Baylor Law.
DOCKET CALL
Summer 2018

BAYLOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR,
THE HON. J. RODNEY GILSTRAP

WE ARE BAYLOR LAW.
Stephen, BBA ’71, JD ’73, and Alyce, BA ’70, Beard generously endowed the M. Stephen and Alyce A. Beard Chair in Business and Transactional Law. Proceeds from the endowment will support the faculty position in perpetuity, allowing Baylor Law to enhance practical training and scholarship in the critical disciplines of transactional law.

Dean Brad Toben named Professor Elizabeth Miller, JD ’85, as the chair’s inaugural holder. Miller is a leading national scholar and expert in business organizations law. She is the foremost authority on Texas business organizations law as well as a nationally recognized expert on the law of limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships. “The opportunity to name Professor Beth Miller as the chair’s holder is so ideally appropriate,” said Toben. “Rarely is there a legislation on business organizations, considered or passed by the Texas Legislature, that does not have Beth’s imprint on it. She is held in high esteem by her colleagues in the profession across the nation.”

“Baylor Law’s capacity to continue to develop leaders in business and transactional law depends on strong academic programs led by exceptional, inspirational professors,” Steve said. “I personally have participated in, and benefitted from, the intense academic training that Baylor Law offers. I am inspired to invest in its future by supporting this important faculty position. Alyce and I are committed to the principle of giving and sharing the blessings we have received.”

Steve Beard earned his BBA and JD degrees from Baylor University in 1971 and 1973, respectively. He is a retired attorney who specialized in business and construction law. Prior to moving away from his private practice in 2000, he was president of the Pakis, Giotes, Beard and Page, PC law firm.

Alyce Beard earned her BA from Baylor University in 1970, with a major in Art. She serves on the Baylor Alumni Network Board of Advocates and Baylor’s Martin Museum of Art Board.

“Steve and Alyce have truly blessed our business and transactional law program—and most importantly, our students—by their extraordinary commitment to Baylor Law. Their impact on our program will continue for generations to come, and we are grateful for their dedication and stewardship.”

– DEAN BRAD TOBEN, JD ’77

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Baylor Law.
Baylor Lawyer of the Year,
The Honorable J. Rodney Gilstrap
A Message from

Dean Toben
We are Baylor Law.
This issue of Docket Call proudly explores who we are and what we do that embodies the spirit, culture, and ethos that makes us Baylor Law.

We delve into the many aspects of Baylor Law that makes our curriculum and educational experience highly distinctive in legal education. Through our rigorous curriculum, practice-oriented training, programmatic emphasis on service, and small class sizes, Baylor Law prepares complete professionals. We are proud to have the highest ultimate bar passage rate nationwide, as exemplified in a recent ABA report noting Baylor Law as the only school in the country to have 100% of its 2015 graduates pass the bar exam within a two-year period. Baylor Law is ranked among the top 50 ABA accredited law schools in the country (there are 204 ABA accredited law schools), and #5 in the nation for trial advocacy according to U.S. News & World Report.

Through 15 professional tracks of special interest, our Practice Court program, our Professional Development program, our comprehensive, three-year legal writing program and more, our students graduate with the skills and tools necessary to be effective advocates upon graduation.

In this issue, you will see that Baylor Law cares about those in need, urging and training our students to become leaders who will be difference makers in their communities and within the legal profession. Baylor Law is a community that understands that lawyers are uniquely positioned to help our world, and we are dedicated in using our skills for the betterment of society.

Baylor Law is also a place of innovation. We are constantly adapting to better prepare our students for the ever-changing legal landscape. Through our new Executive LL.M. in Litigation Management, we are directly addressing the need to provide lawyers with the knowledge base necessary to provide clients with effective and efficient litigation services.

You will enjoy reading the roster of our exceptional faculty members who are deeply committed to scholarship and the personal and professional development of our students. Our faculty, with their legal acumen and genuine care for our students, enrich our students in preparation for lives of purpose and calling.

We will introduce you to our top-notch staff who provide many indispensable services for our students. Our staff colleagues make Baylor Law a nurturing and caring place for students, faculty, and alumni. In a day and age where law schools throughout the country are attritioning faculty and staff positions, Baylor Law is proud to be expanding our faculty and staff which, in turn, creates an evermore creative and active environment.

This issue also honors Judge J. Rodney Gilstrap as the 2018 Baylor Lawyer of the Year. With his extraordinary career as a lawyer, and in public service as a federal judge, presiding over one of the nation’s higher profile dockets, Judge Gilstrap distinctly embodies the spirit that is Baylor Law.

After reading this issue of Docket Call, I am confident you will be as proud as I am of this special place—Baylor Law.

Brad Toben, JD ’77
DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW
We are preparing practice-ready professionals.

Long before law schools across the country adopted the term “practice-ready,” Baylor Law had already established the preeminent program to educate and train students for the practice of law. At Baylor Law, students do not just study law. Classroom instruction and legal theory find meaning in hands-on experiences that develop the real-world skills necessary for modern practice.

Baylor Law offers 15 professional tracks, providing students with the opportunity to focus their studies based on interest and career goals.

- Administrative Practice
- Business Litigation
- Business Planning
- Criminal Law Practice
- Commercial Law
- Estate Planning
- Family Law Practice
- Fiduciary Litigation
- General Civil Litigation
- Healthcare Law
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Public Interest Law
- Real Estate & Natural Resources

In addition to our professional tracks, students can focus their studies even further by earning a special distinction in one of the following areas:

- Business Planning
- Commercial Law
- Estate Planning
- Intellectual Property
- Public Interest Law
- Litigation

Regardless of the area of litigation or transactional practice our graduates plan to pursue, our Practice Court Program prepares them to manage their time under pressure, prepares them to organize the details of complex undertakings, and ultimately prepares them to command the room, whether it be the courtroom, the boardroom, or in the arena of public leadership. The intensity of Practice Court simultaneously helps students understand how much they still have to learn while delivering a hard-earned confidence that they can handle the journey.

