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A Message from Dean Toben

ONE OF THE GREAT BLESSINGS OF MY LIFE, ASIDE FROM FAITH AND FAMILY, HAS BEEN SERVING AS DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW ALONGSIDE ASSOCIATE DEAN LEAH JACKSON TEAGUE AND OUR BELOVED, COMMITTED AND GIFTED FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TOGETHER THESE MANY YEARS WITH THE HOPE OF MORE TO COME.

In this issue, we reflect upon years past at Baylor Law and cast our eyes to the future of our school. We also celebrate the legacy of the deans who laid the foundation upon which our program stands today. Numerous legal giants have contributed to our institution with their leadership, service, and expertise. We hope you enjoy reading the brief histories of the Baylor Law School deans.

We also honor the Sustaining Lifetime Members and Lifetime Members of the Baylor Law Alumni Association. Because of the generosity of our alumni, Baylor Law School and our network of Baylor Lawyers continue to thrive.

Furthermore, in this issue you will be introduced to the 2016 Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year, Ryan Squires, JD '04, who is a “younger” exemplar of the aims and ideals of Baylor Law School. We also recap the events of the nationally recognized Baylor Law School Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, now in its seventh year.
You will learn of the accolades of our alumni, students, and faculty. In addition, we have featured recent Baylor Law graduate, Harris Huguenard, adjunct faculty member, Ben Selman, and the most recent addition to the Practice Court faculty, Professor Liz Fraley.

I extend my most sincere gratitude to my faculty and staff colleagues, alumni, students, and friends of Baylor Law School who have supported me and supported us in our efforts. It continues to be an honor to serve the Baylor Law family.

*I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Docket Call!*

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Leslie Jackson {1941-1948}

“PROGRESS” Following Dean Lipscomb, Leslie Jackson led the Law School until Baylor Law ceased operations from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. Jackson returned as dean in 1946 and remained in office for two years. During this time, enrollment quadrupled in size, reaching 402 students in the fall of 1949.

In addition to students, the law library also saw an increase in volumes and resources. The school moved into the “Law Annex” across from the Carroll Library. This time of great progress for Baylor Law serves as a testament to its leaders, including Margaret Amsler, who as a faculty member was instrumental in re-opening the Law School after World War II.

Hon. Abner V. McCall {1948-1959}

“ADMIRE LEADER” In 1948, Baylor appointed Abner V. McCall as dean of the Law School. “Judge McCall was one of the greatest individuals ever to walk across the pages of Texas history,” said former Baylor President Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

Judge McCall is the youngest dean in the history of the Law School. He graduated from Baylor Law in 1938, scored higher on the Texas bar exam than any other applicant before him, and only 10 years later, assumed the role as dean. He had previously worked as a law professor at Baylor and was appointed a Texas Supreme Court Justice in 1956.

In 1959, the Baylor Board of Trustees appointed Judge McCall to the office of chief executive vice president, and he became the 10th president of Baylor University in 1961. The legendary Judge McCall experienced great success due to his impeccable character, brilliant leadership, and outstanding service to those around him.

During his 11 years as dean, Judge McCall assumed many responsibilities that would have usually been delegated to other members of the Law School staff and administration. He carried out long-range plans and policy decisions and was responsible for admissions, budgeting, alumni relations, curriculum, fundraising, faculty matters, the law library, placement, scheduling, and scholarships.

Willaim J. Boswell {1959-1965}

“MASTER TEACHER” When Judge McCall assumed the vice president position with Baylor University, the Board of Trustees unanimously appointed William J. Boswell as dean of the Law School. Boswell, a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor Law School, maintained a private practice and worked for the FBI before returning to teach full-time at Baylor Law in 1947.

The Law School continued to grow in size and stature under Dean Boswell. In 1963, Baylor began recognizing the accomplishments of its alumni and faculty by awarding the first Baylor Lawyer of the Year award to Hon. A. J. Folley, former justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Boswell, though capable and esteemed for his service as dean, is remembered even more prominently for his passion and gift for teaching. He was named Outstanding Professor at Baylor Law School in both 1973 and 1975, and many students and colleagues described him as a “preacher of the law.” To no one’s surprise, when Boswell resigned after six years of serving as dean, he returned to teaching full-time until he retired after 43 years.

“He is one of the greatest teachers Baylor Law School has ever had. The depth of human understanding and values encompassed by this one man will long serve as an inspiration to the students and the alumni of the Law School,” the late Angus McSwain, Jr., said.
Angus S. McSwain, Jr. {1965-1984}

“BRIDGE BUILDER”

Angus S. McSwain, Jr., joined the Baylor Law faculty in 1949 and was selected as dean in 1965. As dean, he focused on classroom teaching as the Law School’s primary objective. By the 1970s, student enrollment had grown and the law library had increased its holdings to 75,000 volumes. Baylor Law hired several new faculty members and established the Counsellor’s Program for its alumni.

Dean McSwain contributed to the school in numerous ways, especially in the area of fundraising. He led campaigns that raised the capital necessary to renovate Morrison Constitution Hall with the addition of the Jaworski Wing, nearly doubling the Law School library and making space for up to 500 students. McSwain oversaw the Heritage Campaign, which was the largest fundraising effort in Baylor’s history to that point, and he established the Baylor Law School Scholarship program.

