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Baylor Law School, established in 1857, was the first law school in Texas and one of the first west of the Mississippi River. Today, the school has more than 7,200 living alumni. It is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

The elevated personal and professional standards we expect of our students at Baylor Law are the same as those that have been upheld by thousands of Baylor Lawyers who have passed through the classrooms of legal giants like Judge Alexander, Judge McCall, and Professor Guinn. Encouraging academic excellence and pointed professionalism, while emphasizing a Christian commitment in service, is central to our mission. While experience and relationships evolve, the lessons learned by our alumni as students at Baylor Law remain timeless. The important characteristics of a lawyer who counsels, advises, and persuades clients, juries, and courts are passed again and again from teachers to students across the generations. The expected standards of integrity, service, and accountability are ingrained in every lesson taught.

In this issue, we celebrate our history and look at some of the changes that have occurred over the decades. We tell the story of change—and the rich history that accompanies progress. Along with a chronological timeline of some important events in the life of the Law School, we also take a look at the current curriculum and hallmarks of today’s Baylor Law education.
Also included is a Roll Call of the Law Alumni Association’s Lifetime and Sustaining Lifetime members and officers. Each year I have the privilege of meeting with Baylor Lawyers at alumni gatherings all around the state. I always return home feeling honored that I am a part of such an accomplished group with such a strong sense of camaraderie. The Baylor Law Alumni Association and our Baylor Lawyer Networks in Dallas, Houston, Austin, and Fort Worth provide many opportunities throughout the year for Baylor Lawyers to join together in friendship.

One of the best competitions in interscholastic competition circles is our own Top Gun National Invitational Mock Trial Competition. Details and the results of this year’s Top Gun also can be found in this issue of Docket Call. Our regular features—Student and Faculty Notes, Alumni Notes, and Out & Abouts are—as always—full of useful information about your school and your fellow Baylor Lawyers.

Finally, with public service being a high priority for all who call Baylor Law home, we hope you will be as excited as we are about Baylor Law receiving the 2015 American Bar Association Pro Bono Publico Award. Judge Starr graciously accepted the award on behalf of the Law School at a reception in Chicago.

With football season and classes in full swing, I invite you to come visit us. We’d love to visit with you and yours, share our picturesque view of the Brazos River and McLane Stadium, and learn more about your recent happenings. Our door is always open. I certainly hope this edition of Docket Call finds you in good health and spirits. We are ever grateful for the family we call Baylor Law.

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Then

Now

1845 - 2015

As 2015 marks Baylor Law School’s 166th anniversary, we pause to reflect on what it was, what it is, and what is to come. We celebrate the history and commemorate the accomplishments of those who led the way for future generations. We tell the story of change and commemorate a rich history.

A photograph or anecdote has the ability to depict the everyday lives of those who came before us. While classrooms, professors, and textbooks have evolved, the mission of Baylor Law School to uphold an unparalleled standard of academic excellence while remaining true to its Christian commitment prevails. May we never forget the legacy of our predecessors. And may we always be reminded that we are also leaving a legacy of our own for those who will follow in our footsteps.
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The School of Law is officially organized. Judge Royall T. Wheeler (Justice of the Texas Supreme Court) is appointed head of the Law School, which is comprised of 13 students who completed a two-year course—including moot court. The faculty consisted of four part-time professors: Judge Royall T. Wheeler, Judge R.E.B. Baylor, Captain W.P. Rogers, and John Sayles. “The law class was small and we were soon all acquainted and got down to hard work. I could say a great deal about that class; I formed some of the warmest attachments of my life.”- James Jeffries, one of the original 13 students

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Graduation of first class at Baylor Law School in Waco.

The law school relocates to Carroll Chapel and Library Building. This space allows for 10,000 books, three law classrooms, and two faculty offices.

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Leon Jaworski graduates at age 19 – the youngest law graduate in Texas history. He is later appointed Special Prosecutor for the United States of America. His investigation into the Watergate scandal reveals President Richard Nixon’s involvement and eventually results in his resignation from office.

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Law classes begin in the basement of Carroll Science Hall. Twenty-five students enroll in courses. Allen G. Flowers is appointed dean.

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1935

1938
Baylor Law becomes a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

1940
Abner E. Lipscomb serves as dean after McDonald’s death.

1941
Leslie Jackson replaces Lipscomb as dean after Lipscomb accepts a military appointment.

During Jackson’s deanship, law seniors reinstate the tradition of wearing a black coat and string bow tie on Fridays to give the law school more recognition among students on campus.

Professor Alexander wins nomination as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and gives Practice Court responsibilities to Judge Joseph W. Hale, a justice on the Waco Court of Civil Appeals.

Law School reopens with Margaret Harris Amsler as acting dean.

Baylor President Pat Neff requests Amsler to reopen the school on account of 50 students who want to go to law school using the G.I. Bill. Amsler recalled the students “who came just after the war were a joy to teach because they were all grown up. They were there to learn and there was a tremendous camaraderie among them.”

Leslie Jackson returns as dean (1946-1948).

