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Honorable Jerry R. Parker
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“After my Practice Court experience with Professors Muldrow and Powell, I have never been intimidated by a federal or state judge. And, during my 20 years serving in the Texas House of Representatives, I was never afraid to debate fellow legislators because I had been through Practice Court. Being challenged and grilled daily was the best preparation to be a real life litigator and public servant.

“My wife, Melissa, and I wanted to help Baylor Law continue its legacy of preparing the next generation of well-trained advocates, so we created the Craig and Melissa Eiland Endowed Excellence Fund in Advocacy.”

—Craig Eiland, JD ’87

Baylor Law School’s advocacy program is distinctive—producing uniquely qualified, real-world attorneys who succeed in the courtroom and the boardroom. In any chosen professional path, Baylor Lawyers lead. Like the Eilands, you can help prepare the next generation of Baylor Lawyers. Contact Susan Womack, senior director of development for Baylor Law School, at Susan.Womack@baylor.edu, call 254.710.8537, or visit baylor.edu/law/give.
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**A Message from Dean Toben**

ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF A LAWYER IS TO SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE. ADVOCACY IS STANDING UP FOR YOUR CLIENT, FIGHTING FOR YOUR CLIENT, AND PROTECTING YOUR CLIENT’S RIGHTS.

When I think of advocates, I think of John Adams and Atticus Finch. At times, lawyers must represent the unpopular client or defend the unpopular cause. Adams bravely represented despised British soldiers in the aftermath of the Boston Massacre. He did so in a brutally hostile environment, knowing he would be scorned and that his law practice would be impaired, but knowing that the right to be represented before a jury of one’s peers was an ideal not to be sacrificed to any transient criticism or hardship he would endure. In like manner, the literary Atticus Finch represented Tom Robinson, an African-American man falsely accused of raping a white woman, in a community in which racism was rife. At Baylor Law School, we consider it a responsibility and trust to day-after-day train advocates who understand the values and ideals of Adams and Finch in doing what is right and in reaching to serve those who need legal assistance and representation.

At Baylor Law, we unceasingly emphasize that the legal profession is a service profession. Being prepared to serve to protect a client’s business interests, family interests, or even the client’s liberty, is why advocacy is central to all we do.

Our curriculum integrates advocacy training at every step—a required internal moot court competition during the first year; three years of legal writing courses focused upon written advocacy; extensive opportunities to compete on moot court, mock trial, and client counseling teams; and of course, the rigorous Practice Court program in the third year.
Beyond the classroom, Baylor Law provides numerous opportunities for advocacy. To highlight a few: the Baylor Law’s Veterans Clinic allows our students to advocate for the brave men and women who keep our country (and globe) secure; the Immigration Clinic has provided our students with an opportunity to advocate for immigrants who are navigating the DACA process; the annual Adoption Day program advocates for “forever families” for children who live in the foster care system; and the annual People’s Law School provides local citizens with the basic tools and essentials to advocate for themselves. And... there is much more.

In this issue of Docket Call, we highlight what makes Baylor Law third in the nation for trial advocacy according to U.S. News & World Report. We introduce you to the coaches and students who represent Baylor Law in advocacy competitions across the country. We showcase our advocacy faculty and courses. And of course, we highlight the tried and true Practice Court program and introduce our unique and innovative advocacy programs.

I hope you enjoy reading about Baylor Law’s commitment to advocacy in this issue of Docket Call.

Brad Toben
Dean of Baylor Law School
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**SUMMER 2016**

**MOOT COURT TEAMS**

**TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

COACHES: Kathy Serr and Professor Greg White  
TEAM: John Cook, Kristen Messina, and Austin Green  
AWARD: Third Best Speaker (Kristen Messina)

**E. EARLE ZEHMER WORKER’S COMPENSATION**

COACHES: Professor Pat Wilson and Christy Leipprandt  
TEAM: Tim Barham and Ellen Isenhower  
AWARDS: Quarterfinalists and Second Best Brief

**FALL 2016**

**MOOT COURT TEAMS**

**NATIONAL VETERANS LAW**

COACH: Professor Patricia Wilson  
TEAM: Savannah Barlow, Marcus Fifer, Lauren Livingston, and Kyle Steingreaber  
AWARDS: First Place, Second Place, Second Best Speaker (Marcus Fifer), Best Petitioner’s Brief

**APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**

COACH: Professor Greg White  
STUDENTS: Tim Barham, Taylor Fischer (brief writer), and Ellen Isenhower  
AWARDS: Semifinalists and Best Speaker (Tim Barham)

**BURTON D. WECHSLER FIRST AMENDMENT**

COACH: Professor Larry Bates  
TEAM: Jordan Jarreau and Macy Matthews  
AWARD: Quarterfinalists

**EMORY CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES**

COACH: Professor Larry Bates  
TEAM: Beth Beless, Shannon Bonn, Nicole Manley, and Stefani Preston  
AWARD: Octofinalists

**MACK KIDD ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW**

COACH: Kathy Serr  
TEAM: Chris Arnell, Alexandra Burke, Taylor Levesque, Erin Lovejoy, and Kush Patel  
AWARDS: Quarterfinalists, all three teams, and Second Best Speaker (Alex Burke)

**PEPPERDINE NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW**

COACH: Professor Connie Powell Nichols  
TEAM: Reid Burley and Stephani Cook

**NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE NYC BAR COMMITTEE ON YOUNG LAWYERS**

COACH: Professor Rory Ryan  
TEAM: Stephen Burbank, Kate Harrison, and Rachel Koehn

**SPRING 2017**

**MOOT COURT TEAMS**

**ANDREWS KURTH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

COACHES: Professor Laura Hernández and Kathy Serr  
TEAM: Rachel Buchhorn, Matthew Hinjojoa, and Chris Ratway (brief writer)

**ABA NATIONAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION**

COACH: Professor Brian Serr  
TEAM: Savannah Barlow, Caleb Gunnels, Stefani Preston, Tim Barham, Cameron Cano (brief writer), and Blain Donnell (brief writer)

**DUBERSTEIN AND ELLIOTT CUP BANKRUPTCY MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS**

COACHES: Deborah Perry and Professor Larry Bates  
TEAM: Michaela Larson, Alex Bishop, Toni Anderson, Patrick Crim, Sorsha Huff (brief writer), and Nicole Manley (brief writer)

**FRANK A. SCHRECK GAMING LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

COACH: Professor Rory Ryan  
TEAM: Chris Allison and Matthew Hinjojoa

**HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

COACH: Professor Laura Hernández  
TEAM: Meliza Tabibian and Susana Naranjo-Padrón

**NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION IN CHILD WELFARE AND ADOPTION**

COACH: Professor Patricia Wilson  
TEAM: Lauren Livingston, Kyle Steingreaber, Angela Tyler, and Ward Weber

**NATIONAL SECURITY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

COACH: Professor Bridget Fuselier  
TEAM: David Coles and Savannah Hostetter

**PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

COACH: Professor Greg White  
TEAM: Claire Dykeman, Alexander C. Morris, and Mike Tucker

**SEIGENTHALER-SUTHERLAND CUP NATIONAL FIRST AMENDMENT MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

COACH: Professor Greg White  
TEAM: Kelly Depew, Joanna Raines

AWARDS: Results not available by publication deadline.
EXTERNAL
Competitions

2016-17 TRANSACTIONAL
COMPETITION TEAMS

IP MEET TEAM
COACH
Professor Connie Powell Nichols
TEAM
Kieran Buck, Lauren Lewis, and Ryan Ritenour

TRANSACTIONAL LAWMEET COMPETITION
COACHES
Trenton Hood and James Howard
TEAM
Abby Aldrich, Mark McMullen, Ian Todd, Pierce MacGuire, Chase Smith, Jonathan Wielenga

STUDENT COACHES
Savanna Barlow, Katherine Gourley, Cassie Hansen, Masy Matthews, and Doni Mazaheri

2016-17 MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION
COACH
Robert Little
TEAM
Keshav Nair and BB Sanford, Chris Arnell and Marcus Fifer

AWARD
Keshav Nair and BB Sanford qualified for the National Trial Competition after going undefeated at regionals. Chris Arnell and Marcus Fifer advanced to the quarterfinals at regionals. Nationals held after the release of publication.

ABA LABOR LAW TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION
COACH
Ben Yelverton
TEAM
Alex Bishop, Patrick Grim, Mercedes Ordonez, Hunter Ratcliff, Travis Blake, Katie Gourley, Penny Maley, and Amber Morrison

AWARD
Finalists

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE STUDENT TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION
COACHES
David Deaconson, Colin O’Neill, and Andrew Tugel
TEAM
Sune Agbuke, Travis Blake, Parker Burns, Cameron Cano, Stephani Cook, Ty Drury, Claire Dykeman, Kate Harrison, Jordan Jarreau, Briana Loughlin, Penelope Maley, James Muela, Ward Weber

AWARDS
Ty Drury, Claire Dykeman, Penelope Maley, and James Muela qualified for nationals after winning regionals. Nationals held after the release of publication.

NATIONAL CIVIL TRIAL COMPETITION
COACH
David Deaconson
TEAM
Parker Burns, Tara Gough, Briana Loughlin, and Keshav Nair

SOUTH TEXAS MOCK TRIAL CHALLENGE
COACH
Ben Yelverton
TEAM
Cameron Cano, Kate Harrison, Justus Lindsey, and Megan Servage

AWARD
Results not available by publication deadline.

STETSON NATIONAL PRETRIAL COMPETITION
COACH
Brian Price
TEAM
Miranda Cook, Vanessa Fuentes, Justus Lindsey, and Allen Waddell

AWARD
Best Prosecution Brief

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
COACH
Robert Little
TEAM
Kelly Depew, James Muela, BB Sanford, and Matthew Swanger
INTERNAL Competitions

The Inaugural Ultimate Writer Competition

Baylor Law School’s The Ultimate Writer features a $5,000 prize pool and a prestigious clerkship opportunity. The Ultimate Writer Competition tests competitors’ abilities to review a packet of materials and draft a real-world legal document based on the packet and writing prompt. Cassie Hansen won first place, and Jamie Oberg and Ashley Morgan won second and third place, respectively. The competition was underwritten by Lisa and Charlie, JD ‘86, Frazier, and sponsored by the appellate law firm of Kelly, Durham, and Pittard, LLP.

Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society Internal Moot Court Competitions

All students are required to participate in one of two internal moot court competitions at the end of their first year.

M.D. Anderson
Spring 2016 Moot Court Competition Winners:
Stefani Preston and Matthew Hinojosa
Dawson and Sodd
Fall 2016 Moot Court Competition Winners:
Chloe Stevens and Kristi Kneedler

Naman Howell Smith & Lee Intrascholastic Client Counseling Competition

Second- and third-year students may participate in the annual Naman Howell Smith and Lee Intrascholastic Client Counseling Competition.

2016 Winners:
Amber Morrison and Hunter Ratcliff

2016 Finalists:
Brooke Jones and Gemma Zuniga

Bob and Karen Wortham “Mad Dog” Practice Court Competition

As part of the Practice Court program, students may participate in the Bob and Karen Wortham “Mad Dog” Practice Court Competition, a week-long contest that occurs at the beginning of the second quarter of Practice Court that is generously underwritten by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham of Beaumont, TX.

BB Sanford won the fall competition and took home the $4,000 prize and an 18-inch bronze statue of Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson.

Runner up Keshav Nair, final round judge Dave Deaconson, and “Mad Dog” winner BB Sanford.

Special Thanks
Kirk Pittard, JD ’99, of Kelly, Durham, and Pittard, LLP, and Professors Scott Fraley, Matt Cordon, and Greg White, JD ’82.

Final Round Judges

ADJUNCT FACULTY MEMBERS:
Ben Selman, JD ’73, of Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, Hon. Vik Deivanayagam, JD ’96, McLennan County Court-at-Law, and Hal Ritter, professional counselor and educator.

RUNNER UP:
Keshav Nair

SEMI FINALISTS:
Hannah Brewer and Travis Blake

FINAL ROUND JUDGES

PRESIDING JUDGE: Dave Deaconson, JD ’83, of Pakis, Giotes, Page, & Burleson, PC.

SCORING JUDGES: Adjunct faculty member Robert Little, JD ’05, and Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, JD ’11, both of Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC.

Runner up Keshav Nair, final round judge Dave Deaconson, and “Mad Dog” winner BB Sanford.
Professional Tracks

Baylor Law offers 13 Professional Tracks of Study and four Special Distinctions to allow students to focus their studies on their areas of interest. The following are the advocacy focused tracks and distinctions:

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Special Distinction in Litigation

Students who receive Special Distinction in Litigation have successfully completed an advocacy track, competed on a national-level mock trial team, completed at least five additional hours or courses that were not previously counted towards the track, and maintained a GPA of 3.3 in all track courses. After successful completion of the criteria, "Special Distinction in Litigation" will be noted on students' transcripts.

