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BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL CONTINUES TO INCREASE ITS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN ORDER FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GRADUATE THAT MUCH MORE PREPARED FOR THEIR FUTURES. IN THIS ISSUE OF DOCKET CALL, WE PROVIDE YOU WITH A LOOK AT THE NEW COURSES AND PROGRAMS WE DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO.

To develop lawyers who also are well versed in leadership skills, Baylor Law School has formed a Leadership Development Program. It provides students with the leadership strategies they will need in their future roles. In order to receive a certificate of completion, students must take the Leadership Development class, where they learn about different styles of leadership, take insightful personality tests, and even complete a Ropes Course. The students also must become officers in one of the many student organizations Baylor Law sponsors. Finally, the students must complete 45 hours of professional development programming by working with a community organization or externing for a legislator.

While the Leadership Development Program is voluntary, a new program that started last fall, the Professional Development Program, is mandatory. Before students can graduate, they must complete 15 professional development hours over the course of their time at Baylor Law.

The development hours are acquired by attending numerous seminars approved by the Professional Development Committee of the faculty. The seminars, most of which are sponsored by the Career Development Office (CDO), focus on the practicalities of being a lawyer, such as time management, legal billing, networking, law firm economics, marketing, and more.

Baylor Law students have long been known for their service to the community. Over the past two years, faculty members at Baylor Law have created clinics to serve young immigrants and veterans. Two new public
service opportunities have been unveiled — the Pro Bono Litigation Team and the Pro Bono Transactional Team.

The Litigation Team is made up of 2L and 3L students who, under the guidance of Professor Jim Wren and Director of Student Relations and Pro Bono Programs, Stephen Rispoli, take cases referred by local organizations. Most of the cases involve landlord-tenant disputes or foreclosures and demand many hours of legal research from the team. The Transactional Team, also comprised of 2L and 3L students, works with property, business planning, and probate matters. Their work, supervised by four Baylor Law professors, so far has helped nonprofit startups. Participation on each team is voluntary.

But what happens when our students graduate? Baylor Law still is there to help. Because today’s legal market demands so much more, our Career Development Office offers a range of services to not only help students find jobs, but also educate potential employers about the unique qualities found in Baylor Law students.

Assistant Dean of Career Development Angela Crusetermer meets with students one-on-one in order to learn a student’s strengths and aspirations. The CDO also hosts a number of seminars each quarter on topics such as seeking employment, business etiquette, and navigating a job search.

While Angela takes care of the home front, CDO’s Director of Career Development Employer Relations, Daniel Hare, is on the road meeting with countless employers to find out what they are looking for in a new graduate. Daniel writes a blog in which he provides students with employer perspectives on resumes, summer clerkships, networking, and even the current employment landscape.

Angela’s and Daniel’s efforts are bearing fruit: In 2013 Baylor Law’s employment rate outperformed the national average.

I’m so proud of all the work our faculty and staff are doing to prepare our students for life outside of Baylor Law’s walls. I’m equally proud of the students who are volunteering their time to serve the community as they prepare for their futures.
On any given evening during the academic year, one can find Baylor Law School students helping undocumented young people gain legal status, providing legal aid to military veterans, working with new nonprofit organizations on their start-up issues or perhaps delving into legal research for the Family Abuse Center or Mission Waco. These are all part of Baylor Law’s various pro bono and public service opportunities and they fit the school’s commitment to serve the community.

Approximately two years ago, Baylor Law created an immigration clinic and a military veterans’ assistance clinic. Each clinic was highly successful, not only in reaching a target population, but also by providing valuable experience to law students.
The veterans’ clinics are held monthly at the Veterans One Stop in Waco, a resource center that provides a central location where veterans and their families can seek and receive help for a variety of needs. During the clinic, veterans who have current legal problems can meet with a law student and volunteer attorney for a short advice-and-counsel session. Some problems may simply require advice and a plan of action, while others may require the opening of a case file. If there will be an ongoing legal matter, the clinic seeks a volunteer attorney willing to take on representation of the client, who will then partner with a law student to work on the case.

“We had 19 attorneys who were new to the clinic volunteer in 2013 and about 50 law students,” said Professor Bridget Fuselier, who is the founder and director of the Baylor Veterans’ Assistance Clinic. “Most of the issues our volunteers tackle are family law matters or involve property law. In 2013, we closed 41 cases.”

The Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Immigration Clinic assists undocumented young people apply for DACA cards that allow them to stay in the U.S. for a specified period of time. Since the clinic began, volunteer law and Baylor undergraduate students have worked on 193 cases. The clinic takes place during six evenings spread out over three weeks and is dictated by demand.