Margaret Harris Amsler joins the faculty, the first woman in the State of Texas and third in the entire nation to hold a tenure-track position in the Association of American Law Schools.

1943-1946
World War II – Law School temporarily ceases operations.

1947
Baylor Law School moves to the “Law Annex” across from Carroll Library.

Judge Frank M. Wilson begins to share the duties of teaching Practice Court.

(He continues for the next 24 years.)

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1948
The first volume of Baylor Law Review is published.

Judge Abner V. McCall is appointed dean of the law school.

McCall served as dean for 11 years (interrupted by a brief stint as an associate judge of the Supreme Court of Texas).
McCall is appointed as the 10th president of Baylor University.

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New faculty members arrive including: Loy M. Simpkins (1965); David Guinn (1966), [who is currently the most senior faculty member]; R. Matt Dawson (1971); W. Frank Newton (1972), [who later became the dean at Texas Tech University School of Law]; Peeler Williams, Jr. (1972); and Susan Kendrick (1973), who served as a professional librarian for more than 30 years.

Charles W. Barrow, then Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, is appointed dean after McSwain returns to full-time teaching.

Dean Brad Toben recalls, “the Judge had a passionate love for Baylor Law School, and he took enormous pride in the quality of the program at Baylor and the impact of the Law School upon the profession and society through its graduates.”

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Leah Witcher Jackson Teague is named Associate Dean of the Law School in the same year.

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1998

Judge Ken Starr is inaugurated as President of Baylor University and joins the law school faculty as the Louis L. Morrison Chair of Constitutional Law. Judge Starr has argued 36 cases before the Supreme Court of the United States and served as Solicitor General of the United States from 1989-93.

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1999

Groundbreaking occurs for the $33 million Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center on the banks of the Brazos River.

The Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center opens. The 128,000 square foot building includes spacious classrooms, several courtrooms, faculty offices designed with student mentoring in mind, spacious common areas, and a tech-oriented law library.

2012
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Faculty and Staff
- 31 Full-Time Faculty
- 27 Full-Time Staff
- 51 Adjunct Professors

Quarter System
Unique to Baylor Law School and one of only a few schools in the nation to do so, courses at the law school operate on a quarter system. This provides students an opportunity to graduate in as few as 27 months and supports the expectation of rigor and practical training. It also offers flexibility for enhanced educational opportunities such as clerkships, externships or study abroad.

National Accolades
- Top 50 Best Law Schools in America (No. 22), Business Insider, 2015
- A/A+ for Best Law Schools for Practical Training, National Jurist, 2015
- Best Value Law School, PreLaw Magazine, 2014
- Best Value Among Private Law Schools, National Jurist, 2014

Baylor Law’s Pro Bono and Public Service Programs
- Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Immigration Clinic
- National Adoption Day
- Veterans’ Assistance Clinic
- The People’s Law School
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Pro Bono Awards

Baylor Law School has received five significant pro bono awards in the past few years:
- 2015 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award for demonstrating outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. This is the most prestigious pro bono award given by the ABA and the award has only been given to two other law schools since its inception in 1984.
- 2014 W. Frank Newton Award from the State Bar of Texas recognizing the pro bono contribution of attorney groups, including law school faculty, whose members have made an outstanding contribution in the provision of, or access to, legal services to the poor.
- 2014 ABA Public Interest Award awarded to Baylor Law School’s Public Interest Legal Society for its remarkable implementation of the annual Adoption Day program.
- 2012 Law Student Pro Bono Award from the Texas Access to Justice Commission awarded to Brittany Wray for the significant impact her pro bono work had on the community.
- 2010 Law School Commitment to Service Award from the Texas Access to Justice Commission for being the law school that has most distinguished itself by actively educating students about access to justice issues.

Solutions-Based Practical Training

Baylor Law School continues to be a national leader in practical training.

Practice Court: Under the direction of Professors Gerald Powell and Jim Wren, Practice Court continues to be an arduous, intense experience that not only prepares students to effectively represent clients in courtroom matters but also contributes to the broader, more general mission of preparing all students to be competent, responsible, and ethical lawyers. Even for Baylor Lawyers who do not intend to litigate, Practice Court teaches lawyering skills important to any type of practice, including thinking critically and pragmatically about complex situations and confidently advocating on behalf of a client.

Transactional Capstones: Baylor Law’s formidable transactional capstones provide students with opportunities to work with highly-specialized and accomplished professors on personalized, one-on-one experiences of the type routinely faced in specific areas of practice. Under the supervision of Professor Tom Featherston, students devise an estate plan and work through the steps of the administration of an estate. Professor Beth Miller supervises students as they plan and document the sale of a business. These capstones, among others, are designed to provide a learning experience equivalent to, and often times exceeding, that of real-life files.

Law School Alumni

Baylor alumni are disproportionately represented in the various levels of Texas judiciary, on both trial and appellate courts. Baylor Lawyers have also served as Governor of the State of Texas (2), as Governor of Guam, as Lt. Governor of Texas, and as Attorney General of Texas, as well as other statewide offices. Many Baylor Lawyers serve or have served on the federal bench, in the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives. Baylor Lawyers have served in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has twice been led by a Baylor Lawyer. Baylor Lawyers have also served as the United States Ambassador to both El Salvador and Mexico and as the United States Ambassador—Chief of Protocol.

