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Q&A WITH BAYLOR LAW JUDGES
+ BAYLOR LAW JUDGES ACROSS THE NATION
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THE HONORABLE WYATT H. AND HEIDI FROST HEARD SCHOLARSHIP

A true believer in education, Judge Wyatt H. Heard (JD ’52) follows his heart. In 1979, he founded the Communities In Schools of Houston program which, through his influence, positively impacted countless at-risk students. Going a step further, Judge Heard and his wife, Heidi, funded a scholarship at Baylor Law School that helps students fulfill their aspirations of becoming Baylor Lawyers.

Judge Wyatt H. Heard knows the value of a Baylor Law degree.

Follow in Judge Heard’s footsteps. Make a commitment to education by supporting Baylor Law School students in their success.

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A Message from Dean Toben

BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL IS KNOWN FOR A NUMBER OF CHARACTERISTICS. CHIEF AMONG THOSE IS A COMPETITIVENESS THAT IS VIRTUALLY UNPARALLELED. THIS SPIRIT WAS RECENTLY NOTED BY NATIONAL JURIST, WHICH NAMED OUR STUDENTS THE MOST COMPETITIVE IN THE NATION.

While this accolade is appreciated, we certainly don’t foster an air of competition simply for the sake of doing so. Rather, we believe that high expectations lead to competently trained lawyers who are prepared for whatever the practice may bring.

One of the things I enjoy most is learning how our alumni have taken the lessons and experiences gained at Baylor Law to chart their personal career paths. There are also some fascinating stops along the career path for many—some of which we will explore in this issue of Docket Call.

We’ll take a look at the notable success of some of our alumni who currently serve on the bench. We take great pride in the number of sitting judges who hail from Baylor Law and, in addition to providing an overview of where you can find our alumni serving throughout the country, I hope you’ll enjoy hearing from several of our judges in depth.

As you’ll see in the Q&A interviews, we may have different backgrounds and interests but being a “Baylor Lawyer” binds us together across the decades and long after graduation.

We’ll also share with you about a recent trip to Washington, D.C., that I was blessed to share with Judge Ken and Alice Starr; in addition to ten outstanding Baylor Lawyers who were admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. We are proud of our alumni who are now recognized as members of the bar of the nation’s highest court.
In addition, we’ve included an overview of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s prestigious mock trial competition that we hosted at the Law School in October. And speaking of outstanding trial lawyers, we’ve included a spotlight on George Chandler (JD ’62) who was recently inducted as a Texas Legal Legend by the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas.

You’ll find our regular features—updates and notes about alumni, students and faculty members—in addition to a couple of new features that will become standard fare for Docket Call. We will be profiling a current student, faculty member, and adjunct faculty member in each issue so you can learn more about some of the amazing individuals who comprise the Baylor Law family.

We have, of course, included information about several recent events and hope this glimpse into the active alumni base—which we do not take for granted—will provide an opportunity to see a few familiar faces. Through our annual Adoption Day event, our faculty, staff and students have proven their commitment to giving back to the community. The public also had a rare opportunity to view historical 19th-century legal documents authored by Baylor University’s namesake and co-founder, Judge R.E.B. Baylor, during a program hosted by the Law School.

I hope you’ll enjoy catching up on the lives of our Baylor Lawyers as much as I have. We continue to be ever grateful for those who support Baylor Law School so faithfully. There is not a greater group of faculty, staff, alumni and friends in the country. Of this I remain convinced.

Brad Toben
Dean of Baylor Law School
Q&A with Baylor Law Judges

DC: What was your career path upon graduation from Baylor Law School leading up to your time on the bench?

CURETON: Following graduation from Baylor Law, I was a law clerk for United States District Judge Eldon B. Mahon. I then worked for a brief time in the firm of Friedman, Suder & Cook, LLP before going to work as an Assistant District Attorney in the Tarrant County District Attorney’s Office (1995 – 1997). I returned to serve as a Career Law Clerk for Judge Mahon (1997 – 2000) until re-entering private law practice as an associate at The Fillmore Law Firm, P.C. in Fort Worth. I then practiced as a founding partner in the law firm of Cureton & Gordon LLP from 2003 until my appointment to the bench in 2010.

DC: What does it mean to you to be a "Baylor Lawyer"?

CURETON: To me, being a Baylor Lawyer means that I have been well-trained to perform any legal task that may come my way and do so ethically and thoroughly. When I encounter a Baylor Lawyer, I have an expectation of preparedness, competence and appropriate demeanor. I consider being a Baylor Lawyer to be a privilege.

DC: What is your favorite memory from your days as a student at Baylor Law School?

CURETON: My favorite memory from my days as a Baylor Law student comes from taking classes in the old Morrison Constitution Hall. Learning law in such an historic old building now brings a sense of nostalgia. My favorite Practice Court memory is of my opponent in one of our mini-trials calling my then-girlfriend (now wife of 20 years) Letty Martinez (JD ’94) as a “surprise” witness and having to cross-examine her in front of Professor Louis Muldrow.

DC: Have you had Baylor Law students or graduates work for you in your chambers?

CURETON: I have had several Baylor Law interns work for me in my chambers. Each one has reaffirmed the high esteem I hold for Baylor Law and the quality of its students. The quality of the individuals and the work produced are outstanding.

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DC: Are there additional thoughts you would like to share?

CURETON: Recently, I had the privilege of being a part of the formation of the Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network. As the current chair of the network, I’ve witnessed firsthand the overwhelming interest shown by the Fort Worth Baylor Law alumni. It has proven to be a great way for Baylor Lawyers to reconnect to old classmates but also to meet other Baylor Lawyers, young and old, in the Fort Worth area. Involvement in the network has been a great way to get more connected to fellow Baylor Lawyers and to our great school.

Hon. Jeffrey Cureton
DC: Why did you choose to attend Baylor Law School?

ESTEVEZ: In 1989 (as a junior in high school), I was conversing with long-time family friend and former Congressman Beau Boulter about my plans for the future. When I mentioned that I planned to go to law school someday and really wanted to be a judge, he was insistent that I attend Baylor Law School.

