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A Message
from Dean Toben

WHEN ASKED THE COST OF BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL TUITION, I ALWAYS RESPOND “WAY HIGH.” BUT BAYLOR LAW IS EXTRAORDINARILY BLESSED TO HAVE MANY GENEROUS BENEFACTORS WHOSE GIFTS AND PHILANTHROPY MAKE THIS “WAY HIGH” TUITION AFFORDABLE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

Many of our students would not be able to fulfill their dreams of attending law school without scholarship assistance. In this issue of Docket Call, we thank our alumni and friends who have graciously established endowed scholarships at Baylor Law School. Through their gifts, our donors have impacted the lives and careers of generations of Baylor Lawyers. Our donors truly “reach into the future.”

As a result of the abundant generosity, Baylor Law’s endowment is thriving. According to the American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Legal Education data, the Baylor Law endowment stands at 24th overall among the 205 ABA accredited law schools. While we are encouraged that 64 percent of our students receive scholarship assistance, only 26 percent receive full-tuition scholarships, while another 39 percent receive half-tuition or more scholarships. Our work is not done until we matriculate all of our Baylor Law students on full or substantial scholarships.

This issue of Docket Call honors the alumni and friends who established an endowed scholarship by listing their names in our donor roll call. We also share remarks of gratitude from several student scholarship recipients.
You will enjoy learning about Professor Scott Fraley, Baylor Law’s director of Legal Writing, and the impressive endeavors he is implementing with his faculty colleagues in our Legal Writing Center. We spotlight Rick Brophy, one of our longest-tenured adjunct professors. For decades, Rick has generously shared his time and resources with Baylor Law. And, for our student profile, we feature Alexandra Burke, who is attending Baylor Law School on a full scholarship.

In this issue, we also showcase some of our recent events, including the Seventh Annual Baylor Law Alumni Weekend, Dinner and Dancing at the Baylor Club, and the Thirteenth Annual Baylor Judges’ Breakfast. Lastly, we take the time to honor the life of a remarkable Baylor Lawyer, the late Judge Takashi Kitaoka. At 104 years old, Judge Kitaoka was Baylor Law’s oldest living alumnus.

I thank you—Baylor Lawyers, friends, and faculty and staff colleagues—for your continued generosity and support this year and look forward to a meaningful and productive year ahead.

Blessings to you and yours during this special time of year.

Brad Toben
Dean of Baylor Law School
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CORE VALUES

I feel truly blessed. Your generosity has further reinforced Baylor Law’s core values of helping others and giving back to the community. I intend to channel those values every day at law school and throughout my career as a Baylor Lawyer. Thank you.

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**Tim Barham**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Tibbals Endowed Scholarship

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**JORDAN JARREAU**

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- Joanna Raines and Grace Lonie
- Jordan Hernandez and Mark Siemer

**Top Ten Speakers**
1. Hunter Winsauer
2. Jonathan Taylor
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Professionalism Oath
Associate Dean Leah Teague leads the Fall 2016 entering class in the “Oath of Professionalism.”

Fourth Annual Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews
Fifty-five students from Baylor Law and other U.S. law schools experienced the art of advocacy in picturesque St Andrews, Scotland during the fourth year of Baylor Law School’s summer study abroad program, the Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews. Learn more about the program online at baylor.edu/law/standrews.

PROFILE OF THE FALL 2016 ENTERING CLASS

72 ENROLLED
MEDIAN LSAT/GPA .......... 160/3.57
25% LSAT/GPA ............. 158/3.41
75% LSAT/GPA ............. 162/3.79

GENDER
MALES 40
FEMALES 32

ETHNICITY
55 ANGLO OR CAUCASIAN
17 MINORITIES (24%):
10 HISPANIC/LATINO
3 BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN
3 ASIAN
2 AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE

STATES REPRESENTED
12 OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS
60 IN-STATE RESIDENTS

ARIZONA (1)
CALIFORNIA (3)
FLORIDA (1)
GEORGIA (1)
KANSAS (1)
MASSACHUSETTS (1)
NEBRASKA (1)
NEW MEXICO (1)
RHODE ISLAND (1)
TEXAS (60)
UTAH (1)
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Senator Don Adams, JD ’63, is the recipient of the 2015 James Madison Award presented by the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. The award is presented to those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to upholding the principles of the First Amendment and open government. He also was recognized by the Friends of the Daily Texan for his support of a free press.

