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THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME WHEN WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE WITH HOPE. AS WE GET OLDER, IT’S EASY FOR THAT HOPE TO BECOME A BIT JADED BY CIRCUMSTANCES FROM TIME TO TIME. BUT ON THAT SCORE, I’M VERY BLESSED. IT’S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE ANYTHING LESS THAN UPBEAT WHEN EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS IN FRESH CLASSES OF BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS LOOKING TOWARD A LIMITLESS FUTURE.

The new year also is a time to reflect upon the past. As the oldest law school west of the Mississippi, Baylor Law has a quite a deep, rich past to plumb.

In this issue of Docket Call, we look back to an extraordinary time in Baylor Law’s history. In 1943, Baylor Law School closed its doors for the duration of World War II. The closure was necessitated by the increasingly fewer number of students enrolling as more and more young men were drafted or enlisted to fight in the war. When the Law School reopened in 1946, enrollment exploded and faculty was tasked with educating not boys fresh out of undergrad, but men who had been forced to grow up quickly during war time.

For this issue of Docket Call, we tell the stories of four Baylor Lawyers whose service during World War II mirrors life at Baylor Law School before and after the war. There’s James W. Wray Jr. (JD ’47), who left the Law School in 1943 to join the U.S. Navy and finished his degree four years later; Judge James F. Clawson Jr. (JD ’48), who was a U.S. Army Air Forces pilot and instructor, and part of the first class of students seated when the Law School reopened; Hornor Shelton (LLB ’49), who was a Baylor University undergrad before joining the U.S. Marines and
enrolling in Baylor Law in 1947; and finally, Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson (LLB ’38), who six years out of Law School joined the Navy and came back to Baylor Law in 1971 as director of the Practice Court program.

Military veterans always have and continue to find a home at Baylor Law School, and their service to this country is greatly appreciated by all. We by no means fail to take note of our veterans from other wars as we focus on those who fought in WWII. We have focused on WWII as a reminder that the living links between today and those dark, momentous times of the mid-20th century, the “Greatest Generation,” are quietly passing.

Among those of that “Greatest Generation” who have passed is the late Dean Angus S. McSwain Jr. WWII disrupted his undergraduate education in 1943, when he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was stationed in Europe. He eventually made his way to Baylor Law School, earning his degree in 1949. He remained at Baylor Law in the capacity of a professor or dean for 59 years. Recently, a few members of the Class of 1972, including Professor Thomas M. Featherston Jr., spearheaded a drive to commission a bronze bust of Dean McSwain. In this issue of Docket Call you can read about the Class of 1972’s admiration of Dean McSwain and see photos of the wonderful sculpture.

Also in this issue, we catch up with Baylor Law’s Veterans’ Assistance Clinic, now in its second year of helping area military veterans deal with legal problems. Professor Bridget Fuselier, students, and volunteer area attorneys staff the clinic. We also profile Lt. Col. Wade Faulkner (JD ’01), who teaches a military justice class at the Law School.

Once again, I thank Baylor Law School’s veterans for their service to our country. I also thank Baylor Law faculty, staff, and students who work to help military veterans throughout Central Texas and beyond.
Throughout its 156-year history, Baylor Law School has been closed by war twice. The first time came during the Civil War. The second time occurred during the conflagration that engulfed most of the world — World War II — just 23 years after the Law School once again began offering classes on a regular basis in 1920.

With students and professors going off to fight in Europe, North Africa and the Pacific, and the flow of future students ebbing as undergraduates also went to war, Baylor Law School quietly suspended operations from 1943 to 1946. The closure was inevitable. A look at the 1941 Baylor University yearbook, the Round Up, pictured 60 law students in 1941. By 1943, the number of law students pictured had dropped to a mere 18.

When the Law School re-opened in the fall of 1946, about 100 students enrolled. Some were students whose law school careers had been halted midway by the war, while others were undergraduates who used their GI Bills to continue their educations. Thanks to the GI Bill, as well as a former policy that allowed students to enroll in the Law School with only 90 undergraduate credit hours, the number of enrolled Baylor Law School students grew to 402 by the fall of 1949. That tide of World War II veterans attending Baylor Law School would continue until the about mid-1950s.

Baylor Law School honors all of the military veterans who have and continue to pass through its doors. The service these men and women provided to the nation, from the Korean War to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, epitomizes Baylor Law School’s mission of producing lawyers who serve the greater community.

While Baylor Law School values all of its veterans, for two reasons this story focuses on the men who fought during WWII. The first is the impact these veterans had in shaping the Baylor Law School we know today. The characters of some of the Law School’s most influential past deans and professors were forged during World War II. The second reason is time. As each year goes by, more and more of the living links between today and those dark years of one of the most terrible wars in history are passing from this vale. Here are the stories of four Baylor Lawyers and WWII veterans who are still with us.
A look at James Wray’s “mid-law” photo in the 1943 Round Up shows a cherubic-faced 21-year-old man with a wide smile and even wider glasses. In about 1940, he had enlisted in the U.S. Navy’s V-7 officers’ program that allowed young men to attend college while on inactive duty. Wray, a native of Waco, went on active duty on Sept. 1, 1943. He would not return to Baylor Law School until 1946.

