With David M. Guinn (JD '63) teaching for his 51st year, Baylor Law School continues to educate and inspire future leaders in the legal profession.

The Faculty of Baylor Law

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The Baylor Law Faculty Fund

"It was through the Faculty Fund that I was given the opportunity to present my legal research to the International Trademark Association in China. Developing countries that didn’t yet have policy in place started using my research and citing it in cases. Because of the opportunity in China, the Singapore Supreme Court even presented my research during a trial."

— Professor Connie Powell Nichols

"The Faculty Fund has helped me to be a part of something truly meaningful. Through its support of our Veterans Clinic program, we are able to visit with veterans and figure out how we can best help them with any civil legal issues they might have. The clinic not only benefits our veterans, but it also shows our students what it means to serve in the community—both of which are very close to my heart."

— Professor Bridget Fuselier

"My book, Proving Damages to the Jury, articulates my trial philosophy, placing an emphasis on credibility and messaging the moral high ground of a case. It’s the blueprint for how I’ve coached our national trial teams and how I teach Practice Court and the Advanced Trial Prep course. The Faculty Fund enabled me to lighten my load for an extra quarter early in my teaching career while I built a detailed outline for the book."

— Professor Jim Wren

Your support of the Baylor Law Faculty Fund helps strengthen our program and provides much needed resources to our dedicated faculty.

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A Message from Dean Toben

AS I BEGIN MY 25TH YEAR AS DEAN, I AM DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE STEADFAST COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT THAT OUR FACULTY HAVE FOR BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL.

We would not be what we are today without our intelligent and devoted faculty members. Since its inception, Baylor Law School has prided itself on offering students a top-tier education from passionate and highly qualified lawyer-educators.

The standards whereby we hire our faculty members are parallel to the level of excellence we expect from them in equipping our students for the practice of law. Our mission is to prepare every student to become a competent and ethical lawyer, striving to go above and beyond in all they do. Graduating from Baylor Law School myself, I can attest to the immeasurable value of a Baylor Law education and the gratitude I have to be a part of this institution, shaping the lawyers of the future.

In this issue of Docket Call, we celebrate our faculty—those who devote a great deal of time and effort each day molding our students into Baylor Lawyers. You will find short bios of the members of our faculty, including the courses they teach, their involvement outside of the classroom, their honors, and their history with Baylor Law School. We hope you will enjoy the thoughtful quotes from our graduates and current students attesting to the many ways our faculty have made an impact on their lives.

Our faculty have contributed to the national recognition of our many exceptional programs. This year, we are ranked number four in U.S. News & World Report...
for our advocacy education and training. Business Insider ranked Baylor Law 22nd in their most recent list of Top 50 Best Law Schools in America. We received an A/A+ from the National Jurist for Best Law Schools in Practical Training, and both PreLaw Magazine and National Jurist consider us a “Best Value” based on our bar pass rate, placement rate, tuition, student debt levels, and cost of living. Last August, our nationally recognized pro bono program received the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award, making Baylor only the third law school in the nation to be honored with this award since its inception in 1984.

We are proud of the standard of excellence set in place by both our faculty and our students. I am truly blessed to be in the company of so many wonderful educators who strive to make Baylor Law School the best it can be.

I am grateful for the abiding commitment our faculty dedicate to Baylor Law School. Enjoy this issue of Docket Call!

Brad Toben
Dean of Baylor Law School
Dean Teague created the Leadership Development Program at Baylor Law. With the School’s emphasis on public service and leadership, she is excited to offer Baylor Law students the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills while thoughtfully reflecting on the leadership roles lawyers have played throughout history.

Honors & Activities
- Appointed member and chair of the Strategic Initiative Committee, Women’s Network Executive Council, American Council on Education
- Participated in two Oxford Round Tables with other academic leaders from the U.S. and abroad to discuss the status of women leaders in society
- Founding co-chair and treasurer, Texas Women in Higher Education, Inc.
- Professional Ethics Committee, State Bar of Texas (2012-2015)
- Elected member, Texas Bar Foundation
- Secretary-treasurer, Baylor Law Alumni Association
- Alumna, Leadership Texas and Leadership America
- Woman of Distinction, Blue Bonnet Council of Girl Scouts
- Past president and director, Waco McLennan County Bar Association
- Founding member, Greater Waco Education Alliance
- Founding member, Midway Education Foundation
- Founding member, Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce LEAD Mentor Program
- Member, Waco ISD’s Partners in Education Advisory Board
- Chair, 2015 American Heart Association Waco Heart Walk
- Outstanding Alumna for Leadership Waco
- Distinguished Alumnae, Midway High School
- Sunday school teacher for over 15 years
- Active Triathlon and Marathon participant

Dean Toben is currently serving in his 25th year as dean of Baylor Law School.

Associate Dean and Professor of Law
- Joined: 1989 (Associate Dean 1991)

Dean Teague is currently serving in her 25th year as associate dean of Baylor Law School.

Harvard Law School, LL.M 1981
Baylor Law School, JD 1977, with honors
University of Missouri- St. Louis, BA 1974, with honors

Honors & Activities
- Elected member, American Law Institute
- Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Missouri - St. Louis

Karen Osborne (JD ’11)

Amber Shanafelt (JD ’14)
Dean Brad Toben

Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law ▶ JOINED: 1983 (Dean 1991)

Dean Toben is currently serving in his 25th year as dean of Baylor Law School.

**Courses**
Supreme Court Seminar
Law, Public Policy & Scripture

**Education**
Harvard Law School, LL.M 1981
Baylor Law School, JD 1977, with honors
University of Missouri - St. Louis, BA 1974, with honors

**Honors & Activities**
Elected member, American Law Institute
Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
Fellow, American Bar Foundation
Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Missouri - St. Louis

"Dean Toben is one of the most involved deans that I have ever heard of. None of my friends at other law schools could ever just walk up and say 'hello' to the dean of their schools."

Amber Shanafelt (JD '14)

Dean Leah Witcher Jackson Teague

Associate Dean and Professor of Law ▶ JOINED: 1989 (Associate Dean 1991)

Dean Teague is currently serving in her 25th year as associate dean of Baylor Law School.

**Courses**
Tax & Financial Planning for Individuals
Leadership Development

**Education**
Baylor Law School, JD 1985, cum laude
Baylor University, BBA 1983, summa cum laude

**Outside the Classroom**
Dean Teague created the Leadership Development Program at Baylor Law. With the School’s emphasis on public service and leadership, she is excited to offer Baylor Law students the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills while thoughtfully reflecting on the leadership roles lawyers have played throughout history.

"Dean Teague had a significant impact on me through her support and understanding. She always made me more confident when the going got tough."

Karen Osborne (JD '11)
Judge Ken Starr

Baylor University President & Chancellor and Louise L. Morrison Chair of Constitutional Law
> Joined: 2010 as President of Baylor University

Courses
Current Constitutional Issues

Education
Duke University, JD 1973
Brown University, MA 1969
George Washington University, BA 1968

Outside the Classroom
Distinguished Faculty, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

Experience
 Solicitor General of the United States (1989-1993); 36 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court
 Partner in private practice specializing in appellate work, antitrust, federal jurisdiction, and constitutional law (1993-2004)
 Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law
 Distinguished Visiting Professor, George Mason University School of Law and Chapman Law School

Honors & Activities
Time’s Man of the Year (1998)
Author, First Among Equals: The Supreme Court in American Life (2002)
Board of Directors, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU)
President, Southern University Conference
Board of Trustees, Baylor College of Medicine and Baylor Scott & White Health

“Perhaps the neatest thing about learning from Judge Starr is the fact he is such an accomplished legal scholar. The analysis he teaches us when we discuss Supreme Court cases comes not only from his great intellect, but it’s backed by his experience as a federal judge and Solicitor General.”

Sameer Hashmi
(current law student)

Professor Larry Bates

Professor of Law > Joined: 1996

Courses
Contracts I & II
Sales Law
Secured Transactions

Education
Harvard Law School, LL.M 1986
Marquette University School of Law, JD 1983, magna cum laude
University of Minnesota, BA 1978, magna cum laude

Outside the Classroom
Coach, Baylor Law Moot Court Teams
Faculty, School of the Appeal, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

Honors & Activities
Outstanding Professor, Baylor University (1999-2000, 2013-2014)

“Professor Bates is a professor who has had, and will continue to have, an impact on my development as a lawyer. He provided me with constant encouragement, guidance, and care throughout my experience at Baylor Law. I am grateful for his dedication to his students and his love for teaching.”