Two presidents of the American Bar Association have been Baylor Lawyers — the late Morris Harrell and distinguished Watergate Special Prosecutor, the late Leon Jaworski. Two Baylor Lawyers have served as the national president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a total of 10 Baylor Lawyers have served as president of the State Bar of Texas, and one has served as president of the New Mexico Bar Association. Six Baylor Lawyers have led the Texas Trial Lawyers Association in the past 12 years: George Chandler in 2003, John Eddie Williams in 2004, Nelson Roach in 2009, George “Tex” Quesada in 2010, Steve Harrison in 2012, and Bryan Blevins in 2015.
**Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews**

Each summer, select Baylor Law students and students from law schools across the country study abroad at the Academy of the Advocate at St Andrews. The Academy is renowned by the National Jurist as an unparalleled program that provides students the opportunity to hone skills in practical training for trial and appellate advocacy.

“The Academy of the Advocate is a unique opportunity for law students to attend class at the 600-year-old University of St Andrews, where they are inspired by prominent lawyers, professors, and judges, all experts in trial and appellate advocacy. Students find time to explore 13th Century history in the picturesque town of St Andrews and attend class at the 600-year-old University of St Andrews, where they are inspired by experts in trial and appellate advocacy.

**Professional Development Program**

Baylor Law recently implemented a new professional development requirement for its students. Legal education is being criticized regarding the inadequacy of graduates to effectively practice law following graduation from law school. While Baylor has long emphasized its practical preparation of attorneys, Baylor Law School has recently taken action to do more to educate our graduates about the economics and day-to-day practicalities of legal practice. Baylor Law students are now required to attend a total of 18 seminar hours of professional development programming spread throughout the three years of law school. The goal is to produce professionals who are truly practice ready and are prepared to succeed.

**Areas of Concentration**

- Administration Practice
- Business Litigation
- Business Transactions
- Criminal Practice
- Estate Planning
- General Civil Litigation
- Healthcare
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate And Natural Resources

**Joint Degree Programs**

- JD/MBA
- JD/MBA – Healthcare Administration
- JD/MTax
- JD/MPPA
- JD/MDiv

**Bar Passage Rate**

Texas has nine ABA accredited law schools and, since 2001, Baylor Law has been #1 on 18 of 26 bar exams administered.

**Exterionships**

Law students are encouraged to participate in externship programs with the goal of bridging the gap between academic studies and practical office training in a professional setting. Course credit is offered in the following field placement opportunities: judicial, prosecutorial, legal services, administrative services, and individually created programs.

**Student Organizations**

- ACLU
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Law Students Association
- Baylor Environmental and Natural Resource Law Society
- Baylor Law Entrepreneurship Society
- Baylor Law Outdoors Club
- Baylor Law School Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Christian Legal Society
- Delta Theta Phi
- Diversity in Law
- Entertainment Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society
- International Justice Mission
- IP Society
- Law Familia and Diversity in Law
- Law Auxiliary
- Military Law Society
- Moot Court Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Public Interest Legal Society
- Student Bar Association
- Texas Aggie Bar Association
- Women’s Legal Society
Baylor Law School was honored with the 2015 American Bar Association (ABA) *Pro Bono Publico* Award, making it only the third law school in the nation to be honored with the award since the inception of the award in 1984. Baylor University President and Chancellor Ken Starr accepted the award on behalf of the Law School during the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago on August 1.

Each year, the ABA Standing Committee on *Pro Bono* and Public Service presents five awards to individual lawyers and institutions in the legal profession that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to volunteer legal services for the poor and disadvantaged. Since 2010, Baylor Law School students have devoted more than 3,600 recorded hours to *pro bono* efforts.

“We believe it is our duty as professionals to assist our neighbors in their time of need. With so many of our fellow Americans unable to afford legal services, we believe it is a key part of our mission at Baylor Law School to educate students about the importance of *pro bono* work,” said Dean Brad Toben. “We hope that in serving citizens in need, we will ignite a fire in the hearts of Baylor Law students that will grow as they go forward in their legal careers.”

Baylor Law School has devoted meaningful resources to create opportunities for students to assist with the delivery of quality *pro bono* legal services to those who are in need but cannot afford them. Since the Law School began tracking efforts through clinics and programs, approximately 380 people have been or are being represented in legal matters or cases and approximately 125 clients have received legal advice.

“From the beginning of their education, we help students understand and embrace becoming servant leaders,” Toben said. “This theme, which starts at first-year orientation, continues through graduation. We have endeavored to create innovative partnerships among local lawyers, legal services providers, and law students to accomplish our goal of serving as many in our community as possible.”