Hon. T. John Ward, JD ’67, of the East Texas law firm Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC, was recognized by the legal publication Law360 as one of the nation’s Top 25 Icons of Intellectual Property Law.

Neal W. Adams, JD ’70, of Adams, Lynch & Loftin, PC, in Grapevine, Texas, was the seventh recipient of the Kelly Frels Lifetime Achievement Award for School Law given by the School Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Otway B. Denny, Jr., JD ’73, of Norton Rose Fullbright’s Houston office, was selected as a Lifetime Achievement honoree of the 2016 Professional Excellence Awards of Texas Lawyer.

David Dickson, JD ’76, of Beard Kulggen Brophy Bostwick Dickson, LLP, in Waco, was appointed as board chair of the Texas Board of Legal Specializations (TBLS). Dickson has been Board Certified in Commercial, Residential, and Farm & Ranch Real Estate Law since 1983 and is one of only 57 attorneys in Texas to hold all three of these certifications.

Carmen Eiker, JD ’78, of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, in Dallas was named a 2016 Texas Super Lawyer for her work in family law.

Marleia Lewis, JD ’78, of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, in Dallas, was named a 2016 Texas Super Lawyer and Top 100 Attorney in Texas for her work in family law.

William R. Greendyke, JD ’79, of Norton Rose Fullbright, was honored as a 2017 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debbie Right/Insolvency and Reorganization Law. This award recognizes lawyers who have a high level of integrity, professionalism, and ability. Only one lawyer in each practice area and in each community is honored with this award.

Keith Nelson, JD ’83, of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, in Dallas, was named a 2016 Texas Super Lawyer for his work in family law.

Hon. D. Gordon Bryant, Jr., JD ’86, was selected by the district judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas to serve as United States Magistrate Judge for the Lubbock Division.

Jeff Nobles, JD ’86, of counsel of Deans & Lyons in Houston, was named a Super Lawyer for the 14th consecutive year for his work in appellate cases.

Craig B. Florence, JD ’87, of the Dallas office of Gardere, was named a 2016 Texas Super Lawyer for his work in business litigation.

Elizabeth Pratt, JD ’87, of Elizabeth Pratt Law Firm, PLLC, was elected president of the Katy Bar Association.

Hon. Penny Roberts, JD ’89, of Tom Green County Court at Law #2 in San Angelo, was elected fellows chair-elect of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Russell R. Barton, JD ’91, of Harris Finley Bogle in Fort Worth, was named a 2016 Super Lawyer for Appellate Law.

Greg White, JD ’91, legal writing lecturer for Baylor Law School, was named a 2016 Super Lawyer for Appellate Law.

Jonathan J. Bates, JD ’93, of Kinser & Bates, LLP, in Dallas, is the 2016-2017 president of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. He serves on the State Bar of Texas Family Law Council and the Board of Trustees of the Texas Family Law Foundation. Bates also is a fellow with the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Shannon Dacus, JD ’94, of The Dacus Firm, PC, in Tyler, was elected as 2016-2017 fellows chair for the Texas Bar Foundation.

Cindy Tisdale, JD ’95, of the Law Offices of Cindy Tisdale in Cranbury, Texas, was elected as chair-elect for the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Gregory S. Cagle, JD ’98, of Savick Schumann Johnson & Drayton, LLP, in Austin, was granted membership in the College of Community Association Lawyers, a national organization whose membership consists of attorneys who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the evolution and practice of community association law. Less than 175 attorneys nationwide have been admitted and Cagle is only the second attorney from Texas ever admitted.

Julie Wade, JD ’01, has joined Barnes Group Inc. as corporate counsel at its Bristol, Conn., headquarters.

Chris R. Brasure, JD ’02, of Brasure Law Firm in Edinburg, was elected to be a fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation.

Britta Stanton, JD ’02, of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, has been listed as a “Texas Rising Star” by Super Lawyers and named a “Litigation Future Star” by Benchmark Litigation. Additionally, Stanton served as this year’s chair of the Dallas Bar Association’s Trial Skills section and was selected to serve on the Federal Court Advisory Committee.

Keisha Ware, JD ’03, was named director of student legal services at the University of North Texas.

Holland Sullivan, JD ’04, was recruited away from his investment banking work at Griffin Securities in New York by a former banking client, a serial entrepreneur based in Atlanta. Additionally, Sullivan won the 40,000-member Association of Corporate Counsel’s 2016 Best Solo Counsel award for his work as both General Counsel and Head of Corporate Development.

