities. His pride and pleasure was his immediate and extended family, most of whom live in the Dallas area. Davis is preceded in death by his wife and mother of his children, Laura Ann Parks Davis, and his eldest son, Hal Davis. Survivors include his wife, MaryAnn Keith Davis; sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Wendy Davis; Tom and Liz Davis; Joe and Annette Davis; and Ann Singleton Davis; and brothers, Dick Davis and Jack Davis, as well as several grandchildren, nephews, nieces.

Dan Richard Dudley (LLB '51), beloved husband, father, and friend of many, passed away March 9, 2013. Dudley was born in Waco on Sept. 5, 1926 to Paul and Odell Hope Dudley. He attended Waco public schools and played football on the Waco High Tigers district championship teams for two years. He was elected president of his 1944 graduating class and was pictured as a class "favorite" in the *Daisy Chain* annual. After graduating from high school, Dudley enlisted in the Navy in the summer of 1944. He received an honorable discharge in 1946 and returned to Waco, where he enrolled in Baylor University. After earning his B.A. and LLB degrees from Baylor, Dudley became a member of the State Bar of Texas and worked for the city of Waco as a tax attorney for a brief time. He was next employed by the Social Security Administration as a field examiner and later worked for the Veterans Affairs Regional Office as a field attorney. He retired in 1990. Dudley joined First United Methodist Church in 1934 and remained active in the church all of his life. He met Doris Marlow there in 1946 and they were married on May 26, 1951. They had two daughters, Dana and Amy. Dudley loved music and had a very good bass voice. He and Doris sang in the choir at FUMC and were honored by the church when they retired from the choir after 58 years. After his retirement from the VA, Dudley joined the Baylor University Senior Choir, known as the Baylor Singing Seniors. He developed a love of flowers from his mother and was an avid iris gardener. Dudley's extensive library is a testimony to his love of reading, art, and history. He enjoyed playing tennis with friends for many years and did volunteer work for organizations such as AARP Tax Aid. He was a treasurer for the Odell Dudley Sunday School Class for nine years, assisting in the Fruit Cake Sale Project each fall. The class is named for Dudley's mother, who taught the class for more than 40 years. Doris' mother taught them both to play bridge, and Dudley and Doris had many years of pleasure playing duplicate bridge with friends and also at Sul Ross Bridge Studio. They loved to travel, planning many trips and cruises for seniors at FUMC. Dudley loved people and had a caring and loving personality. In 1985 Dudley and Doris became part of a church-sharing group that met on Sunday evenings. The "twelve" became an important part of their lives. Dudley looked forward to Tuesdays when his group of men friends ate out together. They called themselves "The ROMEOS" (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Dudley is survived by Doris, his wife of 61 years; two daughters, Dana and husband, Richard Johnson; and Amy Hope Dudley, all of Plano; grandchildren, Mark Johnson and wife, Roxy, of Dallas; Jennifer Hope Johnson of New York; Amy Johnson Emory and husband, Terri, of Conroe.; great-grandchildren, Brooks and Annabel Emory; cousins Beth Appell of Waco; Rusty Sample and wife, Carole, of Garland; Martha Len Griffin and husband, Elree, of Wylie; and four Marlow

nieces, Melissa, Millie, Marsha, and Molly.

Peter T. Steinmann (JD '64) passed away Feb. 28, 2013 from lung cancer. He was born to Herbert and Anne Steinmann in Woodmere, N.Y., on July 11, 1938. Steinmann was a gifted attorney for more than 40 years in Texas. He attended NYU and received his law degree from Baylor Law School in 1964. He had many friends and colleagues over the years and kept in contact with them. He was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast who loved old movies and sang Sinatra regularly. His family was his main focus in life and he was a fabulous father and precious husband. Steinmann is survived by his wife, Robin, of 25 years; and his two wonderful children, Hayley and Corey, who made him extremely proud. Steinmann was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Anne; his sister, Shelley; and his brother, Danny.

Patrick Wayne Urbis (JD '90) of Westphalia passed away March 8, 2013 in a Waco hospital. Urbis was born March 22, 1955. His parents were Harry and Rosalee Smajstrla Urbis. He graduated from West High School. He earned an engineering degree from Texas A&I and his law degree from Baylor Law School. He married Joan Lee on June 30, 2007, and practiced law in West. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Harriet Urbis. In the past several years prior to her death, Urbis was dedicated to the care of his mother. Urbis is survived by his wife, Joan Urbis of Westphalia; and two stepsons, Madison Voltin and Landon Voltin, both of Westphalia.

Thomas Dewitt Vinson Jr. (LLB '51), age 87 of Yoakum, passed away Feb. 22, 2013. He was born on Nov. 10, 1925 in Waco to Thomas and Ozelle Vinson Sr. Vinson graduated from Baylor Law School in 1951. He pursued a career with Allstate Insurance for more than 20 years, but was best known for being a "beekeeper" for more than 50 years. He was an avid stamp collector. He ran the AARP free tax service for Yoakum and the surrounding community for more than 25 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Survivors include his wife, Jo Vinson; son, Tom Vinson III, of Austin; daughters, Deborah Vinson of Yoakum and Jackie Geist and husband, Michael, of Annandale, Va.; grandson, Matthew Geist; and a granddaughter, Rebecca Geist.