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Sixth Annual TOP GUN Competition

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“We thank our devoted Baylor Lawyers and friends who took time away from their chambers, their offices, their families—and a weekend, for many—to serve as judges, jurors, and witnesses,” said Dean Brad T oben. “To have esteemed federal judges, state district judges, and alumni preside at each of the 35 trials that unfolded during the competition put us on a level of credibility that is simply unparalleled in legal education’s interscholastic circles.”

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American University, Washington College of Law
Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law
 Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
New York University School of Law
Samford University, Cumberland School of Law
Stetson University College of Law
Temple University, Beasley School of Law
University of California, Berkeley School of Law
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
Washington University School of Law
Yale Law School

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Flying Dawson’s Flag

IN HONOR OF MATT “MAD DOG” DAWSON AND IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, Dawson’s military flag, which was presented to his son Mark Dawson during the McLennan County Bar Memorial service March 8, was flown over the Law School on July 4th.

State Bar Reception

JUDGE KEN STARR, DEAN BRAD TOBEN, DEAN LEAH JACKSON TEAGUE, FACULTY, AND FELLOW BAYLOR LAWYERS enjoyed fellowship at the State Bar alumni reception June 18. At this reception, Dean Toben announced the 2015 Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year, Matthew Matheny (JD ’04).
Cahal McColgan Wins Spring 2015 ‘Mad Dog’ Mock Trial Competition


A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FINAL ROUND JUDGES: PRESIDING JUDGE: Hon. Lee Harris (JD ’93), State District Judge of the 66th District Court (Hill Country); SCORING JUDGES: Henry Wright (JD ’09) of Tekell & Atkins, Jon Ker of Jon R. Ker PC, Amelia Beck (JD ’83), Clerk for the Hon. Judge Manke of the U.S. District Court (Waco Division).

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

Baylor Law School’s Justice-in-Residence, Jan Patterson, frequently administers the oath of the State Bar of Texas to our recent graduates. Justice Patterson recently swore in Landon Young and Patrick Hopkins on the Sheila and Walter Umphrey pedestrian bridge behind Baylor Law School. She also swore in Jessi Freud in front of the Judge Baylor statue on the quadrangle immediately following Jessi’s commencement ceremony. Justice Patterson has administered the oath to nearly 95 Baylor Lawyers!

Baylor Law Students at the State Capitol

Baylor Law students (from left to right) Ryan Luna, Lena Proft, Lauren Becker, Nathan Opara, John Nasta, CJ Roell, Justus Lindsey, and Joseph McLaughlin, along with recent graduate Jennifer Stanley (second from the right), pose with Justice John Devine (center) of the Supreme Court of Texas during a recent trip to Austin. The students joined President and Chancellor Ken Starr and Vice President for Constituent Engagement Tommie Lou Davis of Baylor University for “Baylor Day at the Texas Capitol,” where they met Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Senator Kirk Watson, Senator Larry Taylor, Senator Brian Birdwell, Representative “Doc” Anderson, Texas Supreme Court Justices Don Willett and John Devine, and Waco Mayor Malcolm Duncan. Stephen Rispoli, Baylor Law School’s director of student relations and pro bono programs, organized the trip.

PROFILE OF THE SUMMER 2015 ENTERING CLASS

(MEDIAN SAT/GPA)...........................................159/3.34
25% SAT/GPA..............................................156/3.08
75% SAT/GPA..............................................161/3.51

GENDER: FEMALES 11

MALES 8

ETHNICITY:

ANGLO OR CAUCASIAN 13

MINORITIES (3.58%) 6

HISPANIC/LATINO 2

BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN 1

ASIAN 3

PROFILE OF THE SUMMER 2015 ENTERING CLASS

RESIDENCY

1 OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS

18 IN-STATE RESIDENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL

During new student orientation, each entering class is given the opportunity to help the local community through an organized public service project. The Summer 2015 entering class organized clothes and household items for Cantas, a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing urgent support to people in need, and spent time at the Waco Humane Society caring for numerous furry residents, all looking for good homes.
Naval Officer Completing Rigorous JD/MBA Joint Degree Program

Prior to enrolling at Baylor Law School, Mark Altman served as a Student Naval Aviator in the U.S. Navy. Commissioned out of undergraduate studies, he later blew an eardrum in the line of service, which led him to work in a Judge Advocate General (JAG) office for nine months. It was during this assignment that Altman realized his calling is to become a JAG officer.

Originally from the Houston area, Altman looked forward to returning to Texas for law school with a focus in litigation. He chose Baylor Law School because of its excellent reputation for preparing students for a law career in litigation and later decided to enroll in the JD/MBA joint degree program.

“Every class I’ve taken at Baylor Law School has been outstanding. Practice Court is one of those programs that’s about ‘learning to drink from a fire hose.’ For me, it presented fascinating material in a fast-paced manner while expecting the utmost professionalism and perfection at all times. I think it’s taken me from someone who is a decent public speaker to one who better understands litigation and loves the courtroom,” says Altman.

Altman, along with T.J Jones (JD ’15), was a quarterfinalist at the 2015 National Trial Competition. In 2014, Altman and Jacqueline Hamer (JD ’14), who is now his fiancée, won the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) Moot Court Competition. Altman was happy to represent Baylor Law in the competition again this summer.