Shay Powell (JD ’14)
**Professor Ron Beal**

**Professor of Law ▶ Joined: 1983**

**Courses**
- Federal Administrative Law
- LAPP (Legislation, Administrative Power & Procedure)
- Texas Administrative Law

**Honors & Activities**
Professor Ron Beal has developed an expertise in Texas administrative law. He has authored numerous law review articles that have been cited as authoritative by the Texas judiciary, taught training courses for administrative law judges and lectured in advanced courses for practicing lawyers.

**Education**
- Temple University School of Law, LL.M 1983
- William Mitchell College of Law, JD 1979
- St. Olaf College, BA 1975

**Outside the Classroom**
- Director, Baylor Law’s Administrative Practice concentration and capstone
- Coach, Texas Administrative Law Competition

**Professor Matthew Cordon**

**Director of the Legal Writing Center, Associate Director of the Law Library, and Professor of Law ▶ Joined: 2000**

**Courses**
- Legal Analysis, Research & Communications (LARC)
- Advanced Legal Research

**Education**
- University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences, MS 2001
- Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, JD 1999
- Central Methodist College, BS 1994

**Honors & Activities**
- Outstanding Professor for Scholarship, Baylor University (2004)
- Recipient, “Rising Star” Alumnus Award, University of North Texas College of Information (2009)
- Young alumnus award, Central Methodist University (2006)
- Outstanding Article Award, American Association of Law Libraries (2004)
- Elected Member, Baylor University Faculty Senate (2003-2009)
- Former Chair, Baylor University Faculty Senate
- Chair, Baylor University Committee on Committees (2007-present)

**Lecturer, State Bar of Texas-Administrative Law-CLE (2005-2016)**
**Editor-in-Chief, General Practice Digest of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas (for 30 years)**
**Contributing editor, Texas Administrative Law (for 30 years)**

“I became interested in administrative law through Professor Beal’s classes and was drawn in by how passionate he was about teaching a subject he clearly loves. He has truly had a great influence on me.”

Deanna Green (JD ’11)

**Professor Cordon impacted my law school career because he taught me the intricacies of legal writing and the importance of preciseness. He embraces the idea of an ‘Open Door’ policy, which shows his dedication to his students.”**

Cahal McCollan (JD ’15)
**Professor Jeremy Counseller**

**Professor of Law ▶ Joined: 2003**

**Courses**
- Civil Procedure
- Practice Court I
- Practice Court II

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 2000, with honors
- Baylor University, Hankamer School of Business, MBA 2000
- Stephen F. Austin State University, BA 1996, summa cum laude

**Outside the Classroom**
- Baylor University’s Faculty Athletics Representative to the Big 12 Conference
- Program Director, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews
- Coach, Baylor Law School’s Association of Trial Lawyers of America national championship mock trial team

**Honors & Activities**
- Outstanding Tenure Track Faculty Member, Baylor University
- Contributing Evidence Editor, *General Practice Digest*, State Bar of Texas
- Co-author, with Professor James Wren, *Texas Commercial Causes of Action*
- Co-author, with Professor James Wren, *Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence*

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**Professor Thomas M. Featherston, Jr.**

**Mills Cox Chair of Law ▶ Joined: 1982**

**Courses**
- Administration of Estates
- Administration of Estates Capstone
- Estate Planning
- Trusts & Estates
- Trusts & Estates Capstone
- Wealth Transfers

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1972, with highest honors
- Baylor University, BBA 1971, combined BBA/JD program

**Outside the Classroom**
- Director, Baylor Law’s Estate Planning concentration and capstones

**Honors & Activities**
- Distinguished Probate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award, State Bar of Texas (2009)
- Outstanding University Professor, Baylor University (2000)
- Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (since 1979)
- Chair, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (1997-1998)

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“Professor Counseller made my first year of law school everything I had hoped it would be. Beyond his great talent as a teacher, he set the tone for my experience more than any other professor. His energy and passion for the law inspired me to do my best and to keep trying even when discouraged.”

**Joshua Weaver (JD ’15)**

“Professor Featherston refused to lower standards and forced me to build myself up to heights I didn’t know I could reach. The capstone was probably harder than PC because I was emotionally invested in doing well in my area. Seeking Professor Featherston’s approval drove me harder than I thought I could strive.”

**Amanda Simpson (JD ’10)**
**Professor Elizabeth M. Fraley**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW ▶ JOINED: 2015**

**COURSES**
- Advanced Trial Advocacy Skills
- Practice Court I
- Practice Court II
- Practice Court III

**EDUCATION**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1988
- Tulane University, BA 1985

**OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**
- Faculty, School of the Trial, Baylor Law's Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

**HONORS & ACTIVITIES**
- Named a Super Lawyer, Texas Monthly (2004-2016)
- Named one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine (annually since 2011)
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has served on the Masters in Trial team
- Faculty, NITA Southern Deposition Institute, (2007-present)
- Faculty, Notre Dame Intensive Trial Academy (2016)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (2008-present)
- Member, National Association of Women Business Owners (2007-present)
- Frequent CLE speaker and contributor
- Member, National Mock Trial Team, Baylor Law School (1986-1988)
- Member, Moot Court Team, Baylor Law School (1986)

“Professor Scott Fraley achieves an ideal balance of expertise, realism, and thoughtfulness in his teaching. He exemplifies the best things about Baylor Law, and he was integral to my development as both a written and oral advocate.”

**Rachel Buchhorn**
(CURRENT LAW STUDENT)

**Courses**
- Advanced Legal Research
- Persuasive Communications

**Education**
- Currently a PhD candidate at the University of Texas at Dallas
- University of Texas at Dallas, MA 2013
- The University of Texas School of Law, JD 1985
- University of Texas at Austin, BA 1982

**Honors & Activities**
- American Association of Law Schools Legal Research and Writing Section
- Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Member, Legal Writing Institute
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors
- Certified health care arbitrator, American Health Lawyers Association
- Frequent speaker and author at CLE events
- Member, Texas Law Review

“I will always be grateful to everyone at Baylor Law School. I will particularly be in debt to Liz Fraley for inspiring me to be a trial lawyer.”

**Paul Serafy (JD ‘15)**
Professor Bridget Fuselier

Professor of Law | Joined: 2006

Courses
Property I
Property II
Real Estate: Texas Title Issues
Persuasive Communications

Education
Baylor Law School, JD 1998, magna cum laude
Lamar University, BA 1994

Outside the Classroom
Executive Director, Baylor Law Veterans Assistance Clinic
Developed and implements Baylor Law’s annual Adoption Day
Faculty, School of the Appeal, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews
Coach, George Washington University National Security Law Moot Court Team and the Federal Bar Association Moot Court Team
Faculty advisor, Student Veteran Club
Faculty sponsor, Baylor Public Interest Legal Society

Honors & Activities
Author, Defining & Acquiring Interests in Property (2015)
Outstanding Professor Award, Tenure Track Research at Baylor University (2010-2011)
Member, Texas Bar Foundation Excellence in Writing Award, ABA Real Estate, Trust & Estate Law Section
Guest member, National Board of Bar Examiners, Real Property Drafting Committee
Contributing editor, Real Estate Law, General Practice Digest
Member, State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Rules Committee
Board member and President, Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association (2004-2005)
Director, Jefferson County Bar Association (2004-2006)
Jefferson County Outstanding Young Lawyer (2006)
Rising Star by Texas Monthly in civil litigation (2005-2006)

Professor David “The Godfather” Guinn

The Lyndon L. Olson and William A. Olson Professor of Local Government and Constitutional Law and Master Teacher | Joined: 1966

Professor Guinn is currently in his 51st year of teaching at Baylor Law School.

“Professor Guinn made me feel welcome the first day I met him. Since then, he treated me as a part of his family. He has always been there to help and guide me. I will be forever grateful to him and the impact he has made on my life.”

Jessica Edwards (JD '11)

Courses
Constitutional Law
Civil Liberties
Equal Protection and Voting Rights
Local Government Constitutional & Federal Liability

Education
University of Michigan Law School, LL.M 1966
Baylor Law School, JD 1963
Baylor University, BA

Honors & Activities
Baylor Lawyer of the Year (2013)
Assisted in the drafting of the Texas Administrative Procedures Act and has served on numerous advisory bodies in the State Bar
Member, American Bar Association and the Supreme Court Historical Society
Faculty Representative, Southwest and the Big 12 athletic conferences (1986-2001)
Division I Management Council, National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1997
Redistricted over 40 cities, counties, and school districts throughout Texas with Professor Mike Morrison

Connor Buchanan (JD '15)

“Professor Fuselier had a tremendous impact on my Baylor Law experience. Thank you for coaching me on a winning moot court team, and also for showing me how to be passionate about and involved in the community and church while also being an exemplary attorney.”
Professor Laura Hernández

**Professor of Law ➤ Joined: 2008**

**Courses**
- Insurance Law
- Separation of Church and State
- Law of the Entertainment Industries
- Immigration Law
- Civil Rights Actions
- Persuasive Communications

**Education**
- Southern Methodist University School of Law, JD 1996
- Stanford University, Double BA 1986

**Outside the Classroom**
- Founder, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Immigration Clinic
- Coach, Entertainment Law, Immigration Law, and Hispanic National Bar Association moot court teams, won three National Championships, five Speaker Awards, and six Best Brief Awards
- Minority Student Advisor
- Co-Advisor, Diversity in Law Advisor, Entertainment Law Society

**Honors & Activities**
- Sarah T. Hughes Law Scholar, Dallas Bar Foundation for the SMU Class of 1996

“Professor Hernández has helped me develop as an oral advocate, as a professional, and as a person. Many of the fantastic opportunities I’ve had in law school have been directly attributable to her.”