Baylor Law also credits McSwain for the growth of the Faculty Fund. Under his leadership, Baylor Law secured numerous endowments from alumni that created chairs and were applied to the expenses of faculty. These endowments still exist today.

McSwain was named Baylor Lawyer of the Year in 1984, the year he stepped down to return to full-time teaching. In his 19 years as dean, McSwain “built bridges to promising legal careers for thousands of young men and women by strengthening the financial support that Baylor Law School could offer both students and faculty members,” Dean Toben said.

Hon. Charles W. Barrow {1984-1991}

“KEEPING IT STEADY”

“I am hoping to get to my office at 7:30 every morning, and I hope that the students will come by and have a cup of coffee, and we will talk about the law and lawyers,” Judge Barrow said upon becoming dean. “I want to meet regularly with our students, faculty members, alumni, and friends—that’s the way I want to contribute.”

Judge Barrow, known as one of the “working judges” in Texas, practiced law for 13 years as a trial attorney before beginning his career as judge of the 45th District Court in San Antonio. He served as chief justice of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals and seven years as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. Before joining the Baylor Law faculty, he was the recipient of the 1972 Baylor Lawyer of the Year award. When he left the Supreme Court in 1984 to serve as dean of Baylor Law School, he brought with him much experience, knowledge, and passion.

In 1985, Judge Barrow presided over the dedication of the new Advocacy Wing and renovations of Morrison Hall. Later, he oversaw completion of the Sam and Helen M. Pessarra Computer Lab and Legal Research Center.

He not only loved the school as a whole, but he loved the students he served. In the late 1980s, Baylor Law students were winning competitions left and right, and Judge Barrow could not have been more proud. Dean Toben described Barrow as one of the “legal giants” responsible for underscoring and strengthening the “Baylor Law formula” that set the stage for movement forward.

“The judge had a passionate love for Baylor Law School, and he took enormous pride in the quality of the program and the impact of the Law School upon the profession and society through its graduates. He also had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed the art of story telling to the delight of his friends and colleagues. We are richer for having had him as our colleague during his years as dean of the Law School,” Dean Toben said.
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The University broke ground on the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center in 1999 and, in doing so, expanded the school's facilities from 60,000 square feet to 128,000 square feet.

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Under Dean Toben’s and Dean Teague’s steady leadership, Baylor Law is thriving. The Law School has achieved great success as a result of a myriad of programs and initiatives.

RECENT NATIONAL ACCOLADES

No. 4 in the nation, “Trial Advocacy,” US News and World Report, 2017


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


No. 32, “Top 50 Law Schools,” Above the Law, 2016


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

Best Value Law School, PreLaw Magazine, 2014

Best Value Among Private Law Schools, National Jurist, 2014


LEADING THE CHARGE IN PRACTICE-ORIENTED CURRICULUM


The Law School’s Advocacy Program has ascended over the past 25 years with Baylor Law consistently ranking among the TOP ADVOCACY PROGRAMS in the country and with students bringing home national moot court and mock trial victories.


Baylor Law’s TRANSACTIONAL PROGRAMS are more robust than ever before, offering professional tracks in Business Transactions, Estate Planning, Real Estate & Natural Resources, Healthcare, and Intellectual Property, with additional opportunities for students to complete intense capstones and to participate in transactional competitions.

This year, Baylor Law hosted the inaugural BUSINESS LAW BOOT CAMP, a one-week program that exposes students to multiple areas of transactional law and introduces students to prominent transactional lawyers who serve as instructors for the program.

Continuing Baylor Law’s commitment to produce outstanding lawyers, the WRITING PROGRAM has been expanded through the Law School continuum—from the first year through Practice Court—with the establishment of the Legal Writing Center.

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS have been expanded to include a JD/MBA, JD/MTax, JD/MBA-Healthcare Administration, JD/MPPA, and JD/MDiv.

Baylor Law has consistently ranked as a “TOP TIER LAW SCHOOL” by U.S. News & World Report.

The Law School has developed a strong international presence with the ACADEMY OF THE ADVOCATE AT ST ANDREWS.

Baylor Law has implemented a nationally renowned mock trial competition, TOP GUN, and is in the process of launching a national transactional competition, THE CLOSER.

The school’s NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRO BONO PROGRAM has received five prestigious awards in the last five years. In 2015, Baylor Law received the ABAs highest pro bono award, making Baylor only the third law school to receive the award in the 31-year history of the award. Other pro bono and public interest projects include Baylor’s Veterans and Immigration Clinics, the People’s Law School, and National Adoption Day.

Students are now required to complete 18 hours of PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT credits on topics such as law office organization and management, legal technology, client relations, legal ethics, and leadership.

The 2015 Baylor Law graduating class recorded the HIGHEST JOB PLACEMENT RATE in Texas among all ten Texas law schools and RANKS NO. 12 NATIONALLY.

Baylor Law School is a veritable poster child for professionalism and service.

UNDERTAKING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In 1991/1992 Baylor Law’s student/faculty ratio was 28/1. In 2015/2016 the STUDENT/ FACULTY RATIO WAS 12.9/1.

With median GPA and LSAT scores of 3.58 and 161 for the 2015 Fall class, HIGH QUALITY STUDENTS continue to seek a Baylor Law degree with unprecedented scholarship support.

Baylor Law has the BEST LONG-TERM TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS ON THE BAR EXAM among the ten Texas law schools.