The Baylor Law Professional Development Program requires students to attend a total of 18 hours of professional development programming prior to graduation. Students have the flexibility to tailor the professional development program to their needs and to the kind of legal practice they seek to pursue.

Baylor Law has a distinct approach to transactional law, requiring students to take classes that cover topics including contracts, property, business organizations, and trusts and estates, all of which provide a foundation of knowledge relevant for use in both transactional and litigation contexts. Students have the option to choose any of the following professional tracks focused on transactional law:

- Business Planning
- Estate Planning
- Healthcare Law
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate and Natural Resources

The Business Law Boot Camp is an intensive course focusing on transactional law offered between the Spring and Summer quarters. The week-long intensive course is taught by practicing transactional law attorneys and provides a perspective on multiple aspects of business, including forming and selling a business, commercial borrowing, raising capital, trademark and advertising issues, succession planning, basic tax and accounting, contract drafting, and negotiation skills.
We are practical training and academic excellence.

Baylor Law offers a rigorous curriculum structured to provide a logical progression of legal study from fundamental legal doctrine in first-year courses, addressing increasingly more sophisticated and complex issues in second- and third-year courses.

Baylor Law provides practice-oriented training in advocacy, planning, drafting, negotiating, and client counseling skills. Coursework goes beyond mere theory, training students to apply what they’ve learned with the precision and attention to detail that is critical to success in practice.

Baylor Law guarantees small class sizes, ensuring the highest quality of learning. Entering classes are approximately 40 students in the Spring term, 30 in the Summer, and 80 in the Fall.

We are stewarding passion.

Baylor Law offers five joint degree programs that allow students to augment their legal educations in conjunction with their interests and passions. Programs are in partnership with the Hankamer School of Business, the Department of Political Science, and the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Participating students take part in special networking events and supplemental opportunities for professional development and mentoring.

The Criminal Law Boot Camp launched this year between the Spring and Summer quarters. The three-day course exposes students to a real-world view of the practice of criminal law. The faculty included working and retired prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges. Throughout the course, students participated in lectures, panel discussions, and trial exercises. The trial exercises used the mock case Statesville vs. Everly, and students were assigned to the State or the Defense. The breakout sessions were divided into State and Defense and were designed to aid students in approaching the trial exercises for their respective side. The course also provided mentoring from the distinguished faculty.

Baylor Law is one of the few schools in the nation with a comprehensive three-year Legal Writing program that focuses on the development of practice-ready writing skills. There are seven quarters in which the Legal Analysis, Research & Composition (LARC) courses are required:

- LARC 1: Mechanics of legal writing and introduction to legal writing
- LARC 2: Legal research
- LARC 3: Persuasive communications and appellate advocacy
- LARC 4: Litigation document drafting
- LARC 5: Transactional law document drafting
- Practice Court (two quarters): Trial document drafting

We are practical training and academic excellence.

“Baylor Law has never treated legal writing as something adjunct to the rest of the program. Few law schools cover as much material as Baylor Law does throughout the writing program.”

Professor Scott Fraley
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL WRITING

• JD/MBA – Master of Business Administration
• JD/MBA – Master of Business Administration – Healthcare Administration
• JD/MDiv – Master of Divinity
• JD/MPPA – Master of Public Policy and Administration
• JD/MTax – Master of Taxation
We are developing leaders.

Baylor Law is committed to developing students who not only can provide legal services competently to their clients upon graduation, but who also will assume leadership roles within their communities and the legal profession.

Baylor Law’s Leadership Development Program was designed to prepare students to make a difference in the world as both citizens and leaders. The program includes coursework, character development, team building, professional development, occupying leadership roles, community service and an internship with a charitable or community organization.

The Baylor Law Leadership, Engagement, and Development (LEAD) Counsel is a student organization that exists to equip and inspire law students to serve in the public arena, whether as officeholders, lobbyists, or leaders in the nonprofit sector. LEAD Counsel organizes and hosts an annual conference for lawyers and law students, the Making a Difference Conference, focused on leadership within communities. LEAD Counsel also participates in an annual service effort in partnership with local civic leaders, and organizes an annual fundraiser in support of the service effort.

“I plan to use my Baylor Law degree to assist the marginalized. I realize how a legal education allows me to serve as a leader and a better advocate for my community. At Baylor Law I founded the Criminal Law Society, volunteer for the Veterans Estate Planning Clinic and Veterans Clinic, and was the former vice president of the Women’s Legal Society.”

Tycha Kimbrough
SAN ANTONIO, TX

“Baylor Law’s Leadership Development Program teaches students the art of tackling large, complex problems and succeeding with their team. Students who participate in this program gain a deeper understanding of their capabilities and skills. They learn how to use their talents to make a difference in their communities.”

Stephen Rispoli, JD ’12
ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
AND PRO BONO PROGRAMS
We are an experienced faculty who cares.

Students at Baylor Law can vie for positions on the nearly 30 mock trial, moot court, and transactional teams that compete in tournaments across the nation. Teams spend countless hours honing courtroom skills and perfecting their knowledge of the facts and law of their cases. With a long record of success in competitions at the national level, Baylor Law is consistently invited to the prestigious National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions. Hon. Leonard Davis, JD ’76, retired chief district judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, said “Lawyers from all over the country appeared in my court, and Baylor Lawyers consistently stood out as being both highly skilled and well prepared.” According to Hon. William Sessions, JD ’58, of Partner, Holland & Knight, “there is no finer advocacy training anywhere in the nation.”