In the 1944 edition of the Round Up, which saluted Baylor Bears past and present who were serving in the military, Wray — captioned Jimmy Wray, Ensign — is pictured wearing his Navy uniform. The glasses are gone and the happy grin has been replaced by a thoughtful look.

During his time in the service, Wray arrived on the beaches of Normandy just days after the initial D-Day invasion. Wray recalled what it was like to go back to Baylor Law School after three years of war.

“When I graduated in the spring of 1947, there were about 10 or 11 of us that got our degrees, but most of them were fellows that had been in the service,” said Wray, 92. “And most of them had been people who had left law school, lacking just a few hours of getting a law degree. They might have missed a class that was required, or been called into the service before they had finished their third year.”

The 25-year-old Wray graduated first in his small class and then went on to teach at Baylor Law School for a year. In an oral history conducted for the Texas Bar Foundation in 2005 to honor Wray’s Outstanding Fifty-Year Lawyer Award, Wray recounted how he ended up as an instructor at Baylor Law.

“When they started Baylor Law School after it had been shut down during the war, they didn’t have very many teachers left,” Wray said in the oral history. “But in the fall of 1947 — I had graduated the previous May — they were looking at an entering class of 150-plus people, larger than the school had been prior to the war. And they had to have someone to teach those freshmen.”

In 1948, Wray left Baylor Law School to open his own law office in Corpus Christi, where he stayed for the rest of his career. Wray, who had never even visited Corpus Christi, said he chose to move to the Gulf Coast town because it was booming thanks to the oil business.

“I was a wealthy man when I came (to Corpus Christi),” Wray said in the oral history. “I had saved in War Bonds about $2,000 while I was in the service and so I had that nest egg.”

Wray is now retired from practice and is living in Houston.
In 1942, Hornor Shelton was just like any other undergrad on the Baylor University campus. He spent his time studying, going to chapel, and hanging out at Baylor Drug on the corner of Fifth Street and Speight Avenue. Shelton, who came from nearby Bellmead, planned to go to law school, but he already knew that would have to wait.

Shelton had enlisted with the U.S. Marines under an agreement that allowed him to complete a few years of college before being summoned to active duty. In the summer of 1944, Shelton reported for boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., and later was promoted to a Marine officer.

One of Shelton’s most chilling memories was exploring Nagasaki in 1945 in the aftermath of the second atomic bomb explosion.

“All the houses and buildings had been destroyed except for a chimney in the distance and the site of twisted steel from Mitsubishi Iron Works that was alongside what had been a railroad station,” Shelton, 89, said.

After the war, Shelton returned to Waco and began attending Baylor Law in 1947. He earned his law degree in 1949 before returning to active duty as a member of the Marine Reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1955. Shelton worked in Waco throughout his law career and still lives in Waco.
When Baylor Law School re-opened in fall 1946, 23-year-old James Clawson was a member of the first-year class.

Clawson, who was born and raised in Flat, Texas, spent the duration of the war stateside as a U.S. Army Air Forces pilot and instructor.

"It seasoned and exercised your thinking. I had to do everything on my own," Clawson, 90, said. "I couldn't call a meeting and get a bunch of other decisions and inputs. In a hot aircraft like (the B-26 Martin Marauder) you had to create dangerous situations in order to teach them to handle emergencies."

As a former instructor, Clawson remembers being aware of how the Law School adjusted from teaching students fresh out of college to men hardened by military life and war.

"It felt like a rapid transition from teaching young students to teaching adult students," he said. "The men that came back from World War II were experienced; many of them had been in command of other troops."

It was a grown-up bunch of guys. Of course, they weren't teaching children anymore. That was the way it seemed. The faculty responded greatly."

Among Clawson's instructors at Baylor Law School was Judge Abner V. McCall, who would be named dean in 1948 and president of Baylor University in 1961. After not passing his military physical, McCall served his country during the war by working in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Clawson practiced law for six years before he was recalled to an airbase in England for the Korean War. In the Korean War, Clawson was able to put his legal education to work. In 1953, he was decommissioned from the Air Force and returned to Texas to practice law. In 1967, Clawson became the judge of Bell County and in 1969 he was appointed to the 169th District Court. Today he lives in Temple and is a senior district judge who works in multiple counties.
Matt Dawson was no fresh-faced kid when he joined the military during World War II. In 1944, when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in San Diego, Dawson had been out of law school for six years, was the Gregg County judge, and was married with two children.

At 28, Dawson was comparatively older than most of the recruits around him, so he was made a company commander. In an oral history conducted in 2010 for the Baylor University Institute for Oral History, Dawson, a native of Waco, recalled that during basic training he was assigned lifeguard duties and would spend hours hauling struggling fellow "boots" out of a training pool. After basic training, Dawson was assigned hospital duties, where he helped to care for men who were wounded in battle or injured in training exercises.

"A bad assignment that I had at times that was really pitiful were those boys who had broken their necks and backs — quadriplegics," Dawson said. "And they would cry and their mothers would come. They knew they were going to die because there was no healing of that at that time like there is today. They knew full well they didn’t have long."