DC: What was your career path upon graduation from Baylor Law School leading up to your time on the bench?

ESTEVEZ: I was in private practice and worked with several law firms after I graduated from Baylor Law School. In 2001, I became aware that a district judge was retiring and was not seeking re-election so I entered a crowded primary and ran for 47th District Judge. Although I did not win that election, I did make the run-off in the eight-person primary and learned invaluable lessons in campaigning and politics. In 2006, I successfully ran for the 251st District Court when the sitting judge left his bench.

DC: Why have you chosen a career in public service?

ESTEVEZ: I am very blessed to work in the profession that I truly desire. I wish I could say I was solely motivated in my career choice by my passion for people and passion for the law that ultimately resulted in my pursuit of the bench.

DC: What is your favorite memory from your days as a student at Baylor Law School?

ESTEVEZ: I have detected a great amount of respect from other attorneys and judges when they hear that I went to Baylor Law School. When I encounter someone who is a Baylor Lawyer, I know the hours and commitment that were required throughout the entire process—especially through Practice Court—and respect them for their discipline.

DC: While attending Baylor Law School, were you a recipient of a scholarship?

ESTEVEZ: I did receive scholarships and awards while attending Baylor Law School including the Nat Harris Memorial Award, Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips Scholarship, Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. Scholarship, and the Judge Abner V. McCall/Moss Charities Law Scholarship. I felt extremely blessed and thankful to have the financial burden of a law degree minimized by the great generosity of others.
DC: What was your career path upon graduation from Baylor Law School leading up to your time on the bench?

HACKER: I first worked with a tri-college consortium to publish a guide for serving civil process while I waited for my bar results. Then I was an assistant district attorney for Taylor County for two years before going into general private practice.

DC: Why have you chosen a career in public service?

HACKER: Public service provides an opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the community, and public service as a judge provides the opportunity to maintain, and perhaps enhance, the integrity and stature of our civil justice system. Hopefully, that will encourage the public’s respect and confidence in that system.

DC: What is your favorite memory from your days as a student at Baylor Law School?

HACKER: Matt Dawson had a way of rubbing his bald head and drawling, “Now, Aleta, did you really want to say that?” And of course, at that point, I knew I probably didn’t want to say that. I wish I had a dime for every time that happened!

DC: Are there any additional thoughts you would like to share?

HACKER: My husband, who is also a Baylor Lawyer, and I have come back to judge mock trial competitions over the past few years. Although Baylor doesn’t have teams in these contests, watching students from other schools sometimes struggle with basic courtroom procedure and tactics, drives home the point that Baylor Law provides a high quality learning experience that is not duplicated in any other academic setting we have seen.

DC: What does it mean to you to be a “Baylor Lawyer?”

ABLES: Being a “Baylor Lawyer” means: well trained, a lifetime friendship with classmates and professors, and the feeling of family.
Hacker

Hon. Aleta

DC: Why have you chosen a career in public service?
ABLES: I felt an early tug in my life to go into the ministry. I took another path, but I feel public service has opened so many unique doors that have allowed me to both minister to and be ministered to by others.

DC: What is your favorite memory from your days as a student at Baylor Law School?
ABLES: I was in Matt Dawson’s second practice court class. We were discussing Motions for Summary Judgment, and he told us he was presenting a motion in Corsicana that afternoon. Five of us drove to the Navarro County Courthouse to watch him in action. The hearing did not go well, and the judge was a little rough with Professor Dawson. On the way home, we decided it was best to act like it never happened.

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Hon. Stephen B. Ables

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KENNEDY: I was very privileged to have an excellent education, including a law degree from Baylor Law School. I served on the bench to give back to those who have given so much to me and to serve those who have never had the opportunities I have.

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DC: What was your career path upon graduation from Baylor Law School leading up to your time on the bench?
KENNEDY: After law school, I joined the law firm of Potter Minton in Tyler and later worked for the Twelfth Court of Appeals in Tyler. After leaving the Court of Appeals, I joined the Flowers Davis law firm, where I practiced primarily in the area of government liability in state and federal court.

DC: While attending Baylor Law School, were you a recipient of a scholarship?
KENNEDY: I was very honored and am still thankful to have received scholarships while at Baylor Law School. I am not sure I could have completed law school without the scholarship assistance.

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BIANCA

Hon. Christi Kennedy

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:
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HOMETOWN: Tyler, Texas
BENCH SERVING ON: 114th District Court

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FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS, BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL HAS HOSTED A BREAKFAST FOR BAYLOR LAW JUDGES. The annual breakfast is held in conjunction with the Texas Center for the Judiciary’s Annual Judicial Education Conference. “The breakfast has become a favorite tradition of the Law School as a way to honor our judges for the impact they have on the jurisprudence of our state,” said Berkley Knas, Director of Alumni Relations. Judge Ken Starr, Dean Brad Toben, Dean Leah Jackson Teague and faculty members speak at the breakfast.

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EN BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WERE SWORN IN BY CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., IN A MID-NOVEMBER CEREMONY.

The Baylor Lawyers now have the privilege of arguing cases before the nation’s highest court.

Those admitted were Richard Butler (JD ’77), Glenn Callison (JD ’88), Joe Coleman (JD ’57), Judge Robin Darr (JD ’82), Billy Davis (JD ’87), Bill Gooding (JD ’75), Mike Lindsay (JD ’76), Judge Rebecca Simmons (JD ’80), Dean Leah Witcher Jackson Teague (JD ’85) and Steve Wisch (JD ’77). Bill Brian (JD ’74), 2014 Baylor Lawyer of the Year, also attended the event; he previously was admitted to the Supreme Court.

The Baylor Lawyers and guests traveled to Washington, D.C., as guests of Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr, his wife Alice, Baylor Law School Dean Brad Toben, and Leah Witcher Jackson Teague, Associate Dean of the Law School. The trip began with a dinner with U.S. Congressman Chet Edwards and his wife, Lee Ann, followed by an exclusive tour of the U.S. Capitol.

“We are deeply grateful to Judge Ken and Alice Starr for leading our Baylor Law group through Washington, D.C., and through the Supreme Court of the United States,” Toben said. “It was a high honor for all who were involved.”