While leadership training is part of the fabric of Baylor Law School, a formal LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM was recently created to provide specific emphasis and training in particular leadership skills students need in an increasingly-complex and ever-changing environment.

This year, the Law School launched LEGAL MAPMAKER—a project undertaken in cooperation with the State Bar of Texas and other law schools to provide a practice development template for young lawyers who want to open their own law firm.

By working with the BAYLOR IN WASHINGTON program, Baylor Law has developed the on-going conversation series “Baylor Law: Viewpoints,” with programs presented in 2015 at the National Press Club and in 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C.
A View Forward

“This is a time of positive movement and development at the Law School,” Dean Toben said. “We are attuned to what has brought us success in the past, yet eager to advance and take advantage of new opportunities.”

Baylor Law School is a veritable poster child for legal education done the right way—a professional school that combines theory with practice and nurtures a commitment to service and responsibility.

The future for the Law School is bright, and Baylor continues to remain committed to and focused on its students’ success.

“It is critical that we continue to raise funds for endowed scholarships,” Dean Toben said. “When asked how much tuition is, I always respond ‘way high.’ Until every student who enters Baylor Law School is on a full or substantial scholarship—we have work to do in raising money for our students.”

Baylor Lawyers are distinct from their peers. The training and education they receive at Baylor Law distinguish them from others in their field.

“Being a Baylor Lawyer is not about being a trial lawyer or any particular kind of lawyer. It’s about serving our society as well as our clients. It’s about actively participating not only in our legal profession but also in community, civic, and charitable endeavors. It’s about accepting responsibility to positively influence and mold our future,” Dean Teague said. “It is of utmost importance that Baylor Law School continue to focus on a well-rounded, practice-oriented curriculum. In addition, we will continue to make our pro bono and public service programs a top priority for our students and community.”

The faculty play a key role in developing lawyers who are practice ready. At Baylor Law, the faculty have been described as a “close-knit family,” and one of the major goals of the Law School has been and continues to be retaining and recruiting world-class faculty.

“Inside and outside the classroom, the Baylor Law faculty strives to create a challenging atmosphere that promotes personal and intellectual growth and the development of responsible and sound professional judgment, sensitivity, and leadership qualities,” Dean Toben said.

“I cannot over-emphasize my appreciation for the outstanding faculty and staff of Baylor Law School.”

“One of my main goals for the future of Baylor Law School is to continue to position our program on the national stage,” Dean Teague said. “Baylor Law has consistently ranked in the top four law schools in the nation for trial advocacy—we strive to be number one!”

“Also, our focus on transactional law and legal writing is stronger than ever. With the resources and faculty dedicated to those programs, I foresee Baylor Law gaining prominence in those areas as well,” Dean Teague continued.

Baylor Law is also dedicated to participating in national efforts to emphasize leadership development for law students. “We are also engaging in conversations about innovation in the legal market,” Dean Teague said.

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Squires is a partner at Scott Douglass & McConnico in Austin and has taken many cases through final verdict as lead attorney on both sides of the docket, including jury trials, bench trials, and binding arbitrations. Squires defends and prosecutes complex commercial cases. He defends lawyers all over the state in legal-malpractice and related claims. He also brings claims on behalf of those who have suffered devastating personal injuries, and he defends personal-injury and product-liability cases.

For many years, Squires has faithfully dedicated time to Baylor Law School. He served on the Executive Committee of the Baylor Law Alumni Association for three years and during his time, he frequently came to Waco to speak at the New Student Orientation Luncheons. Squires founded the Austin Baylor Lawyer Network (ABLN) in 2012 and has served as Chair of the ABLN since. While at Baylor Law School, he was a member of the National Trial Competition mock trial team, was the recipient of the Fraley & Fraley Mock Trial Award, and was the Executive Editor of Baylor Law Review.

Over the past several years, Squires has received many prestigious accolades. He is the recipient of the 2013 Austin Young Lawyers Association’s Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, and he received the President’s Award of Merit for 2008-2009. Squires has been named a Rising Star for the past six years, is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, member of the Austin Bar Association, member of the Austin Young Lawyers Association, member of the Calvert Chapter of the American Inns of Court, and coach of The University of Texas School of Law mock trial team. He is admitted to the State Bar of Texas, the United States Courts for the Western and Northern Districts of Texas, and the United States Supreme Court.

“I am incredibly grateful, and I will be forever indebted to Baylor Law School,” Squires said. “Not only did Baylor provide me with a top-notch legal education, allowing me to confidently begin my career at Scott, Douglass, & McConnico, LLP, but Baylor Law also provided me top-notch mentors, including my father and Steve McConnico, who continue to help shape my practice for the better. I owe a lot to Baylor Law School, and I will use this award as motivation to ‘pay it forward.’

THE YOUNG BAYLOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD is given to an outstanding alumnus/a who has brought honor and distinction to the Law School and to the legal profession. The recipient must not reach age 41 before Jan. 1 of the award year.

RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
- Legal ability and achievements as a lawyer
- Contributions to the legal profession
- Standing in the profession
- Christian character
- Civic, religious, and other attainments
- Active interest in Baylor Law School

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Seventh Annual TOP GUN Competition

Now in its seventh year, Baylor Law School’s Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition is a prestigious, invitation-only mock trial tournament. The best advocates from some of the nation’s top 16 trial advocacy schools compete head-to-head in the winner-takes-all tournament.