“We never lack for student help,” said Professor Laura Hernandez, who oversees the clinic. “Our initial clinic helped people apply for their cards. The DACA cards expire after two years, so we anticipate for the 2014 clinics to focus on renewals of these cards. We usually average one student per client for an initial application, but we hope that students can help two clients per night with renewals. Our students love doing this and are fabulous at it. They are able to set the political issues aside and do the legal work. It is a testament to their dedication to be lawyers.”

Two new public service opportunities are the Pro Bono Litigation Team and the Pro Bono Transaction Team. The six to eight 2L and 3L students on the Litigation Team, under the guidance of Professor Jim Wren and Director of Student Relations and Pro Bono Programs, Stephen Rispoli, take cases referred by local organizations, such as Lone Star Legal Aid, Mission Waco and the Family Abuse Center. Most of the cases involve landlord-tenant disputes or foreclosures and demand many hours of legal research from the team.

The Transaction Team is comprised of 2L and 3L students who have decided to concentrate in areas related to transactional work. The team is supervised by Fuselier for property matters, Professor Elizabeth Miller for business planning matters, Associate Dean Leah Jackson Teague for taxation matters, and Professor Thomas Featherston for probate matters. So far, the team has helped nonprofit startups, but is looking for ways to expand.

“The students don’t get a grade for participating on the teams — they do it just for the experience,” Rispoli said.

Other public service opportunities include the People’s Law School, which was created at the Law School by Professor Pat Wilson in 2005, and National Adoption Day, another program Professor Fuselier launched at the Law School in 2007. Texas Access to Justice Summer Internships, Baylor Law Public Interest Summer Fellowships, and a Spring Break pro bono trip are a few additional public service opportunities students also have access to.

For its commitment to service, the State Bar of Texas honored Baylor Law with the 2014 W. Frank Newton Award, which recognizes 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.
In years past, law school career development professionals spent most of their time arranging on-campus interviews and posting jobs for students, hoping employment offers would be forthcoming. While these programs are still necessary, in the current legal market, career development means much more.

Baylor Law School’s Career Development Office (CDO) offers a range of services for both students and employers alike, with the goal of educating employers about the unique qualities found in Baylor Lawyers and finding fulfilling employment for students.

“We take a different approach to career development by dividing the responsibilities of working with employers and students,” said Assistant Dean of Career Development Angela Cruseturner. “Daniel Hare, our Director of Employer Relations, is often on the road making connections with potential employers and discovering their employment needs. And I spend much of my time counseling students and helping them create and modify their job-search strategies.”
This division of responsibilities has been key in developing more productive relationships with students and employers.

Cruseturner has found that successful career guidance occurs only when one knows both employers and students. She makes it her mission to know future Baylor Lawyers. Starting shortly after they begin law school, the students meet with her in small groups, giving Cruseturner a chance to get to know them and learn their strengths and career aspirations.

“I am very hands on. When it comes time for a student to begin the job search, I review every resume and help them through the process of applying for legal employment,” Cruseturner said.

The CDO hosts a number of seminars each quarter on topics for students seeking employment, including business etiquette, navigating a job search, and “Day in the Life” presentations that highlight various types of law practices.

“Our hope is to guide students through every step of the process. We encourage students to spend two hours a week on their job search, and we have found that those students who take advantage of the resources our office offers are more successful finding employment,” she said.

Hare is happy to meet with students, particularly to conduct mock interviews, although he spends the majority of his time setting up and making personal visits with employers. Hare’s primary responsibility is to develop and maintain relationships with employers.

“We want to collaborate with employers and help them find a great Baylor Law candidate,” Cruseturner said. “We also educate our students with information he gathers from employers.”

Hare writes a blog of employer updates. There he provides students with employer perspectives on topics such as resumes, summer clerkships, networking, and even the current employment landscape. His advice is practical and worthwhile. For example, this summer he shared “five things not to do at your summer clerkship.” Many of these tips came directly from his conversations with employers. The CDO website also contains a map that shows which employers Hare has visited.

Cruseturner and Hare’s strategies seem to be paying off. In 2013, Baylor Law outperformed the national average in several categories.

“Our employment rate was up slightly this year (86.36 percent) from last year (85.71 percent), and 88.82 percent of our graduates were employed in bar passage-required jobs, compared to 64.4 percent nationally. Our median salary was $65,000 compared to $62,467 nationally. We found 14 more jobs this year, and with our graduating class size, that is significant,” she said.