Starr’s participation in the trip reflects his ongoing involvement with Baylor Law School. He serves as the Louise L. Morrison Chair of Constitutional Law and teaches a seminar on current constitutional issues.
In September 2014, Starr discussed the Federalist Papers as part of the John and Marie Chiles Federalist Papers Lecture Series at Baylor Law School. He also has hosted several events with distinguished guests, and has taught at Baylor Law School’s summer study abroad program, the Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Scotland.

As part of the trip, the Baylor Law group toured the Supreme Court, where they met Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. After being sworn in by Roberts, the group heard two cases argued before the Court.

Meet the Group

Bill Brian, a partner with Courtney Countiss Brian and Bailey, LLP, in Amarillo, concentrates his practice in the area of estate planning and estate and trust administration, and related tax planning for families and private business. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor.

Richard Butler serves as of counsel with Texas-based Langley & Banack, Inc. His areas of practice include general and commercial litigation, condemnation, real property, and land use litigation in San Antonio and Karnes City. Butler earned a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor.

Glenn Callison is a shareholder in the real estate section of the Dallas office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC. He served as Munsch Hardts Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 2006 to 2013. Callison also earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor.

Coleman, who has more than 50 years experience in real estate and oil and gas law, serves as of counsel with Texas-based Gray Reed & McGraw, PC. A 1955 Baylor graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor.

Judge Robin Darr graduated from Baylor in 1980 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She has presided over Texas’ 385th District Court since August 2004. In 1999, the Midland Rape Crisis Center and Children’s Advocacy Center named Judge Darr Prosecutor of the Year. Billy Davis is a shareholder with Waco-based Harrison Davis Steakley Morrison PC. His areas of practice include corporate, real estate, products liability, and toxic torts. Davis also earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor.

Bill Gooding, a private-practice attorney based in Texarkana, specializes in business law as well as commercial and personal injury litigation. Gooding also earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baylor.

Mike Lindsay serves as of counsel with Lindsay, Lindsay & Parsons in Beaumont. His areas of practice include small business representation, estate, family, wills and business formation. Lindsay earned a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor.

A third-generation attorney, Judge Rebecca Simmons served on Texas’ Fourth Court of Appeals from 2005 to 2012 after 20 years in private practice. She currently serves as associate general counsel with San Antonio-based Kenoect Concepts, Inc.

Leah Witcher Jackson Teague is Associate Dean and Professor of Law for Baylor Law School. A past president of the Waco McLennan County Bar Association, Teague has taught tax law at Baylor Law School for more than 20 years. She also earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor.

Steve Wisch owns a private law practice in Houston specializing in insurance, employee rights, personal injury, public schools, labor disputes and education litigation.

Baylor Law School hosts the Supreme Court trip biennially for distinguished Baylor Lawyers and guests. This marked Baylor Law’s fourth trip to the Supreme Court.
BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL HOSTED ONE OF THE NATION’S MOST PRESTIGIOUS
MOCK TRIAL COMPETITIONS OCTOBER 17 – 19

Each year, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) invites 16 of the top trial advocacy teams from across the nation to the Tournament of Champions (TOC).

“Having won the TOC national championship two years ago in Chicago, hosting gave us an opportunity to show the home of the Baylor Law program to the top law school advocacy programs in the nation,” said Dean Toben.

During the competition each team of four students competes in both sides of a civil case—twice as plaintiffs and twice as defendants. NITA released the case file to competitors in August to allow time for preparation.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:
Campbell University School of Law
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Georgetown University Law Center
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Samford University, Cumberland School of Law
Stetson University College of Law
Syracuse University College of Law
Temple University, Beasley School of Law
University of Akron School of Law
University of California, Berkeley School of Law
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law
University of Notre Dame Law School
Washington University School of Law
Yale Law School

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:
CHAMPION: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW
Janice Lu
Roxana Guidero (Best Speaker in Final Round)
Jason Wu
Jordan Kahler

FINALIST: CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Kaitlin Rothecker
Terry Brown, Jr.
Zoe Hansen
Lauren Fussell

SEMIFINALIST AND WINNER OF PROFESSIONALISM AWARD: UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
Casey Brown
Casey Krizman
Madalia Maaliki
Adrienne Jones

SEMIFINALIST: YALE LAW SCHOOL
Ben Graham
Ben Wallace (Best Speaker in the Preliminary Rounds)
Julia Shu
Rebecca Counts
George Chandler
—TEXAS LEGAL LEGEND

The Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas Inducted Baylor Lawyer George Chandler (JD ’62), Founder and Chairman of Chandler, Mathis & Zivley, PC, as a Texas Legal Legend at a Luncheon Hosted by Baylor Law School.

Chandler began his time at Baylor on a tennis scholarship studying history before enrolling at Baylor Law. Chandler’s involvement at Baylor Law included being a member of the Baylor Law Review. After graduating, Chandler practiced personal injury litigation at the firm of Edwards & DeAnda in Corpus Christi. He opened his own firm Chandler, Mathis & Zivley, PC, in East Texas in 1971. For 40 years, Chandler’s firm has specialized in plaintiffs’ personal injury and commercial trial law.

In 2009, the Baylor Law Alumni Association named Chandler Baylor Lawyer of the Year. “I was delighted to see George receive the Baylor Lawyer of the Year recognition,” noted Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. “He joined the company of the ‘who’s who’ of Baylor Lawyers who have used their gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many,” said Toben. Chandler is also a Jaworski Fellow at Baylor Law School and frequently comes to the law center to share his trial advocacy expertise with the Practice Court students.

Chandler’s involvement with the Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA) began in 1974. He sat on the TTLA executive committee in 1996 and served as president of the association in 2003. In addition, he was invited as 1 of 400 trial lawyers worldwide to the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Texas Legal Legends is a project of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. Its purpose is to memorialize the stories of many legendary lawyers who have practiced in Texas, and to use those stories to enhance the public’s understanding of the historical importance of law students and lawyers to emulate Legends like Chandler by serving others and making a difference—not just a living.