Siobhan Ray (JD ’14)

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Professor Jill Wieber Lens

**Professor of Law ➤ Joined: 2010**

**Courses**
- Torts I
- Torts II
- Products Liability
- Persuasive Communications

**Education**
- University of Iowa College of Law, JD 2005, with highest honors
- University of Wisconsin, BA 2002, with honors

**Honors & Activities**
- Published in Utah Law Review, BYU Law Review, and Florida State Law Review
- Order of the Coif
- West Publishing Co. Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement
- Note & Comment Editor, Iowa Law Review

“Professor Lens impacted my law school career greatly. She was my advisor for my law review article, and she provided helpful advice throughout the process. She also helped me with my job search, for which I am truly grateful.”

Alice Walkley Aten (JD ’13)

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**Professor Luke Meier**

**Courses**
- Property I
- Property II
- Conflict of Laws
- Persuasive Communications

**Honors & Activities**
- Professor of the Year (three times in his academic career)
- Primary research interests relate to the jurisdiction of federal courts; published extensively in that area
- Managing Editor, *Texas Law Review*
- Chancellor’s honorary society, University of Texas Law School

**Education**
- University of Texas School of Law, JD 2000, with high honors
- Kansas State University, BS 1997

“While I was in Professor Meier’s class and on his moot court team, I was greatly inspired by his intelligence, compassion, and time management skills. It was evident that he personally cares for his students.”

**Mary Colligan (JD ’14)**

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**Professor Elizabeth Miller**

**Courses**
- Business Organization I
- Business Organization II
- Business Planning and Drafting
- Business Transaction Capstone

**Honors & Activities**
- Involved in the drafting of legislation affecting Texas business organizations for many years and has served in an advisory or membership capacity on the drafting committees for numerous prototype model, and uniform statutes and agreements relating to unincorporated business organizations
- Editorial Board, LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the ABA Business Law Section
- Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Unincorporated Business Organizations Acts
- Among the principal drafters of the ABA’s Revised Prototype Limited Liability Company Act, Prototype Limited Liability Partnership Act, and Prototype Limited Liability Partnership Agreement
- Co-author, three-volume treatise on Texas business organizations law published by Thomson/West (Vols. 19, 20 and 20A, Business Organizations, Texas Practice Series) as well as a one-volume handbook on Texas business organizations (Vol. 13, Texas Methods of Practice, Texas Practice Series).
- Chair, LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the ABA Business Law Section (2004-2007)
- Chair, Business Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (2008-2009)
- Chair, Texas Partnership and Limited Liability Company Law Committee (2003-2005)
- Frequent speaker and author at CLE events
- Elected Member, American Law Institute, the American Bar Foundation, and the Texas Bar Foundation
- Jean Allard “Glass Cutter” Award, Business Law Section of the American Bar Association (2011)
- Martin I. Lubaroff Award, LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee, ABA Business Law Section (2013)
- Editorial Board, *The Business Lawyer, American Bar Association*
- President and Board Member, Waco-McLennan County Bar Association (2000-2007)
- Outstanding Professor Award, Baylor University (2006)
- Received the highest score in the State of Texas on the July 1985 bar examination
- Graduated first in her class from Baylor Law School
- Editor-in-Chief, *Baylor Law Review*

“Professor Miller was a great professor from whom I took as many classes as I could. Her amount of knowledge on all business-related topics is amazing.”

**Samantha Fenwick (JD ’15)**

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**Professor Connie Powell Nichols**

**Courses**
- Business Transaction concentration and capstone

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1985, with highest honors
- Baylor University, BA 1982, summa cum laude

“Professor Nichols was a great professor from whom I took as many classes as I could. Her amount of knowledge on all business-related topics is amazing.”

**Rachel Crawford (JD ’14)**

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**Professor Michael Morrison**

**Courses**
- Intellectual Property Law Meet Moot Court, the Saul Lefkowitz concentration and capstone

**Education**
- University of North Carolina School of Law, JD 2000, with high honors
- Indiana University, JD 2000, with high honors

“Professor Morrison made me feel smart, which is not always the case in law school! He valued my perspective better because of him.”

**Mary Colligan (JD ’14)**

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**Professor William J. Boswell**

**Courses**
- Comparative Systems of Justice
- Jurisprudence
- Arbitration
- Remedies

**Education**
- Oklahoma University, BA 1971
- Oklahoma University School of Law, JD 1974, Order of the Coif

“While I was in Professor Boswell’s class and on his moot court team, I was greatly inspired by his intelligence, compassion, and time management skills. It was evident that he personally cares for his students.”

**Mary Colligan (JD ’14)**
Professor Michael Morrison

"Professor Morrison made me feel smart, which is not always the case in law school! He valued my perspective and creative approach to problems – my experience in law school was better because of him."

Samantha Blue (JD '15)

Professor Connie Powell Nichols

"Professor Nichols’ enthusiasm and expertise is why I chose to attend Baylor Law. I have taken several classes and completed two independent studies with her, and I admire her teaching, knowledge, and concern for her students."

Rachel Crawford (JD '14)
**Professor Gerald Powell**

**Abner V. McCall**
Professor of Evidence Law

**Joined: 1986**

**Courses**
- Practice Court II
- Practice Court III

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1977, with highest honors
- Baylor University, BA 1974

**Outside the Classroom**
- Dean, School of the Trial, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

**Honors & Activities**
- Master Teacher, the highest distinction granted to Baylor faculty members (2006)
- Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching, Baylor University (2003)
- President, State Bar of Texas to the Court Reorganization Task Force
- Secretary (2002) and President (2003-2004), American Board of Trial Advocates Waco Chapter
- Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee, State Bar of Texas
- Regularly presents judicial training courses for the Texas Center for the Judiciary
- Director, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum Advisory Board
- Former Scoutmaster, Troop 453, Boy Scouts of America
- First in class, Baylor Law School (1977)
- Member of the national mock trial team and national moot court team as a Baylor Law student

"Professor Powell is absolutely incredible. He impacted my education and work ethic more than any teacher or professor at any level. During Practice Court, he was often at the Law School until 9 or 10 p.m. His knowledge and preparation are unparalleled."

**Brandon Morris (JD '14)**

**Professor Brandon Quarles**

**Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law**

**Joined: 1998**

**Courses**
- Legal Analysis, Research & Communications (LARC) I
- Legal Analysis, Research & Communications (LARC) II

**Education**
- University of North Texas, MLS 1995
- University of Mississippi, JD 1993
- Southwestern University, BA 1990

**Honors & Activities**
- Coordinated the Law School’s physical move to the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center (2001)
- Chaired the self-study process for the past two ABA accreditation/ AALS membership reviews of the Law School

"Professor Quarles had a significant impact on my law school experience in the realm of Christian encouragement."

**Michael Sanchez (JD '15)**
**Professor Michael Rogers**

**Professor of Law**

▶ **Joined**: 1984

**Courses**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Securities Regulation
- Sports Law

**Education**

- University of Oklahoma, JD 1974
- Texas Tech University, BBA 1972

**Honors & Activities**

- Baylor Faculty Athletic Representative, Big 12 and NCAA (for 13 years)
- Chair, Professional Sports Counseling Panel (for over 20 years)
- Panelist, NAAC, NACDA, FARA and NCAA Conventions
- Big 12 Conference Representative, NCAA Division I Academic/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet

Chair, NCAA Division I Agents and Amateurism Subcommittee (2005-2008)

Chair, Baylor University Faculty Investigation Committee (2003-2005)

Outstanding Baylor Professor (2013-2014)

Chair, University's Task Force on Athletics (2014-2015)

Director, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center (charter director)

Panel of Mediators, United States District Court, Western District of Texas

Former Director, McLennan County Bar

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation


**Professor Rory Ryan**

**Professor of Law**

▶ **Joined**: 2004

**Courses**

- Contracts I
- Contracts II
- Federal Courts
- Intro to Oil and Gas
- Persuasive Communications

**Outside the Classroom**

- Coach, moot court teams, including the National (NYC Bar) Team
- Advisor, Federalist Society and Student Animal Defense Fund

**Honors & Activities**

- Outstanding Tenure-Track Research Faculty (2008)
- First in class, Baylor Law School (2003, earning more than 20 “high As”)
- Senior Editor, *Baylor Law Review* (awarded best student publication)

**Claire Neill (JD ’15)**

“Professor Ryan called me into his office the third week of school to tell me he thought I was doing a great job in Civil Procedure. I really needed to hear those words because I was still unsure that I had made the right choice by coming to law school.”