While Cruseturner and Hare are pleased with these successes, they continue to seek new and innovative ways to connect Baylor Law students and graduates with employers. Cruseturner encourages those with the ability to influence hiring decisions within their organization to contact the CDO.

“Daniel and I are always happy to hear how we can help employers connect with Baylor Lawyers,” she said.
Leading the Charge
Did you know that 35 of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and 25 United States presidents were lawyers? In fact, lawyers serve as leaders in almost every segment of society, from government to business to community organizations.

To develop lawyers who also are well versed in leadership skills, Baylor Law School has formed a Leadership Development Program that will provide law students with the leadership strategies they will need in their future roles.

"In reality, everything we do at Baylor Law School equips our students to serve in leadership roles, but leadership development hasn’t been an intentional focus until now," said Associate Dean Leah Jackson Teague, who is helping to lead the Leadership Development Program along with Stephen Rispoli, Director of Student Relations and Pro Bono Programs. "We hope this helps our students to think of themselves as leaders and to step into that role when opportunity presents itself."

Students who successfully complete the Leadership Development Program will be recognized at graduation and receive a certificate. The program has been offered for less than a year, and during that time two students have completed it.

As part of the successful completion of the program, students must take the Leadership Development class. In this class, students learn about different styles of leadership, take insightful personality tests, and even complete a Ropes Course, which is required in the program.

"The point we want our students to understand is that by being lawyers, they will be leaders in everyday life," Jackson Teague said. "They must help their clients make good decisions and be role models for their firms. We also discuss the servant aspect of leadership — that if you influence in a positive way, then you are a leader. Leaders can be found at all levels, not just at the top of an organization."

Leadership students also must complete 20 hours of Professional Development programming with at least five hours approved as professional responsibility hours by the Professional Development Committee of the faculty.

Additionally, they must serve as an officer of a Baylor Law School student organization for a minimum of three quarters. Baylor Law School sponsors a number of student organizations, from the Student Bar Association to the Christian Society to the Public Interest Legal Society, among others. While serving as an officer, the student must perform a minimum of 25 hours of service related to the activities of the organization. Finally, students must complete 25 hours of community service and serve as an intern for a charitable or community organization’s director or management team, working a minimum of 45 hours. Alternatively, a student can work as an extern for a legislator (either state or federal level) for a minimum of 45 hours.

"Baylor Law students, as a whole, are committed to community service and collectively they provide hundreds of service hours each year," Rispoli said. "Not only do they seek out pro bono opportunities, but we’re always striving to provide more opportunities for them. The hours required for the Leadership Development Program are not hard to come by. In addition, Baylor Law will help our students find internships."

Jackson Teague said developing leadership skills and professional competencies while in law school can provide graduates with competitive advantages in the marketplace, especially in an era when employers are less willing to hire inexperienced law graduates in a market ripe with experienced lawyers seeking a change in employment.

"Employers are looking for employees who are able to make good judgments and who work well with others," she said. "Being a good leader is all part of being a successful professional."
NEW REQUIREMENT Focuses on PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Going Pro
Baylor Law School has a reputation of turning out graduates who are practice ready, but even the most prepared graduate needs some guidance when it comes to time management, legal billing, networking, and a host of other needed skills. To that end, Baylor Law now requires its students to participate in its new Professional Development Program.

"Firms need attorneys who understand the business of law, both its practicalities and the professional responsibility that must accompany it," said Professor Jim Wren, Chair of the Professional Development Committee of the faculty. Wren and Angela Cruseturner, Assistant Dean of Career Development, help guide the program. "Recent law school graduates also have expressed the need for training in the professional and business practicalities of practicing law. Our goal is to produce professionals who are truly 'practice ready' and prepared to succeed."

In order to graduate, Baylor Law students must complete 15 professional development seminar hours over their three years of law school. These seminars are free to students and will focus on the most important professional development skills needed by new attorneys. Additionally, Wren will speak to each entering class about the professional development requirements and the importance of attending the seminars.

"Practicing attorneys are required to attend 15 seminar hours of continuing legal education each year. We are building a Professional Development Program based on that model," Cruseturner said.

The Career Development Office averages approximately six to eight seminars each quarter. Most run from an hour to an hour and a half. The office connected with recent alumni to discover what subjects they wish they had known more about.

Alumni specifically suggested the need for more guidance in client relations, law firm economics and financial management, legal billing and time management, legal marketing and networking, professional organizations and leadership opportunities, navigation through common ethical issues, job search strategies, and professional writing.