Toward the end of the war, Dawson was assigned to the Marine Corps to interview and help transition men who had been fighting for years as they were released from service and sent home.

“They entered the war as youngsters, because that’s what most of them were, you know,” Dawson said. “Eighteen, 19-year-old boys right out of high school or in high school, and growing up in three or four years of their life in the military in a war. Their lives were not normal.”

In 1946, Dawson received an early discharge and was back home in Texas by Christmas. After 25 years of private practice, Dawson returned to Baylor Law School in 1971, where he became director of the school’s acclaimed Practice Court program. He remained at the Law School until 1983 — earning the nickname “Mad Dog” along the way — when he resumed his law practice.

Now retired, the 97-year-old Dawson lives in Waco.

Matt Dawson (LLB ’38)
One of the most beloved educators in Baylor Law School history is the late Dean Angus S. McSwain Jr. Like many young men of his era, World War II interrupted his college studies. In 1943, he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was discharged in 1946 as a first lieutenant. After earning a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M in 1947, he moved on to Baylor Law School, where he earned his JD in 1949. He remained at Baylor Law in the capacity of a professor or dean for 59 years. Dean McSwain, who passed away in 2011 at the age of 88, was known by his Baylor Law students and colleagues for his keen mind and kind spirit. As this excerpt from the eulogy Baylor Law Professor Gerald Powell delivered at Dean McSwain’s memorial service shows, those traits served the young soldier well:

"Imagine with me Germany in May of 1945. The war has just ended. A young American lieutenant, not yet 23 years old, rides with a small group of his men in their jeep out into the German countryside. They go to see a modern marvel — the autobahn. They stop by the side of the road. And there on that great highway, as far as the eye can see in both directions, is a long column of German soldiers, four abreast, worn and tattered field-gray uniforms, marching east to west. Probably heading to a prisoner of war camp near Munich. They still have their weapons. The young lieutenant has an uneasy feeling about it. There are no other Americans in sight, and there are thousands and thousands of armed Germans. I suspect that when some of the lieutenant’s men look at that long gray column, they see in them the cause of much of the world’s misery, the death of millions, the killers of so many GIs.

And then a German staff car pulls up and stops. The Americans don’t know what to expect. An officer gets out and he is accompanied by several enlisted men. The officer is wearing his pistol. The young American lieutenant points at the pistol. The officer pulls it out of his holster and hands it over. The American lieutenant takes the pistol, and then goes over to his jeep, reaches into the back and picks up boxes of rations. He gives them to the Germans. They collapse to the ground, devouring the food. They hadn’t eaten in days. They didn’t realize it at the time, but those beaten and weary, downhearted German soldiers had just been touched by Lt. Angus Stewart McSwain Jr., a good disciple.

I don’t know this for sure, but I believe with all of my heart that something else happened later. Somewhere in Germany, sometime in the last 10 years, an aged veteran of the German Army sat with his grandchild on his lap and told him of that day long ago when life seemed to him so bleak and hopeless, when a young American showed him kindness and mercy.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best: ‘to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.’
A NEW BRONZE BUST HONORS THE LATE DEAN ANGUS S. McSWAIN JR.

Remembering ‘The Dean’
For almost three years, a brilliant and gentle spirit has been missing from Baylor Law School.

On May 29, 2011, former Dean Angus S. McSwain Jr. passed away unexpectedly while driving to church. His memory has lived on at the school he dearly loved, and now there is a tangible presence of “The Dean.” In October 2013, Baylor Law dedicated a new bronze bust of Dean McSwain. It sits next to the bronze bust of another Baylor Law School giant, Judge Abner V. McCall, who also served as dean of the Law School and president of Baylor University.

“We wanted current and future students to visit the faculty floor and be greeted by the dean and the judge. They are truly Baylor Law School icons who understood the importance of our approach to legal education,” said Thomas M. Featherston Jr., the Mills Cox Chair of Law.

The idea for a bust honoring Dean McSwain came from Professor Featherston. He had admired the bronze of Judge McCall and thought something similar could be created for Dean McSwain. He contacted Pat Shaw, one of his classmates from the class of 1972, to gauge interest in the project. Shaw immediately agreed to get involved with the fundraising aspect of the project, which also would act to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the class of 1972.

The bust also serves as a reminder that the generation of young men who descended on Baylor Law School after fighting in World War II, some of whom like Dean McSwain returned to the school to teach, is increasingly fading away.

“When Angus died, I thought the Law School needed to do something to recognize him,” Professor Featherston said. “The idea for the bronze was triggered by the one-year anniversary of his death. We raised the money in just a couple of months. Pat Shaw and John Mosley were a tremendous help, as were Arnie Cavazos, Hal Laine, and Lou Sandbote. It was truly a grassroots effort.”

Shaw led the fundraising for the fall 1972 graduating class. He sent out solicitation letters to his classmates and was pleased, but not surprised, by the response to the project.