**Haylee Palmer (JD ’14)**

“There were many professors who had a great impact on me but, I would have to say Professor Rogers had the greatest. He opened up different Alternative Dispute Resolution opportunities and ignited my interest in it.”
Won Fulbright Scholarship to teach a course in American law at Vytautus Magnus University. Advocates have been asked three times to represent The Conference of Chief Justices. In the raid on the Branch Davidian compound, a murder defendant in a federal capital prosecution, and the American Football Coaches’ Association.

PROFESSOR OF LAW ▶ JOINED: 1986
Courses
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Supreme Court Seminar

Education
University of Illinois College of Law, LL.M 1985
Washington University School of Law, JD 1984, with highest honors
Dana College, BS 1981

Outside the Classroom
Dean, School of the Appeal, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews
Coach, Baylor Law appellate advocacy teams, won five national championships, one national second-place finish, and five national third-place finishes

Honors & Activities
- Most Outstanding Faculty Member in Schools of Law, Business, Engineering & Computer Science (2002)
- Organizer, “China Aid” Conferences at Baylor Law School for visiting Chinese human rights lawyers and advocates
- Won Fulbright Scholarship to teach a course in American law at Vytautus Magnus University in Lithuania (1994)

BRIEFLY AND ORALLY ARGUED CASES IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT.

PROFESSOR MARK SNIDER

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW ▶ JOINED: 2012

Courses
- Basic Tax Principles for Lawyers
- Business Transaction Capstone
- Corporate Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Securities Law-Public Companies
- Taxation of Mergers and Acquisitions
- Venture Capital Transactions

Education
University of Florida, Fredric G. Levin College of Law, LLM 2009
University of Illinois College of Law, JD 1986, summa cum laude
University of Virginia, BA 1983, with distinction

“Professor Snider challenged all of us and always treated everyone with respect. He has a practical, open approach, and encourages his students to ask questions.”

Matthew Myers (JD ’14)

“Professor Serr’s allocations on criminal law. His passion for the subject matter was evident. He came to class prepared to teach and answer questions and always had a detailed chalkboard outline.”

Issac Brimhall (JD ’14)

“I thoroughly enjoyed Professor Serr’s teaching style.”
**Professor David Swenson**

**George G. Kelly Professor of Law**

- Joined: 1982

**Courses**
- Antitrust
- Commercial Law: Negotiable Instruments
- Copyright Law
- Intellectual Property I
- Sports Law

**Education**
- University of Michigan Law School, JD 1978
- Iowa State University, BS 1973

**Honors & Activities**
- Baylor’s representative to the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)
- Faculty Liaison, Executive Committee member and Former Chair, Board of Directors of Lone Star Legal Aid
- Member and Former Chair, Baylor University Compensation and Benefits Committee
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Executive Committee
- Former Chair of Section on Law and Sports and Pre-Legal Education of AALS
- ABA, AALS and LSAC Annual Meeting Speaker
- Editor, AIPLA Antitrust News
- Member, ABA Silver Gavel Awards Committee

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**Professor Jim Underwood**

**Professor of Law**

- Joined: 2006

**Courses**
- Business Litigation
- Complex Litigation
- Torts I
- Torts II

**Education**
- Ohio State University College of Law, JD 1987, with highest honors
- Oklahoma Baptist University, BA 1984

**Honors & Activities**
- Kerr Scholar in Public Affairs, Oklahoma Baptist University
- Standard Jury Instruction Committee, Florida Supreme Court (2005-2008)
- First in class, Ohio State University’s College of Law (1987)
- Executive Editor, *Ohio State Law Journal*

**Outside the Classroom**
- Coach, mock trial competition teams

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*"Thank you Professor Swenson for being a teacher who pushed me to strive and make that ‘A.’"*

Hailey Fox (JD ’13)

*"Professor Underwood was probably one of the best teachers I have ever had. Many people know the law, but only a few have the gift of teaching."*

Tim Roehrs (JD ’15)
Professor Patricia Wilson

Professor of Law  Joined: 1993

Courses
- Employment Relations
- Employment Discrimination
- Labor Law
- Family Law

Education
Northwestern University School of Law, JD 1982
Purdue University, BA 1982, cum laude

Outside the Classroom
- Founder and director, People’s Law School
- Director, Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition
- Coach, Zehner Moot Court Team
- Minority Law Student Advisor

Honors & Activities
- Member, ABA Law Student Division Competitions Committee
- Board Member, Dispute Resolution Center
- Baylor University Human Relations Council
- Family Law Lecturer, Kaplan Bar Review
- Governing Board Member, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (2013-2015)
- Coordinating Council Member, Texas Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (2007-2015)
- Board Member, Brazos Valley Public Broadcasting (2004-2010)

“Professor Wilson was a fantastic moot court coach and person, in general. She put in so much time to make sure our team was well prepared. She became our ‘mom’ and made sure we were knowledgeable, prepared, and had everything we needed, including plane tickets and lots of candy!”

Kyle Knas (JD ’14)

Professor James Wren

Professor of Law  Joined: 2006

Courses
- Advanced Trial Preparation
- Practice Court I
- Practice Court III

Education
University of Kent at Canterbury, MA 1982
Baylor Law School, JD 1980, cum laude

Outside the Classroom
- Faculty, School of the Trial, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

Honors & Activities
- Baylor Outstanding Professor (2012)
- President, National Board of Trial Advocacy, the ABA-accredited national certifying board for civil trial, criminal trial, and other legal specialties (2009-2011)

Board of Directors, National Board of Trial Advocacy (2003-present)
Board of Directors, Texas Trial Lawyers Association (2002-2007)

Co-author, with Professor Jeremy Counsellor, Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence (2015, next edition 2016)

“Professor Wren is uncompromising in his expectation of courtroom excellence. He sees the potential of every student to become a great trial lawyer and taps into that potential so students can see it for themselves.”

Brad Dickens (JD ’14)
**Professor Greg White**

**Legal Writing Lecturer**

» JOINED: 2016 (full-time faculty)

Professor White has served as an adjunct professor at Baylor Law School since 1995.

**Courses**
- Persuasive Communications
- Litigation Drafting
- Legal Communications
- Civil Appeals
- Supreme Court Seminar
- Post-Conviction Remedies: Appeals & Habeas

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1982

**Outside the Classroom**
- Coach, Baylor Law Moot Court and Mock Trial Teams

**Honors & Activities**
- Founding Member, Judge Abner V. McCall American Inn of Court (President 2002-2004)
- Martindale Hubbell AV rating
- Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- President’s Award, Texas Association of Defense Counsel (2008)

"Greg White has had a significant impact on my law school experience by coaching me through two moot court competitions and being an excellent example of what an attorney should be."

**Connor Buchanan (JD ’15)**

**Professor Walt Shelton**

**Adjunct Professor**

» JOINED: 1990

Professor Shelton splits his time between private practice and teaching. He has practiced in the past as part of environmental groups with Baker Botts, L.L.P. and Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. He currently practices on his own in Austin, focusing on transactional and regulatory matters.

**Courses**
- Environmental Law
- Business and State Issues in Environmental Law
- Water Law
- Natural Resource Protection Law

**Education**
- Baylor Law School, JD 1989, *highest honors*
- Baylor University, MA, 1979, magna cum laude
- University of Texas, BA 1977, summa cum laude

**Experience**
- Chair, Law School Committee, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- Coordinator, annual Environmental Law programs
- Sponsor, Baylor Environmental and Natural Resource Law Society
- Named to Best Lawyers in America for the past 17 consecutive years in the areas of Environmental Law and/or Water Law
- Author, various faith and life related articles, 30 published since 2009
- Supervisor, federal and state agency externships
- Contributing Editor, *General Practice Digest*, State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law
- First in class, Baylor Law School (1998)
- Editor-in-Chief, *Baylor Law Review*

"Professor Walt Shelton had a huge impact on my experience at Baylor Law. Aside from everything I learned in his classes, he personally helped me network throughout the environmental legal community."