The bedrock of Baylor Law’s renowned advocacy training is the nationally recognized Practice Court program, ranked by the Princeton Review as “arguably the best training ground in the nation for practical lawyering.” All third-year students participate, trying multiple cases from beginning to end. These courses provide rigorous instruction in procedure, evidence, and trial advocacy skills. Students learn fundamental techniques for the trial of jury cases as well as the realities of modern legal practice as they perfect opening statements, direct and cross examinations of witnesses, jury arguments, evidence skills, and jury selections. Even for students who do not intend to litigate, the Practice Court experience teaches them to conduct initial interviews with clients, write contracts that will stand up in arbitration or court, think critically and pragmatically about complex situations, and to confidently advocate on behalf of their clients.

Baylor Law Advocacy Teams

101 Baylor Law students represent 145 competition slots
10 Baylor Law faculty coaches
Four Baylor Law adjunct faculty coaches
Six Baylor Lawyer coaches

“I chose Baylor Law because I wanted to be challenged more, work more, and grow more as a student and as a person. During my time at Baylor Law, not only have my expectations been met, but my choice to attend Baylor Law has been ever more solidified.”

Joseph Shaneyfelt
SANTA PAULA, CA
We are committed to service.

Baylor Law students are drawn to the idea of joining a profession through which they can make measurable differences in the lives of others. An emphasis on service continues throughout the students’ time at Baylor Law. Students seek out opportunities with organizations like Catholic Charities and as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Students interact with local high schools and with Baylor Law’s adopted elementary school, Bell’s Hill Elementary, which is a part of Waco ISD.

Students have the opportunity to volunteer their time through a variety of legal clinics and public service projects. They provide legal services and guidance to different constituencies through the Veteran’s Assistance Clinic, the DACA Immigration Clinic, the Trial Advocacy Clinic, and the Estate Planning Clinic. Every year, dozens of families are brought together at National Adoption Day, held at Baylor Law School. The People’s Law School educates members of the community about basic legal issues. In the Intellectual Property & Entrepreneurship Clinic students can assist faculty with patents, trademarks, and other intellectual property matters. Students are invited to assist local attorneys in a range of legal matters through the Pro Bono and Public Service Program.

Baylor Law has won numerous awards for our commitment to service, including the ABA Public Interest Award, the Pro Bono Publico Award, and the Law School Commitment to Service Award from the Texas Access to Justice Commission, for outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged.

“As lawyers, we meet people in their hour of greatest need. They’re scared, worried, anxious, and they come to us for answers and solutions they can trust. At Baylor Law, we view the legal profession as a service profession.”

Dean Brad Toben, JD ’77
Baylor Law provides a plethora of student organizations, an avenue for students to get to know people with similar interests, learn about a substantive area of law, or serve the community.

- ACLU
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Law Students Association
- Baylor Business Law Society
- Baylor Environmental and Natural Resource Law Society (BENRLS)
- Baylor Law Entrepreneurship Society
- Baylor Law Outdoors Club
- Baylor Law School Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Baylor Public Interest Legal Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Diversity in Law
- Entertainment Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society
- Hispanic Law Students Association
- International Justice Mission
- IP Society
- Law Auxiliary
- LEAD Counsel
- Longhorn Bar Association
- Military Law Society
- Native American Law Student Association
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Student Bar Association
- Texas Aggie Bar Association
- Women’s Legal Society

“At Baylor Law, there are many opportunities to get involved. Whether in the community through the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society, the Veteran’s Clinic, and the Pro Bono teams; or in student activities like the Student Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, and Diversity in Law; there’s an opportunity for you.”

Hailee Zeichner
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
“We want our graduates walking out of here with an understanding of the practical ‘how-to’ for best practices in litigation. This includes how to deliver an individual case and how to deliver a docket of cases successfully and cost effectively, which typically means delivering excellent results rapidly and at a predictable cost.”

Professor James E. Wren, JD ’80
We are innovation.

The first program in the nation of its kind, Baylor Law’s Executive LL.M. in Litigation Management program was designed to directly address the issue of how to strategically manage litigation to control the continued escalation of litigation costs. The 14-month hybrid program is designed for candidates who have at least three years of legal experience beyond graduation from law school, and specifically targets the following:

- General counsel managing outside litigation dockets and firms
- Attorneys who want to transition to general counsel roles
- Innovative firms providing direct consumer litigation services
- Plaintiff firms working on contingent fees for whom large-scale litigation efficiency is crucial
- Traditional firms seeking competitive advantage in producing more effective and efficient litigation results for institutional clients

In 2017, Baylor Law launched The Closer, a unique invitational transactional law competition. Unlike other transactional law contests, the details of the problem are only disclosed to the competitors 24 hours prior to the first round of negotiations, pushing competitors to identify the legal issues and devise and negotiate solutions that best serve their client’s wishes with the efficiency required of lawyers under realistic time constraints.

Similarly, participants at Baylor Law’s Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition receive the case file 24 hours before the first round of trials begin. Top Gun invites the single best advocates from some of the top 16 trial advocacy schools to compete for a $10,000 prize.

Baylor Law’s the Ultimate Writer legal writing competition, which began in 2016, is unlike most legal writing competitions—Ultimate Writer is not a competition based on essays on a topic of the student’s choosing. Instead, competitors are provided with a real-world challenge in the form of an assignment a young attorney might receive in the working world. In addition to cash prizes, each of the top three finishers are eligible to interview for a clerkship or internship with a prominent law firm or court.

“We believe the graduates of this program will leave with an agile sense of both the business and the strategy of litigation. They will be more sophisticated legal consumers themselves (if they are in general counsel’s office), or they will be equipped to deliver a real cutting-edge product that blends professionalism and common business sense.”