Advocacy Faculty

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Faculty**
- Mike Morrison
- Mike Rogers
- **Adjunct Faculty – practicing lawyers**
  - Chris Elliot
  - Kimberlee Kovach

**Appellate Advocacy Faculty**
- Larry Bates
- Michael Berry
- Bridget Fuselier
- Laura Hernández
- Jill Weber Lens
- Deborah Perry
  - **Adjunct Faculty – practicing lawyers**
    - Connie Powell
    - Rory Ryan
    - Brian Serr
    - James Underwood
    - Patricia Wilson
    - Greg White

**Client Counseling Advocacy Faculty**
- Patricia Wilson
- **Adjunct Faculty – sitting judges**
  - Hon. Vik Deivanayagam
  - Hon. Rex Davis

**Trial Advocacy**
- **Practice Court Faculty**
  - Director: Gerald Powell
  - Jeremy Counsellor
  - **Adjunct Faculty – practicing lawyers**
    - Laura Brown
    - David Dumas
    - Colin O’Neill
    - Joe Rivera
  - **Adjunct Faculty – sitting judges**
    - Hon. Vik Deivanayagam
    - Hon. Lee Harris

**Legal Writing Advocacy Faculty**
- Michael Berry
- Matt Cordon
- Scott Fraley
  - **Adjunct Faculty – practicing lawyer**
    - Lotte Bostick

**Legal Writing Advocacy Faculty**
- Susan Kelley-Claybrook
- Ortíz
- Hon. Jan Patterson
- Greg White

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Moot Court Competition

Patricia Wilson
Chair, Advocacy Committee

Coaching Experience: 20+ Years
- E. Earle Zehmer Worker's Compensation Competition
- National Veterans Law Competition
- National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption

What motivates you to coach?
For me, the pay-off comes when I hear the judges comment, often effusively, about how well-prepared and polished our advocates are, and when I see the confidence of my students grow, particularly when they realize how far they’ve come in developing their oral advocacy skills.

What is your most memorable experience?
Most recently, taking home the first and second place trophies in the National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition, in which 24 teams participated, was both memorable and rewarding. My two teams had only two weeks to practice and all but one practicer occurred during final exams. The icing on the cake was having several of the attorneys who judged the competition press business cards on the students, urging contact if the students were interested in practicing in the area of veterans’ benefit claims.

Doing well and advancing deep into the competition is always enjoyable, but ultimately, regardless of the outcome, I appreciate having had the opportunity to reinforce the virtue of hard work, the value of collaboration, and the importance of enjoying moments of levity no matter how intensively one is working. I hope that in the end, I have influenced the students in a positive way.

National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition
Under Professor Patricia Wilson’s leadership, Baylor Law won the top two spots at the 2016 National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition. Marcus Fifer and Savanna Barlow won first place and “Best Brief” awards. Lauren Livingston and Kyle Steingreaber won second place. Fifer was also named “Second Best Speaker.”

The coaches of the advocacy teams who give generously of their time and intellect deserve appreciation for their commitment to competition success. With full schedules and teaching demands, the Baylor Law faculty and adjuncts, along with Kathy Serr, advocacy program coordinator, devote many nights and weekends away from their families and friends to invest in student advocates. Unlike most law schools, almost all of Baylor Law’s moot court teams are coached by a full-time faculty or staff member. The training and mentorship that the students receive from their advocacy coaches provide invaluable skills and forge strong bonds that extend beyond a student’s time in law school.
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Patricia Wilson, chair of the advocacy committee at Baylor Law. WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?

I'm a teacher. Coaching moot court teams provides one of the best opportunities to teach. It's individualized. It's practice-oriented and therefore focused on developing critical thinking, writing, and speaking skills. It's one of the best endeavors for emphasizing intense preparation, attention to detail, and the need to continually engage in self-criticism in the effort to improve.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?

During my coaching time, I have had the privilege of working closely with some of our most talented students, challenging them to reach for the next level, and helping them to see how good they could be. Whether getting eliminated in the prelims or winning one of eight national championships, each team created its own special moments and has become a part of the cumulative experience I share with each new team I coach.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?

I like watching our best minds mature as they learn to combine creativity with structure.
Laura Hernández  
**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 7 YEARS  
- **ANDREWS KURTH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**  
- **HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?**
I love being in a competition with our students who are always so dedicated to excellence. And excel they do! A coach’s dream.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?**
For me, it was winning our first national championship at the Hispanic National Bar Association’s Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition. It was the first time Baylor Law participated in the competition. We dominated that year—Best Petitioner’s Brief, Best Advocate, and National Champions, and our team walked away with a cash award of $8,000. The judges in the final round were three federal appellate circuit justices and two federal district courts judges.

Even more special, one of our advocates was undocumented because he was brought to the United States as a child by undocumented parents.

Another memorable experience was when we were at the Pepperdine Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition. Our students are always well-dressed, and we make more of an effort in Los Angeles because it is important. One of my advocates was a particularly sharp dresser. After arguing a round, the judge tells an advocate from the other team, “You look okay, but I question your clothing choices. You really need to get advice from Mr. X (my advocate) because he looks very good. And he sounds even better.” It was the story of that competition!

Bridget Fuselier, JD ’98  
**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 9 YEARS  
- **NATIONAL SECURITY LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?**
It is a great opportunity to mentor students and to guide them on their journey as they develop into lawyers.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?**
One is a trip to D.C. in 2010 that almost didn’t happen. D.C. had record-breaking snow, and it started snowing in Waco the night before our flight out of Waco. The morning flight was canceled, so we decided to drive to DFW the night before.

It took five and a half hours to drive to Dallas, and we got rooms at the Super 8. The next morning there was delay after delay. After sitting on the runway for two and a half hours we finally took off and made it! The team was great and made the most of the trip. Reggie Blakeley placed as a top overall competitor.

The second trip was 2012. Both teams were in the quarterfinals. It was almost an all Baylor final round. Ultimately the Rachel Skinner/Derik Scott team won the championship. It was really special because my partner Philip Kingston and I won that same competition back in 1998!