“No one wanted to be left out because everyone loved Dean McSwain,” he said. “He was larger than life to us. He ran the school but still had time to see students and was always approachable. He had a sweet, gentle nature, but he also had to be tough to be in the position of dean. There aren’t many professors like him. We didn’t fear him, but we did respect him and wanted to do well in his class.”

Baylor Lawyer Andy McSwain (JD ‘84), Dean McSwain’s son, knows the high esteem in which his father is held.

“I am so very lucky. In many settings, including professional ones, I deal with people who knew my Dad, and almost uniformly they give me a warm welcome because of their warm feelings about him,” Andy McSwain said. “I often hear stories of a kindness or a common-sense approach to a life problem or issue that dealt with the Law School, very often about admission to school, or staying in school despite some obstacle. He did not relax his standards, but he was willing to accommodate. It is nice to hear, ‘Your Daddy let me into the Law School,’ all the while knowing he would not have done it if he did not think the person and situation truly deserved that result.”

The sculpture was created and cast by Bruce Greene of Clifton, who also sculpted the statue of Baylor University’s Immortal Ten. The artist viewed numerous photos of Dean McSwain and visited Baylor Law School to meet with the late dean’s colleagues in order to understand the man he had been tasked to sculpt. The result is a bronze that depicts Dean McSwain holding his reading glasses in his hand, a habit he had when talking or teaching.

“I think (the bust) really does capture him, in a lot of ways. The sculptor did a terrific job, particularly since he was only working from photos,” Andy McSwain said. “I think if he were alive, Dad would have tried to deflect (this honor) to someone else he felt to be more deserving. But, he would be very honored, and I think he would have thought it was very well done.”

After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II, Dean McSwain enrolled in Baylor Law School, earning his JD in 1949. He was first in his class. He later earned an LLM from the University of Michigan Law School. He served as a professor at Baylor Law from 1949-1965, when he became dean. Dean McSwain would lead Baylor Law School for the next 19 years. He returned to full-time teaching in 1984 and was named the Gov. Bill and Vara Faye Daniel Chair of Property Law in 1985. In 1990, he was designated a master teacher, the highest honor granted to Baylor University faculty members. Although he officially “retired” in 1994, Dean McSwain continued to teach until 2008 — a total of 59 years.
With the exception of a few movies and a television show here and there, the military justice system can be something of a mystery for the average person and law student. But a new course at Baylor Law School is introducing students to the reality of criminal justice within the U.S. military and what an officer in the Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps can reasonably expect in his or her career.

Taught by Lt. Col. Wade Faulkner (JD ’01), the military justice course was first offered during the Winter 2013 quarter. Faulkner taught the students the basics of the system — what happens from the date of the incident to evidence issues to the court martial hearing.

“We were expecting 10-12 students, but 22 students enrolled in that first course. They seemed genuinely interested, and we were very pleased,” Faulkner said. “The system is really not significantly different, but there is a misunderstanding that it’s very different. We tried to present a broad overview and discuss the little intricacies.”

THE MILITARY JUSTICE COURSE IS BEING OFFERED DURING THE SPRING 2014 QUARTER.

In the U.S. Army, each brigade of approximately 4,000 soldiers is assigned two judge advocates who do not perform civil work. There is a legal assistance office on post that provides advice in areas such as landlord-tenant matters, drafting wills, and credit problems.

“The legal assistance office will give advice but not represent soldiers,” Faulkner said. “There also are attorneys who deal with claims against the military, with labor law, and environmental issues.”

Most judge advocates deal with routine criminal matters, such as DWI arrests and domestic violence. One major difference between civilian and military law is that jurisdiction applies to the person, not the place. Therefore, any military member on active duty, no matter where an incident occurred, is subject to the military justice system. There are other differences with regard to jury selection and formalities,
but the rules of evidence are almost identical to federal rules of evidence. Sentencing also takes place immediately after findings, and, with very few exceptions, there are no mandatory minimums. Sentences usually fall within four areas — monetary, loss of rank, confinement, and discharge from the service.

“Judge advocates can serve as defense attorneys, although a defendant can hire a civilian counsel, and the JAG will assist if the civilian counsel is not familiar with the military justice system,” Faulkner said. “It (the JAG Corps) really is a legal branch where a lawyer can get in the courtroom.

“We want well-rounded attorneys in the JAG Corps who don’t mind getting thrown into the fire,” Faulkner added. “It’s not unusual to have an advocate with little experience defending a soldier at a court-martial. That is why Baylor Law students are a good fit. They are always right at the top of our applicants, and we know their advocacy skills will be exceptional.”

As a result, Faulkner approached Baylor Law’s Practice Court program director, Professor Gerald Powell, about the possibility of starting a military justice course.

“We thought a military justice course was a good idea,” said Professor Powell, the Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence. “Many of our grads have gone into JAG, and have done very well. You have seen Baylor Lawyers in JAG involved in many high-profile terrorism cases. The military is a great place to get trial experience, and get it quickly. A military justice course is beneficial to interested students when they meet with JAG recruiters.”