Danielle V. Ahlrich, JD ’09, was elected president-elect of the Travis County Women Lawyers’ Association and selected as a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Joel Bailey, JD ’09, joined Heddrick Knng, PLLC, as a partner in Dallas. Bailey’s practice focuses on complex civil litigation.

Alex J. Bell, JD ’09, was appointed to a second three-year term on the Committee on the Administration of the Rules of Evidence of the State Bar of Texas.

Katherine A. Fillmore, JD ’09, joined the Butler Snow team in Austin. Fillmore practices with the firm’s product liability group.

Ann Rataynaye, JD ’09, was selected to serve as co-chair of the ABA Criminal Justice Section Criminal Procedure & Evidence Committee for the 2016-17 bar year.

Nathan Cash, JD ’10, was named associate general counsel for the Boy Scouts of America.
Congratulations to the Baylor Lawyers who were named to the 23rd Edition of “The Best Lawyers in America.”

Please note that the following list was derived from alumn/ae who sent us their recognition as well as from Best Lawyers. Best Lawyers provided the names of honorees for whom they had current contact information. We commend all Baylor Lawyers who have been recognized as “Best Lawyers in America.” If you are not on this list and should be, please email law_marketing@baylor.edu.

To submit your alumni note for publication, please send your professional accomplishment to Berkley Knas at berkley_knas@baylor.edu.

Baylor Law School appreciates the Baylor Lawyers and firms who host and underwrite our Baylor Lawyer Network receptions:

**Austin Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – September 22**
Hosted by Gregory S. Cagel, JD ’98, of Savrick Schumann Johnson McGarr Kaminski & Shirley, LLP

**Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – September 26**
Hosted at Globe Life Park during the Texas Rangers vs. Milwaukee Brewers game by the Baylor Lawyers of Shannon Gracey:
- Sorana Georgiana Ban, JD ’08
- Joseph W. Spence, JD ’83
- Randall E. Betty, JD ’73
- Lisa H. Jamieson, JD ’84
- M. Keith Ogle, JD ’02
- Nathan A. Winkler, JD ’10

**Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – September 27**
Hosted by the Baylor Lawyers of Nix Patterson & Roach, LLP:
- Jeffery J. Angelovich, JD ’93
- Ross Leonoudakis, JD ’13
- Michael B. Angelovich, JD ’93
- Amy Miller, JD ’06
- Bradley E. Beckworth, JD ’97
- Harold W. Nix, JD ’65
- R. Win Cutler, JD ’12
- Drew Pate, JD ’11
- Trey Duck, JD ’12
- Nancy Roach, JD ’84
- Derek Gilliland, JD ’98
- D. Neil Smith, JD ’86
- Courtney Anne Harris, JD ’07
- Kirk A. Voss, JD ’10
- John C. Hull, JD ’05
- Susan Whatley, JD ’04
- Ben King, JD ’05