During his final year and a half at Baylor Law, Altman serves as coordinator for the Veterans Clinic, a Baylor Law pro bono program that has provided legal assistance to more than 200 veterans. Cases are referred to local attorneys and taken in-house giving the student pro bono litigation team the opportunity to research and apply their skills. The pro bono transactional team writes wills and documents, which are reviewed by Prof. Tom Featherston to verify the soundness of the students’ work.

“In the military we have an ethos that says ‘leave no man behind,’ and we take that seriously. The Veterans Clinic’s motto is ‘serving those who’ve served.’ Right now veterans are faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles—such as PTSD and the rising numbers of veterans who are homeless. We are just happy to be able to do our part,” says Altman.

Altman will graduate from Baylor Law School in Spring 2016. This past summer, he took the July bar exam and began MBA classes. In his first tour as a JAG officer, Altman expects his position will focus upon criminal work, legal aid work, and operational law. After the first tour, Altman plans to focus further upon military justice but is excited to meet the needs of the Navy, whatever they might be.
1970’s


Hon. Leonard Davis (JD ’76), retired Chief Justice of the Eastern District of Texas, joined the national firm of Fish & Richardson in Dallas, Texas.

1980’s

Rebecca Simmons (JD ’80) was elected as the State Bar of Texas Director for District 10. Simmons is associate general counsel for Acetivity in San Antonio, Texas.

Jane Ferguson (JD ’81) of Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP, was selected as a “2015 Best Lawyer in Dallas” by D Magazine in the franchise law category.

John W. Proctor (JD ’83) of Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Proctor, Hart and Howell in Fort Worth, Texas, was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Bruce A. Smith (JD ’86) of Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC, in Longview, Texas, was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Mark Krudys (JD ’85) opened The Krudys Law Firm in Richmond, Virginia. Krudys has served as a Judge Advocate, U.S. Marine, SEC Enforcement Attorney, federal prosecutor, and adjunct law professor. Krudys has a diverse trial practice that includes financial litigation, civil rights, catastrophic personal injury, and SEC and white-collar criminal defense. He has regularly been selected to Super Lawyers and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Craig B. Florence (JD ’87) was named in the 2015 Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. Florence is a partner at Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, and received the Chamber USA recognition for his work in general commercial litigation.

Shara Frost (JD ’87) joined Tucker Ellis, LLP, in Houston, Texas, as a partner in the firm’s Mass Tort & Product Liability Practice Group.

Susan G. Morrison (JD ’83) recently received the Outstanding Achievement Award for 2015 from the Travis County Women Lawyers Association and Foundation. The TCWLA Foundation raises money to fund annual grants for direct legal services to needy women and families.

Kris Algert (JD ’88), a partner with Ausley, Algert, Robertson & Flores in Austin, Texas, recently received the J. Chrys Dougherty Award from Volunteer Legal Services.

Tori Smith Levine (JD ’88), partner in Wilson Elser’s Dallas, Texas, office, passed the California bar exam, which had a 39.5% passage rate, in February 2015. Levine is also licensed in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Linda W. Gibson (JD ’89) received the Susanne C. Adams Award for 2015. The Texas Association of Mediators gives the Adams Award annually to persons who have performed exceptional and outstanding efforts in promoting or furthering the use of mediation in Texas.

1990’s

Eric Beal (JD ’90), of the Beal Law Firm, has been selected as a member of the 2015 edition of Nation’s Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

Roy DeFriend (JD ’90) and the Limestone County District Attorney’s office were awarded a prestigious Director’s Award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at TP&W Austin Headquarters. The District Attorney’s Office was one of only two recipients of the Director’s Award given to prosecutors’ offices for the year.

Kyle Deaver (JD ’93) was re-elected to the Waco City Council for District 5.

Hon. Jeanne Greenwood Parker (JD ’93) was elected to County Court at Law No. 1 in Bell County, Texas, and began serving Jan. 2, 2015.

Andy Payne (JD ’94), of PayneMitchell Law Group, was selected as a “2015 Best Lawyer in Dallas” by D Magazine for the plaintiff personal injury category.

2000’s

Craig Stone (JD ’03), senior counsel at Phillips 66, has been named a “2015 Corporate IP Star” by Managing Intellectual Property. The Phillips 66 legal brand team was also named “2015 North America Team of the Year” by World Trademark Review. Other finalists in the category included Apple, Mastercard, Kate Spade, and World Wrestling Entertainment.

Leslie L. Hunt (JD ’04), a shareholder at Decker Jones, PC, has been appointed to serve on the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth Board of Trustees.

Amanda Taylor (JD ’04), of Martens, Todd, Leonard & Taylor, was elected to the Austin Bar Association’s Board of Directors.
JessicaPalvino (JD ‘05), of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, LLP, was elected to the Austin Young Lawyers Association’s Board of Directors.

Heather Kanny (JD ’08) became a partner with Fraley & Fraley, LLP, in Dallas, Texas.