Professor Elizabeth M. Fraley, JD ’88
We are broadening horizons.

Our **Externship** programs give students the advantage of practical experience in handling actual cases and dealing with real clients. Baylor Law offers several externship programs that carry two quarter hours of credit and that require a minimum of 90 hours of supervised work. Externship opportunities include the Environmental Protection Agency, the Supreme Court of Texas, United States Bankruptcy Court, the Veterans Affairs Regional Counsel, and more.

To sharpen writing and legal scholarship abilities, students can contribute to the *Baylor Law Review*. They can join this prestigious organization by a grade-on or write-on process, offered several times a year. The *Baylor Law Review* is dedicated to publishing high-quality, practice legal scholarship on current legal issues and developments.

Students can broaden the scope of their legal training through **Study Abroad** with Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Scotland, a two-week program focused on trial and appellate advocacy, including the comparison of trial and appellate techniques of British and American trial and appellate lawyers. The program seeks to place trial and appellate advocacy in the context of traditions of the British and American legal systems, using the development of Scotland’s democracy and legal system as a case study. Students may also choose to participate in the study abroad program of any ABA-accredited law school.

“*The Academy of the Advocate is unparalleled in its curriculum yet still provides students with a fun summer abroad experience and supportive community.*”

**Professor Jeremy Counseller, JD ’00**

**ACADEMY OF THE ADVOCATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**
We are nationally recognized.

No. 50 in the nation, “Best Law Schools”
U.S. News and World Report, 2019

No. 5 in the nation for “Trial Advocacy”
U.S. News and World Report, 2019

No. 18 employment rate in the nation, No. 1 in Texas
American Bar Association Data, analyzed by Law.com, 2018

A-, “Best Schools for Practical Training”
Prelaw Magazine, 2018

No. 33, “Top 50 Law Schools”
Above the Law, 2018

Highest Ultimate Bar Passage Rate in the U.S.
ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, 2018

No. 14 (grade of “A”) in the nation, “Best Law School Facilities”
Prelaw Magazine, 2018

No. 1 in Texas Bar Exam Results
On 22 of the 34 bar exams since 2001, Texas Board of Law Examiners

No. 10 Best Schools for Moot Court
National Jurist, 2017

Baylor Law is the only law school in the nation with a 100% bar passage rate two years after graduation.
— ABA’s Section of Legal Education 2018 report based on employment data of the 2015 class

No. 24, “50 Best Law Schools in America”
Business Insider, 2016

Highest percentage of “Super Lawyers” among alumni in the nation
National Jurist, 2015

Best Value Among Private Law Schools
National Jurist, 2014
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The Honorable J. Rodney Gilstrap

2018 Baylor Lawyer of the Year

The Honorable J. Rodney Gilstrap, JD ’81, Chief District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, has been selected by the Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee as the 2018 Baylor Lawyer of the Year.

To honor Judge Gilstrap, Baylor Law hosted a luncheon in Longview on April 26. Judge Gilstrap’s court is one of the highest profile in the nation for intellectual property litigation and, by far, the busiest. In 2017, he oversaw 555 cases, the next closest judge saw less than half that number, with just under 270. Judge Gilstrap is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and, during his time at Baylor Law, was associate editor of the Baylor Law Review. He previously served as president of the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

“Judge Gilstrap has exemplified the characteristics of a Baylor Lawyer and is richly deserving of this recognition,” said Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. “His impact in the intellectual property domain is profound. Judge Gilstrap has a reputation as a hard-working jurist with a fervent devotion to fairness and justice with an unwavering support of the jury system,” Toben said.

“Judge Gilstrap is a man of faith and a model of integrity. He lives the life of a servant-leader. Our federal judiciary is blessed by his presiding over one of the highest profile federal district courts in the nation.”

Dean Brad Toben, JD ’77
Judge Gilstrap has contributed unceasingly to advancing practice-ready Baylor Lawyers though his support of Baylor Law. He consistently hires judicial clerks from Baylor Law, his current clerk is a Baylor Lawyer, and he has hired a Baylor Law student as his clerk for 2019. He has participated as a faculty member in Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Scotland, and was instrumental in coordinating Baylor Law’s Viewpoints program in Washington DC on patent litigation.

After graduating from Baylor Law, Judge Gilstrap entered private practice at Abney, Baldwin & Searcy, in Marshall. He later became a founding partner of Smith & Gilstrap from 1984 to 1989. He served as a Harrison County Judge, an elected position, from 1989 to 2002. He served 16 years on the Courthouse Preservation Council in Marshall, overseeing the rehab of the historic courthouse, and served as chair of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee with the State Bar of Texas. Judge Gilstrap was nominated by President Barack Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas in 2011. During his confirmation hearing, then-Senator Kay Baily Hutchison, R-Dallas, said in a statement, “His public service and strong academic credentials combine to make him a strong choice for this judgeship in East Texas.” He has served as Chief District Judge since 2018.

Speaking of the Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award, Judge Gilstrap stated, “Being chosen as the 56th Baylor Lawyer of the Year is a significant event in my life. It places me in a class of distinguished lawyers, judges, and law professors that, as a law student, I would have never dreamed might someday include me. I recognize full well that my relationships and experiences practicing law and on the bench have allowed me to ‘stand on the shoulders of giants’ from within our profession. Those influences are a large part of why this recognition has come my way. I am reminded now, as I often am, that every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down to us from the Father. I am deeply honored to be named as the 2018 Baylor Lawyer of the Year.”

Judge Gilstrap is a proud Eagle Scout and is listed in Who’s Who in American Law and Who’s Who in America, and is an avid beekeeper.