**Jessica Vittorio (JD ’14)**
Justice Jan Patterson

JUSTICE IN RESIDENCE

Joined: 2011

COURSES
White Collar Crime
Post Conviction Procedure: Appeals & Habeeb Corpus
Practice Court
Criminal Practice and Procedure

EDUCATION
University of Texas School of Law, JD
University of Virginia Law School, MA
University of Texas, BA

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
Assists with Practice Court evidentiary hearings and writing assignments
Faculty, School of the Trial, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews
Performed the swearing in oath of the State Bar of Texas to over 100 Baylor Law graduates

HONORS & ACTIVITIES
Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee (1998-2015)
Judicial advisor to the Board of Directors of Texas Women Lawyers
Elected member of the American Law Institute
Former treasurer and board member of the Second Circuit Federal Bar Council
Founder, past President, Master of the Bench in the Justice Calvert American Inns of Court
Lecturer, FBI Academy
Outstanding Achievement Award recipient, Travis County Women Lawyers’ Association
Friar Society Distinguished Alumna, the University of Texas’ oldest honorary organization
American Red Cross Certificate of Merit Lifesaving
Visiting Judge, as appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas
Frequent speaker at CLE seminars, Bar programs, and Baylor Lifelong Learning programs

EXPERIENCE
Senior Justice, Texas Court of Appeals
Federal prosecutor, Southern District of New York
Assistant special prosecutor, U.S. Department of Justice
Civil and criminal trial practice, state and federal courts, New York and Texas
Appellate law practice in the Second and Fifth Circuits and Texas state courts
Justice on the Texas Third Court of Appeals

“I will always appreciate Justice Patterson’s insistence on excellent legal writing and her firm belief that – when expectations are raised – students will rise to meet them.”

Brad Dickens (JD ’14)

Hon. Ed Kinkeade

JUSTICE IN RESIDENCE

Joined: 2011

COURSES
Professional Responsibility

EDUCATION
Dallas Baptist University, Honorary Doctor of Humanities, 2004
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Honorary Doctor of Laws, 2004
University of Virginia, LL.M 1998
Baylor Law School, JD 1974
Baylor University, BA 1973

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
Distinguished Faculty, Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews

HONORS & ACTIVITIES
Baylor Lawyer of the Year (2010)
Former Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Baylor Medical Health Care System
Trustee, Baylor Scott & White Holdings Board of Trustees
National board Member, Canine Companions for Independence, an organization that trains service and assistance dogs
Charter Member of the Board, Irving Schools Foundation
Outstanding Young Alumnus, Baylor University (1988)
W.R. White Meritorious Service Award, Baylor Alumni Association (2003)
American Board of Trial Advocates Jurist of the Year for Texas (2010)
Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow

EXPERIENCE
Appointed by President George W. Bush as District Judge for the United State District Court, Northern District of Texas
Adjunct Professor, Texas Wesleyan University (now Texas A&M University School of Law)
Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fifth District

“I judge Kinkeade has been a huge influence in my life. I met him in Scotland at Baylor Law’s Academy of the Advocate program and immediately noticed his love of life and the legal profession. He taught me to see everything in perspective and to keep a sense of humor throughout my career.”

Kristin Oca (JD ’14)
Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Appointed by President George W. Bush as District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Visiting Judge, as appointed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels.

Distinguished Faculty, Baylor University, BA 1973
Baylor Law School, JD 1974
University of Virginia, LL.M 1998
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, MA 1979

Professional Responsibility

Courses

- Assisted with the Legal Analysis, Research and Communication (LARC) courses

Education

- University of Michigan, MSI 2013
- Michigan State University, JD 2006
- Michigan State University, BA 2003

Honors & Activities

- Beth A. McWilliams Scholarship for aspiring law librarians
- Member, American Association of Law Librarians
- President, Michigan State University’s Academic Competitions Club
- Staff, MSU Journal of International Law
- Appeared on national TV as a Phone-a-Friend on Who Wants to be Millionaire?
- First place, National Geography Bee

“Chris is an invaluable resource and student favorite in the legal research and writing department. His open-door policy, upbeat attitude, and devoted willingness to help students makes legal research at Baylor Law interesting, fun, and a valuable learning experience.”

Shannon Bonn
(current law student)

Lesley Wilson

Cataloging and Government Documents Librarian, Joined: 2009

Education

- Texas Woman’s University, MLS 2006
- Bowling Green State University, BS 1976

Honors & Activities

- Member, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Member, AALL Technical Services Interest Section and the AALL Government Documents Special Interest Section
- Former Bibliographic Reviewer, Government Documents section
- Member, Southwest Association of Law Libraries
- Member, Baylor University Faculty Center Committee

“Lesley Wilson is a warm, caring, and helpful person with a thorough knowledge of the law library. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to learn so much from her.”

Ashley Morgan
(current law student)
At Baylor Law School, we are committed to and defined by our culture—a culture of professional excellence, of community, of service, of relevant scholarship and of progress. It is these characteristics that continue to distinguish Baylor as a nationally recognized and respected School of Law.

CULTURE of RELEVANT SCHOLARSHIP

Baylor Law School is well known for its academic rigor, a distinction established by its faculty’s adherence to a culture of relevant scholarship. The diverse faculty of Baylor Law are educators, scholars, and practitioners. They are actively engaged in examining laws, legal policies and procedures, serving clients, and shaping conversations about today’s critical legal issues—all while preparing students to assume their responsibilities within the law profession.

As professionals, Baylor Law faculty members are invested in the pursuit of advancing society through their work. Many faculty members are recognized as experts in their field, such as Professor of Law Elizabeth Miller, a nationally recognized expert on the law of limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships. Faculty members also act as expert witnesses, advise legislative counsel, and are in high demand for CLE presentations. Thomas M. Featherston, Jr., the Mills Cox Chair of Law, is a leading authority in estate planning and co-chaired the re-codifying of the Texas Probate Code. Both Professors Miller and Featherston are in high demand as presenters for CLE programs across the country. The work of Baylor Law faculty extends beyond the classroom as renowned contributors to the field of law.

As professors, Baylor Law faculty members are committed to challenging students, in and out of the classroom, to become problem solvers and contributing, practicing lawyers on day one of their careers. They develop personal relationships with their students. Most faculty members maintain unrestricted hours for mentoring and student consultation, and the 13:1 faculty/student ratio at Baylor Law allows for greater individualized attention and mentorship. Because most faculty members have significant experience in full-time practice, students benefit from scholarly expertise as well as the perspective and wisdom of seasoned law professionals.

Not only are Baylor Law faculty members committed to excellence in academia and practice, but they are also committed to Baylor Law School, as evidenced by the school’s low faculty turnover rate. This dedication to both Baylor and the legal profession continues to enrich and inspire Baylor Law. With a desire to maintain and improve our nation’s system of justice through personal effort and to prepare the next generation of law professionals to take on this substantial calling, the Baylor Law faculty truly embody a culture of relevant scholarship.
Miller and Featherston are in high demand as presenters.

Baylor Law School is well known for its academic rigor, issues—all while preparing students to assume their roles as law professionals.

It is these characteristics that continue to distinguish Baylor as a nationally recognized and respected School of Law.

At Baylor Law School, we are committed to and defined by the next generation of law professionals to take on the responsibility of maintaining and improving our nation's system of justice.

Not only are Baylor Law faculty members committed to Baylor Law School, as evidenced by their professional activities, but also committed to challenging students, in and out of the classroom, to become problem solvers and contribute to society.

Faculty Notes

Larry Bates
Professor of Law


Matthew Gorden
Director of the Legal Writing Center, Associate Director of the Law Library, and Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Contributing author and editor, American Law Yearbook (2015)
- Featured Author Spotlight, William S. Hein & Co, Inc. Online Blog

Jeremy Counseller
Professor of Law

Publications
- Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence, co-authored with Professor James Wren, published by American Legal Media (September 2015)

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

Presentations
- “Will or Revocable Trust, What’s Best for the Client?” East Texas Estate Planning Council, Tyler, Texas (Oct. 21, 2015)
- “2015 Texas Estate and Trust Legislative Update,” The Trust Department of Community Bank & Trust luncheon, Waco, Texas (Oct. 2, 2015)
- “This, Her or Their Property: A Primer on Marital Property Law in the Community Property States,” ABA’s Skills Training for Estate Planners Course, New York City, New York (July 13, 2015)

Professional Activities
- Senior Editor, Probate & Property, published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association
- Member, Publications and CLE Committee 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

Scott Fraley
Director of Legal Writing

Presentation
- “The Seven Deadly Sins of Legal Writing,” Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Dallas, Texas (September 2015)

Bridget Fuselier
Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Member, State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Rules Committee
- Contributor, General Practice Digest

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

Publications
- Model Company Agreements for Simple LLCs, 9th Annual Advanced Real Estate Strategies Course, State Bar of Texas (Dec. 4, 2015)
- Selected Recent (Non-Delaware) LLC Cases, 2015 LLC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Business Entities, American Bar Association (Nov. 12, 2015)