Faulkner himself served as the brigade judge advocate for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley in Kansas, where he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also was assigned to the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service as the senior defense counsel at Fort Carson in Colorado. While there, he represented an accused facing trial at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Recently, Faulkner also served as the chief of military justice for III Corps and Fort Hood, where he supervised the prosecution of all courts-martial. He is currently assigned as a military judge at Fort Hood, where he presides over courts-martial at Fort Hood, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Polk in Louisiana, and Fort Sill in Oklahoma.
Cole Combs served as a platoon sergeant in the Army in Iraq before coming to Baylor Law School as a student. Upon hearing about Baylor Law’s Veterans’ Assistance Clinic, a free legal aid clinic held once a month for local veterans in McLennan County, Combs found yet another way to serve his country and his community.

Combs, now a 2L, felt compelled to show up one day to volunteer at the clinic and now assists with wills, power of attorneys, landlord relations, and other civil matters.

“Generally, law students get paired with practicing attorneys. It helps both out because the attorneys have the practical experience, but often the law students have a fresher memory of aspects of the law, which are outside the regular practice of the attorneys,” Combs said.

Since fall 2012, when Baylor Law Professor Bridget Fuselier launched the Veterans’ Assistance Clinic, the project has found a home at the Veterans One-Stop Center in Waco. Operated by veterans and community volunteers, the Veterans One-Stop Center provides numerous services such as workforce and employment assistance, mental-health counseling, health-care referrals to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, information on education, and more.

Professor Fuselier said having a “home base” has made it easier for area veterans to access the clinic’s services. With attendance steadily rising, veterans now can make appointments beforehand so they don’t have to wait.
The clinic was originally funded in the summer of 2012 by a $22,000 grant from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation. In the winter of 2012, the Texas Bar Foundation provided a $10,000 grant. In July, the Texas Access to Justice Foundation renewed its original grant.

“The bar foundation money was to get a new program started, so that was only for our first year,” Professor Fuselier said. “This year, we just have the Texas Access to Justice Foundation grant, so we’re exploring to see what other opportunities are out there, because that’s all we have for right now.”

Professor Fuselier hopes the Veterans’ Assistance Clinic will grow into a true, clinical program where the students can register for course credit, as well as have enough money to pay a staff attorney who can help supervise the students in some in-house cases.

“The veterans clinic is a great opportunity to incorporate law students and let them see what it’s really like to visit with a client, see how the problems get presented, and at the same time we’re helping people who could really use our help,” Professor Fuselier said.

U.S. Air Force veteran Mark Beadle contacted Baylor Law School for an appointment as soon as he heard about the Veterans’ Assistance Clinic. With a 24-hour court date deadline, the clinic went into action quickly to help Beadle with a lawsuit that had been filed against him.

“They were so nice. I can’t tell you how proud I am of them. They bent over backwards to serve me,” Beadle said. “They bent over backwards to serve me. From my perspective, I wouldn’t change a thing. The first night I met them, I worked with them for three to four hours, and I can’t give more praise. I’m just so grateful.”

That kind of real-world experience is very beneficial to students, Combs said, but he added that it could be hard for his non-veteran Law School peers to believe the overwhelming legal issues some former service members bring to the clinic.

“Honestly, it is kind of sad a lot of the time. A person doesn’t usually go to a free legal clinic unless life has gone pretty wrong at some point. I guess the real upside is being able to help put the pieces back together for someone who can’t,” Combs said.

Many of the veterans’ issues stem from not anticipating what could go wrong in the first place. As a veteran himself, Combs appreciates the importance of free and accessible legal advice for veterans who have served the country.

“Legal advice is a service that most people will need at some point, but if you’ve been in the military for a long time, you get to take it for granted because you can ask your officers questions,” he said. “When you get out and can just show up at a legal clinic where no one is asking for cash at that minute and get some help, I think that’s nice.

“The clinic fills a needed role in veteran services.”
L. Lloyd MacDonald became the inaugural recipient of the Midland County Bar Association’s Judge John G. Hyde Memorial Award on Sept. 20, 2013. MacDonald was given the award in recognition of his integrity, work ethic, love of the law, courtroom etiquette, courtesy to other attorneys, fairness, public service, and commitment to community service — all attributes of the character and lifestyle of the award’s namesake.

Former U.S. District Judge T. John Ward of Longview has been inducted into the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL), one of the world’s most respected legal organizations. Judge Ward was inducted during the organization’s mid-year meeting in Chicago. He has practiced in the firm of Ward & Smith in Longview.

James T. “Jim” Odiorne has been appointed chief deputy insurance commissioner for the Washington state Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Debora B. Alsup, a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, was named a “Future Stars – Texas” by Benchmark Litigation 2014. This is the second consecutive year Alsup has received this honor. Benchmark Litigation’s rankings are the result of extensive interviews with litigators and their clients, and review of casework to identify the leading litigators and firms.

Keith Branyon of Jackson Walker’s Fort Worth office was selected by Fort Worth, Texas magazine as one of its 2013 Fort Worth “Top Attorneys” in the field of probate, estates, and trust.

Curtis Fenley III was presented with the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce’s annual Silver Spike Award. The award is given to 10-year Leadership Lufkin graduates for community service and leadership.