**Houston Baylor Lawyer Network Reception – November 10**
Hosted by Andrea Zankian, JD ’14, of alliancegroup, LP

**Austin Baylor Lawyer Network Reception - November 10**
Hosted by:
- Laura Belleggie Sharp, JD ’86
- Steve Skarnulis, JD ’03
- The Sharp Firm
- TJ Turner, JD ’04
- Cam & Skarnulis LLP
- Cathy Kyle, JD ’86
- Jessica Warren, JD ’95
- Chamberlain Mchany
- Jim Evbank, JD ’80
- Amanda Lewis, JD ’00
- Colinas Basien & Young
- John E. Westbrook, JD ’80
- Robert Swafford, JD ’85
- Steve Stovall, Jr., JD ’89
- Strike For Cause
- Jerry L. Stovall, Jr., JD ’89
- Keith Nelson, JD ’83
- Abrams & Reese, LLP
- Orsinger, Nelson, Downing, & Anderson, LLP
- David Toney, JD ’96
- Provost Umphrey Law Firm, LLP
- David Oliver, JD ’86
- Walter Umphrey, JD ’65
- Vorys
- Michelle May O’Neil, JD ’91
- John Weber, JD ’73
- O’Neil Wysoch
- Craig H. Westbrook, JD ’80
- Provost Umphrey Law Firm, LLP
- Craig B. Florence, JD ’87
- John D. Penn, JD ’82
- Gardere
- Beck Redden
- Elizabeth Pratt, JD ’87
- Nathan Rose Fullbright
- Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Proctor, Hart & Howell
- William B. Roberts, JD ’62
- Jane Maricle
- Walt Shelton, JD ’89
- University of Texas School of Law
- Adjunct Professor at Baylor Law School
- JaOLl Cannon Sheridan, JD ’92
- Asusía, Algert, Robertson & Flores, LLP
- Joseph Sleeth, JD ’75
- John H. Voss, JD ’10
- Walter Umphrey, JD ’65
- Sara Barry, JD ’00
- Otway B. Denny, JD ’73
- Clint Walton, LLP
- Stephen C. Dillard, JD ’71
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- Norton Rose Fullbright
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- Nolan, Nelson, Downing, & Anderson, LLP
- David Duggins, JD ’78
- David B. Guggins, JD ’78
- Duggins Wren Mann & Romero
- Carmen Eker, JD ’78
- Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP
- Michelle Simpson Tuegel, JD ’10
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- Hunter Lewis, JD ’10
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- Charmaine Wilde, JD ’12
- entered private practice as part of the John McGlothlin Law Firm in San Marcos, Texas. Wilde also serves her second year as president of the Hays County Bar Association.
- Kelley Clark, JD ’13
- joined Gray Reed & McGraw, PC, as an associate attorney in the firm’s Houston office. Clark also was elected to the Houston Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors.
- Otway B. Denny, JD ’73
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- Shakespeare, Tate & Royston, LLP
- Joseph W. Spence, JD ’83
- Jeffrey D. Worley, JD ’83
- Worley & Worley
- Aimee Stone, JD ’02
- Fred C. Weekley, JD ’63
- Catherine W. Lyon, JD ’02
- Lee & Winkler
- M. Keith Ogle, JD ’02
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During the "Dinner and Dancing" celebration, Judge Ed Kinkeade served as master of ceremonies and "roasted" the honorees, George Chandler provided the invocation, and John Eddie Williams "roasted" Dean Toben. Dean Teague led the audience through a celebration of 25 years of progress at Baylor Law. She highlighted the new and innovative programs that complement the school’s tradition of excellence in the classroom. Dean Toben expressed his heartfelt gratitude and shared his thoughts on why Baylor Law continues to succeed. The evening was full of laughter, fellowship, memories, and fun times on the dance floor shared by Baylor Lawyers and friends.
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THE FOLLOWING MORNING, ALUMNI WEEKEND CONTINUED WITH BREAKFAST AND AN ETHICS CLE AT THE SHEILA AND WALTER UMPHYREY LAW CENTER. The Ethics CLE was a panel discussion on “LEGAL INNOVATION: WHERE DO LAWYERS AND LAW SCHOOLS NEED TO BE GOING?”

Panelists
Tom Harris, Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP
Hayes Fuller, President, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC
Thomas Baird, President, Baird, Crews, Schiller & Whitaker, PC
Keith Calcote, Associate General Counsel and Head of Litigation, Motiva Enterprises LLC
Judge Rebecca Simmons
Professor Jim Wren
Associate Dean Leah Jackson Teague
Moderator
Dean Brad Toben

ALUMNI WEEKEND CONCLUDED WITH “BURGERS AND BLUE BELL” AT THE HOME OF LEAH AND TED TEAGUE.

Thank you to the Baylor Lawyers and friends who attended the Seventh Annual Baylor Law Alumni Weekend. Here’s to the next 25 years of our beloved Baylor Law School!

View the entire presentation online at youtube.com/user/BaylorLawVideos
Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

**PUBLICATIONS**
- “A Potpourri of Recent (Non-Delaware) LLP and LLC Cases,” LLC & Partnership Reporter, No. 2 p. 58 (October 2016)
- Model Company Agreements for Simple LLCs, 25th Annual LLCS, LLCs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 2016)
- Case Law Update: A Survey of Recent Texas Partnership and LLC Cases, 25th Annual LLCS, LLCs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 2016)
- “Case Law Update (Non-Delaware),” 2016 LLIC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Business Entities, American Bar Association (October 20, 2016)
- “Updates and Refinements of Model Agreements for Simple LLCs,” 25th Annual LLCS, LLCs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 14, 2016)
- “Texas Case Law Update,” 25th Annual LLCS, LLCs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (July 14, 2016)
- 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

Michael Morrison
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Member, Board of Directors, The Forum for Education Abroad, revised The Forum’s bylaws, adopted at the April 2016 annual conference
- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, revised TADC’s bylaws, adopted at the September 2016 annual meeting
- Vice President of Programs, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Chair, Texas Association of Defense Counsel’s committee, evaluating and expediting trials
- Participant, Texas Conference of Chief Justices, National Center for State Courts, and the Texas Office of Court Administration study to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure governing expedited actions.