Presentations
- “Case Law Update,” 2015 LLC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Business Entities, American Bar Association (Nov. 12, 2015)
- “Model Company Agreements for Simple LLCs,” 2015 LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 9, 2015)

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
- Member, Business Organizations Code Committee of the Business Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- ABA Advisor, Drafting Committee, Series of Unincorporated Business Entities Act, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

Michael Morrison
Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Contributing Editor, Deformation and Invasion of Privacy, Texas Association of Defense Counsel Professional Newsletters/Case Law Updates
- Program Director, Texas Association of Defense Counsel’s annual Spring meeting in Washington, D.C., with responsibility to plan and conduct two days of NCLEA programming
- Board of Directors, Forum for Education Abroad, the entity recognized by the federal government as the official standards setting body for U.S. study abroad programs
- Current Chair, Texas Association of Defense Counsel’s board of directors committee, charged with evaluating and preparing comments on the Texas Supreme Court’s proposed rules for Expedited Trials
- Board of Directors, Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Michael Rogers
Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Chair, Presidential Task Force Committee on Intergovernmental Athletics (May 2015)

Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

Publications
- “Reach Out in Friendship to Neighbors, Exchanged Family,” Austin American Statesman (Dec. 12, 2015)
- “Fatigue can be a Sign that our Hard Work Deserves Rest,” Austin American Statesman (Nov. 26, 2015)

Presentations
- Organized and participated in Environmental Careers panel, St. Mary’s School of Law (Sept. 30, 2015)

Professional Activities
- 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. This is Professor Shelton’s 17th consecutive year of selection
- 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

Glen D. Swenson
The George G. Kelly Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Member, ABA’s Standing Committee on Public Education and Screening Committee for the Silver Gavel Awards
- Member, Board of Directors of Lone Star Legal Aid
- Member, Sections of Business Law, Intellectual Property Law (IPL) and Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

David G. Swenson
The George G. Kelly Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Member, ABA’s Standing Committee on Public Education and Screening Committee for the Silver Gavel Awards
- Member, Board of Directors of Lone Star Legal Aid
- Member, Sections of Business Law, Intellectual Property Law (IPL) and Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Leah Witcher Jackson Teague
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Publications

Presentations

Professional Activities
- Chair, Strategic Initiative Committee, American Council on Education’s Women’s Network Executive Council
- Secretary and Treasurer, Baylor Law Alumni Association
- Executive Committee Board of Directors, Texas Federal Tax Institute

Bradley J.B. Toben
Dean

Professional Activities
- Board Member, Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc.
- Chair and Accreditation Inspector, American Bar Association (ABA)
- Master of the Bench, Abner V. McCull American Inn of Court
- Member, Board of Directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce

James Underwood
Professor of Law

Professional Activities
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Torts)

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
- Board Member, Dispute Resolution Center (Waco)
- Chair, ABA Law Student Division, Client Counseling Subcommittee
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Family Law)

James E. Wren
Professor of Law

Publications
- Proving Damages to the Jury, published by James Publishing (January 2016)
- Texas Trial Procedure and Evidence, co-authored with Professor Jeremy Counseller, published by American Legal Media (September 2015)
1960’s

Hays Parks (JD ’66), is the 2016 recipient of the Gunnery Sergeant Carlos N. Hathcock Award presented by the National Defense Industrial Association's Small Arms Group. The Hathcock Award is presented to recognize an individual who, in the opinion of the Small Arms Division Executive Board, has made significant contributions in operational employment and tactics of small arms weapons systems, which have impacted the readiness and capabilities of the U.S. military or law enforcement. A significant contribution is considered to be a superior performance of duties in an operational environment or the development of tactics or training.

Judge T. John Ward (LLB ’67), accomplished attorney and former U.S. District Judge of Longview, Texas-based Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC, was honored by the top two legal publications in Texas based on his decades of work in the legal industry.

The Texas Lawbook recognized Judge Ward in the publication’s Lions of the Texas Bar series, which honors “50 of the state’s legendary business lawyers who have made significant contributions to the legal profession.” Texas Lawyer recognized Judge Ward as one of only 22 recipients of the publication’s 2015 Professional Excellence Award: Lifetime Achievers. The Lifetime Achievers honorees are described by the publication as representing “the very best the Texas legal community has to offer.”

1970’s

Neal W. Adams (JD ’70), attorney for Adams, Lynch & Loftin, P.C., in Grapevine, Texas, was inducted into the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Board of Trustees Member.

Carmen Eker (JD ’78) was named to Thomson Reuters 2015 Texas Super Lawyers list, 2015 Top 100 DFW Super Lawyers, Top 50 Texas Women Super Lawyers, and 2016 Best Lawyers in America in family law.

Mariea Lewis (JD ’78) of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was selected by the editors of D CEO magazine for the inaugural edition of the Dallas 500, which recognizes “the most powerful business leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth” in various professional categories.

Diane Dillard (JD ’79) received the Distinguished Texas Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section.

1980’s

David Dial (JD ’83), managing partner of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial in Atlanta, Georgia, was selected to Georgia Trend’s 2015 Legal Elite. Dial was chosen in the area of General Practice/Trial Law and is a founding member of the recently named “Litigation Department of the Year” mid-size firm category. Selected as Band One in Construction Law in Chambers USA, Dial was also recently named Lawyer of the Year – Litigation Construction by Best Lawyers. He is consistently ranked in Chambers USA, Best Lawyers, and Super Lawyer.

Keith Nelson (JD ’83) of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was selected by the editors of D CEO magazine for the inaugural edition of the Dallas 500, which recognizes “the most powerful business leaders in Dallas-Fort Worth” in various professional categories.

Hon. Christopher H. Steger (JD ’83) was appointed as United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. “Throughout the years, Judge Steger has epitomized character, integrity and a sustained investment in people. He has made Baylor Law so proud, and I know with certitude that he will model the image of the wise and gifted judge,” said Baylor Law School Dean Brad Toben.

Dr. Van Graham (JD ’85) was appointed Dean of the Goddold School of Business at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Traci Kenner (JD ’87) was awarded the John Hannah, Jr. Award for Public Service by the United States District Bar Association of East Texas.

John Meredith (JD ’88) became the new executive director of Beck Redden LLP. In this position, Meredith will be in charge of overseeing the firm’s operations.

1990’s

Wayne Lindsey (“Lyn”) Robbins, Jr. (JD ’90) resigned from his position as senior general attorney at BNSF Railway in Fort Worth, Texas, to open his own law firm.

2000’s

Robbins Travis, PLLC, a litigation firm focusing on railroad and medical litigation but practicing many other kinds of civil trial and appellate work, opened its doors this January in Southlake, Texas. Robbins also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Baylor Law School.

Alfred Mackenzie (JD ’91) was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to the Board of Law Examiners.

JoAl Cannon Sheridan (JD ’92) of Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores, L.L.P., in Austin, Texas, is president of the Texas Family Law Foundation, vice-president of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, secretary/treasurer of the Austin Bar Association Family Law Section, and chair of the Professionalism and Congeniality Committee of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, where she also serves on the Membership and Legislative committees.

Leticia Martinez (JD ’94) joined Varghese Summersett, PLLC, in Fort Worth, Texas, as a partner. Varghese Summersett is a state and federal criminal defense firm.

Hon. Rene De Coss (JD ’95) was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the 445th state District Court in Brownsville, Texas. U.S. Magistrate Judge Ignacio Torteya Ill officially swore in De Coss on Dec. 2, 2015.

Jessica Mendes Warren (JD ’95) opened The Law Office of Warren & Lewis, a probate and estate planning firm, with two locations in Austin, Texas, and Dripping Springs, Texas.

Chris Aycock (JD ’96), formerly a shareholder of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, P.C., in the firm’s complex litigation and transactions sections, has joined Exl Petroleum as Senior Counsel Land & Legal. Exl is an independent oil and gas company headquartered in Midland, Texas.

Leane Capps (JD ’96), a shareholder at Polsinelli in Dallas, Texas, is the new chair of the Council of Appellate Lawyers. The council is the first and only national bench/bar organization. It aims to improve advocacy in the appellate courts by offering educational opportunities for appellate lawyers and judges around the country.

Scott D. Nader (JD ’00) was appointed executive vice president and general counsel at the Garden City Group in Lake Success, New York.
Amanda Hendrick Lewis (JD ’00) opened The Law Office of Warren & Lewis, a probate and estate planning firm, with two locations in Austin, Texas, and Dripping Springs, Texas.