John Meredith was named SpringSpirit Baseball’s first executive director and general counsel. SpringSpirit Baseball, founded in 2010, is a Houston-based nonprofit creating a community facility and programs benefiting underserved Spring Branch youth.

Harry Laxton Jr. has opened his law office in Kingwood. Laxton has litigated in courts in several states, including Texas, California, New York, Virginia, and Delaware. He has been a member of the emerging technologies committee and patent litigation committee of the American Intellectual Property Legal Association, and has guest lectured at the University of Texas at Arlington, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Brazoria County Bar Association. He has been published in the American Bar Association’s Trial Practice Journal and the IP & Technology Law Journal.

Celeste R. Yeager has joined the Dallas office of Littler Mendelson, P.C. as a shareholder. Yeager previously was a partner with Gardere and vice chair of its hospitality industry team.

Ivan A. Andarza was appointed on Oct. 15, 2013 by Gov. Rick Perry to serve on the Texas State Technical College Board of Regents.

Christopher R. D’Amico has joined the business services group as a partner in the Orlando-based firm of Roetzel. His practice focuses on representing companies and business owners in all types of business and tax matters, including mergers and acquisitions, and reorganizations.

Lee Auvenshine has been appointed first assistant county and district attorney for Ellis County. Auvenshine has been employed with the Ellis County and District Attorney’s Office since 2005.

Michael W. Carruth has joined the Sacramento, Calif., office of Klinedinst PC. Carruth’s practice will focus on business litigation, general liability, complex litigation, construction, and professional liability.

R. Heath Cheek of Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP has been selected by the Dallas Business Journal for inclusion on its annual “40 Under 40” list for 2013. This distinction highlights executives and entrepreneurs 39 years of age and younger who, per the nomination criteria, “have a proven track record in both business and community involvement.”
2007 Tiffany Roach Martin, an associate in the Albuquerque office of Modrall Sperling, has been selected as a member of Albuquerque’s 2013 class of “40 Under Forty.” Martin and the other honorees were selected from a pool of more than 400 nominations of successful, talented, and caring young professionals.

2009 Jeff Fisher has joined Dechert LLP as an associate in the intellectual property group, with a focus on patent litigation. He came to Dechert from Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, where he was likewise working as a patent litigation associate. Fisher will be in Dechert’s New York City office until next summer, and then will transfer to Silicon Valley.

2013 Catherine W. Clemons has joined Thompson & Knight LLP as an associate in the firm’s trial practice group.

Hailey Fox received the Steve Dillard Practice Court Award given by Fulbright & Jaworski partner Steve Dillard to the PC student who is the top student in both PC I and PC II, including advocacy exercises. The prize comes with a $1,000 cash award and a handcrafted, leather-bound facsimile of a procedure book written by the first Baylor PC professor, John Sayles, in 1858.

David “Lindy” Nesbitt has been hired as an associate at Colucci & Gallaher P.C. Nesbitt clerked with the law firm while in law school and will focus his work in business counseling and health law.

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS 2013 BY THOMSON REUTERS:

Otway Denny Jr. (JD ’73), Norton Rose Fulbright
Stephen Dillard (JD ’71)
Top 100 Houston, Norton Rose Fulbright
William Greendyke (JD ’79)
Norton Rose Fulbright
Robert Greeson (JD ’04)
Norton Rose Fulbright
David Iler (JD ’85)
Norton Rose Fulbright
David Kent (JD ’78)
Sedgwick LLP
Celeste Lawton (JD ’01)
Norton Rose Fulbright
Hunter Lewis (JD ’10)
Kinser & Bates, L.L.P.
Don Martinson (JD ’73)
Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin, P.C.
Keith Nelson (JD ’83)
Texas’ Top 100, McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing
Joseph Sleeth (JD ’75)
Norton Rose Fulbright
John Weber Jr. (JD ’73)
Norton Rose Fulbright

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYER HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2014:

Celeste R. Yeager (JD ’96)
Littler Mendelson, P.C.

If you have been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2014 or Texas Super Lawyers 2013, please email Janet_Perez@baylor.edu.
Baylor Wins Emory Civil Rights Competition
The team of Faith Johnson and Kelsey Warren won first place at the Emory University School of Law Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition in October. Warren also won the award for Best Oralist. The team of Brittny Symons and Scott Nyitray also competed.

National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Eve Kan and Chris Mahfouz competed at the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition at Pepperdine University in November. Mahfouz won Third Best Speaker after the preliminary rounds.

National Civil Trial Competition
The team of Charlie Ginn, Brandon Neely, Mari Bryn Snyder, and Sydney Tuggle competed at the National Civil Trial Competition in Los Angeles in November. The team finished fifth overall. Ginn was honored as Outstanding Advocate in the preliminary rounds.

TOC Results
The Tournament of Champions team of Amanda Maxwell, Jen Pfanzelt, Colin Powell, and Anderson Sessions competed in October at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. They were 3-1 and narrowly missed advancing to the semifinal round.