Upper Left: The event speakers. (L-R) Senator Kirk P. Watson, JD ’81, Texas Senate District 14; Frederick D. McClure, JD ’81, Executive Director, The Leadership Initiative, Texas A&M; Judge J. Rodney Gilstrap, JD ’81; Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton, JD ’93, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of TX; Dean Brad Toben, Baylor Law School

Upper Right: Mark Mann, JD ’81, Judge J. Rodney Gilstrap, JD ’81, and Harry “Gil” Gillam, JD ’80


Lower Left: Judge Gilstrap and his family in attendance, (L-R) daughter-in-law Maggie, wife Sherry and son Stephen
National Champions – Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
Congratulations to the Baylor Law team of Joshua Dunegan, Morgan Kaylea Blair, and Price Brannen—National Champions at the 2018 Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition held at Pace Law School. Professor Laura Hernández coached the team.

Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Corporate Counsel Conference & Moot Court Competition
Andrew Martinez, Luis Eduardo Herrera, and Pablo Martinez advanced to the finals and won the best petitioners brief award at the 2018 HNBA Corporate Counsel Conference & Moot Court Competition.

Capitol City Challenge Mock Trial Competition
Hailey Knab, Kayli Ragsdale, Alex Oestreich, and Angela Valencia-Gowing advanced to the quarter-finals at the 2018 Capitol City Challenge Mock Trial Competition.

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition
Ty Drury, Kate Harrison, Bailey Strohmeyer, and Cameron Cano won first place at the 2018 AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Regional Competition and advanced to the quarter-finals of the AAJ National Competition.

Moot Court National Championship
Kyle Gardner, Madeline Schulz, and Cody Coll advanced to the semi-finals and won the 3rd best brief award at the 2018 Moot Court National Championship at University of Houston Law Center.

Southern Regional Transactional LawMeet
Cassie Hansen, Macy Matthews, and Doni Maz were named runners-up in the 2018 Southern Regional Transactional LawMeet.

M.D. Anderson Foundation Moot Court Competition
Drake Rayshell and Christina Rosendahl, were the winners of the Spring 2018 M.D. Anderson Foundation Moot Court Competition.

FINALISTS:
Riley Brown and Juan Antonio Solis

SEMI-FINALISTS:
Haley Mowdy and Justin Waldo, and McLean Bell and Eric Vickers

PROFESSIONALISM AWARD:
Zeeshan Iqbal

TOP TEN SPEAKERS:
1. Ryan Owen
2. Joshua Dinsmore
3. Olaoluwa Israel
4. Erin Curtis
5. Baleigh West (tie)
6. Mark Siegmund (tie)
7. Stephen Carl
8. Juan Solis (tie)
9. Kimberly Trimble (tie)
10. Ashley Richardson

FINAL ROUND JUDGES
CHIEF JUSTICE: Cindy V. Tisdale, JD ’95
SCORING JUDGES: Professors Mike Berry, Bridget Fuselier, JD ’98, Connie Powell Nichols, and Greg White, JD ’82, as well as the winners of the 2017 Fall Dawson and Sodd Moot Court Competition, David Crampton and Andrew Martinez
Southwestern Regional Transactional LawMeet

Brittany Blakey, Jami Carlisle, and Reid McKinney, were named runners-up in the 2018 Southwestern Regional Transactional LawMeet.

American Bar Association (ABA) National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Kyle Gardner, Abby Griffith, and Kyle Stone won first place at the 2018 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Regional Competition. Gardner received the award for the competition’s best advocate. The team also advanced to the quarter-finals in the ABA National Competition. Max Brown, Emily Harding, and Christina Grey advanced to the semi-finals of the Regional Competition and won the award for third best brief.

Duberstein Moot Court Competition

Kevin Miller, Leah Towe, and Taylor Fitzner advanced to quarterfinals and were honored with an outstanding brief award at the 2018 Duberstein Moot Court Competition. David Crampton, Nick Shodrok, and Sahil Nooruddin advanced to octo-finals. Miller and Crampton were both recognized with an outstanding advocacy award.

National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law

Tim Delabar and Lincoln Floyd advanced to the semi-finals at the Family & Youth Law Center and Capital University Law School’s 2018 National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law.

National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion

The teams of Willem VanZeben and Shaina Hayes and Mason Jones and Sam Scott advanced to the quarter-finals at the 2018 Touro National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion. Hayes was named second best speaker and Scott was named fifth best speaker.

National Mock Trial Competition

Chris Arnell and Marcus Fifer advanced to the quarterfinals at the 2018 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition.

Show Me Voir Dire Challenge

Jordan Jarreau, Lauren Livingston, and Joseph Shaneyfelt advanced to the semi-finals at the 2018 University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law Show Me Voir Dire Challenge. Livingston also won an award for Best Voir Dire.

South Texas Mock Trial Challenge

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Shaina Hayes

received a Community Meritorious Service Award from Baylor University Department of Public Safety.

Gracie Wood

was honored as one of only 20 "Law Students of the Year" by The National Jurist Magazine.
Everitt J. “Ebb” Grindstaff, JD ’54, stepped down as Ballinger City Attorney after serving for more than 60 years. Grindstaff was likely the longest serving city attorney in the state’s history and will continue to work in his private law practice.

Lewis Sifford, JD ’72, was presented the American Board of Trial Advocates’ (ABOTA) highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award. The ABOTA award honors those whose leadership efforts have advanced the preservation of the right to trial by jury guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Sifford is the founding officer of Sifford, Anderson & Company in Dallas and a longtime ABOTA member. He was admitted into the invitation-only association in 1990 and has been active ever since, including serving as president of the Dallas chapter in 1994, president of TEX-ABOTA in 1999 and national president in 2007. He is the ninth recipient of this award in the organization’s 60-year history.