“We started Top Gun in 2010 to be a new type of competition that challenges the most successful mock trial competitors in the country,” said Jerry Powell, The Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence at Baylor Law School. “Top Gun gives the advocates a chance to compete against the best and most talented law students in the country.”

Baylor Law School distinguishes its Top Gun competition from other mock trial competitions with innovative rules. Competitors do not get to prepare for the case prior to the start of the competition. Once they arrive at Baylor Law School, the competitors are given a case file, and they only have 24 hours to prepare before competing in the first rounds. The case packets contain depositions, records, photographs, and videos. Witnesses are provided and the competitors have only a short period of time to prepare the witnesses for the round. As the host, Baylor Law School does not compete.

In a rematch from last year’s final round, Ben Wallace of Yale Law School was named the Top Gun. Rahul Hari of New York University School of Law was the finalist.

Judge Ed Kinkeade, JD ’74, of the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, served as the presiding judge of the final round. Serving on the jury for the final round were:

Marianne Auld, JD ’88, Partner and Chair of Appellate Section, Kelly Hart & Hallman

Malcolm Bailes, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas

Brit Featherston, JD ’92, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Texas

Hayes Fuller, JD ’79, President, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC

Letty Martinez, JD ’94, Partner, Varghese Summersett

Lyn Robbins, JD ’90, Partner, Robbins Travis, PLLC

Michelle Simpson Tuegel, JD ’10, Partner, Hunt & Tuegel, PLLC

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2016-2017 Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee
Dear Baylor Lawyer:

On behalf of the Baylor Law Alumni Association, I encourage you to renew your membership dues or join the Baylor Law Alumni Association as a Lifetime or Sustaining Lifetime Member. Your financial support enables the Baylor Law Alumni Association to provide alumni events, networking opportunities, and programming for our alumni community of over 7,200 Baylor Lawyers, including our annual Alumni Weekend which will be on October 21-22, 2016.

Membership dues can be paid online at www.baylor.edu/law/give. Payment plan options are available. You also may pay your membership dues by check. Please make checks payable to "Baylor Law School" with "Baylor Law Alumni Association membership dues" in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to: Baylor Law Alumni Association, One Bear Place #97026, Waco, Texas 76798. All membership dues are tax deductible. The Association's fiscal year runs from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. Dues received between those dates will be reflected in your records accordingly. For questions regarding your dues, please contact Berkley Knas at Berkley_Knas@baylor.edu.

Baylor Law Alumni Association Dues Structure

**FELLOW** – contributes at least $100 per year for five consecutive years. The $500 contribution can be accelerated.
- Recognized as a “Fellow” of the Association for each year a $100 contribution is made.
- Receives a thank-you gift from the Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee.

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- Recognized as a “Sustaining Fellow” of the Association for each year a $200 contribution is made.
- Receives a thank-you gift from the Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee.
- Recognized on the Baylor Law School website and the Rocket Docket, the Law School’s monthly alumni e-newsletter.

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- Recognized as a “Lifetime Member” of the Association.
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- Receives a marble desk plaque with a cherry-wood base.
- Recognized on the Baylor Law School website and the Rocket Docket, the Law School’s monthly alumni e-newsletter.
- Recognized in the Docket Call, the Law School’s quarterly alumni magazine.

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For a comprehensive listing of the Sustaining Lifetime Members, please visit: www.baylor.edu/law/alumni/lifetime.
- Recognized as a “Sustaining Lifetime Member” of the Association.
- Recognized on the Baylor Law School website and the Rocket Docket, the Law School’s monthly alumni e-newsletter.
- Recognized in the Docket Call, the Law School’s quarterly alumni magazine.
- A portion of the contribution will support the Baylor Law Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship.
- Invited to a private reception hosted by Dean Brad Toben.

*Compliments of the Baylor Law Alumni Association, recent graduates’ dues are waived for 24 months upon graduation. All membership dues are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support of the Baylor Law Alumni Association. We look forward to serving you this year.

Sincerely,

Anne Potts Jackson, JD ’95, President, Baylor Law Alumni Association, 2016-2017
BEN SELMAN, JD ’73, FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY AT NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH AND LEE, PLLC, IN WACO DEDICATES HIS TIME TO HIS PRACTICE, HIS STUDENTS, HIS COMMUNITY, AND MORE.

Selman has served as an adjunct professor for almost three decades at Baylor Law School where he currently teaches Family Law Advocacy & Procedure.

“There are two reasons I keep teaching year after year: interaction with the students and the personal discipline that teaching requires of me to stay current and knowledgeable on the law,” Selman said.

Over the years, Selman has prepared and presented Professional Responsibility, Advanced Family Law, Children and the State, and Family Law Advocacy and Procedure. He has lectured in Family Law and has lectured in seminars such as Professionalism and Law Ethics and Morality. Selman considers it essential to not just teach from a textbook but to also purposefully integrate his daily legal practice and experience into the classroom.

“On each topic presented in lecture, I include lessons learned from my practice as ‘practice tips’ to try to help the students think through the practicality of office or courtroom work with the client, the opposing party, or the forum,” Selman said. Dean Leah Teague noted, “Those gems of practical advice transform Ben’s classroom into a lab for our students and enrich their law school experience.”