Dawson & Sodd Fall 2013 Moot Court Competition
Ashley Webb and Jared Elk won the Dawson & Sodd Fall 2013 Moot Court Competition. The other finalists in the competition were Taylor Nichols and Courtney Lewis. Ashley Baker won top speaker. The Dawson & Sodd P.C. law firm of Corsicana sponsors the fall competition.

Stetson National Pretrial Competition Results
The team of Jacqueline Hamer, Lindsey Lehmann, Doug Monkhouse, and Stephen Dwyer advanced to the semfinals of the Stetson National Pretrial Competition in October.

Mack Kidd Competition Results
Luda Chuba and Neyma Figueroa advanced to the finals of the Mack Kidd Administrative and Public Law Moot Court Competition in October. In addition, Aimee Raimer tied for Best Speaker after the five preliminary rounds. The other three speakers rounding out the Top Five Speaker list were all from Baylor Law: Claire Neill, Chuba, and Figueroa. The team of Raimer and Tim Roehrs also received the award for Runner-Up Best Brief.

IT and Privacy Law Competition Results
The team of Wills Collier and Megan Walker advanced to the octofinals of the Information Technology and Privacy Law Competition in October.

New Baylor Law Review members
The Baylor Law Review congratulates the following students on their selection for membership based on their participation in the write-on competition: Stephen Crowder, Marc Hanna, Kenton Harris, Lauren Jaynes, Eve Kan, Paul Serafy, and Katie Wolters.

Spring 2014 Moot Court Teams
The following students will represent Baylor Law at spring 2014 moot court competitions:

ABA: Marc Hanna, Faith Johnson, Kelsey Warren; Jess Dees, Jared Elk, Claire Neill
Adoption Law: Courtney Lewis, Taylor Nichols, Qin Yu, Grace Stafford
Andrews Kurth: Stephen Harmel, Faith Johnson, Kelsey Warren
Duberstein/Elliott Cup Bankruptcy: Becca Skupin, Jennifer DeVlugt, Doug Monkhouse, Scott Nyitray, Brittny Symons
FBA: Jessi Freud, T.J. Jones, Joe Craven, William Ytterberg
HNBA: Neyma Figueroa, Ana Sanchez
Immigration: Neha Paymaster, Maria de la Torre, Kayla Chandler, INTA: Cody Hill, Jason Sorenson
National Religious Freedom: Andrew Figliuzzi, Timothy Roehrs
National Security Law: Connor Buchanan, Sarah Bosold
PACE Environmental Law: Alex Moore, Jeremy Walter, Jackie Wheeler
Sutherland Cup: Jack Hales, Kathryn Henrix

SBA Election Results
Executive President - Matthew Myers
Executive VP - Tanner Franklin
Executive Treasurer - Sammi Jo Blue
Executive Secretary - Jeremy Romoser
Executive Parliamentarian - Will Dunne
3L Class President - Tracy Shahan
3L Class VP - Nkemjika Okafor
3L Secretary - Brad Coplen
2L President - Steven Crowder
2L VP - Tim Roehrs
2L Secretary - T.J. Jones
1L President - Jessica Schwartz
1L VP - Travis Underwood
1L Secretary - Gabby Shayeb

Intramural Football Champs
Congratulations to Jort Reform for winning the intramural football league championship.
BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL’S FALL 2013 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY took place Nov. 9 at First Baptist Church of Waco. Congratulations Baylor Lawyers!

Graduation Day
Thomas M. Featherston Jr.
Professor and The Mills Cox Chair of Law

PUBLICATIONS
• “West’s Texas Practice Guide—Probate,” 2013 Edition (Substantial revision in view of effective date of new Texas Estates Code, 1-1-14), Three Volumes (co-authored)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
• Articles Editor, “Trusts & Estates, Probate & Property,” published six times a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association.
• Member, Planning and Publications Committees of the ABA’s Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
• Member, Advisory Commission — Estate Planning and Probate, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
• Member, Legislative Review Committee, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Laura Hernández
Associate Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
• “The Constitutional Limits of Supply and Demand — Why a Successful Guest Worker Program Must Include a Path to Citizenship,” 10 Stan. J. Civil Rights & Civil Liberties (2014)

Elizabeth Miller
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
• “Texas Methods of Practice,” Texas Practice Series (Vol. 13), West (2013) (co-author)

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, Oct. 17-18, 2013
• “Current Issues in Use of (and Litigation Involving) LLCs,” Dallas Bar Association, Sept. 6, 2013

Gerald R. Powell
Professor and The Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence

PUBLICATIONS
• Appeared as witness before House Business and Industry Committee and Senate Business and Commerce Committee, 83rd Legislature Regular Session

HONORS
• Recipient of the 2013 Martin I. Lubaroff Award presented by the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association at the 2013 LLC Institute in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 17, 2013

Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
• Appeared as witness before House Business and Industry Committee and Senate Business and Commerce Committee, 83rd Legislature Regular Session

HONORS
• Recipient of the 2013 Martin I. Lubaroff Award presented by the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association at the 2013 LLC Institute in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 17, 2013
John Pannill Camp (LLB '50), 87, passed away on Sept. 14, 2013, after a brief illness. Camp was born Oct. 13, 1925, in Fort Worth. He volunteered for the Navy in 1942 at age 17 and served as a gunner in PBYS and Avengers in World War II. After the war he graduated from Baylor University and attended Baylor Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in September 1950, and practiced law in Abilene and Fort Worth until his death. Camp was invited to be a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International College of Trial Lawyers. He received the Fort Worth Bar’s prestigious Blackstone Award, and was a member of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. Camp also received the Liberty Bell Award. Camp was a frequent lecturer at State Bar Continuing Legal Education events. When not practicing law, Camp was a member of various civic and social organizations.