Gerald Powell
Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “America’s First Right: Trial by Jury," American Board of Trial Advocates, Teacher’s Law School, Waco, TX (June 17, 2016)

Michael Rogers
Professor of Law

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Paving the Road Between NCAA Stardon and an NFL Career: A University Advisory Panel Perspective, co-authored by Kelli Masters, 19 U. Denver Sports & Ent. L.J. (Spring 2016)

Jared Powell
Adjunct Professor of Law

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Stewardship and the Reuse of Texas Water, 48 Tex. Tech. L. Rev. 829 (2016)
- “Learning From Co-Workers’ Many Diverse Experiences,” Austin American Statesman (August 6, 2016)

Leah Jackson Teague
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Chair, Strategic Initiative Committee, American Council on Education’s Women’s Network Executive Council
- Member, Executive Committee Board of Directors, Texas Federal Tax Institute

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

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Elected Member, American Law Institute
- Board Member, Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc.
- Chair and Accreditation Inspector, American Bar Association (ABA)
- Master of the Bench, Abner V. McCall 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, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, ABA Law Student Division, Client Counseling Subcommittee
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Family Law)
PROFESSOR SCOTT FRALEY

“I WAS THRILLED TO BE OFFERED THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF LEGAL WRITING AT BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL, AND I CONTINUE TO BE PROUD TO SERVE HERE,” said Professor Scott Fraley, who has served as Director of Legal Writing since 2015. “When the position opened at Baylor Law, I jumped at the opportunity to apply because I have always wanted to teach, and the position fit so well with my legal experience and graduate education.”

Fraley earned his Bachelor of Arts and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, his master's degree in rhetoric and writing from the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), and he is currently a PhD candidate at UTD in the same area of study.

Following law school, Fraley joined Scott, Douglass & Luton (now Scott, Douglass & McConnico) in Austin, becoming partner in 1989. In 1995, Scott and his wife, Liz, founded Fraley & Fraley, LLP, a litigation law firm in Dallas, where he has practiced for the last 20 years. He previously served as an adjunct professor at Baylor Law School and at the University of Texas School of Law.

Before Fraley joined the Legal Writing team, the faculty and administration made a commitment to improve the scope and quality of the legal writing education at Baylor Law.

“The faculty recognized, appropriately, the central role that legal writing plays in all areas of law practice,” Fraley said. “After expanding the curriculum and bringing on a number of key faculty members, the Legal Writing program has grown to be a comprehensive, integrated three-year legal writing curriculum unique among law schools.”

According to Fraley, his favorite part of the job is interacting with students. “We are fortunate to be blessed with a bright and engaged community of students who are eager to learn and eager to become quality lawyers,” he said. “Helping them along that path is a tremendous amount of fun. I also am blessed to work with brilliant, creative colleagues who are dedicated to their craft.”

Fraley has thoroughly enjoyed contributing to this growing program and has especially loved working with his wife, who also recently joined the Baylor Law faculty as a Practice Court professor. “Liz and I are beyond thrilled to have an opportunity to teach together at Baylor Law School,” Fraley said.

“BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL IS EXTRAORDINARILY FORTUNATE to possess gifted and committed administration, faculty, and alumni dedicated to developing well-rounded and practice-ready lawyers,” said Fraley. “The school's focus on faith, family, and ethical practice makes me extremely proud and fortunate to be part of this great institution and its legacy.”
RICK BROPHY, JD ’77, IS A PROUD WACOAN AND ALUMNUS OF BOTH BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AND BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL. HE IS A FOUNDING PARTNER OF BEARD KULTGEN BROPHY BOSTWICK & DICKSON, LLP, AND HAS SERVED AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT BAYLOR LAW FOR 30 YEARS.

I do not recall seriously considering another law school. I moved to Waco in high school, and I felt like I would like to stay in Waco,” Brophy said. “I knew Baylor Law would challenge me, particularly in the advocacy area, even if my primary practice area was not litigation. I have always greatly valued my Baylor Law education.”