Baylor Law School is not the only recipient of Selman’s desire to teach and serve. As an ordained deacon and elder, Selman carries out ministry responsibilities in his local church and also takes his service abroad. He is a licensed Texas peace officer and firefighter currently serving the City of Woodway and has served in various capacities with the Disciplinary System of the State Bar of Texas since 1986.

“I am called to central Africa where I help train, equip, and fight alongside Uganda’s first volunteer fire brigade, Dayspring Community FireSafety Initiative, in service to suburban Kampala,” Selman said.

Selman and his wife Chryl have been married for 45 years. They met at age 14, but they “re-met” in Chapel while undergraduates at Baylor. They have three children and five grandchildren—all who live within five miles of them.

“Among us and our children and their spouses, we have five Baylor University undergraduate degrees, one masters, two doctorates, two foreign bachelors, and one foreign masters—plus three lecturers in Waco,” Selman said. Dean Teague expressed her admiration for Selman. “Ben is amazing. As a legal expert he can cite from memory the case to answer your question. He is a respected member of the bar, and judges, lawyers, and clients know his words and his actions can be trusted. As a faithful servant, he is an exemplar to remind us all that to whom much is given, much is expected.”
Spring 2016 ‘Mad Dog’ Mock Trial Competition

Congratulations to Louie Cook for winning the Spring 2016 Mad Dog Competition. Cook took home an 18-inch bronze statue of Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson.

Congratulations to the runner-up and semi-finalists. Runner-up: Ashley Morgan Semi-Finalists: Miranda Cook and Chase Smith.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our final round judges.

Presiding Judge: Hon. Jack Jones, JD ’79, of the 146th Judicial District Court of Bell County

Scoring Judges: Professor Scott Fraley, Professor Greg White, JD ’82

TYLA State Moot Court Competition

Kristen Messina was recognized as the third best speaker at the TYLA State Moot Court Competition.

South Texas Mock Trial Challenge

Chris Agboli, Andy Pattillo, Anthony Lucisano, and Matthew Swanger advanced to the octofinals at the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge. Pattillo was recognized as one of the best advocates, and Lucisano received an award for second best trial brief.

Justice Jan Patterson Administers the Oath of the State Bar of Texas

Baylor Law School’s Justice in Residence, Justice Jan Patterson, frequently administers the oath of the State Bar of Texas to our recent graduates. Justice Patterson swore in Danielle Pfiester and Cindy Culp on the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Pedestrian Bridge adjacent to Baylor Law School.

Public service is an important part of Baylor Law School

During new student orientation, each entering class is given the opportunity to help the local community through organized public service projects. The Summer 2016 entering class volunteered at Fuzzy Friends Rescue, the Animal Birth Control Clinic, and Cartas, a non-profit organization dedicated to emergency relief.

PROFILE OF THE SUMMER 2016 ENTERING CLASS

36 ENROLLED

MEDIAN LSAT/GPA..........158/3.55
25% LSAT/GPA..................154/3.19
75% LSAT/GPA....................160/3.68

GENDER

FEMALES 19
MALES 17

ETHNICITY

20 ANGLO OR CAUCASIAN
8 MINORITIES (22%):
4 HISPANIC/LATINO
2 BLACK/
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
1 ASIAN
1 AMERICAN INDIAN

STATES REPRESENTED

12 OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS
24 IN-STATE RESIDENTS

ARKANSAS (1)
ARIZONA (2)
CALIFORNIA (2)
FLORIDA (1)
KANSAS (1)
MASSACHUSETTS (1)
MINNESOTA (1)
NEW MEXICO (1)
OKLAHOMA (1)
TEXAS (24)
VIRGINIA (1)
HARRIS HUGUENARD, JD ’16

ONE FAMILY, THREE BAYLOR LAWYERS

Third generation Baylor Lawyer, Harris Huguenard, graduated from Baylor Law in April 2016. Huguenard carries on his family’s Baylor Law legacy established by his father, James A. Huguenard, JD ’86, and his grandfather, Wayne Fisher, JD ’61.

“I had been told that Baylor Law’s Practice Court program equips its students with not just a working understanding of the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence but also teaches students how to practice law in an ethical and effective manner,” he said. “After completing the rigorous program, I believe this to be true.”

While a student at Baylor Law, Huguenard served on the Baylor Law Review as an articles editor and was a member in the Baylor Barristers Society. He also actively participated in Baylor’s advocacy program, an experience that greatly impacted him.

“What I most enjoyed about law school was being a member of the mock trial program,” he said.

“Huguenard’s passion for advocacy shows in his successful participation in various competitions.” In 2014, his team won second place in the Texas Bar Administrative Law Moot Court Competition. In the 2015-2016 Mock Trial Regional Competition, he and his teammates advanced to the semifinals.

Huguenard emphasizes the impact that Baylor Lawyers had on his law school career. In his last two years in school, he had the privilege of working with outstanding trial lawyers such as Dave Deaconson, Colin O’ Neill, Judge Lee Harris, Robert Little, and Andrew Tuegel, who dedicated a significant amount of time to train students in advocacy both inside and outside of the courtroom.