Baili Rhodes (JD ’08), of West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, PC, in College Station, Texas, was elected vice president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

Jennie Knapp (JD ’09) became a shareholder of the Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo, Texas.

Alex Bell (JD ’09), of Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was elected as the Texas Young Lawyers Association Director for District 5, Place 3.

Josh Borderud (JD ’09), an associate of the Waco, Texas, firm of Pakis, Gotes, Page & Burleson, PC, was named the 2015 Outstanding Young Lawyer of McLennan County by the McLennan County Young Lawyers Association.

Katie Fillmore (JD ’09), of Bowan and Brooke’s Austin, Texas, office was named president-elect of the Austin Young Lawyers Association.

Eric Policastro (JD ’09) joined the Texas trial law firm of Deans & Lyons, LLP, in Dallas, Texas.

Alan J. Robertson (JD ’09) was named partner at Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry in Longview, Texas.

Aaron Burke (JD ’10), of Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, was elected as the Texas Young Lawyers Association Director for District 5, Place 1.

Trisha Dixon (JD ’10), of Gray & Becker, PC, in Austin, Texas, completed mediation training. Dixon is an experienced family law litigator and family law mediator.

Anne Idsal (JD ’10) was selected by Commissioner George P. Bush to serve as chief clerk of the Texas General Land Office (GLO). In her new role, Idsal will serve as the chief executive officer for the GLO and will manage daily activities of the agency.

Chris Kirker (JD ’10) was named partner at Zinda & Davis in Austin, Texas.

Curtis Lucas (JD ’10), of Waco, Texas, was elected as the Texas Young Lawyers Association Director for District 9.

Dillon Meek (JD ’10) was elected to the Waco City Council for District 4.

Carson Runge (JD ’10) was named partner at Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry in Longview, Texas.

Jason Weber (JD ’10), an associate in the Dallas, Texas, office of Thompson Coe Cousins & Irons, was named “Litigator of the Week” by Texas Lawyer on April 17, 2015.

Robert Wharton (JD ’11) was named partner of Brown, Wharton, & Brothers in Houston, Texas.

Joel Towner (JD ’12), of Beck Redden, LLP, in Houston, Texas, was elected as the Texas Young Lawyers Association Director for District 6, Place 3.

Andy Jones (JD ’13) was selected as “One to Watch” in May 2015 by the Dallas Association of Young Realtors. Andy practices at Sawicki Law in Dallas, Texas.

Morgan A. McPheeuters (JD ’14) joined Kelly, Durham & Pittard, LLP, as an associate attorney. McPheeuters is licensed in both Texas and New Mexico.

John Quinn (JD ’14) received the highest score on the Arizona Bar Exam in Feb. 2015. Quinn will practice at the Law Offices of Broening, Oberg, Woods, and Wilson in Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you to the Baylor Lawyers who hosted and underwrote the following Baylor Lawyer Network events.

**Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network**
- Reception – May 19
  - Hosted by David Farris (JD ’65) and John Lively, Jr. (JD’02), of Lively and Associates, LLP.

**Houston Baylor Lawyer Network**
- Reception – June 4
  - Hosted by Gail Stewart (JD ’83), John Porter (JD ’86), Susan Thomas (JD ’88), and Jeff Watters (JD ’08) of Baker Botts.

**Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network**
- Reception – July 9
  - Hosted by William B. Finkelstein (JD ’74), Alison R. Ashmore (JD ’07), J. Matthew Sikes (JD ’09), and Elizabeth Thompson Voss (JD ’10) of Dykema Cox Smith’s Dallas Office.

**Austin Baylor Lawyer Network**
- Reception – July 21
  - Hosted by Chris Elliott (JD ’90), Preston Randall (JD ’90), Susan Burton (JD ’87), and Lauren Damen (JD ’11) of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody.

**Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network**
- Reception – Aug. 20
  - Hosted by Geffrey Anderson (JD ’93), Jon Harrison (JD ’05), and Andrea Palmer (JD ’13) of Anderson & Riddle, LLP.

If you would like to host a Baylor Law alumni event, please contact Berkley Knas at berkley_knas@baylor.edu.
School Counsellor found the transition to student athlete welfare, “said Counsellor.
regarding athletics, and especially in regard to best practices plus’ to ensure Baylor was, befitting a Christian institution, engaged in ‘best practices plus’ during which he essentially became the chair a presidential task force on athletics—both the Big 12 and NCAA level. “With respect to compliance matters, I think of it this way: if compliance is the watchman, I am the person who watches the watchman,” said Counsellor. “I also—along with other governance groups—propose, consider, and vote on legislation at both the Big 12 and NCAA level.”
Baylor Law Professor Mike Rogers previously assumed this role for 13 years, during which he essentially became the “dean” of faculty athletics representatives. “Judge Starr asked Prof. Rogers to chair a presidential task force on athletics to ensure Baylor was, befitting a Christian institution, engaged in ‘best practices plus’ regarding athletics, and especially in regard to student athlete welfare,” said Counsellor.
With Rogers’ guidance and the close proximity of their offices at the Law School, Counsellor found the transition to be relatively smooth. The role has given him some memorable experiences, including the opportunity to serve as Baylor’s voting representative at the NCAA convention when the “Five High Visibility” conferences approved legislation that, in part, would allow student athletes to be provided with financial aid up to the full cost of attendance. “Baylor’s position on these matters was the result of the input of many different people, including Judge Starr and Athletic Director Ian McCaw, but I was able to cast Baylor’s votes,” said Counsellor.
Counsellor is an active member of the Law School faculty, teaching Civil Procedure, a flagship course in a student’s first quarter experience, and assisting with Baylor Law’s acclaimed Practice Court Program.