Past Legends inductees include: Joe Jamail, Joe Reynolds (JD ’47), Harry Reasoner, the Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, Gibson Gayle, Jr. (JD ’50), Broadus Spivey, Blackie Holmes, Scott Baldwin, and the Hon. Royal Furgeson.

Martha Chandler, Dean Brad Toben, George Chandler and Doug Smith at the Texas Legal Legends induction ceremony.
Wall of Honor recipients.

Baylor “B” Association’s 2014 was honored as one of the named to the 2014 Tex as in McAllen, T exas, has been as a fraud attorney in General military services over four field of law and national security.

Jonathan J. Bates (JD ’93) of Kinser & Bates LLP in Dallas was recognized as one of the Texas Super Lawyers in 2014. He was also elected vice president of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists.

Carol C. Payne (JD ’93) of Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC was named a Texas Super Lawyer for 2014 and a Best Lawyer in America for 2014 and 2015.

Hon. David E. Cook (JD ’94) was elected judge of County Criminal Court No. 1 in Tarrant County.

Christopher B. Trowbridge (JD ’98) was named a Texas Super Lawyer in 2013 and 2014 and as a Texas Rising Star for six years. Trowbridge, chairman of the board, is a partner at Bell Nunnally, with a particular focus on complex business and intellectual property disputes.

Vincent Allen (JD ’99) was named Best Lawyer in Intellectual Property Attorneys by D Magazine. Allen is a partner at Carstens & Cahoon, LLP in Dallas and 2012 Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year.

Reverend David Madison (JD ’99) was appointed by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) as Executive Director, effective July 1, 2015.

Melanie Okon (JD ’99) was named one of the top North Texas energy attorneys in the Dallas Business Journal’s 2014 listing of “Who’s Who in Energy” Okon is a name partner in Dallas-based Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC.

**ALUMNI NOTES**

**1950’s**

Hon. William S. Sessions (JD ’58) received the Morris I. Leibman Award in Law and National Security from the American Bar Association. The award recognizes lawyers who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to and made exceptional contributions to the field of law and national security.

**1960’s**

George Chandler (JD ’62), founder and chairman of Chandler, Mathis & Zivley, PC was inducted as a Texas Legal Legend, a high honor given by the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. Dean Brad Toben and the Baylor Law School hosted an induction ceremony and luncheon for Chandler.

Mike Bourland (JD ’69) was honored as one of the Baylor “B” Association’s 2014 Wall of Honor recipients. Bourland was an offensive lineman at Baylor.

**1970’s**

Lt. Col. Joe Hinds (JD ’74), USAF Ret, organized the Second Annual Tri-State Veterans Day Celebration, held on November 9, 2014, just north of Cincinnati, Ohio. Hinds served in four military services over four decades as a JAG officer in the Army and Air Force and as a fraud attorney in General Counsel’s Office of the Navy and Marines.

Katie Pearson Klein (JD ’78), member of Dale and Klein, LLP in McAllen, Texas, has been named to the 2014 Texas Super Lawyers list for the fourth consecutive year.

Georgia Crump (JD ’78) has been named to Best Lawyers in America for 2015. Crump is a principal with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC, in Austin.

Carmen Eicker (JD ’78) joined the Dallas law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, as a partner in Family Law.

David Kent (JD ’78) was elected to serve as Treasurer of the Trial Skills Section of the Dallas Bar Association for 2015. Kent is Special Counsel for Sedgwick LLP in Dallas.

Thomas E. Myers (JD ’79) was awarded 2014 “Super Lawyer in Schools and Education Law” by Texas Monthly.

John D. Sloan, Jr. (JD ’80), founding partner of Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry Law Firm, has been selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Frederick S. Adams, Jr. (JD ’81) has taken a new position as shareholder in KoosFuller in Dallas, Texas. Adams has been selected by Texas Monthly as a “Super Lawyer” in the State of Texas (2003 – 2014).

Robin Phillips (JD ’82) recently joined Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP, in Houston. As Senior Counsel with more than 30 years of experience, Phillips supports the firm’s growing real estate and real estate finance practice group.

Judge Vincent J. Messina (JD ’85) was elected to his fourth term in office November 4, 2014. Judge Messina was first elected to the Hood County Court at Law No. 1 in November 2003 and has presided on that court since that time.

**1980’s**

Bryan Blevins (JD ’90) was installed as 2015 President of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA). Blevins is an equity partner at Provost Umphrey Law Firm in Beaumont, Texas.

Judge Amos Mazzant (JD ’90) was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill a U.S. district court seat in the Eastern District of Texas. The full U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination on December 16, 2014. Judge Mazzant was formerly a federal magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Texas as well as a justice for the Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals.

Susan Moore (JD ’90) was elected Chair of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI). Moore is Corporate Vice President of Public Affairs for AMD, a semiconductor company that designs and integrates technology to power personal computers, tablets, game consoles, cloud servers, and other intelligent devices.

Michele Smith (JD ’92) leads the Texas Association of Defense Counsel (TADC) as the 2014 – 2015 president. She is a shareholder with MehaffyWeber, PC, and serves on its Management Committee.

Hon. Clay Jenkins (JD ’87) received national attention for his involvement in handling the Ebola crises in Dallas.

Lori M. Carr (JD ’88) of Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC was named a Texas Super Lawyer for 2014 and a Best Lawyer in America for 2014 and 2015.

Rogers Pope, Jr. (JD ’92), and his father, Rogers Pope Sr. of Texas Bank and Trust were honored as the Texas Family Business of the Year by Baylor University’s Institute for Family Business.

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Brannon C. Dillard (JD ’03), shareholder at Winstead in Houston, has been elected to membership in the prestigious Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Dillard works in Winstead’s commercial litigation, energy law, and securities litigation and enforcement practice groups and insurance and energy industry groups.

David O’Toole (JD ’03) has been appointed as the Clerk of Court Designee for the Eastern District of Texas effective July 2015. David is currently the Austin Divisional Office Manager for the Western District of Texas.