In addition to his father and grandfather, Huguenard attributes much of his success to Dean Toben and Dean Teague who each have had an incredibly positive impact on him, both as a student and as a Baylor Lawyer. Huguenard describes Dean Toben as a constant source of encouragement to the students and believes Dean Teague’s contributions to the school have been and continue to be essential.
**1950’s**

William K. Robbins, LLB ’54, of Houston was re-elected to the Baylor Board of Regents for a three-year term.

**1960’s**

Wayne Fisher, JD ’61, of Houston was appointed to the Baylor Board of Regents to serve a two-year term through May 31, 2018.

Hon. T. John Ward, JD ’67, of Longview, Texas-based Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC, was recognized on The National Law Journal’s 2016 Intellectual Property Trailblazers list as one of the nation’s leading innovators in IP law. Hon. Ward earned a place on the annual listing for his work in patent disputes and his prior judicial role in helping establish the rules that have made the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas one of the top patent litigation jurisdictions in the country.

Colonel, Retired, Gary Jackson, JD ’69, was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the United States Army Officer Candidate School Alumni Association. Colonel Jackson retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1987, and since 1974, has practiced law in state and federal trial, appellate, and bankruptcy courts in Texas and several other states.

**1970’s**

Otway B. Denny, Jr., JD ’71, was selected by Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students to receive a 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. Since the inception of the award in 1962, only 261 of Texas A&M’s 440,000 former students have been recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Tom Forbes, JD ’75, was selected by the State Bar of Texas for a second term as a Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

Philip W. Stewart, JD ’76, of San Antonio was re-elected to the Baylor Board of Regents for a three-year term.

Curtis E. Pritchard, JD ’77, of Cleburne was elected as a State Bar of Texas Director for District 7, Place 1.

**1980’s**

Hon. Sally Lundberg Montgomery, JD ’80, of the Dallas County Court-at-Law No. 3 is the recent past president of the Texas County Court Systems.

Professor Jim Wren, JD ’80, was selected by the McLennan County Young Lawyers Association to receive the 2016 Outstanding Mentor Award. The Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes one attorney who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community.

David G. Henry, JD ’85, was selected by Baylor University’s Student Government to be the Faculty Member of the Year. Henry is a registered patent attorney; he is a firm member of Gray, Reed & McGraw; and he has 25 years of experience in the specialty law practices of patent, trademark and copyright litigation, prosecution, and transactions.

Jeff Nobles, JD ’86, joined the Dallas-based trial law firm Deans & Lyons in Houston as partner. He is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a former chair of the Houston Bar Association’s Appellate Practice Section and the Appellate Pro Bono Committee.

Craig B. Florence, JD ’87, of Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP, in Houston was recognized by Chamber USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business for litigation: general commercial.

**1990’s**

Michael C. Smith, JD ’92, of Marshall office of Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith, LLP, was honored with the 2016 Sam B. Hall Civic Service Award presented by East Texas Baptist University in recognition of his many years of civic and community service. The award is named for the late Judge Sam B. Hall, Jr., a Baylor Lawyer, LLB ’48, and former Congressman who also served on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas for years.

Kyle Deaver, JD ’93, took office as Mayor of Waco on May 17.

Deeia Beck, JD ’94, was reappointed by Governor Greg Abbott as public counsel for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel for a term set to expire February 1, 2017. The office represents the interests of insurance consumers in regulatory matters relating to insurance rates, rules, and forms.

Curtis W. Harrison II, JD ’94, was named managing partner of GoransonBain, a family law practice in Dallas. Harrison is board certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has been named as a “Texas Super Lawyer” by Thomson Reuters each year since 2008.

Peter Anderson, JD ’95, of Chamblee, Ryan, Kershaw & Anderson, PC, was named to the list of D Magazine’s Best Lawyers in Dallas for 2016.

Tina Amberboy, JD ’96, Executive Director of the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families and adjunct professor at Baylor Law School, was selected as Outstanding Mentor of the Year by Austin Young Lawyers Association.

Richard E. Stanley, JD ’99, joined the Intellectual Property practice of Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, as of counsel in the firm’s Indianapolis office.
Since the inception of the award in 1962, a former student of Texas A&M University, a 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award. This Association of Former Students to receive selected by Texas A&M University and The of Regents for a three-year term.

Houston was re-elected to the Baylor Board Regents to serve a two-year term through Law Journal’s 2016 Intellectual Property the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District helping establish the rules that have made patent disputes and his prior judicial role in place on the annual listing for his work in innovators in IP law. Hon. Ward earned a Trailblazers list as one of the nation’s leading JD ’69, was elected as a member of the Colonel, Retired, Gary Jackson, William K. Robbins, LLB ’54, of and several other states. U.S. Army Reserve in 1987, and since 1974, Association. Colonel Jackson retired from the Board of Directors for the United States Government to be the Faculty Member

Alumni Notes

Leading Lawyers for Business for litigation: Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP, in Houston was Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

Ryan, Kershaw & Anderson, PC, was named for the list of D Magazine’s Best Lawyers in the specialty law practices attorney; he is a firm member of Gray, and patent, trademark and copyright experience in the specialty law practices. Nobles, JD ’86, joined the Dallas- of the Dallas County Court-at-Law Professor Jim Wren, JD ’80, of the Dallas County Court-at-Law Hon. Sally Lundberg Montgomery, JD ’94, was elected as a member of the practice group.

1st Lt. Victoria Honey, JD ’10, completed Officer Training School in the Air Force to become a JAG attorney. Previously, 1st Lt. Honey spent several years in public service as an ADA in Wichita Falls and then as an Assistant City Attorney in Fort Worth.