In addition, Counsellor also plays an integral role as the director of the Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Baylor Law School’s study abroad program, by recruiting students and faculty, helping design the curriculum, monitoring the budget, and teaching.
When he’s not wearing his representative, teacher, director, or committee member hats, Counsellor is co-writing books. Texas Commercial Causes of Action, written by Counsellor and fellow faculty member Jim Wren, sets out to explain the elements of hundreds of claims and cases. Their second book—The Texas Trial Manual—will be out later this year and will serve as a comprehensive guide for preparing and presenting a case at trial.
Although he holds many positions, his favorite titles are that of husband to wife Jennifer; dad to three children—Jack, Brett and Kate; and a self-proclaimed TV drama connoisseur. “Television is the only thing I’m a snob about,” said Counsellor.

FACULTY PROFILE

JEREMY COUNSELLER (JD ’00)

BAYLOR LAW FACULTY MEMBERS—LIKE JEREMY COUNSELLER (JD ’00)—CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL IN POSITIVE WAYS THROUGH AN ARRAY OF HIGH-PROFILE POSITIONS. Professor Counsellor transitioned into the position of Big 12 Faculty Athletics Representative in May 2014, which calls upon him to serve in a vital role for Baylor Athletics.
Thomas M. Featherston, Jr.
The Mills Cox Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS
- “His, Her or Their Property: A Primer on Marital Property Law in the Community Property States” at the ABA’s Skills Training for Estate Planners Course, New York City, New York (July 13, 2015)
- “Understanding the Transfer Tax and Its Impact on Estate Planning” at the ABA’s Skills Training for Estate Planners Course, Dallas, Texas (June 10, 2015)
- “To Disclaim or Not?” at the State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, Dallas, Texas (June 10, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Senior Editor, Probate & Property, published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of American Bar Association
- Member, Publications and CLE Committees of the ABA’s Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
- Member, Legislative Review Committee, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS
- “Fiduciary Duties in LLCs and Partnerships in Texas and Delaware,” Choice and Acquisition of Entities in Texas, State Bar of Texas (May 22, 2015)
- “Shareholder and LLC Member Oppression,” Choice and Acquisition of Entities in Texas, State Bar of Texas (May 22, 2015)
- “How to Choose What Entity or Acquisition Structure to Use,” Choice and Acquisition of Entities in Texas, State Bar of Texas (May 22, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- 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

Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
- Coordinated and participated as moderator in Environmental Law program related to hydraulic fracturing and local ordinances, Baylor Law School (March 31, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Liaison, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas with the Section of the Environment, Energy and Resources of the American Bar Association
- Contributing Editor, General Practice Digest, State Bar of Texas, Environmental Law
- Chair, Law School Committee of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

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

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
- “Copyright Developments: Current Issues and Case Law Update” at the 27th Annual Technology Law Conference, Austin, Texas (May 22 – 23, 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Member of the ABA’s Standing Committee on Public Education and Screening Committee for the Silver Gavel Awards
- Member of the Board of Directors of Lone Star Legal Aid
- Member, Sections of Business Law, Intellectual Property Law (IPL) and Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Editor, The AIPLA Antitrust News, a publication produced three times a year by the AIPLA Antitrust Committee
- Baylor representative to LSAC since 1983

Bradley J.B. Toben
Dean

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

James Underwood
Professor of Law

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
- Contributor, General Practice Digest (Torts)
DALE WILLIAMS (JD ’78) AND LAURA BROWN (JD ’92), PARTNERS AT WILLIAMS & BROWN, LLP IN WACO, BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENTS. To that end, they serve as adjunct professors at Baylor Law School, teaching students the importance of helping others through the Personal Injury Trial Law class.

Williams started the class in 1980, two years after graduating from Baylor Law, when Dean Emeritus Angus McSwain and Professor Matt Dawson asked him how well the courses he took in law school prepared him to handle personal injury cases. After a conversation about what was missing, Williams was asked to come back at the tender age of 27 to teach a course that would fulfill those needs. He has now been teaching at the Law School for 35 years.

“We like to communicate our passion for personal injury law to our students,” said Williams. “We especially enjoy visiting with our students and learning that our teaching has sparked an interest in this area of the law that did not exist before they took the course.”

One of their goals is to continue to get students excited about this area of law and educate them about the need for it. “I love the opportunity to show students this part of the law,” said Brown. “I hope that learning about real people and real cases causes the students to stop and think about why personal injury law is important and why we need to protect the individual right to a jury trial in the civil justice system.”