Kristine D. Bridges (JD ’03) is the executive director of the Child Protective Coalition in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Craig Stone (JD ’03) is senior counsel, intellectual property, for a Phillips 66 Company in Houston, Texas. He was recognized as the 2015 Best Corporate Counsel ‘Up and Comer’ of the Year by the Houston Business Journal. Stone also was recently named chair of the Trademarks Committee for the IP Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and named to Who’s Who in Energy 2015 by the Houston Business Journal.

Casey C. Fisk (JD ’05) of Vinson & Elkins, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was promoted to counsel. Fisk represents clients in a wide range of executive compensation and employee benefits matters.

Autumn D. Highsmith (JD ’05) of Haynes and Boone, LLP, was promoted to partner. Highsmith is a member of the Bankruptcy and Business Restructuring Practice in the Dallas, Texas, office.

Hon. Christine Nowak (JD ’05) was appointed as United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court Eastern District of Texas.

Joseph ‘Joey’ Sampson (JD ’06) was recognized by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel as one of the “Nation’s Top Attorneys,” an award bestowed upon the nation’s top one percent of officers of the court as vetted and selected by that organization. He also became a partner at McCathern, PLLC in 2014.

Erin Ator Thomson (JD ’06) of Vinson & Elkins LLP, in Austin, Texas, was promoted to counsel. Thomson focuses on evaluating, structuring and negotiating intellectual property and technology transactions, intellectual property counseling and intellectual property litigation.

Jeren A. Taylor (JD ’07) of Vinson & Elkins LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was promoted to counsel. Taylor represents utility and energy clients before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and in various courts throughout the state, focusing primarily on issues involving electric transmission infrastructure and eminent domain.

Alex J. Bell (JD ’09), senior associate with Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas in Dallas, Texas, has been selected as a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

2010’s

Kristen A. Mynar (JD ’10) of Naman, Howell, Smith, & Lee, PLLC, became board certified in Estate Planning and Probate.

Barbara Pelaez (JD ’10) of the Bassett Firm, was re-elected for a second term to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Andy Jones (JD ’13) of Sawicki Law was elected to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Thank you to our Baylor Lawyer hosts and underwriters of the following Baylor Lawyer Network receptions.

Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
Jan. 14 Hosted by Russell Broadway (JD ’98), Michael Cooper (JD ’77), Jeffrey L. Curtis (JD ’88), Jeff Dorrill (JD ’85), Andrew Guthrie (JD ’11), Evan K. Hall (JD ’07), Tom D. Harris, Jr. (JD ’89), Autumn Highsmith (JD ’05), Janet Ayyad Ismail (JD ’08), Laura E. O’Donnell (JD ’96), and Phillip B. Philbin (JD ’89) of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Houston Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
Jan. 21 Hosted by Spencer Edwards (JD ’97), Gina Fulkerson (JD ’83), and Eric Nordstrom (JD ’02) of The Hudgins Law Firm.

Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
Feb. 23 Hosted by Michael V. Bourland (JD ’69), Kami K. Beaty (JD ’08), Ryann Lamb (JD ’12), Darren B. Moore (JD ’00), W. Marc McDonald (JD ’84), Megan C. Sanders (JD ’11), David P. Dunning (JD ’94), and William R. Korb (JD ’86) of Bourland, Wall & Wenzel, P.C.

Austin Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
Feb. 23 Hosted by Jeffery J. Angelovich (JD ’93), Michael B. Angelovich (JD ’93), Bradley E. Beckworth (JD ’97), R. Winn Cutler (JD ’12), Trey Duck (JD ’12), Derek Gilliland (JD ’98), Courtney Anne Harris (JD ’07), John C. Hull (JD ’05), Ben King (JD ’05), Ross Leonoudakis (JD ’13), Amy Miller (JD ’06), Harold W. Nix (JD ’65), Drew Pate (JD ’11), Nelson J. Roach (JD ’84), D. Neil Smith (JD ’96), Kirk A. Voss (JD ’10), and Susan Whatley (JD ’04) of Nix, Patterson & Roach, LLP.

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Recent Graduates Sworn into the State Bar of Texas
The Sheila and Walter Umphrey pedestrian bridge between Baylor Law School and McLane Stadium serves as the perfect place to take the oath of the State Bar of Texas. Recent Baylor Lawyers Michael Sanchez, Brad Ryynanen, and Devin Fletcher were recently sworn in by Baylor Law’s Justice-in-Residence Jan Patterson.

Sameer Hashmi Wins ‘Mad Dog’ Competition
Congratulations to Sameer Hashmi, winner of the Winter 2015 Bob and Karen Wortham “Mad Dog” Competition, finalist Brenna Buchanan, and semi-finalists Gabrielle Shayeb and Mark Firmin. The final round was presided over by Judge Rex Davis from the Tenth Court of Appeals in Waco. Scoring judges included JoAl Cannon Sheridan (Ausley, Algert, Robertson, & Flores, LLP), Laura Sharp (The Sharp Firm), and Professor Scott Fraley (Baylor Law School).

Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition
Congratulations to the team of Tara Gough and Rachel Cragg who won the 2015 Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition and finalists Alfonso Salazar and Kaytee McMullan. Scoring judges were Walter “Skip” Reaves, Susan Kelly, and Barbara Heredia-Williams.

ABA Client Counseling Regional Competition
The team of Branson Rogers and Hunter Ratcliff finished third at the 2015 ABA Client Counseling Regional Competition. The team of Alfonso Salazar and Kaytee McMullan advanced to the semifinals.

National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Herbie Montalvo, Leah Smith, and Davis Mosmeyer advanced to finals in the 2015 National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition held in California.

Intellectual Property LawMeet Western Regional
John Cook and Amanda Sanchez won first place in the 2015 Intellectual Property LawMeet Western Regional.

National Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition
Hannah Brewer and Parker Burns won the 2015 Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition. Abby Aldrich and Ross Reyes advanced to the octofinals.

Graduation Day
On November 7, Baylor Law School awarded degrees to 16 graduates. Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr delivered the address, and the Hon. Jan Patterson and Professor Gerald Powell hooded the graduates. Congratulations to the Fall 2015 graduating class!
SAMEER HASHMI

“When it came time to think of my career and future practice, I would have been at a complete loss at what to do with my future were it not for my professors,” said Sameer Hashmi, third-year Baylor Law student from Waco, Texas. Hashmi, the son of immigrants, lost his father when he was in high school. He describes his mother as immensely caring, but he worried about pursuing a career in law where his mother lacked experience and the ability to offer counsel about his future. That being said, Hashmi attributes much of his legal curiosity and success to his professors.

Hashmi is editor-in-chief of the Baylor Law Review and speaks highly of his time working with his fellow students. “Many of the most talented students at Baylor Law serve on Law Review,” he said. “The opportunity to lead and work with them during my third year has been tremendous. I’ve been able to build deeper relationships with them, and they’ve pushed me to better my leadership skills.” Hashmi’s role as editor-in-chief provided him a full scholarship for his last year of law school. He takes great pride in the hard work of his team and the success of the Law Review.

Along with his involvement with the Baylor Law Review, Hashmi has a strong commitment to academic extracurricular involvement. With his mock trial partner Jas Gill, he won first place in the 2014 Strasburger & Price Moot Court Competition. He also won second-best brief at the regional round of the National Moot Court Competition alongside his partner, Danielle Bennett. Sameer and Danielle went on to win 15 out of 17 regional ballots during oral arguments and advanced to the national round of the competition. Most recently, Sameer was a regional finalist for the American Association for Justice Mock Trial Team and the Winter 2015 “Mad Dog” Mock Trial Competition champion.

Apart from his studies, Hashmi describes himself as an “avid bad golfer.” An All-University Sing chair during his undergrad years at Baylor University, he enjoys plays and musical theater.

After law school, Hashmi plans to spend one year clerking for the Honorable Andrew S. Hanen in the Southern District of Texas. He will then join Scott, Douglass, and McConnico, LLP, in Austin, where he spent the previous two summers as a summer associate, to begin his law practice. With the help of his professors, Hashmi was able to gain experience serving as a summer extern for the Honorable Jeffery C. Manske of the Western District of Texas, a Presidential Research Fellow for Judge Starr, and a summer associate with both Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing, P.C., and Beck Redden, LLP, both in Houston.

“The Baylor Law faculty have had a tremendous impact on me,” Hashmi said. “One of my biggest regrets from my undergraduate education was failing to build meaningful relationships with my professors. I didn’t want to make the same mistake in law school.” Hashmi expressed his thankfulness for his professors and their quick willingness to offer mentorship and career advice. He specifically wants to thank his professors who played a large role in where he is today. “Their guidance has helped me mature as an individual and as a Baylor lawyer,” he said.
Alumni Obituaries

Col. Benjamin Butler Ferrell, USMC (Ret.) (LLB ’50) was born Nov. 5, 1928, and passed away Oct. 21, 2015. He earned a business and law degree from Baylor University and master’s degrees from both Pepperdine University and Georgetown University.