Matt Czimsky, JD ’12, of Beard Kulgen Brophy Bostwick & Dickson, LLP, was selected by the McLennan County Young Lawyers Association to receive the 2016 Young Lawyer Award.

Charlie Ginn, JD ’13, of McKinney was elected to the Texas Young Lawyers Association’s Board of Directors for District 4.

Saba Fatima Syed, JD ’13, joined Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP, in Dallas as an associate and member of the firm’s litigation practice area.

The Baylor Lawyer Networks of Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston are made possible by the Baylor Lawyers who host and underline the receptions. Baylor Law thanks the following hosts for their gracious support.

Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – June 28
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of Stephens Anderson & Cummings:
Jason Stephens, JD ’97
Seth Anderson, JD ’97

Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – July 12
Hosted by Jim Chester of Chester Siekierski, LLP

If you would like to host a Baylor Law alumni reception, please contact Berkley Knas at Berkley_Knas@baylor.edu.
Thomas M. Featherston, Jr.
The Mills Cox Professor of Law

Presentations
• "Separate Property on Community Property: An Introduction to Marital Property in the Community Property States," ABA's Skills Training for Estate Planners Course, New York, NY (July 18, 2016)
• "Understanding the Transfer Tax and Its Impact on Estate Planning," ABA's Skills Training for Estate Planners Course, New York, NY (July 17, 2016)
• "Handbook on Texas Marital Property Law for Estate Administration and Planning," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, San Antonio, TX (June 22, 2016)
• Panelist, "Double Basis Step Up and Consensual Community Property: Coming to a State Near You?" ABA-RPTE Spring Symposium Boston, MA (May 13, 2016)
• Co-Presenter, "Community Property Basics for Common Law Lawyers," ABA-RPTE eLearning Program (May 5, 2016)

Professional Activities
• Delegate, State Bar of Texas, Resolutions Committee, Ft. Worth, TX (June 11, 2016)
• Senior Editor, Probate & Property, published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of 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

Scott Fraley
Director of Legal Writing

Professional Activities
• Member, Planning Committee for the Legal Writing Section of the AALS, which will plan the legal writing program for the annual AALS Conference in January 2017

Bridget Fuselier
Professor of Law

Presentations
• "New Conveyancing Rules for Special Real Property Transactions," General Practice Institute, Baylor Law School (April 22, 2016)

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

Luke Meier
Professor of Law

Presentations
• The Reviewability of Denied Twombly Motions, 84 U. of Cincinnati L. Rev. (forthcoming 2016)

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

Presentations
• "Model Company Agreements for Simple LLCs, 38th Annual Advanced Real Estate Law Course, State Bar of Texas (July 7, 2016)
• "Overview of Fiduciary Duties, Indemnification, and Equitable Relief in Texas Business Organizations, 14th AnnualChoice, Governance & Acquisition of Entities Course, State Bar of Texas (May 20, 2016)
• "Drafting LLCs, 38th Annual Advanced Real Estate Law Course, State Bar of Texas (July 7, 2016)
• "Fiduciary Duties in LLCs and Partnerships in Texas and Delaware," 14th Annual Choice, Governance & Acquisition of Entities Course, State Bar of Texas (May 20, 2016)
• "Annual LLC Case Law Update," American Bar Association Business Law Section Spring Meeting (April 8, 2016)

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 of the State Bar of Texas
• ABA Advisor, Drafting Committee, Series of Unincorporated Business Entities Act, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
• Elected Member, American Law Institute

Gerald Powell
Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence

Presentations
• "America's First Right: Trial by Jury," American Board of Trial Advocates, Waco, TX (June 7, 2016)

Michael Morrison
Professor of Law

Professional Activities
• Contributing Editor, Defamation and Invasion of Privacy, Texas Association of Defense Counsel Professional Newsletters/Cases 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 MCLE 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

Leah Jackson Teague
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Presentations

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

Bradley J.B. Toben
Dean

Presentations
• Panelist, "The Crisis in Legal Education Today: Structural Impediments to Change," Fifth Circuit Conference, Houston, TX (May 2016)
• Panelist, "How to Be the Best Lawyer: Religion, Morality, and Justice," State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX (June 2016)

James Underwood
Professor of Law

Presentations
• 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)
LIZ FRALEY, JD ’88, CELEBRATES HER ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS A PROFESSOR IN BAYLOR LAW’S DISTINGUISHED PRACTICE COURT PROGRAM. FRALEY AND HER HUSBAND, SCOTT FRALEY, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL WRITING, BOTH JOINED THE BAYLOR LAW FACULTY IN FALL 2015.

Fraley’s experience in advocacy and passion for preparing students make her a key player in students’ education. “I firmly believe that Baylor Law has the best advocacy program in America. Our students are practice ready, battle tested, and wired for excellence,” Fraley said. “I do not want to be complacent about our program and want to continue pushing the boundaries so our students stay at the forefront of practice.”

Fraley has taken over Practice Court III, a course that starts with summary judgment and advocacy topics such as jury selection and takes students through trial and post-verdict motions. She has incorporated advocacy lectures and exercises, guest lecturers, and “lots of rigor” to the curriculum to better equip students.