Connie Powell Nichols  
**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 7 YEARS  
- **PEPPERDINE NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**  
- **IP MEET TEAM**  
- **TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SEIGENTHALER-SUTHERLAND CUP NATIONAL FIRST AMENDMENT MOOT COURT COMPETITION**  
- **PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMPETITION**  
- **AMENDMENT MOOT COURT COMPETITION**  
- **APPALATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

**WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?**
I especially enjoy working with students to think on their feet while advocating at the same time. Competitions provide to the students to gain from moot court. It is a great opportunity to mentor students and to guide them on their journey as they develop into lawyers.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?**
Regardless of where they start, they gain from moot court. Many of them are nervous, some lack confidence, but many are super talented. It is a great opportunity to mentor students and to guide them on their journey as they develop into lawyers.
Laura Hernández

two federal district courts judges. three federal appellate circuit justices and $8,000. The judges in the final round were team walked away with a cash award of and National Champions, and our Best Petitioner’s Brief, Best Advocate, competition. We dominated that year—time Baylor Law participated in the Moot Court Competition. It was the first Bar Association’s Uvaldo Herrera National championship at the Hispanic National For me, it was winning our first national A coach’s dream. to excellence. And excel they do! students who are always so dedicated I love being in a competition with our MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE? WHAT IS YOUR MOST TO COACH? WHAT MOTIVATES YOU what to do. Whether it’s arguing the law or the facts. I try to prepare my students to think on their feet while advocating at the same time. MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE? WHAT IS YOUR MOST TO COACH? WHAT MOTIVATES YOU

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WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
I am motivated by the experience competitions provide to the students to think on their feet while advocating at the same time.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
My most memorable experience is having a judge in a competition tell one of my students “he had the argument at ‘hello.’” The student had been doubtful of his abilities but proved to be a shining star.

PROFESSOR
Greg White, JD ’82
◆ COACHING EXPERIENCE: 5 YEARS
◆ APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
◆ PACE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMPETITION
◆ SEIGENTHALER-SUTHERLAND CUP NATIONAL FIRST AMENDMENT MOOT COURT COMPETITION
◆ TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
The confidence that students gain from moot court translates to their other classes, their job performance, and their careers.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
I had a team that wrote their brief for the wrong side of the case. They figured that out three hours before the brief was due, and like true Baylor Lawyers, they flipped their brief to the other side and still made the deadline. At that competition, three of the four teams members were ranked as the top advocates of the entire tournament.

I especially enjoy working with first-time moot court competitors. Many of them are nervous, some lack confidence, but many are super talented. Regardless of where they start, they finish well on their way to becoming Baylor Lawyers. I keep up with most of my team members, and I am proud of all of them.
Kathy Serr, JD ’91  ADVOCACY PROGRAM COORDINATOR
• COACHING EXPERIENCE: 19 YEARS
• ANDREWS KURTH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION
• MACK KIDD ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW
• TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
I appreciate the opportunity to interact and work with our students.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
I cannot pick one experience. Over the years, I have been blessed to coach and form friendships with many wonderful students who have gone on to become great Baylor Lawyers. That connection and shared experience makes it both professionally and personally worthwhile to me and hopefully to them.

Kathy Serr, advocacy program coordinator, oversees the logistics of all interscholastic competition teams at Baylor Law, and she is responsible for the interscholastic competitions which the Law School hosts. She also coaches moot court and mock trial teams.

“Kathy is the rock of our program. In addition to coaching several of our teams, she tends to every detail of the School’s advocacy competition. She is invaluable to the overall success of the advocacy program,” said Professor Patricia Wilson.

“Kathy Serr, my former coach, asked me to come back and coach a mock trial team,” said Robert Little, of Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, who has coached 18 teams over the past nine years. “It’s easy to say yes to an opportunity when it comes from a person you respect and admire as much as I respect and admire Kathy.”

Robert Little, JD ’05
Naman Howell Smith & Lee PLLC
• COACHING EXPERIENCE: 9 YEARS
• NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION • TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
First, it is fun. I like the competition. Second, I like being around students. Their enthusiasm for the activity and for the law reminds me of why I wanted to be a lawyer. Lastly, I believe that advocacy, the ability to stand up in a room and persuade people, is important. Baylor Law’s commitment to advocacy is critical to the identity of the School.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
In 2012, we had two teams at the National Trial Competition. After four rounds, both Baylor Law teams were semifinalists. If both teams won, we would be guaranteed to win a national championship. If both teams lost, we would be out of the tournament. Waiting for those rounds to conclude was the most nerve racking three hours of my life. The finals ended up being Baylor Law vs. Baylor Law, and we were national champions!

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Vik Deivanayagam, JD ’96
McLennan County Court at Law
• COACHING EXPERIENCE: 8 YEARS
• ABA CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
It motivates me knowing the students have a full quarter of classes, and they still are willing to commit additional hours for practice. I am also motivated by the quality and enthusiasm of the students.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
About six years ago, I had a team that had great chemistry, balance, and a natural style that put others at ease. They worked hard at practices and outside of practices and ended up making it to the National Finals. Seeing those two students reach their potential was incredibly satisfying.
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WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO COACH?
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THANK YOU TO THE BAYLOR LAWYERS WHO HAVE JOINED AS ADVOCACY COACHES WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

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Fulbright Winniford PC
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE
- STUDENT TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION

Deborah Perry, JD ’97
Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC
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Andrew Tuegel, JD ’10
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- TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
The most memorable coaching experiences for me come from the experiences of students, when all of the theory and knowledge they have gained in their classes clicks, and they understand how this will all apply in the practice of law. For some, I have seen that light come on slowly throughout the preparation and competition process. For others, I can identify a moment in a team meeting or in a competition round when everything seemed to fall into place for them. The most memorable experiences for me are when students are able to say that they are better for having been on the team.

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WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE?
I had a student on my team who had struggled early on and felt he had limited potential. At the awards dinner at the conclusion of a national competition, he was recognized as the outstanding advocate. His hard work and commitment to preparation paid off. That competition helped his confidence, and he has since become an effective trial attorney.

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WHAT IS THE MOST GRATIFYING PART OF BEING A PC PROFESSOR?

I love watching the amazing transformation of raw but smart and eager students into skilled and thoughtful advocates. Sometimes, that transformation is a bit more subtle than that, but I always am impressed with the students’ ability to learn and to adapt.

One of the scariest memories I have of being a PC professor is when the School’s Dean Ross Dawson was in our midst. I had never heard him speak in class, and I was nervous about how I would do. I thought I was doing reasonably well until Bill Russell and I were about to present our case. Dawson paired me with Jim Ewbanks. I was nervous about how I would do. I didn’t even know what a trial was. I didn’t even know what to do. I didn’t even know how to do it. “Big” Robert Little, father of “Little” Robert Little, was sitting in the back of the room: “Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, na...
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I am ever grateful that I was afforded the opportunity to have the best job in the country.