Craig Stone (JD ’03) is Senior Counsel, Intellectual Property, for Phillips 66 Company in Houston, Texas. He was recently named a “40 Under 40” by the Houston Business Journal and was a finalist for the Houston Business Journal Corporate Counsel Awards in the “Up and Comer” category. World Trademark Review also named Stone one of five finalists for “Global In-House Brand Counsel of the Year” and named his Phillips 66 legal brand team a finalist for “Brand Team of the Year” in its industry category in 2014.

Jason T. Hill (JD ’04) has been named to Best Lawyers in America for 2015. Hill is a principal with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, PC, in Austin.

Jeanie T. Goodwin (JD ’04) of Legge, Farrow, Kimmitt, McGrath & Brown LLP in Houston became partner.

Russell Brandon Bundren (JD ’05) relocated to his hometown of Nashville, Tennessee, with the Litigation Section of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP (BABC).

Casey L. Moore (’06) joined the Dallas office of DLA Piper LLP (US) as a senior associate. She focuses her practice on commercial and securities litigation. Moore was named a “Texas Rising Star” in Texas Super Lawyers for both 2014 and 2015.

Kevin Muenster (JD ’06) of Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC was named “Rising Star” in Texas Super Lawyers 2014.

R. Heath Cheek (JD ’06) became partner in Bell Nunnally & Martin in Dallas. He is in the firm’s litigation, labor, employment and benefits, creditors’ rights, and intellectual property practice areas.

Leiza Dolgih (JD ’06) was promoted to Senior Attorney at Godwin Lewis PC in Dallas. Dolgih represents Fortune 500 companies, small and mid-size businesses, and individuals in all types of commercial and employment litigation in state and federal courts.

Jas Brar (JD ’07) joined Fogler, Brar, Ford, O’Neil & Gray LLP as partner.

Steven Einhorn (JD ’07) joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as an associate in the Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits practice within the Tax Department in their New York City office.

Tiffany Roach Martin (JD ’07) has been elected shareholder at Modrall Sperling in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was honored by the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association as Young Lawyer of the Year in 2012, named “40 Under Forty” by Albuquerque Business First, and selected as “Southwest Rising Star” by Southwest Super Lawyers.

Matthew Cole (JD ’08) has been named shareholder of Cox Smith in San Antonio, Texas. Cole advises clients in complex commercial litigation.

Jay Lea (JD ’08) became a partner at Naman Howell Smith & Lee in Austin. Lea’s practice is focused primarily on construction litigation, personal injury litigation, eminent domain litigation, and business contract disputes.

Tim Head (JD ’08) joined Faith and Freedom Coalition as Executive Director.

Joe Rivera (JD ’08) became partner at Naman Howell Smith & Lee in Waco. Rivera’s practice is devoted to civil litigation, with a focus on business litigation, employment matters, and tax litigation and controversies.

Danielle Ahlrich (JD ’09) became partner at Martens, Todd, Leonard & Taylor. Ahlrich’s practice focuses on tax litigation.

Matthew Crowell, (JD ’09) has been named shareholder of Cox Smith in San Antonio, Texas. Crowell assists clients with a wide variety of matters related to energy, natural resources, and real property law.

James Hatchitt (JD ’10), an associate at Howry, Breen & Herman, LLP, in Austin has been selected for the Austin Young Lawyers Association Leadership Academy Class for 2015.

Kyle Knas (JD ’14) joined Naman Howell Smith & Lee in Waco as an associate in August 2014. His practice focuses on estate planning and probate.

Patricia Jones (JD ’10) joined Fox Rothschild LLP as an associate in the firm’s Dallas office in the Corporate and Real Estate practice areas.

Jessica Kirker (JD ’10), an associate in Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons in Austin, Texas, has been selected for the Austin Bar Association and the Austin Young Lawyers Association Leadership Academy Class for 2015.

Carson Runge (JD ’10) of Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry in Longview, Texas, has been certified as a life member of both The Million Dollar Advocates Forum and The Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Bethany Thompson (JD ’10) became partner at The Gardner Law Firm in San Antonio, Texas. Thompson serves as vice-chair of the firm’s litigation section.

Jared Wood (JD ’11) joined the Fort Worth Office of Winstead PC.

Kristin McDonald (JD ’12) joined Friends for Life in Waco as the Director of Guardianship of Estate.

Amanda Neugebauer (JD ’13), an associate in Jackson Walker LLP in San Antonio, Texas, was elected vice president of the Defense Counsel of San Antonio for 2015.

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Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Harris Huguenard and Anthony Peregoy advanced to the finals in the 2014 Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition. Their brief was also named as the competition’s “Second Best Brief.”

Dawson & Sodd Moot Court Competition
Louie Cook and Chase Smith won the fall 2014 Dawson & Sodd Moot Court Competition. William Thorne and Monica Litle earned second place. Monica was also named “Best Speaker.”

Baylor Public Interest Society
The Baylor Public Interest Legal Society received the 2014 Public Interest Award, a national award from the ABA’s Law Student Division, for its annual work with National Adoption Day.

New Baylor Law Review Members
The Baylor Law Review congratulates the following students on their selection for membership based on participation in the write-on competition: Chris Agboli, Michael Foreman, Harris Huguenard, Elissa Pineda, Timothy Ribelin, and Lacey Stephenson.

Intellectual Property LawMeet Competition
The team of Chris Von Der Gruen, Timothy Ribelin, and Amanda Sanchez advanced to the IP LawMeet regional semifinals. The team was coached by Associate Professor Connie Powell Nichols.

National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Victoria Ford, Spencer Turner, and Ariane Flores was a semifinalist and winner of the “Second Best Respondent Brief Award” at the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition. The team was coached by Professor Laura Hernández, assisted by Adjunct Professor Greg White.

National Moot Court Regional Competition
The team of Danielle Bennett, Sameer Hashmi, and Bree Marquand qualified for the National Moot Court Competition in New York City. They were also recognized at regionals for the “Second Best Brief” and Danielle Bennett was recognized as “Best Speaker.”

Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition
The team of Brittany Taylor and Matt Lueders won the Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition. Mason Spiller and Joseph Hinton were the second place team.
Mad Dog Moot Court Competition
Brad Ryynanen won the 2014 winter Mad Dog Moot Court Competition. Brad took home an 18-inch bronze statue of Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson, former Baylor Law Professor and Practice Court Director. The runner up was Brian Price.

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Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition
The team of Chris Agboli and Ashby Davis advanced to the quarterfinals at the Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition.

National White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition
The team of Mark Altman, Brenna Buchanan, Cody Hill, and Alex Moore advanced to the semifinals at the National White Collar Crime Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C.

Baylor Law Immigration Clinic
Baylor Law student volunteers assisted 64 people with their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals applications during the fall 2014 Immigration Clinic. Amanda Sanchez and Erin Toolan served as the clinic coordinators.

CLINIC VOLUNTEERS: Ana Arrellanos, Patrick Hopkins, Emily Ivy, Laura Alexander, Heather Bell, Sarah Bosold, Brenna Buchanan, Yuqi Cai, Cody Cooper, Devin Fletcher, Ariane Flores, Sara McKinney, Elissa Pineda, Samuel Prillaman, Tim Pullin, Bethany Rumford, Ana Sanchez, Gabby Shayeab, Valancy Sissons, Arianna Smith, Spencer Turner, Tokoa Watts, and Josh Wright.

Recent Graduates Sworn into State Bar of Texas
During the 2014 winter quarter, recent Baylor Law graduates Kristen Charter, Anali Gatlin, Samantha Kessler, Evelyn (Rodriguez) McBride, and Lauren Teel were sworn in to the State Bar of Texas by Justice Jan P. Patterson, Baylor Law School’s Justice in Residence.
Different Generations, Same Degree

“When I decided that I wanted to be an attorney the only option was Baylor Law School. Baylor is known for producing high caliber litigators who still care about maintaining integrity and client relationships. That is the type of attorney I want to be,” said Aynsley Young, a Baylor Law student from Belton, Texas.

You had another motivation drawing her to Baylor Law School: it runs in the family. As a third-generation Baylor Law Student, she was set on keeping the tradition alive. Her grandfather, Robert Louis Schwarz (JD ’55), and mother, Barbara Young (JD ’89), both attended Baylor Law School.

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“One of the coolest things about being a third-generation Baylor Lawyer is that while we have all gone to the same law school, we have all done so in different buildings.” Her grandfather convened in the Law Annex across from Carroll Library, and her mother attended class in Morrison Constitution Hall.

One thing did stay the same, however. Practice Court remains a common thread about which all Baylor Lawyers can reminisce. “I grew up listening to stories of Practice Court, and soon I’ll be able to add my own.” Another matter on which Young and her family can compare notes is the professors. Young learns from some of the same professors as her mother, and her mother and grandfather shared professors as well. Young acknowledged how much impact they leave, “One of the greatest things about Baylor Law is that all of the professors are so supportive and approachable.”

During her time at Baylor Law, Young has made her own mark by staying involved. She was on the 2014 Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team that traveled to Washington, D.C., to compete under the leadership of Professor Larry Bates. She is the 2L President for the Student Bar Association and Historian of the Federalist Society.

Young has also left an impact in the community as a member of the Baylor Public Interest Society. Through this she volunteers monthly at the Mission Waco Legal Clinic. The clinic is designed to assist in the unmet legal needs of low-income residents in the Waco area.

Through the assistance of a scholarship, Young attended the Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews in Scotland. According to Young, it was a unique and intense program designed to enhance trial and appellate advocacy skills.

While the surroundings, professors, and students have changed, the heart of Baylor Law students remains the same. Young’s determination and integrity drive her to maintain an unwavering standard of excellence in the pursuit of her Baylor Law degree.”
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PUBLICATIONS
- *Wills and Revocable Trusts: What's Best for the Client?*, at the 29th Annual Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law (September 18, 2014)

PRESENTATIONS
- “Wills or Revocable Trusts: What’s Best for the Client?” Tarrant County Probate Bar Association, Ft. Worth, Texas (December 4, 2014)
- “The Tedder Case and Its Impact on Estate Planning and Administration,” Harris County Probate Bar Association, Houston, Texas (November 25, 2014)

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Jill W. Lens
Associate Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- *Selected Recent Non-Delaware LLC Cases, 2014 LLC Institute, American Bar Association Business Law Section, LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee* (October 17, 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Liaison of the 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 of the Law School Committee of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

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Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

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“One fall quarter ended such that my finals were to be on Halloween. One of my free spirited students asked if he could dress as a Great Pumpkin for his final presentation. Of course, I said yes. He was an original treat.”

But Judge Davis is inspired to teach his students for reasons other than their entertainment factor. He values the high standard of ethics the law school upholds, and helps maintain that tradition in his own classroom.

“Baylor Lawyers are exceptional because, here, ethics still count in a world often lost in relativism. I am honored to have a part in that ongoing tradition.”

Judge ED KINKEADE (JD ’74)

Judge ED KINKEADE (JD ’74) BEGAN TEACHING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR IN 2008 AT BAYLOR LAW. He shared some highlights from teaching over the years as well as what inspires him to teach.

“The privilege of teaching with the great professors at Baylor Law and helping educate the high caliber students at Baylor makes me a better judge. The experience of teaching each new crop of students helps keep cynicism at bay. Several professors helped me when I was a student, and I owe the same gift to those coming into the profession.”

Judge Kinkeade, who serves on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, uses knowledge he’s learned in his own professional life to teach the next generation of Baylor Lawyers.

“By helping young people see possible dilemmas, I hopefully give them a head start on problem solving and facing the tough calls they will encounter as attorneys. I hope I can help them avoid the quicksand of practice.”

He continues to teach because of the impact that remains after students leave the doors of Baylor Law. He recognizes it is much more than the short time they spend in his classroom, but beyond the classroom that counts.

“I remember a student interrupting her chemo treatment, with the port still in her arm, to take my exam. I told her to wait and I would make another time available. With tears pouring down her face she said ‘I only have months to live and want to prove I can do this.’ In sharing my own challenges with students, some of them have told me that what I shared made them reflect on their future role in the profession.”