“I am trying to bring more practitioners in contact with our students to broaden their view of the trial world,” she said.

Fraley is constantly aiming to improve the course to benefit students. For example, since students have the option to focus their studies on different curricular professional tracks, she is expanding the case library to include big trial case files that reflect different fields of study. She also wants the school’s trial files to reflect the “hot topics” in litigation like fiduciary litigation and intellectual property. She strives to do whatever it takes to prepare students for a career beyond the classroom.

“First and foremost, I am trying to learn to be a good professor,” Fraley said. When asked what she loves most about teaching, she simply replied, “the students.” To Fraley, school is more than just lectures and books.

“I view Practice Court as ‘life lab,’ the place where our students learn to balance the rigors of practice with the realities of life,” she said. “You cannot neglect your faith, your family, your finances, your friends, or your fitness. Good habits start now.”

Outside of the classroom, Fraley has taken on many roles at the Law School, including serving on the Professional Development Committee, Marketing Committee, and Faculty Appointments Committee. She is heavily involved in the advocacy program and works with students on mock trial teams. During the summer, Fraley is a faculty member at the Baylor Law Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Scotland.

In addition to teaching, Fraley maintains a trial practice through Fraley & Fraley, LLP, an office of Beard Kultgen Brophy Bostwick & Dickson, LLP. She loves practicing law and also serving on the Baylor Law faculty with her husband, but jokingly says they rarely see each other at the Law School.

“We have offices on opposite sides of the Law School. When we do see each other, I think we bring to the school the same combination of talents that made us good law partners for nearly 30 years: I am conceptual and focused on the big picture; he is analytical and attentive to detail. Together, we see the forest and the trees. It’s a nice view,” Fraley said.

The Fraleys enjoy spending time with their three children, traveling, or “sight-skipping,” and living like locals in new places. Fraley loves cooking, is an avid runner and hiker, and likes to listen to music and “according to my children, dance badly,” she said.
GRADUATION DAY

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**Gene H. Mixson, JD ’48,** was born March 2, 1920 and passed away May 29, 2016. He attended Baylor University before enlisting in the Army in the fall of 1940. After serving in the Army Air Corps, Gene was discharged in January of 1946 and entered Baylor Law School, graduating in 1948.

Gene practiced law in Higgins, Texas, until 1953, and went on to work at Humble Oil and Refining Company in Midland as a landman. He retired from Exxon Company, USA, in 1985. Gene was a member of the State Board of Texas, Midland Lodge 623 AF & AM, and Columbus Avenue Baptist Church of Waco and First Baptist Church of Midland.

**J.B. Cotten, Jr., JD ’54,** was born Oct. 3, 1928 and passed away June 3, 2016. During WWII he was responsible for running the family’s ranch while attending high school and playing football. After graduation he attended New Mexico Western where he met and married his best friend and life time partner, Virginia Mac McCracken, whom he shared his 65th anniversary with last December. He chose to turn down a college football coaching opportunity to attend Baylor Law School. Upon graduating from Baylor Law, he moved to Odessa to enter law partnership with his father. In 1970 he relocated his law practice to Lubbock and joined the Huff and Bowers Law Firm. Later, Forrest Bowers and J.B. formed Bowers and Cotten Law Firm.

J.B. is survived by his wife, Mac; a daughter, Suzanne Hudnall; a son, J.B. Cotten, IV of Phoenix, AZ; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

**John Soles Brunson, JD ’58,** was born January 8, 1934 and passed away April 8, 2016. He completed his undergraduate degree at Baylor University in 1956 and went on to earn a *juris doctor* from Baylor Law in 1958.

John practiced law professionally for more than 30 years and participated in state politics as a moderate, conservative democrat in the State Democratic Party of Texas in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a member of Houston’s First Baptist Church (HFBC) for over 75 years, where he served as chairman of deacons and in countless other leadership roles. John served on the Board of Trustees of Houston Christian High School for 12 years, was a member of the Board of Trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for eight years, and also served many years on the Board of Macedonian Call.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joan, his son and daughter and their families, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his brothers and their families.

**Joe Meador, JD ’63,** was born January 21, 1940 and passed away June 12, 2016. He graduated from Texas Military Institute, Baylor University, and Baylor Law School. He built a thriving law practice doing mainly civil trial work. He was a member of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school there for many years. He and his wife Bonnie were distributors of food for Meals on Wheels since 1998. He was a member of the German Club, the Order of the Alamo, and the San Antonio Country Club. Joe enjoyed ranching and the outdoors. His faith in Jesus Christ sustained him. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and his two children, Robert Joseph Meador, Jr. and Lisa Meador Thielemann, and their families.

**Hon. Edward S. Johnson, JD ’69,** was born May 29, 1944 and passed away April 24, 2016. Judge Johnson graduated from Texas A&I College in Kingsville in 1966 and Baylor Law School in 1969.

Though he was in private practice for 10 years, his life’s work was serving the people of Bell County in public office, which he did with honor and distinction for 35 years. He was elected to Bell County Court at Law No. 1 in 1987, a position he held until his retirement at the end of 2014. His true vocation was working with the children of Bell County, whom he served with dedication and compassion in his capacity as the county’s designated juvenile judge.

Judge Johnson is survived by his daughter, Meredith Leigh Johnson Harbach, and her family, including his granddaughters, his sister, brother, extended family and countless friends.
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