Dawson was personally paying the bill, and he quoted 1 Corinthians 9:9 as his explanation for why he “needed” three steak dinners.

WHAT IS THE MOST GRATIFYING PART OF BEING A PC PROFESSOR?
I love getting the letters and emails beginning about six months after graduation with the lead-in sentence something to the effect of, “PC was one of the hardest experiences of my life, and I never thought I would say this, but…”

I feel blessed to stand on the shoulders of those who have come before, and to work shoulder to shoulder with incredible faculty and trial attorney colleagues who carry on the tradition.
Jeremy Counseller, JD ’00

- JOINED PC TEAM: 2005
- ADVOCACY EXERCISES

WHO WAS YOUR PC PROFESSOR?
Louis Muldrow

WHO WAS YOUR PC PARTNER?
Charles Brown, now managing partner of Brown, Wharton, & Brothers in Houston.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM WHEN YOU WERE A PC STUDENT?
There was a window to the door of the PC classroom in Morrison Constitution Hall. I could not see Professor Muldrow coming down the hall through that window, but I knew when he was coming because any students gathered on the other side of the door and its window scattered like bait fish as the shark approached.

WHAT IS THE MOST GRATIFYING PART OF BEING A PC PROFESSOR?
Since I also teach these students in Civil Procedure during their first quarter in law school, it is gratifying to see in PC how much they have learned since they began their legal education at Baylor.

Elizabeth M. Fraley, JD ’88

- JOINED PC TEAM: 2015
- PC III, ADVANCED TRIAL ADVOCACY SKILLS

WHO WAS YOUR PC PROFESSOR?
Louis Muldrow (with an assist from Jerry Powell)

WHO WAS YOUR PC PARTNER?
Scott Edwards, who now is a big deal lawyer with Hartline Dacus trying automotive cases around the country.

WHAT IS THE MOST GRATIFYING PART OF BEING A PC PROFESSOR?
The students. I love seeing them develop confidence, resilience, and grit. Practice Court is an invaluable stepping stone to true competence as a professional. We at Baylor Law are so fortunate to have the opportunity to go through PC.

we’d better step it up or we were risking the lives and well-being of our elderly jurors.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM WHEN YOU WERE A PC STUDENT?
I was trying a mini-trial about a nursing home. At a break, Muldrow came over to my PC partner, Scott, and me and informed us that we were trying “the most boring case in the history of advocacy” and that
BAYLOR LAW
Academy of the Advocate
AT ST ANDREWS

Each summer, Baylor Law hosts an Advocacy-Focused Study Abroad Program in St Andrews, Scotland. The Baylor Law Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews gives students from law schools across the country the opportunity to spend two weeks studying trial and appellate advocacy in the classrooms of the University of St Andrews in Scotland. The program provides students with an intense and practical training experience from distinguished lawyers, judges, and advocacy professors.

The Academy of the Advocate is organized into three schools, the School of the Appeal (led by Professor Brian Serr), the School of the Trial (led by Professor Gerald Powell), and the Advanced School of the Trial (led by Baylor Law alumnus Robert Little). Professor Jeremy Counseller serves as the program director; Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Pro Bono Programs Stephen Rispoli serves as associate program director; and Kathy Serr serves as program coordinator.

For more information on the Academy of the Advocate, please visit: baylor.edu/law/standrews

Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition

Baylor Law is now in its eighth year of hosting the Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition. The Competition quickly earned prestige and is known as one of the top major national mock trial competitions. Top Gun is an invitation-only mock trial tournament that attracts the best advocates from the nation’s top advocacy schools. To increase rigor, participants do not receive the case file until they arrive in Waco, only 24 hours before the first round of trials begin. The competition is sponsored by Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, and the winning advocate earns a $10,000 cash prize.

“This is the best competition in law school mock trial,” said Ben Wallace of Yale Law School, who won the 2016 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition. “It was an honor just to be invited, and it’s even more of an honor to win.”
The Closer - NATIONAL TRANSACTIONAL LAW COMPETITION

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR BETH MILLER, BAYLOR LAW LAUNCHED THE CLOSER, a unique national transactional law competition, on Martin Luther King weekend 2017. The Closer is an innovative, invitation-only transactional law tournament in which law schools that have consistently excelled at transactional LawMeets’ send their top student transactional negotiators to compete.

Unlike other transactional law competitions, competitors in The Closer face one another individually. The competitors do not receive the file until they arrive in Waco, 24 hours before the first round of negotiations begin, and their preparation includes reviewing documents, interviewing clients, and taking a trip to the actual places related to the transaction. The judges for each round are distinguished transactional lawyers.

For the inaugural year, eight law schools from across the country competed in The Closer. Bobby Bramhall from the University of Tennessee College of Law and Alexia Boggs from the University of Mississippi School of Law were named champions. Katie Stevens from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and Parker Steel from the University of Colorado Law School were finalists.

The Closer was underwritten by Kim and Bill Shaddock and is sponsored by Haynes and Boone, LLP. A special thanks to Balcones Distilling, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, and Jennifer and Ryan Lindsey for their support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT baylor.edu/law/thecloser

2016 Appellate Advocacy Seminar

ON SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2016, BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE FIFTH FEDERAL CIRCUIT CO-HOSTED THE 2016 APPELLATE ADVOCACY SEMINAR IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. The two-day seminar included a myriad of presentations on appellate advocacy. To highlight a few: Baylor Law Professors Scott Fraley and Greg White led a writing workshop titled “Improving Your Appellate Brief - Three Tips to Make Each Part of Your Brief Memorable and Effective.” Justices Jennifer Elrod, Catherine Haynes, and James Graves presented “Nuts and Bolts of Oral Argument and Brief Writing.” And, Baylor Law alumna Marianne Auld, managing partner and chair of the appellate section at Kelly Hart in Fort Worth, presented on ethics. Professors Scott Fraley and Greg White were the driving force behind Baylor Law’s integral involvement in the 2016 Appellate Advocacy Seminar.

Baylor Law Advanced

LEGAL MAPMAKER

IN 2016, BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHED LEGAL MAPMAKER, a project that provides a practice development template for young lawyers who want to open their own law firms. In cooperation with other law schools and organizations such as the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Baylor’s Legal Mapmaker has two goals: 1) to help young lawyers start a successful and efficient law practice, and 2) to help address the growing access-to-justice gap.