And each day his students remind him of the legacy he wants to leave.

“The notes and calls I receive from former students, sharing their stories of pulling lives out of ditches, makes me want to keep on working to be a better teacher. Selfless teachers all the way from 1st grade to an LLM have made my life better. I hope to make a small positive impact on each student I have the honor of teaching.”
LIKE PROFESSOR BRIDGET FUSELIER GIVE TIME OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM TO CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF SERVICE IN BAYLOR LAW STUDENTS. While most acts of service go unnoticed, in 2014 the American Bar Association recognized the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society (BPILS), under the direction of Professor Fuselier, for its outstanding public service to the community through Adoption Day.

For eight years, Professor Fuselier has led the initiative in pairing Baylor Law students with the local community adoption process. Her passion for adoption began as a practicing attorney volunteering to finalize adoptions in Beaumont, Texas, but it was two Baylor Law students, Brandon Kinard (JD ’09) and Josh Borderud (JD ’09), who approached Fuselier with the idea of an Adoption Day. Baylor Law joins with the nationwide effort to call attention to the 129,000 foster children awaiting adoption in the United States and to rejoice with all loving families that adopt.

“These children were dealt a pretty unfair hand in life. They did not ask to be born into these situations, but these foster and adoptive parents have shown such love and support for these children and have chosen to make them part of their forever family. Giving like that to children is the best thing someone can do for them. I always think about the children whose adoptions I’ve worked on and how that truly changed their lives. It’s a wonderful moment that I’m honored we can be a part of,” said Fuselier.

Last November, BPILS hosted the adoption of 25 children in McLennan County before the Hon. Gary Coley of the 74th State District Court at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center. Consistently for the past seven years, 40 to 50 Baylor Law students participate in gathering donations from local businesses in the community, creating gift baskets for the families, decorating, dressing in full costume, and hosting the event.

Professor Fuselier’s passion for serving the community overflows to the Baylor Law community, spurring students to follow in her footsteps.
Adoption Day
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The adoptions of 25 children were finalized during the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society's eighth annual Adoption Day. This year's theme, "Adoptable Me," was based on the children's movie "Despicable Me."
Joseph J. Marone (JD ’53) of Andover Township died May 30, 2014. Born in Lodi, he had been a resident of Andover Township since 1969. He was a graduate of Baylor Law School and was a real estate developer with All American Realty in Hackensack before his retirement. He was a World War II United States Navy veteran. He was a member of Newton Country Club, a member of the Texas Bar Association and a member and past Exalted Ruler of B.P.O.E. Lodge 2080 in Teaneck.

Dean Toben recalls his memories of Joe:

Joe and I began corresponding a dozen years ago. It started with Joe sending an e-mail thanking me for the alumni pocket calendar he received in the mail. That led to a not infrequent exchange of greetings and news. I never met Joe, though, until one morning in 2010. I was visiting with a large group folks in the classroom hallway of the law center. The hallway was quite crowded. Standing over to the side, about 20 feet away, was an elderly gentleman with a broad and remarkably kind smile, looking directly at me and quietly waiting to greet me.

Joe had not told me that he would be in Waco or on campus and it had been a few months since we corresponded. Somehow, however, it was one of those moments when I “just knew.” I said “Joe?” He responded heartily “Hi Brad!” We repaired to my office and had a wonderful time telling stories, laughing and enjoying the fruits of a friendship formed in cyberspace.

Joe, loved Baylor Law School, his experience here, and the opportunities it brought to him. He often noted his special fond memories and appreciation of Dean McSwain, Ed Horner and Judge McCall. Joe was a person who through his life felt markedly blessed. He was a truly grateful and selfless man and you could “feel” that in Joe. I remember we had a photo taken that day. I regret that I can’t locate it. Joe is representative of our Greatest Generation Baylor Lawyers and he so appreciated the place that his Baylor Law education had in his life.

Leonard Gorin (JD ‘37) 99, of Waco, passed away November 16, 2014. Leonard was one of the oldest living Baylor Lawyers. Some may remember that Leonard, even in his 80’s and early 90’s, was an avid runner and participated each year in the “Race to the Courthouse” from Morrison Constitution Hall to the McLennan County Courthouse. He was a classy gentleman, a proud Baylor Lawyer and member of the Greatest Generation, having served in the Intelligence Services during WWII. He earned a law degree (cum laude) from Baylor Law School in 1937. He served in the Counter Intelligence Corps from early 1942 to the end of 1945. Leonard was dedicated to the law, with justice for all, and was held in high esteem over his 50 years of practice. He also served as president of the McLennan County Bar Association. In 1966, he married Evelyn S. Larson.

Raymond H. Nordhausen (LLB ’49) of Amarillo died December 24, 2014. Ray was born to Herman and Irma Fitz Nordhausen. He graduated from Worthington Junior College in 1942. Upon completion of aviation cadet training, he joined the ranks of the Naval Reserve. He was assigned to duty at Kingsville Naval Air Station as a flight instructor. While there, he met and married Lois Clark. He was then transferred to a carrier-based Pacific fleet squadron in the East Coast. When the war ended, he was released from active duty. In 1948, he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS in law and in 1949 from Baylor Law School with a LLB. In 1952, he moved to Midland and worked for oil and gas exploration companies as a petroleum landman until his retirement in 1984.

Hon. Rachel Littlejohn-Diebel (JD ’50) was born June 14, 1922, in Wellingborough, England. She passed away December 24, 2014. While studying to become a doctor in 1938 at Cambridge University, World War II broke out. She was drafted and assigned to work for MI-5 in London by the British government. During the bombing of London, she met Lacy Littlejohn. They married in 1946 and moved to Waco where they both entered Baylor Law School. She was one of three women in law school and graduated cum laude in 1950. Rachel was elected to the bench for the 156th District Court in 1974 and served there until her retirement in 1994. The judiciary elected her to the Executive Committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas 1983 – 1986, and she became a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Subsequent to the death of Lacy in 1986, she married Edwin Diebel in 1999.