Bar organizations and student organizations often host excellent presentations on various topics that can qualify as professional development. After the seminars, students will have the ability to evaluate the programs and speakers. The Professional Development Committee of the faculty also will review the presentation.

The program already has hosted an entertaining and highly educational Professionalism Panel. Speakers Marilyn Montano (JD ’04), Liz Fraley (JD ’88), Chase Palmer (JD ’98), Jeff Domen (JD ’00), and the Hon. Ed Kinkeade (JD ’74), United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas, discussed such topics as professional courtesy with opposing counsel, professional dress, discretion, professionalism in the office and in written communication, and more.

"The panelists did a phenomenal job of articulating and personifying professionalism, a characteristic that can be difficult to conceptualize as a first-year student coming straight out of undergrad," said Baylor Law student Spencer Turner. "Their insight and advice into everything from interviews, attire, client-attorney relationship, and the personal nature of the profession was incredibly helpful."

Cruseturner said the school also will hold a "Succeeding in the Workplace" series that will address gender and generational differences and how to deal with difficult people.

"This Professional Development Program is completely consistent with Baylor Law’s core distinctiveness and commitment to producing practice-ready graduates, and we think employers will take note of that," Wren said.
Caroline Power of Temple University, Beasley School of Law took home the top prize at Baylor Law School’s 2014 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition on June 8. Along with being named Top Gun, Power also received a prize of $10,000.

Sherri Mazur of Faulkner University, Jones School of Law won second place.

“This is the toughest competition I’ve been in,” Power said. “It also is the best competition I’ve ever been to — just the dynamics of it, the pressure of it, also how amazingly well it’s run. I really have to applaud the whole (Baylor Law School) staff. Not only are they there when we need them, but they are always happy and that is great when you are working until 2 a.m. to try a case at 9 a.m.”

Founded in 2010, the invitation-only Top Gun competition creates a challenging atmosphere for competitors and already is being called one of the most challenging mock trial tournaments in the nation. Unlike other mock trial competitions, participants do not receive the case file until they arrive in Waco — just 24 hours before the first round of trials begin.
Preparation includes reviewing depositions, records, and photographs related to the hypothetical case. Shortly before each round, competitors are assigned a witness or witnesses who may be used at participants’ discretion during the round. As the tournament progresses, new pieces of evidence or additional witnesses are introduced, further challenging the competitors. The jurors for each round are composed of distinguished trial lawyers and judges. The presiding judge in the final round of the competition was Leonard E. Davis, chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

“Both competitors were so talented and so fluid, so articulate, so persuasive. It was a really close competition,” Davis said.

The Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition is limited to 16 law schools with a single student, instead of the usual two, representing each school. Baylor Law, as the organizing institution, does not field a team.

This year, the competitors argued a case regarding copyright law. A publisher was accused of encouraging a novice writer to take elements from an established writer’s series of children’s books. Real-life children’s book author John Erickson of the famed Hank the Cowdog series played himself in the final round of the tournament.

“I think it’s the premiere mock trial competition in the country,” said Roy Barrett, chairman of the board of the Waco office of Naman Howell Smith & Lee PLLC, who also served as a juror in the final round. “This one puts more pressure on the advocate and requires more intense preparation and really will tell you whether or not these people have acquired the skills necessary to try a lawsuit.”

Along with Baylor Law School, the 2014 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition was sponsored by Naman Howell Smith & Lee.
Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Results
Jennifer DeVlugt and Becca Skupin advanced to the octofinals at the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition.

ABA Moot Court Results
Claire Neill was recognized as a top 5 speaker at the ABA Moot Court Regional in Washington, D.C.

Child Welfare and Adoption Results
Tayler Nichols and Courtney Lewis narrowly missed advancing to the quarter-final round of the Child Welfare and Adoption Moot Court competition. Grace Stafford was named the second-best speaker for the preliminary rounds.

Sutherland Cup Results
Congratulations to Lauren Jaynes, Kathlyn Hendrix, and Jack Hales who advanced to the semis of the Sutherland Cup Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. They also won the award for the Best Brief. The team was coached by adjunct faculty member Greg White.

Mahfouz Wins ‘Mad Dog’
Congratulations to Chris Mahfouz, winner of the Mad Dog Mock Trial Competition. The runner-up was Matt Royall. Mahfouz took home a $3,000 prize, as well as an 18-inch bronze statuette of former PC Director Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson. Royall received a $1,000 prize. PC Director Professor Jerry Powell presented the awards.