Ben joined the Marine Corps in 1951 and later became a member of the USMC Reserve. He served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives while in the Reserve before returning to active duty, where he served at various Marine and Navy bases before finishing his tour as the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Military Law. After being discharged in 1979, Ben returned to Tyler, Texas, where he taught part-time at Tyler Junior College and UT-Tyler.

He was a member of St. John’s Masonic Lodge, Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, and Fifth Street Presbyterian Church among various other organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Hope; son, Ben Ferrell, Jr. (Cynthia); grandchildren, Justin Blythe and Lisa Murray; and great grandson Reese Murray, and other relatives.

Ross Edwin Freeman (JD ’50) was born Dec. 5, 1924, and passed away Dec. 17, 2015. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan College before being called to active duty during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 and later enrolled at Baylor Law School where he earned a juris doctor in 1950. During law school, Ross was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army Active Reserve from which he retired in 1955.

Ross joined Gulf Oil in 1952 and was assigned to its Corporate Law Department in 1956. After early retirement in 1983, he joined a 50-member law firm in Midland, Texas. He retired from active law practice in 1991. Ross was active in the Midland County Bar Association and served as its President in 1973.

Ross is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marinelle Fincher, with whom he had four children—Lanny, George, Kittra, and Shawn.

Hon. William C. Black (LLB ’54) was born June 28, 1927, and passed away Sept. 16, 2015. He served in the United States Navy before earning a bachelor’s, master’s, and law degree from Baylor. William was a practicing attorney in Milam County and then Bell County and served as County Judge and as counsel to the United States Agriculture Committee. He later returned to Bell County as County Judge, was subsequently District Judge of the 146th Judicial District, and then served as a retired Senior District Judge. Throughout his career, he also served in the Naval Reserves from which he retired in 1975.

James Gray Baker (JD ’65) was born Oct. 26, 1937, and died Nov. 20, 2015. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1960 and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Reserves. He enrolled at Baylor Law School upon completion of this service and earned a juris doctor in 1965.

Jim took the State Bar Exam that summer, then served as the city attorney for Perryton before taking on the role of county attorney. He enjoyed practicing law and helping those he could for more than 50 years. Jim is survived by his wife, Gail Ann, and his son, James Ryan Baker.

John B. Parker (JD ’65) was born July 14, 1931, and passed away peacefully Oct. 23, 2015. He was a CPA and attorney and a proud graduate of Baylor Law School. John was a tax partner in the Dallas office of Arthur Young and was instrumental in building the best and largest tax practice in the firm. John was also active in analyzing and researching investments and belonged to several investment clubs. His chief passion, however, was his Baylor Bears.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Leslie Finks Parker, with whom he enjoyed traveling to 104 countries, in addition to many other family members who will miss him dearly.

Melvin Norman Gray (JD ’66) was born Sept. 11, 1941, and died Oct. 10, 2015. He went to TCU on a football scholarship and graduated in 1964. Melvin then went to Baylor Law School where he earned a juris doctor in 1966. He served four years as a Captain in the US Army.

Melvin practiced law in San Angelo for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Concho Valley Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Melvin was also a Master Mason. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Woodruff Gray.

Darrell Eugene Lee (JD ’68) passed away Nov. 3, 2015. He attended the University of Washington before joining the Air Force. Darrell then earned a juris doctor from Baylor Law School in 1968.

Darrell, who had his own law firm, owned several cardrooms, and later transitioned into real estate development in Vancouver, Fiji, and South Texas. Notably representing Westley Allan Dodd, Darrell helped the notorious killer achieve his wish to be executed—the first person to be executed in Washington since 1965.

Even into his 60s, Darrell hiked the Pacific Crest Trail by himself. His wife, Vicki, would drive him to the trail in Oregon and he would walk for days—50 to 100 miles. Lee is survived by his wife, Vicki; his four children, Brittani, Tiffani, Angus and Austin; 11 grandchildren; and six sisters.
O.G. “Jim” Stanley (JD ’68) was born Jan. 8, 1939, and passed away on his birthday in 2016. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, and graduated from Daingerfield High School, Steven F. Austin University, and Baylor Law School. Jim was a member of the State Bar Associations of Texas and Colorado. He was a former District Attorney for Morris County, a Municipal Judge in Colorado, and served as President of the Colorado Municipal Judges Association.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Owens Stanley; daughters and son-in-law, Terri and Rick Lane, and Tina Stanley; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous well-loved nephews and nieces.

Raymond Thomas Palladino (JD ’69) was born Sept. 6, 1932, and passed peacefully on Sept. 11, 2015. Ray was a Wyoming Seminary student before joining the United States Air Force. He earned a juris doctor from Baylor Law in 1969 and practiced law in Waco for 50 years.

Ray was licensed to practice before the U.S. Tax Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Waco-McLennan County Bar Association. Ray is recognized in the Waco Skeet and Trap Club Hall of Fame for being a State, National, and World Skeet Champion; he also taught skeet shooting at Baylor.

Ray is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susi, and their three children.

Senator Chris Harris (JD ’71) was born Feb. 22, 1948, and died peacefully on Dec. 19, 2015. He attended Texas Christian University and earned his juris doctor from Baylor Law School in 1971.

A life-long public servant and the longest-serving Republican in the Texas Senate, Chris was the ranking Senior Republican at the time of his retirement. A large part of his legislative legacy includes his contributions to the current version of the Texas Family Code of which he led an extensive overhaul in the mid-1990s.

Chris is the founding partner of Harris Cook, L.L.P., and was a civil trial litigator for almost 45 years. He earned many awards during his career and was a respected fee attorney in the title industry for over 25 years. He worked closely with the Texas Land Title Association and the Real Estate Industry. Chris is survived by his wife of 39 years, Tammy Allred Harris, five children, and six grandchildren.

Bill Clark (JD ’74) was born March 2, 1946, and passed away Dec. 12, 2015. He was a graduate of both The University of Texas and Baylor Law School. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1975-1982 and practiced law in Tyler, Texas, for many years.

Throughout his life, Bill was always looking to satisfy his desire to explore the world. Whether it was boating and sport fishing from Nova Scotia to Venezuela, hunting wild game on an African safari, or flying his airplane through the clouds, he was always ready for a new adventure and always had his sights set on something just beyond the horizon. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Andi Clark, who was always at his side and the person he cherished above all else. He is also survived by his son Matthew Thomas Clark; daughter Meredith Virginia Clark; sisters, Nancy Miller Clark; Jenny Clark and her husband Greg Ortiz; brother, A.D. Clark III and wife Judge Carole Clark.

Thomas Eugene Garner (JD ’77) was born July 9, 1954, and passed away Jan. 9, 2016. Tom earned a BBA from Baylor University and a juris doctor from Baylor Law. Tom passed the Bar in 1977, became Board Certified in Criminal Law in 1991 and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 2002. Although he began his legal career providing legal assistance to indigents with Hays County Legal Aid, he later became the consummate criminal defense lawyer.

He had a generous spirit and was known for a boisterous spirit, making kind gestures to all. Tom is survived by his wife Rene Henry Garner, daughter Leslie Garner, son-in-law Chris LaBove, son Tyler Bohman, son Tommy Garner, granddaughter Annie LaBove and grandson J.T. LaBove, father Joe Garner, mother Helen Garner, brother Bob Garner and sister-in-law Christy Garner, sister Lindy Fuller and brother-in-law Roger Fuller, sister Cindie Millard and brother-in-law Mike Millard, sister Mari Chapman and brother-in-law Gary Chapman as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews, in-laws, out-laws, and friends too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Brett Edward Dunn (JD ’95) was born Oct. 3, 1968, and passed away Dec. 3, 2015. He earned a finance degree from Baylor University in 1987 and a juris doctor in 1995. After completing law school, Brett joined Clements and Spencer and later worked for Pipkin and Oliver. He formed Dunn Lindbergh with a previous law partner before starting Dunn Smith with fellow Baylor Law alumnus Brian Smith.

Brett faced and won against some of the country’s most prestigious law firms, gaining deep respect from his peers. He also established an oil and gas business when opportunity knocked in the Eagle Ford formation of South Texas. He is survived by his two sons, Luke Allen and Cole Rogers, parents Sara Jane Neal and Allen Lee Dunn, and brother Neal Howard Dunn.


Robert is survived by his wife, Amy, and the three children they welcomed into the family through the blessing of adoption—Maya, Asa, and Eila. He loved being an attorney and helping the “least of these.” So much so, he and Amy started an orphan care ministry, Hands of Hope, at Churchill Baptist Church.
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