John Burkhead, JD ’90, of The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, was named to D Magazine’s 2018 Best Lawyers Under 40 list of up-and-coming attorneys in North Texas.

Eric Brunmyer, JD ’94, has served as president of Hardin-Simmons University since June 2016. He and his wife, Elise, live on-campus in Abilene with their five children.

David Toney, JC ’96, partner and construction team leader, was named partner in charge of the Adams and Reese LLP office in Houston.

Christopher B. Trowbridge, JD ’98, partner with Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP in Dallas, was elected chairman of the board of the Thanks-Giving Foundation. The non-profit group owns and operates Thanks-Giving Square which opened in 1976 as the city’s first public-private partnership designed to honor traditions of Thanksgiving. Trowbridge was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America in 2017 and 2018, honored as a “Texas Super Lawyer” from 2013 to 2017, and was previously named in “Legal Leaders on the Rise” and “Litigator of the Week” by Texas Lawyer. He is a recent chairman of the board for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas; a member of the Communities Foundation of Texas Advisory Council; and a member of the Dallas Regional Chamber, Southern Dallas Task Force.

Laura Hallmon, JD ’99, of Cantey Hanger in Fort Worth, became board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Rebecca Briggs King, JD ’00, was named partner at Tracey & Fox Law Firm in Houston.

Marissa Sandoval Rodriguez, JD ’05, of McAllen, was named partner at the law firm of Cacheaux, Cavazos & Newton, LLP. Her practice focuses on advising clients from the U.S. and Mexico on domestic and international transactions, particularly with respect to the corporate, real estate, and international law issues.
Heath Cheek, JD ’06, partner at Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP, was named to D Magazine’s Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas list. He has been named a Texas Rising Star annually since 2014.

Rick V. Anderson, JD ’07, shareholder at RMWBH PC in Houston, has been elected as the chair for the Houston Bar Association’s CLE Committee; elected as the board president for the ACA of Texas; reelected to serve a second term as the board president for the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas; will serve as chair for the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas’ annual gala; and has been selected for the seventh consecutive year as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Allison Dickson, JD ’07, was honored as the Distinguished Baylor Woman at the 24th Annual Central Texas Baylor Club Ladies Scholarship Brunch. Her mother, Johnnie Dickson, was honored as a Baylor Woman of Excellence.

A. Ann Ratnayake, JD ’09, managing director of the National Center for Child Abuse Statistics and Policy in Washington, DC, was selected as a national Presidential Leadership Scholar (PLS) for the Class of 2018. PLS brings a diverse group of leaders together to collaborate as they learn about leadership through the presidential experiences of Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

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Anne L. Idsal, JD ’10, was appointed regional administrator for Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, and 66 Tribal Nations) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Idsal joined the agency having spent her career working for the Texas state government in helping shape environmental and land policy for the state.

Hunter Lewis, JD ’10, with the family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson in Dallas, was appointed to the Committee for Qualified Judiciary, a non-profit with a mission to advance a competent, fair, and impartial judicial system by deciding whether candidates are qualified based on merit, not political party. Lewis has earned selection to the Texas Super Lawyers listing each year since 2013, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America guide in 2016, and is a member of The National Advocate: Top 40 Under 40.

Jennifer Salim Richards, JD ’11, received the Rising Raggio Award from the Dallas Association of Women Lawyers. The annual honor is presented to an individual who has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism while making significant contributions to the advancement of women attorneys.

Joel Towner, JD ’12, with Beck Redden in Houston, was named as a 2018 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters’ Super Lawyers.

Tiffany P. Means, JD ’13, joined the oil and gas/energy section at Kelly Hart in Midland.

Brandon Morris, JD ’14, joined the Houston-based firm, Randle Law Office LTD, LLP. He is experienced in personal injury, DTPA violations, family law, and criminal law.

Taylor Ormond, JD ’14, of Ross & McBride LLP in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, was featured in the Spring 2018 issue of the Baylor Bear Foundation magazine, Insider.

Mark Altman II, JD ’16, Lieutenant, US Navy JAG Corps, was recognized as Command Services Attorney of the Year.
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Dean Brad Toben, JD ’77, conferred 11 juris doctor degrees on February 3, 2018. Dean Toben and Associate Dean Leah Jackson Teague, JD ’85, presented the diplomas. Professor Gerald Powell, JD ’77, was selected by the class to deliver the commencement speech. The class selected Professors James E. Wren, JD ’80, and Elizabeth M. Fraley, JD ’88, to hood them. The class selected Haley Williamson to deliver the invocation. Alexandra Juve Gioiello, highest-ranking student, delivered the student address.
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STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Baylor Law students were honored for their outstanding achievements at the John William & Florence Dean Minton Student Awards Ceremony and Lecture Series. Darrell Lee Keith, JD ’70, gave the keynote address to more than 200 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. Among the almost 100 accomplishments recognized this year, seven Baylor Law students were honored for each having completed more than 225 hours of pro bono and other service work during their time at Baylor Law. A special thank you to the Baylor Lawyers and friends who financially support the awards.
SEMINAR TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Baylor Law and LEAD Counsel welcomed Kirsta Melton, deputy criminal chief of the Office of the Texas Attorney General, who shared information on human trafficking in Texas and across the globe, and how to recognize the potential red flags and indicators of human trafficking.

“Dean Brad Toben and I were in a law school study group of Spike Pattillo, JD ’77, Dan Ducote, ’77, Dean Toben and me. The four of us have remained close friends ever since. We also remained close to our professors over the years—Matt Dawson, Louis Muldrow, David Guinn, Angus McSwain, and many more. Baylor Law was tough and demanding, but our experience paved the way for successful, satisfying futures.”