Timothy John FitzGerald (JD ’01), age 45 and a resident of Grand Prairie, was born on June 22, 1968 in Huntington, W.Va., and passed away on Sept. 28, 2013 in Grand Prairie. FitzGerald was a graduate of Marshall University with an MS in health-care administration and a BBA in finance and business law. He then attended Baylor Law School and received his Juris Doctorate. FitzGerald was employed as a health-care attorney and vice president for Baylor Health Care Systems, and was a member of the Texas Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, and American Health Lawyers Association.

Mason Jeremy Lee (JD ’08), 31, passed away on Sept. 26, 2013. Lee was born on Dec. 10, 1981. His family emigrated from Seoul, South Korea when Lee was 13. He grew up in the Cypress area of Houston. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a BS in architecture in 2004. Lee then attended Baylor Law School and received his Juris Doctorate. He earned U.S. citizenship while attending Baylor Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2008. He was employed as an associate attorney at the Law Office of Thomas J. Henry in Corpus Christi from 2009 to 2010. He served as a prosecutor with the Nueces County District Attorney’s Office from 2010 to 2012. In August 2012, he opened his own firm in Houston, the Law Office of Mason J. Lee, PLLC. He was a member of the Houston Bar Association, the Harris County Criminal Lawyer’s Association, the Asian American Bar Association, the Korean American Society of Houston, and a board member of the Korean American Association of Houston.

Eugene W. McCracken (JD ’61), 76, passed away Oct. 4, 2013, in Graham. McCracken was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Graham. McCracken received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Baylor University in 1959, and a Juris Doctorate in 1961 from Baylor Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1961. He was a lifetime member of NRA, TSRA, past president of Rotary Club, past Master of Young County Masonic Lodge No. 485 and Scottish Rite. McCracken was one of the founders of Little League Football of Graham. He was an all-state guard at Graham High School and a walk-on at Baylor University. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Graham, a member of the Graham All-Century Football Team, on the board of trustees at Graham General Hospital from 1971 to 1974, the chairman of the board of directors at Graham Savings and Loan, a 50-plus member of Grand Lodge of Texas, and a member and director of the media group at First Baptist Church.

Robin Douglas Orr (JD ’76), 61, passed away on Sept. 1, 2013 in Lubbock at the Lubbock Heart Hospital as a result of complications following bypass surgery. Orr was born Aug. 30, 1952. Orr graduated from Plano Sr. High in 1970, and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1976. He then moved to Bay City to practice law from 1976 to 2000. Orr served as the assistant district attorney for the 118th Judicial District Court, including Howard, Martin, and Glasscock counties, for more than 13 years. Orr greatly enjoyed hunting and traveling to wonderful places, often including family and friends on his grand adventures. He could often be found with his nose in a book because he loved to learn and actively pursue knowledge. Among his other interests, he enjoyed Baylor football, movies, and listening to music.

John Edwin Westbrook (JD ’78), born April 25, 1951, passed away on Sept. 7, 2013. He was 62 years old. Westbrook grew up in Midland, where he was actively involved in Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout Badge by the age of 15. Upon graduating high school, Westbrook attended Texas Tech University, but graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1976. Two years later, in 1978, Westbrook earned his Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law School. Westbrook’s law tenure began with the Cherokee County District Attorney’s Office. He moved on to Dallas County for a short time, and then began a prestigious career in Midland County, serving as the first assistant district attorney. After leaving Midland County, he served in the Coryell County and Ellis County district attorneys offices. In 2008, Westbrook came to Navarro County, serving as an assistant district attorney. After retiring from the county in 2010, Westbrook continued a private law practice in Corsicana. Westbrook was a current member of the Blue Knights, and he also participated in the Patriot Guard.
PROFESSOR DAVID GUINN WAS HONORED AS THE 2013 BAYLOR LAWYER OF THE YEAR WITH A LUNCHEON, AND A "SKEET SHOOT & BAR-B-QUE."
Before there was the Sheila & Walter Umphrey Law Center, before there was Morrison Constitution Hall, Baylor Law students attended some of their classes at the Law Annex located near the Tidwell Bible Building across the street from the Carroll Library. The Law Annex was conveniently located — at least for the students — near Baylor Drug on the corner of Fifth Street and Speight Avenue. Here, a group of Baylor Law students takes a break in front of Baylor Drug. This photo, taken about three years after Baylor Law re-opened in 1946, illustrates the average student at the time: World War II veterans.
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TOTAL STUDENT BODY FALL 2013

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