Brophy’s practice includes mergers and acquisitions, drafting and negotiating complex governance and other agreements, formation of entities, drafting construction related agreements, and providing general legal advice to local businesses. His expertise in these areas makes teaching on banking law, commercial loans, and mergers and acquisitions a natural fit.

“So much of what I do on a day to day basis at work is relevant to the classes I teach as an adjunct professor at Baylor Law,” Brophy said.

In addition to his practice and teaching at the Law School, Brophy dedicates a significant amount of his time to his community.

“In recent years, our firm has made an effort to take on important pro bono cases, including a bankruptcy case that went to the Fifth Circuit, a case involving the denial of Section 8 assistance to a single mother and her children, and the defense of bankruptcy actions which seek to have certain charities and local organizations return contributions,” he said.

Brophy has a heart for contributing what he can, whether it is time, resources, or knowledge. He has served as chairman of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, president of Waco Rotary Club, and president of the Baylor Law Alumni Association. One of his favorite volunteer roles, however, was “coach.” Brophy coached his daughters’ softball teams, bringing home eight Little League Softball World Series Championships.

Brophy’s passion for giving extends to seeing Baylor Law students attend school with less financial stress.

“Certainly my wife, Carolyn, and I are not significant donors, but we have been pleased to establish an endowed scholarship,” he said. “We feel like one of the best uses of funds is to help students who might not otherwise be able to afford Baylor Law.”

Brophy knows the value of a Baylor education; Carolyn and his three daughters, Julia, Rebecca, and Amanda, graduated from Baylor as well as two of his sons-in-law. His daughter, Julia, and son-in-law, Matt Czimskay, also graduated from Baylor Law School.

“Carolyn and I met in my last year at Baylor before I started law school. We dated about three months before getting engaged,” he said. “And we have been honored to call Waco and Baylor home ever since.”
BORN IN MAUI IN 1912, Judge Takashi Kitaoka grew up with his family in a two-bedroom home with no running water or electricity. Though from humble beginnings, Kitaoka worked hard to gain a quality education, finishing his undergraduate degree at the University of Hawaii-Manoa in the midst of the Great Depression.

In 1937, at the age of 25, Judge Kitaoka received a scholarship to attend Baylor Law School, and earned his law degree three years later. In 1940, he returned to Hawaii, was drafted into the Army, and married Yuki Miwa. Yuki, his wife of 72 years, died in 2013 at age 99.

Judge Kitaoka was assigned to the Hawaii National Guard and was called to action after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Brave, loyal, and servant-hearted, Judge Kitaoka stood out among his peers as first sergeant. He received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Congressional Gold Medal after being injured in battle. After the military, Judge Kitaoka began his career as a judge thanks to the education he received while at Baylor Law School. He repeatedly attributed much of his success to his time at Baylor and loved the school immensely.

In 1962, Judge Kitaoka became Maui circuit judge, the first Maui native to fill the post. Also during his career, he served in positions with the Veterans Administration, the city and county of Honolulu prosecutor’s office, and the state Labor Department, where he served as director from 1960-62. He also led the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and was appointed director of the crime justice data system, part of the Hawaii state Judiciary.

“I believe that the best and most enduring measure of what we do with our lives lies in the effect in service that we have upon the lives of others,” said Dean Brad Toben. “Judge Kitaoka has had a profound impact upon untold numbers of people throughout his professional career in the law, including in his long and distinguished service on the bench and in his heroic military service in World War II.”

On August 10, 2016, the day before his passing, Judge Kitaoka was to be presented in Hawaii with one of Baylor’s annual Distinguished Achievement awards and a letter from Dean Brad Toben.

In the letter, Dean Toben wrote, “The Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Congressional Gold Medal speak loudly and truly to the courage, devotion, and selflessness that have marked your life’s work and faithful commitment to serve others and your nation. We have witnessed in your life a potent lesson about the character and quality of a great man.”

Photos courtesy of Takashi Kitaoka and the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Nisei Project.
Elven Lloyd “Hut” Raulston, JD ’50, passed away August 24, 2016, in Van, Texas. “Hut” Raulston was born December 29, 1923, in Goodlett, Texas to Guy S. and Daisy Raulston. He served proudly as a corporal in the U.S. Army during WWII. Hut received his law degree from Baylor Law School and later worked 32 years for Shell Oil Company in Houston as manager of employee relations. After moving to Van in 1985, Hut served as mayor from 1994 to 2006 and was a member of Van United Methodist Church. Hut’s favorite thing to do was travel with his family and beloved dogs, and he had visited 48 of the 50 states. The two things he would want to be remembered for most are that he was a Christian and that he loved his family dearly. Hut is survived by his wife, Glinda, his sons, stepson, brother-in-law, and their families.