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**PRESENTATIONS**  
- "The Anatomy of a Contested Case," Administrative Law Section of the Travis County Bar Association, Austin, TX (March 9, 2018)  
- "Statutory Interpretation and How to Determine the Meaning of a Statute," 31st Annual Juvenile Law Conference, Horseshoe Bay, TX, (February 26, 2018)  

Jeremy Counsellor  
Professor of Law  

**PUBLICATIONS**  

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

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Member and Co-chair, AALS Legal Writing,  
- Senior Editor, Probate & Property, published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the ABA  
- 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 M. Fraley  
Assistant Professor of Law  

**PUBLICATIONS**  

Elizabeth Miller  
Chair in Business and Transactional Law  

**PUBLICATIONS**  

Scott Fraley  
Director of Legal Writing  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Co-chair, AALS LWRR Program Committee, 2019 AALS Conference, New Orleans  
- Member and Co-chair, AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Program Committee (2017-18)  

Bridget Fuselier  
Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Baylor Law Veterans Clinic  

**PUBLICATIONS**  
- *Defining 7 Acquiring Interests in Property* (Aspen 2018)  

Laura A. Hernández  
Professor of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Latina Commissioner, Hispanic National Bar Association  

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Jurist in Residence  

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Elizabeth Miller  
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- Chair-Elect, AALS Section on Leadership  
- Elected Member, American Law Institute  

Bradley J.B. Toben  
Dean and M.C. & Mattle Caslon Chair of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Elected Member, American Law Institute  
- Chair, Accreditation Inspector, American Bar Association (ABA)  
- Master of the Bench, Abner V. McCull American Inn of Court  

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Associate Dean and Professor of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Chair, Strategic Initiative Committee, American Council on Education's Women's Network Executive Council  

Walt Shelton  
Adjunct Professor of Law  

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- 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  

James Underwood  
Professor of Law  

**PUBLICATIONS**  

Patricia Wilson  
Professor of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Co-Chair, AALS LWRR Program Committee, 2019 AALS Conference, New Orleans  
- Member and Co-chair, AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Program Committee (2017-18)  

Michael Rogers  
Professor of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Chair, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center  
- Elected Member, American Law Institute  

Elizabeth M. Fraley  
Jurist in Residence  

**PUBLICATIONS**  
- *Defining 7 Acquiring Interests in Property* (Aspen 2018)  

Justice Jan Patterson  
Justice in Residence  

**PRESENTATIONS**  
- "Retraining Texas Water Policy," The Bush School of Government & Public Service Conference (April 5-6, 2018)  

Gerald Powell  
Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence  

**PUBLICATIONS**  

Martha Cooper  
Professor of Law  

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
- Chair, Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Leadership  
- Elected Member, American Law Institute  

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**PUBLICATIONS**  

Hon. Calvin Ashley, JD ’50, passed away Jan. 13, 2018. The second of nine children, he was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Wichita Falls to Alvie Raymond and Zoda Pearl Ashley. A lifelong resident of Wichita Falls, he graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1942. While attending Hardin Junior College, he was drafted into the Army. He served in the Army Air Corp until 1945. He graduated from Hardin Junior College in 1947 and enrolled at Baylor Law School. He married Mary Kathryn Morgan, and they moved to Waco, where he graduated from Baylor Law.

Ashley practiced law in Wichita Falls and was in private practice throughout his early career but spent most of his career in public service. He served as city judge, assistant district attorney, and was elected county judge in 1962. He was appointed district judge in 1977 and served as such until retiring in 1989. After one year, he returned to work as a visiting judge until retiring for good in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Kathryn, and son, Roger. He is survived by his son, Jack Brady Ashley, and wife, Robbie; his daughter, Kathryn, and son, Roger. He is survived by his wife, Betty, his six children and one son. Throughout their marriage, Wayne and Betty realized their dream of traveling the world, visiting many continents and countries. He also enjoyed a good game of golf and was a fan of George Strait and John Wayne.

He delighted in family and especially loved the times when they were all together. He is survived by his wife, Betty, his six children and their spouses, his 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

M. Wayne Cummings, JD ’51, passed away April 6, 2018. He was born October 15, 1928 in Gatesville, Texas. He graduated from Baylor Law School in 1951. He then served as First LT. Judge Advocate General’s Corps for the United States Army, attaining the rank of Captain during his tenure in the Officers’ Reserve Corps where he was honorably discharged in 1963.

He began practicing law in 1955 with Federal Land Bank of Houston followed by Underwood, Wilson, Sutton, Heare and Boyce in Amarillo. In 1961 he joined Diamond Shamrock Oil and Gas, later Maxus Energy Corporation, where he retired in 1991 as vice president and general counsel of Diamond Shamrock Exploration Company and assistant general counsel of Maxus Energy. From 1991 to 2017, he served as of-counsel to Sprouse, Shrader Smith PLLC law firm and its predecessor. He retired from the Sprouse Firm on September 30, 2017 at which time he became an active member of the State Bar Association of Texas.

Cummings had a passionate joy for life, which showed in many ways, but especially in his love of jokes and stories. He loved the Lord and lived his life as an example of how a Godly man should live.

Cummings married his wife of 52 years, Betty, in 1965. Together they raised five daughters and one son. Throughout their marriage, Wayne and Betty realized their dream of traveling the world, visiting many continents and countries. He also enjoyed a good game of golf and was a fan of George Strait and John Wayne.