Williams and Brown hope that while students continue to be successful in their desired fields, they take a couple of key life lessons with them as well.

“They will leave and dive into their careers working long hours,” said Brown. “I hope they learn to value and protect time with family and friends, time for faith, time to be healthy, and time for giving back through activities or organizations that matter to them.”

Williams offered a similar piece of advice. “I believe students need to understand that the law is a profession of service to the community and not just a job or a way to make a living,” he said. “I believe that Baylor Law School does a great job of instilling the idea of service in its graduates.”
Gordon “Doc” Arnold (JD ’74) was born September 8, 1949, in Richmond, Virginia, to the late Marjorie Ball Arnold Sitek and Gordon Dawkins Arnold, and passed away May 23, 2015. He earned a bachelor of arts in political science from Baylor University and was awarded a juris doctor from Baylor Law School in 1974.

Doc began his career in public service as an attorney for the Terrell Independent School District and then served as city attorney for Terrell, Texas. Doc was elected as the area’s State Representative, an office he held from 1982 to 1984. Upon retirement from the House, he served as chief of staff to Speaker Gib Lewis and later found tremendous success in private law practice.

Doc was a father, an avid outdoorsman, and a historian. He coached Little League Baseball and served on several boards including the Booster Club at Anderson High School and the Board of Trustees at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

Edward “Wayne” Dickey (JD ’78) passed away May 7, 2015. He was born on October 25, 1947, to Mary Stanford Dickey and Loyd T. Dickey. He graduated from University High School, Sam Houston State University, and Baylor Law School. Edward fought a long battle with Parkinson’s disease.

Howard Cecil Lee, Jr. (JD ’64) passed away May 14, 2015, after a six-year battle with multiple myeloma. He was born September 3, 1939, in Houston, Texas, to Howard Lee, Sr., and Molly Lee. Howard graduated from Houston Lamar High School in 1957 and Baylor University in 1964 with both a bachelor of laws and juris doctor degree. While at Baylor, Howard lettered as a pitcher for the Baylor baseball team and met his wife of 46 years, Patty Cobb Lee.

Howard practiced law in Houston at the firm of Carl, Lee & Coselli from 1964 until 2015. In 2014, the State Bar of Texas honored him for 50 years of service in the legal profession. He was an active member of South Main Baptist Church and served for 20 years on the Board of Trustees at Houston Baptist University, most recently as its vice chairman. He was a 20-year member of the board of AD Players, serving as chairman for several years, and was also a long time contributor to Union Baptist Association and Trinity Pines Conference Center.

Donald Ray Miller (JD ’51) of Waco, Texas, died April 20, 2015. Donald was born July 31, 1929, in Waco—where he lived his entire life—to the late Mary and Freddie Miller. He entered Baylor Law School after two years of undergraduate work and graduated in 1951, at the age of 21. After graduation, he married Lona Beth Ware, with whom he shared 48 years and three children.

Donald worked as a law clerk in the McLennan County Clerk’s office before becoming the in-house real estate attorney for Pioneer Savings & Loan Association. In 1986, he retired from Pioneer Savings & Loan and began a private real estate law practice. Donald retired for good in 2012.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Waco and served from 1948 to 1967 in the Texas National Guard, when he was honorably discharged as a captain. Donald was an active member of the Waco Junior Chamber of Commerce and served as president of the Downtown Waco Kiwanis Club. He served more than 15 years on the Board of Directors for the original Central Texas Zoo. He loved serving the youth of our community through the Waco Pee-Wee Football League and Lake Air Little League Baseball. He never missed his grandchildren’s sporting and school events and truly loved attending and watching Baylor sports.

Dexter M. Patterson (JD ’69) passed away May 12, 2015 in Abilene, Texas, following a lengthy illness. He practiced law for 37 years in Jefferson and Montgomery Counties and was a proud graduate of Baylor Law School. During his career, he served on the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee, was a Special Prosecutor for Orange County, and an Assistant Criminal D.A. in Jefferson County. He spent the majority of his career as a sole practitioner, Board Certified by the State of Texas, in The Woodlands and Beaumont. Dexter loved the law and the art of “lawyering.”

John Roberson (JD ’70) passed away April 5, 2015. He was born February 4, 1946, in Waco, Texas, to Oddie and Margaret Roberson. He graduated from Reicher High School, Baylor University, and Baylor Law School. He joined the United States Air Force and served in Vietnam as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer. John worked at Alamo Title for 30 years, taught as an adjunct professor at SAC, and later worked at Presidio Title until his death. He loved history (especially military) and music (played piano and organ). John was a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in St. Hedwig.

Allen Weed (LLB ’67) passed away April 15, 2015, in Dallas, Texas. He was born in Alice to Wesley and Marguerite Ray Weed on March 25, 1938. He was married to Karen for 50 years. He loved his family, the law, and Baylor University. He had a brilliant mind, a sly sense of humor, and a laugh that could shake a room.
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