The program covers twelve general topics through live presentations, including matters like mission and professionalism, financial management, client relations, and technology. Building on the advocacy training received during their three years of law school, the Legal Mapmaker program strives to equip students with the tools and advice necessary to advocate for themselves and their clients as they start their own firms. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT baylor.edu/law/legalmapmaker
FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENT AMY JOWERS CHERISHES THE FRIENDSHIPS SHE HAS FORMED WITH HER PEERS. “I VALUE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, IN BOTH A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTEXT. MY LAW SCHOOL FRIENDS AND I HELP, ENCOURAGE, AND CHALLENGE EACH OTHER TO IMPROVE AND SUCCEED.”

“As the beneficiary of the Dean’s Academic Excellence Scholarship, which covers the full cost of my tuition, I feel incredibly blessed,” she said. “Not only does it alleviate any financial pressure during school, it also gives me the freedom to pursue a rewarding career when I graduate without feeling overwhelmed.”

“Even though I don’t plan to pursue a career in litigation, I know I will be practice-ready after graduating thanks to all of the practical learning opportunities Baylor Law provides,” she said.

After graduation, Jowers plans on practicing transactional law in order to handle the legal needs of her family’s commercial real estate business as well as to assist with the legal matters of a nonprofit founded by her mother.

“The Poiema Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to combat human trafficking, requires legal aid at several different levels, from maintaining 501(c)(3) status to providing legal services for trafficking survivors,” Jowers said. “I am eager to become knowledgeable and experienced enough to help my family’s small business and organization serve their communities more effectively.”

Baylor Law School is full of students with dreams like Jowers’. Seeing these dreams become realities requires a challenging yet encouraging environment—one that Jowers believes she has already found in her time at Baylor Law.”

After receiving a scholarship offer from Baylor Law, I decided to tour the campus. I immediately was struck by the personal touch of the caring community of faculty, staff, and students,” Jowers said.

“The people at Baylor Law seemed to genuinely care about each other.” Jowers received her undergraduate degree on a full-scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin. With a perfect undergraduate grade point average and recognition every semester on the Dean’s List, Jowers had high standards in searching for a law school to attend. Though many factors played a part in her decision to choose Baylor Law School, Jowers mentioned several in particular that brought her to a verdict.

First and foremost, Baylor Law’s Christian emphasis attracted Jowers, as she hoped to attend a law school where she could share her central values. In addition to a Christian education, Baylor Law’s distinguishing characteristic of generosity influenced her decision.
Alumni Notes

1970’s

Randall E. Betty, JD ’73, joined Walters Balido & Crain as a partner in the Decatur office.

1980’s


Joseph W. Spence, JD ’83, joined Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones, LLP as partner in Fort Worth.

Lisa Jamieson, JD ’84, joined Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Taplett, LLP as partner in Fort Worth.

Kevin Delaney, JD ’87, Senior Vice President – General Counsel and Secretary of Quanex Building Products Corp., celebrates Quanex’s award of “Legal Department of the Year for Transitions/Acquisitions” by Texas Lawyer. The award ceremony was Nov. 1 at the Belo in Dallas.

1990’s

Carol Payne, JD ’93, of Estes Thorne & Carr, PLLC, in Dallas, was recognized as a Super Lawyer for 2016 and included on the 2016 list of Top 50 Women Texas Super Lawyers.

Jason Stephens, JD ’97, of Stephens, Anderson & Cummings in Fort Worth is a Texas Super Lawyer and a Top Attorney in Fort Worth for Personal Injury. He has been named a Best Lawyer in America for the past two years.

Christian Ellis, JD ’98, is a founding partner of Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones, LLP, in Fort Worth.

Christopher B. Trowbridge, JD ’98, of Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, was selected to the Communities Foundation of Texas 2016-2017 Advisory Council, joining a distinguished group of 90 business, governmental, community, and philanthropic leaders throughout North Texas.

Hon. Grant Kinsey, JD ’99, was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott as judge of a new state district court in Coryell County that opened Jan. 2 in Gatesville.

2000’s

Suzanne C. Ferguson, JD ’00, joined the Miami office of Robinson+Cole as a member of the firm’s Business Transactions Group.

John LeJeune, JD ’02, of the Zimmerman Law Firm in Waco, was presented with the 2016 Baylor Law School Veterans Clinic Advocate of the Year award.

Keith Ogle, JD ’02, joined Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Taplett, LLP, as partner in Fort Worth.

Aimee Van Winkle Stone, JD ’02, joined Moses, Palmer & Howell, LLP, in Fort Worth as partner.

Craig Stone, JD ’03, senior counsel of Phillips 66, was named a 2016 Who's Who in Energy by the Houston Business Journal.

Judge Baylor Wortham, JD ’05, was elected as judge of the 136th Judicial District Court of Jefferson County, Texas. His term began Jan. 1.

R. Heath Cheek, JD ’06, of Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, served as vice-chair of the State Fair of Texas Development Team. The 24-day fair—one of the largest annual events in the world and the largest in Texas—raised $1.2 million to support scholarships for inner city Dallas and rural Texas students attending in-state colleges and universities.

The Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law (REPTL) section of the State Bar of Texas is the largest section of the State Bar, boasting more than 8,800 members. The purpose of REPTL is to provide support to its members and other attorneys practicing real estate, probate, or trust law in Texas.

Of the eight council seats for the terms starting in 2015 and 2016, three are Baylor Lawyers: Shyla R. Buckner, JD ’93, of Sprouse, Shrader, Smith, PLLC, in Amarillo; Catherine Hendren Goodman, JD ’94, of Harris, Finley & Bogle, PC, in Fort Worth; and Lauren Davis Hunt, JD ’07, of Osborne, Helman, Knebel & Scott, LLP, in Austin.

BAYLOR LAWYERS SERVE AS LEADERS WITHIN REPTL

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REPTL
REAL ESTATE, PROBATE & TRUST LAW
Elisa “Leiza” Dolghih, JD ’06, of Godwin Bowman & Martinez, PC, in Dallas, was promoted to shareholder.

Brandy Austin, JD ’08, of Brandy Austin Law Firm, PLLC, was selected to Fort Worth Magazine’s Top Attorney List for Personal Injury.

Sorana Ban, JD ’08, joined Strasburger & Price, LLP, as an associate in the Collin County office.

Laci Bowman, JD ’08, of Godwin Bowman & Martinez, PC, in Dallas, was promoted to shareholder.

Josh Borderud, JD ’09, director of the Veteran’s Clinic at Baylor Law and past president of the McLennan County Young Lawyers Association, was awarded the Lone Star Legal Aid Community Partner Award.