He met the love of his life, Peggy Clare, while in law school, and they married on Sept. 8, 1962. They lived in Houston until 1969, when they moved to Liberty, where he was drafted into the Army. He served in the United States Army where he received a Purple Heart during his service in Vietnam. He practiced law for over 50 years in Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. Upon retirement in 2010, he volunteered his time as an ombudsman and counseled many individuals through his involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous. Quisenberry was an avid outdoorsman and world traveler. He loved spending time at the family ranch and had a passion for hunting, fishing, gardening, art, photography, and curating various collections.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Carl; his mother, Pauline Eggleston; and his brother, John Bryan Quisenberry. He is survived by his wife, Linda Quisenberry; his daughter, Casey Quisenberry; his son, Cody Quisenberry, and wife, Dana; and his grandchildren Cooper Elle Quisenberry and Gibson Callie Quisenberry.

Carl Graham Quisenberry, LLB ’65, passed away Jan. 17, 2018. A native of Seymour, he graduated from Texas Tech University and Baylor Law School. He was an artillery captain and combat veteran in the United States Army where he received a Purple Heart during his service in Vietnam. He practiced law for over 50 years in Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. Upon retirement in 2010, he volunteered his time as an ombudsman and counseled many individuals through his involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Terry Glen Betenbough, JD ’66, passed away Jan. 27, 2018, in Weatherford. He was born Nov. 23, 1941, to Bill and Helen Betenbough in Andrews. He earned a degree
in business administration from Texas Tech and a juris doctor from Baylor Law School in 1966. He then returned to Lubbock, where he lived for 40 years and owned Western Title Company, before moving to Weatherford in 2004. There, he worked as a landman for nine years.

Betenbough was preceded in death by his parents; and a granddaughter, Halley Ann James. He was survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Teresa Hindle, and husband, Bobby; son, Beck Betenbough; brother, Vin Betenbough; and wife, Barbara, and their daughters.

Claude Ray "Dogie" Giles, LLB ’68, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. He was born Jan. 21, 1942, in Abilene, to Wylie Stell Ledger Giles and Lewis Elvin Giles. He graduated from Abilene High School, McMurry University, and Baylor Law School.

Giles began his career at Edwards & Faulkner Law Firm. In 1972, he was elected into the membership of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In 1977, he left the firm and opened Giles & Makowsky with his good friend, the late Dan Makowsky. They practiced together until 1993, when Dan retired. Giles continued his practice and his son, Lewis, joined the firm in 2008. In 2009, Lewis was made partner and the firm became Giles and Giles.

During his career, Giles served on the local Grievance Committee, the Heart of Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and was a member of the McLennan County Bar Association and the McLennan County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He was repeatedly recognized as a member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas for contributions to the delivery of legal services to low-income Texans. Giles loved to help people and enjoyed the relationships he built with his clients, many times representing families for multiple generations.

Giles was preceded in death by his parents, Stell and Lewis Giles; and sister, Patsy Giles. Survivors include his brother, Lewis Giles, and wife, Barbara; his sister, Gwyn Kozma, and husband, Dick; and his children, Elizabeth Green; Catherine Cook and husband, Jack; Lewis Giles and wife, Cindy; Shelley Giles; Michael Giles and wife, Angi; Greg Giles; Lori Evans; Toby Scott; and Jennifer Scott. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren.

James Thompson, JD ’70, passed away May 14, 2017. He was born August 12, 1939, in Robstown, to Dan and Hazel Thompson.

Thompson practiced law in Coryell, Bell, and Lampasas Counties for over 40 years after being assistant district attorney in Nueces County for a number of years. He served in many capacities in Copperas Cove and Coryell County, including city attorney. Thompson represented several generations of families during his time of practice. He genuinely enjoyed helping people in their time of need. Even though he was a great attorney his real passion was his family. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, and most anything outdoors.

Thompson is survived by his wife, Donna Thompson; son, Scott, and wife, Belinda Thompson; daughter, Jill Thompson; daughter, Jana, and husband, Bill Richardson; son, Chad, and wife, Jessica Pechak; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack Kelly Dillard, JD ’73, passed away Dec. 16, 2017. Born April 19, 1948, in Waco, Dillard grew up in Austin, graduating from McCallum High School before graduating from Baylor University and Baylor Law School.

Dillard first worked for the Texas Secretary of State’s Office, then in the Governmental Affairs Division of Tenneco in Houston. In 1989, he began work for Altria Client Services (formerly Phillip Morris) as district director of State Governmental Affairs.

When you think of Jack Dillard, you think of his love for Baylor University. He was a longtime football and basketball season ticket holder and member of the Baylor Bear Foundation. In 1988, he was proud to serve as president of the Baylor Alumni Association. He received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 1988, and the W. R. White Meritorious Service Award in 1997. More recently, when the Baylor Alumni Association became the Baylor Line Foundation, Jack served on its Board of Directors.

Dillard was also involved in DeMolay and Freemasonry. In 2005, he received the Scottish Rite’s honorary Thirty-third Degree for his outstanding service to Masonry and the community. One of his passions was serving on the board of directors and financially supporting the Houston Scottish Rite Learning Center for Children. He was particularly proud of being a co-founder of the Texas Lyceum, the state’s preeminent, non-profit, non-partisan leadership organization.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack H. Dillard and Dorothy Kelly Dillard. He is survived by his siblings, D. Diane Dillard, and her husband, Hon. Andrew S. Hanen; and Donald S. Dillard, and his wife, Rebecca Patterson Dillard; and his niece and nephews.

Larry M. Cunningham, JD ’74, passed away Feb. 14, 2018. Cunningham was born in Denton in 1944 to Ben and Cecilia Cunningham. He graduated from Denton High School and served with the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. He later graduated from the University of North Texas and Baylor Law School.

Cunningham practiced law for 43 years concentrating on court appointments and Child Protective Services cases in Corpus Christi. He enjoyed golf, video games, bowling, reading, travel, watching "Survivor," and supporting the Texas Rangers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jimmie Cunningham. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Anne; children, Heather Cunningham and Krystal Cunningham; and many other family and friends.
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