Frank Dean McCown (LLB ’51) died December 18, 2014. He was born to Frank Henchman and Martha Dean McCown in Whitney on December 15, 1927. He attended North Texas State University, served in active duty with the United States Army of Occupation in Japan, and then returned to Waco to graduate from Baylor Law School with honors in 1951. Shortly after completing law school, Frank married Joyce Gray, and the couple moved to Dalhart. While in Dalhart he was elected as county attorney and then as district attorney in the state. Frank was a pioneer in the Texas Republican Party and ran for state representative in 1968. Though he lost that race, he became an assistant United States attorney and chief of the Criminal Division for the Northern District of Texas. In 1972, President Nixon appointed him as the United States attorney. In 1983, he married Ruth Snellings.
John Michael Lee (JD ’54) was born in 1930 in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Baylor Law School in 1954, where he met and married Yvonne Robbins. For 19 years, they lived in Abilene, Texas, where he became a partner at McMahon, Surovik and Suttle. He moved his practice to Fort Worth, Texas, until he retired.

Jack Nolan Price (JD ’57) was born in Willow, Oklahoma, in 1934 and passed away December 1, 2014. Jack grew up in Nederland, Texas, and received his bachelor's degree from Lamar University in 1954. He earned his LLB from Baylor Law School in 1957, where he was a section editor of the Baylor Law Review. Jack served as an Assistant Attorney General from 1957 – 1962. Jack began his own legal practice in Austin in 1974 and retired in 1999. He chaired both the General Practice and the Antitrust and Trade Regulations sections of the State Bar. To show his support for education and the legal community, he established the Jack N. Price Endowed Scholarship at Baylor Law School. He served his country as a member of the Army and National Guard.

Thomas Glenn Collins (JD ’62) died October 10, 2014. He was born December 24, 1937, in Cameron, Texas. He received his BA from Baylor University and juris doctor degree from Baylor Law School. He served in the Texas Air National Guard. Glenn moved to Tyler in 1966 to practice law and was a shareholder in the law firm of Ramey & Flock. He was a member of the Smith County Bar Association and served as chairman of District 2-A Grievance Committee. He served as president of the East Texas Estate Planning Council, and was a member of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, and Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

William C. Wright (JD ’69) passed away October 26, 2014. He was born on February 18, 1944, in Commerce, Texas. Bill graduated from East Texas State University in 1966 and Baylor Law School in 1969. Bill began his legal career in Orange as an assistant district attorney in 1970. He was then appointed district attorney until 1977. He went into private practice for three years before he was elected district attorney of Orange County where he served until 1984. He and his family later moved to Tyler, where he was a noted criminal defense trial lawyer.

Walter Lyle Reed Jr. (JD ’70) passed away October 28, 2014 in Dallas. Walter was born September 2, 1939, in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Baylor University with a BBA in August 1961 and married Mable Joan Knapp in 1965. Walter served as a Lieutenant in the Navy from 1961 until 1968 as a Naval Navigator. He served during the Vietnam War and earned the National Defense and Vietnam Service Medal along with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. He graduated from Baylor Law School in November 1970. He was a lead attorney with the FDIC in Midland, San Antonio, and Dallas, Texas, until retirement. One of his last trips was to take a private tour of McLane Stadium.

Don A. Young (JD ’72) passed away in Dallas, Texas, on October 7, 2014. Don was born in Waco, Texas, on December 26, 1948, to George A. and Berma Dean (Harris) Young. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School in 1972. He married Kathryn Kelsey shortly after and they moved to Ennis, Texas. Don began his law career with Moore and McCarty then went on to open his own practice, the Young Law Office.

David Russell Watson (JD ’80) passed away January 6, 2015, in Conroe, Texas. He was born October 13, 1951, in Galveston to Irving Monroe Watson and Bettye Newton Watson. David received a law degree from Baylor Law School and a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He practiced law in Longview, Greenville, and Conroe. David anchored his life with the love of the Lord and his daughter Rachel.

Hon. Walter Lee Johnson (JD ’85) passed away in Ennis, Texas, on November 26, 2014. Lee was born in Mt. Pleasant on May 26, 1960, to Richard Lee and Margaret Ann Johnson, Jr. He attended Baylor University and received his bachelor’s degree in business and his juris doctor from Baylor Law School. In 1982 he married Lori Burleson, and they made their home in Waxahachie before moving to Ennis in 1987. He served as an Assistant Ellis County District Attorney, and was an attorney in the Young, Johnson and Hines Law Firm. He also served many years as Judge for the City of Ennis.

Allen Jack Washburn (JD ’90) passed away November 9, 2014, in Houston, Texas. Jack was born in Graham, to Jack Pete and Lola Washburn. He graduated from Midwestern State University and Baylor Law School. He practiced law in Houston with Murphrey and Washburn.

Johnny Marvin Green (JD ’97) passed away October 23, 2014. He was born to Katherine Calk Green and Clarence Marvin “Bubba” Green on December 3, 1954, in Bay City, Texas. John married Alma Sevilla on March 31, 1997. One of John’s proudest achievements was returning mid-career to complete his formal education at Baylor Law School.
Thanks to Nelson Roach (JD '84), Bill Gooding (JD '75), John Greer (JD '70), John Mercy (JD '82), Judge Alfonso (JD '90), and Melissa Charles (JD '91), East Texas Baylor Lawyers were able to connect at the Texarkana Area Baylor Lawyer Luncheon and the Longview Baylor Lawyer Reception.

Judges Jennifer Elrod, Thomas R. Phillips, and Mark Davidson, along with Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr and Deans Brad Tolen and Pattie Orr, presented and discussed the preservation of a collection of Judge R.E.B. Baylor’s historical legal documents.

Judge Baylor’s Historical Legal Papers  FEBRUARY 11
East Texas Baylor Law Alumni Events

JANUARY 22

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### TOTAL STUDENT BODY FALL 2014

- **383** TOTAL STUDENTS
- **58%** MEN
- **42%** WOMEN

### PROFILE OF ENTERING CLASS FALL 2014

- **83** ENTERING STUDENTS
- 75th/25th GPA - **3.71/3.38** (Median 3.55)
- 75th/25th LSAT - **163/158** (Median 160)