Barbara Pelaez, JD ’10, of The Bassett Firm, in Dallas, was re-elected to the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Board of Directors.

Nathan Winkler, JD ’10, joined Brown Dean Procter & Howell, LLP, as an associate in Fort Worth.

Derek Cook, JD ’11, of Lynch, Chappell & Alsup was awarded Attorney of the Year for Legal Aid of North West Texas for Midland County in recognition of his pro bono work.

Patrick Sheridan, JD ’11, joined Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones, LLP, in Fort Worth.

Whitney Keltch, JD ’12, of The Ashmore Law Firm, PC, in Dallas, was re-elected to the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Board of Directors.

Stephen Rispoli, JD ’12, assistant dean of student affairs and pro bono programs at Baylor Law School, was awarded the Lone Star Legal Aid Helping Hands Award.

Andy Jones, JD ’13, of Sawicki Law in Dallas, was re-elected to the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Board of Directors.

Elissa I. Henry, JD ’16, founded Elissa I. Henry Law Firm, PLLC, in Round Rock, Texas. Elissa serves as legal counsel for Central Texas business startups and establishes businesses seeking to reorganize or expand. She also serves clients in the areas of immigration law, family law, and personal injury.

David Dickson, JD ’76, of Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick & Dickson, LLP, in Waco was nominated to the leadership ladder and currently serves as the council treasurer. After serving as treasurer, Dickson is expected to serve as chair-elect and secretary, and then as chair of REPTL.

Dickson follows many other Baylor Lawyers who have served as REPTL chairs, including Lisa H. Jamieson, JD ’84; Robert “Doc” Watson, JD ’76; Craig Adams, JD ’78; D. Diane Dillard, JD ’79; Professor Thomas Featherston, JD ’72; Michael L. Graham, JD ’72; and W. Fred Cameron, JD ’62.

2010’s

The Rodriguez Group:

Joe R. Anderson, JD ’87 Travis Holland, JD ’13
Anna Ansari, JD ’06 Jeff Jury, JD ’86
David Brenner, JD ’87 Nick S. Morgan, JD ’99
Lea Buffington, JD ’95 Lisa K. Richard, JD ’14

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Baylor Lawyer Network Receptions

Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – Jan. 11, 2017
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of
Anderson Jury and Brenner, LLP:
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Austin Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – Jan. 19, 2017
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of Burns & Hightower, LLP:
Greg P. Blaies, JD ’88
Grant D. Blaies, JD ’92
Greg S. Gober, JD ’93
James Hryekewicz, JD ’92

Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – Jan. 24, 2017
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of Fulkerson Lotz, LLP:
Thomas M. Fulkerson, JD ’83
Wesley G. Lotz, JD ’04
Jerry L. Mitchell, JD ’89

Houston Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – Feb. 9, 2017
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of
Fulkerson Lotz, LLP:
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Matthew Cordon
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- "Written Advocacy Training Throughout a Practice-Oriented Curriculum," The Second Draft, Legal Writing Institute, co-authored with Scott Fraley (September 2016)

PRESENTATIONS
- "Completing the Feedback Loop: Providing Effective Feedback for Students’ Written Work Without Losing your Mind," Seminar for Excellence in Teaching, Baylor University Academy of Teaching and Learning, co-presented with Scott Fraley (October 2016)

Thomas M. Featherston, Jr.
The Mills Cox Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Delegate, State Bar of Texas, Resolutions Committee, Ft. Worth, TX (June 11, 2016)
- Senior Editor, Probate & Property, published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of American Bar Association
- Member, Publications and CLE Committees of the ABA’s Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Member, Legislative Review Committee, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- "A Pottedoor of Recent (Non-Delaware) LLP and LLC Cases," JLIC, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Business Entities, American Bar Association, (October 20, 2016)

PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Joint Editorial Board, Uniform Unincorporated Organizations Acts, Uniform Law Commission and American Bar Association
- Editorial Board, The Business Lawyer, quarterly journal of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association
- Chair, Editorial Board of Publications of the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association

Scott Fraley
Director of Legal Writing

PUBLICATIONS
- "Completing the Feedback Loop: Providing Effective Feedback for Students’ Written Work Without Losing your Mind," Seminar for Excellence in Teaching, Baylor University Academy of Teaching and Learning, co-presented with Matthew Cordon (October 2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Member, Program Committee for the Association of Legal Writing Directors, which will direct programming for the bi-annual ALWD Conference
- Member, Planning Committee for the Legal Writing Section of the AALS, which will plan the legal writing program for the annual AALS Conference in January 2017

Michael Morrison
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Contributing Editor, Defamation and Invasion of Privacy, Texas Association of Defense Counsel Professional Newsletter/Case Law Updates
- Member, Board of Directors, The Forum for Education Abroad, revised The Forum’s bylaws, adopted at the April 2016 annual conference

Laura A. Hernández
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Latina Commissioner, Hispanic National Bar Association

Michael Rogers
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Director, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Board Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, Baylor’s NCAA Pro Sports Counseling Panel

Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- "Reversal of Fortune," Austin American Statesman (December 10, 2016)

PRESENTATIONS
- Coordinator, Moderator, and Speaker, Environmental and Water Law Panel, University of Houston, St. Mary’s University School of Law (September 29, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- For the 17th consecutive year, selected through peer review process for inclusion in the 2016/22nd annual edition of The Best Lawyers in America (Tier One Best Law Firm/ highest classification) in the practice areas of Environmental Law and Water Law
- Liaison, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas with the Section of the Environment, Energy and Resources of the American Bar Association
- Contributing Editor, General Practice Digest, State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law
- Chair, Law School Committee of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

Bradley J.B. Toven
Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Elected Member, American Law Institute
- Board Member, Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc.
- Chair and Accreditation Inspector, American Bar Association

James Underwood
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Torts)

Greg White
Legal Writing Lecturer

PRESENTATIONS
- "Writing Workshop," with Professor Scott Fraley, 2016 Appellate Advocacy Seminar with the Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit, New Orleans, LA (September 26-27, 2016)

Patricia Wilson
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Governing Board Member, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Chair of Legal Committee
- Vice-President, Waco-McLennan County Bar Association
- Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, ABA Law Student Division, Client Counseling Subcommittee
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Family Law)
Baylor Law School Celebrates Historic
ALL-FEMALE GRADUATING CLASS

The Fall 2016 Graduating Class was comprised of all female graduates—a first! Baylor Law congratulates the seven female students who marked history when they walked across the stage on Nov. 5, 2016. Professor Jeremy Counseller delivered the commencement speech, and Professors Bridget Fuselier and Elizabeth Fraley hooded the graduates.
George Clark Anson, Jr., JD ’50, passed away Oct. 29, 2016. He was born Aug. 27, 1918, in Waco. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart twice in addition to other military citations. After the war, George attended Baylor University and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1950, cum laude.