Andrew “Andy” W. Stroebel, JD ’53, of Olton, Texas, died June 28, 2016. Andy was born August 1, 1930, in Canyon, Texas, to Henry and Mary (Bontke) Stroebel. He graduated from Giddings High School and later from Baylor Law School. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, Andy moved to Olton where he was the city attorney for over 50 years. In 1956, he married Catherine Dodd, and she preceded him in death in 2014. Andy enjoyed spending his time gardening, fishing, and with family. He was also preceded in death by a son, Mark Stroebel, and a daughter, Julie Ann. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, and their families.

Curtis W. “Bill” Fenley, Jr., JD ’56, passed away August 7, 2016. He was born in Gilmer, Texas, on December 15, 1933, to Curtis and May Vaughn Fenley. He graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law School.

Bill served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Department of the U.S. Air Force stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi, until his discharge in 1959. He then returned to Lufkin to join his father in the practice of Fenley & Fenley Law Firm, which eventually evolved into Fenley & Bate. He was recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Trust & Estates Counsel, Texas Bar Foundation, and American Bar Association. He served as president of the East Texas Bar Association, president of the Angelina County Bar Association, and as a director of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jerry, his son, daughter, and their families.

Franklin George Tucker, JD ’64, was born November 8, 1933 and passed away August 23, 2016. Frank was from Gunter, Texas, and was a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Baylor Law School. He was commissioned as an artillery officer in the United States Army and served in the Army Reserve for eight years. He was married to Dolores.

Gibson Gayle, Jr., JD ’50, beloved husband and father, renowned attorney, and civic leader, passed away September 16, 2016. Born October 15, 1926, and reared in Waco, Texas, Gibson attended Waco High School and was valedictorian of the January 1943 graduating class. After a brief time as a student at the University of Texas at Austin, he entered military service during World War II. Upon completing a six-year joint degree program, he graduated from Baylor Law School in May of 1950 and made the highest grade ever scored at that time on the Texas Bar Exam. Gibson was hired by the law firm of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman and Bates and began his employment as the firm’s 43rd lawyer on June 26, 1950.

A partner in the Houston office since 1961, Gibson went on to serve as the firm’s managing partner and chairman of the firm’s executive committee. During his tenure, Gibson spearheaded what, at the time, was the largest and most successful U.S. law firm merger in history.

With a legal career spanning more than 60 years, his professional achievements and leadership roles include: secretary of the American Bar Association; Life Member of the ABA’s House of Delegates; chair of the ABA’s Young Lawyers Division; president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association; president and director of the American Bar Endowment; member of the ABA Journal’s Board of Editors; Life Fellow and board member of the American Bar Foundation; council member of the International Bar Association; director, president, and vice president of the State Bar of Texas; chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Bar Foundation; and inductee into the Texas Legal Legend Hall of Fame by the State Bar of Texas.

Gibson’s contributions of time and talent were noted by the Republic of Germany, which awarded him the Order of Merit, and the Republic of France, which named him a Knight of the Legion of Honor. He also received the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary’s Leon Jaworski Award, Baylor University’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Texas Award, the Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award, the Anti-Defamation League’s Jurisprudence Award, the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine’s Humanitarian Award, the Huntington’s Disease Society of America’s Lifetime Humanitarian Award, and the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association’s Outstanding Contribution to Education Award.

Surviving Gibson are his wife of 68 years, Martha; children, Sally Smith (Lanny), Alice Gayle, Gibson Gayle, III, Jane Frey (Erik), and Philip Gayle; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.
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Robert “Bob” King Monk, JD ’82, passed away August 27, 2016. Raised in Fort Neches by Oliver P. Monk and Frances K. Monk, Bob attended Lamar University and the University of Texas at Austin as an undergraduate and Baylor Law School. Bob took great pride in leveling the playing field by advocating for the meek and against those that might use their immense resources to otherwise bully their way through the justice system. Bob was active in his church and counted many of the community as his dear friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and son, Oliver Monk. Bob is survived by his wife, LaRee, and daughter Elissa Monk, as well as his sister Debbie Monk Hebert and brothers, Steve Monk and Michael Monk.

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Micah 6:8

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