George began practicing law in Dallas in 1950, and in 1952, was one of the four founders of the Dallas law firm first named Jenkens and Bowen. Later, he became the first General Counsel of First National Bank in Dallas and then the first General Counsel of First International Bancshares. Following retirement from the bank holding company, he re-entered private law practice before again retiring.

George served on the Board of Regents of Baylor University for 18 years. He was a Regent Emeritus until his death. He also served on the Boards of Trustees of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, the Baylor Health Care System, and the Baylor Specialty Health Centers. At the time of his death, he was a member and life deacon of Park Cities Baptist Church and was a member of Northwood Club in Dallas for more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Rushing Anson; children, Judith J. Anson, David C. Anson, and George C. Anson III; and two grandsons.

Robert W. Henderson, JD ’52, was born Aug. 27, 1929, and passed away Nov. 26, 2016. He spent two years in the U.S. Marine Corps and graduated as valedictorian from Henderson County Junior College in 1950. He then entered Baylor Law School and graduated in 1952. Robert worked for Shell Oil Company in Houston before working for Placid Oil Company in 1954. He was transferred to the Dallas Office in 1959 as head of the Federal Power Commission section of the Legal Department.

In this position, he worked in Washington D.C. for several years, which involved presenting oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. Before his retirement in 1984, H. L. Hunt appointed him as Trustee of Reliance Trust, where he served until 1995.

He was predeceased by his parents Lucius Dow Henderson and Ardell Starr; wife, Mary Bell; and brother A. D. Henderson. He is survived by one sister, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Ralph W. Pulley, Jr., JD ’50, passed away Oct. 25, 2016. Ralph was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, Sept. 3, 1927. He attended Baylor University and played on Baylor basketball teams that won three Southwest Conference Titles. He then attended Baylor Law School and graduated with a juris doctor in 1950. Ralph spent 13 years in the J.A.G. section of the 36th National Guard. He joined the law firm of Phinney-Hallman in 1950 and, after 30 years, opened his private practice.

Ralph served as chairman of the Fellowship of Deacons, as a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, on the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Convention Foundation, on the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptists of Texas Foundation, and on the administrative committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He also served as a trustee of Criswell College and of the W. A. Criswell Foundation. He was a Life Member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas, president of the All-Sports Association, and president of the Dallas Baylor Club.

He was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association and was authorized to practice before the Supreme Court and the Customs Court of the United States.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruby; daughter, Claudia; son, Tom and wife, Stephanie; grandsons, Thomas and William; brother, Stan; sister-in-law, Minette D. Pratt and husband, Dr. Bill Pratt; and many dear family friends.
**Will David Davis, Sr., LLB '54**, was born July 18, 1929, and passed away Dec. 12, 2016. Will was a member of the 1951 Baylor football team that played in the Orange Bowl. He received his BBA-LLB degrees *cum laude* from Baylor University in 1954. In the spring of 1953, he was elected president of the student body.

Will began his law career as an assistant attorney general and then was appointed by Governor Price Daniel as general counsel of the Texas Department of Insurance. In 1960, Will joined his uncle, W.W. Heath, as a partner in law. The firm became Heath, Davis and McCalla. He then continued with Thompson Coe, “of counsel,” until his recent retirement.

Will was Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party (1965-68) and of the Texas State Democratic Conventions of 1966 and 1968. He was also active as a delegate to both state and national conventions and served in many campaigns and on many Governor’s Inauguration Committees for 30 years. He was president of the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent School District for three terms and served as a board member for 16 years. In 1991, the AISD built and named the “Will D. Davis Elementary School.”

Will was President of the Texas Association of School Boards in 1974 and served as an officer for 5 years. The Texas Association of School Boards named its office building the “Will D. Davis Building.” He was President of the National School Boards Association in 1978. One of the original seven founders of Austin Community College in 1971, Will was the first President of its Board of Trustees, serving three terms, and remained a board member for 10 years.

Will served as Chairman, 2004-2006, and member of the Board of Regents of Baylor University for 19 years. He received Baylor’s Distinguished Alumni Award, the Price Daniel “Pro Texana” Distinguished Public Service Award, and the “Pro Texana” Award. Will always gave Baylor University and Abner McCall much credit for shaping the direction of his life and therefore wanted to return the favor with his time and talents.

Will was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann Byargeon Davis. He is survived by his children: Lisa Davis Davis (Jeff), Lynn Davis Walker (Bill), Will Davis, Jr. (Susie); nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Randall Anthony Parker, JD ’79**, was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Corpus Christi and passed away Oct. 20, 2016. Randy graduated *summa cum laude* from Texas A&I in 1971 and entered the United States Army as a Field Artillery Officer. In 1978, Randy entered Baylor Law School and then transferred to the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. In 1994, Randy retired from the Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and then decided to stay in San Antonio to pursue a career as an attorney. Randy entered the private sector by working for Bexar County as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney and later as a defense counsel. After many years of private practice, Randy was hired to be the Project Director of the Bexar County Veterans Treatment Court where he was able to help fellow veterans in need.

Randy is survived by his wife, Chong “Robby” Parker; children, grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

**Ralph Henry “Hank” Bauer III, JD ’83**, of Arlington, Texas, passed away Nov. 24, 2016. Hank was born in Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 12, 1951, to Ralph Henry Bauer II and Ella Mae Bauer. Hank Bauer graduated from the University of Virginia and received his juris doctor from Baylor Law School. Hank was an attorney for the Law Offices of Ralph Henry Bauer. He was a member of the Booze Fighters Motorcycle Club and had a passion for motorcycling, traveling, and spending time with family and loved ones.

He is survived by his children Martha Ann Bauer, Stephanie Blaise Bauer, James Clifford Bauer, and Ralph Henry Bauer IV; grandchildren and siblings.
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The Baylor Lawyers admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States during the trip were Tom Brown, Anne Potts Jackson, and Richard Riccardi. Leading the trip was Susan Wommack, JD ’89, senior director of development.
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BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL has a history of outranking other Texas law schools on the Bar exam.

Here is a glimpse of Bar results from 1986-2016:

**1986-2016 BAR EXAM RANKINGS**

**February and July Bar Exams**

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