Federal Bar Competition Results
Congratulations to the team of Joe Craven and Will Ytterberg, which advanced to the octofinals of the Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition. Craven also was recognized as the third best speaker.
### SnapShot

#### Profile of the Summer 2014 Entering Class

**Gender**
- Females: 15
- Males: 11

#### Residency
- 3 Out-of-State Residents
- 23 In-State Residents

#### Ethnicity
- 10 Minorities (38.40%)
  - 6 Hispanic/Latino
  - 1 Black/African-American
  - 1 Asian
  - 2 American Indian

#### Statistics
- **Median LSAT/GPA:** 158/3.47
- **25% LSAT/GPA:** 155/3.05
- **75% LSAT/GPA:** 161/3.62

#### States Represented
- Texas
- Washington
- Nebraska
- California

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**TYLA State Moot Court Competition Results**

Congratulations to Mark Altman, Jess Dees, and Jacqueline Hamer who won the TYLA State Moot Court Championship in Austin. Hamer also was honored as the second-best speaker in the competition.

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Every entering class at Baylor Law School takes part in a community project during orientation. Organizations the students have helped include Habitat for Humanity, Meals and Wheels, and the city of Waco. For the past year, the new students have been helping the community of West, Texas, recover from the April 2013 explosion of a fertilizer plant in the town. The Summer 2014 class, joined by Dean Brad Toben, continued these efforts.
Tracy H. Crawford received the 2014 Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The firm of Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. established the award in honor and memory of Secrest, a gifted trial lawyer and a founding partner of the firm. The award recognizes a trial lawyer who, in his or her practice, has demonstrated high ethical and moral standards and has demonstrated exceptional professional conduct, thus enhancing the image of the trial lawyer. Crawford is with the Tyler-based firm of Ramey & Flock P.C. His practice principally has been in federal court in the Eastern District of Texas and state courts in the East Texas area.

Lyn Fenwick was the graduation speaker at Macksville High School in Macksville, Kansas. She is the author of *Should the Children Pray? A Historical, Judicial and Political Examination of Public School Prayer*.

John P. Cahill Jr. has been elected the managing shareholder at Hays McConn Rice & Pickering, P.C. in Houston.

Ted M. Benn, a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, has been elected to Secretary of the National Club Association a Washington, D.C.-based trade association formed to defend, protect, and advance the interests and well-being of private, social, and recreational clubs.

Tresi Moore Weeks has joined the Disability Rights Texas (DRTx) board of directors. She also is chairperson of the DRTx Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Council. She has served on the PAIMI Council for four years. Weeks is an attorney and founder of the Weeks Law Firm, PLLC in Plano, where she assists clients with estate planning, special needs planning, probate, and guardianship.

Jeffrey H. Moore has left the partnership of Friday, Eldredge & Clark in Little Rock and is practicing commercial litigation and construction litigation as Jeffrey H. Moore, PA in Arkansas.

Patrick Berry has been named assistant district attorney for Wise County.

Kirk Pittard, a partner at Kelly, Durham & Pittard, LLP, has been selected as a director to the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan group, and premier statewide leadership organization focused on identifying the next generation of top Texas leaders. He also was named by *D Magazine* as a Best Lawyer in Dallas for appellate law.

Matthew Matheny has been named to the National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40. Membership into The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 under 40 is by invitation only and is extended exclusively to those trial lawyers practicing civil plaintiff and/or criminal defense law. Invitees must exemplify superior qualifications, trial results, and leadership as a young lawyer under the age of 40. Selection is based on a thorough multi-phase process, which includes peer nominations combined with third-party research. Matheny, a non-equity partner at Provost Umphrey, is board certified in personal injury trial law. Matheny primarily handles personal injury cases, and he currently serves as primary counsel in the NFL concussion litigation on behalf of the firm.

Elisaveta Dolghih was elected to the Junior Achievement of Dallas Young Professionals Board of Directors.
THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS 2014 BY THOMSON REUTERS:

Blake C. Erskine (JD ’69)
Erskine & McMahon, L.L.P.
Ryan L. Thompson (JD ’04)
Watts | Guerra LLP

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

Seth Anderson (JD ’97)
Anderson & Cummings, LLP
James H. Barrow (JD ’84)
Law Offices of James H. Barrow, P.C.
Russell R. Barton (JD ’91)
Harris, Finley & Bogle, P.C.
Bryan O. Blevins Jr. (JD ’90)
Provost Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P.
Larry Funderburk (JD ’62)
Funderburk, Funderburk Courtois, L.L.P.
Kirk Pittard (JD ’99)
Kelly, Durham & Pittard, LLP
Lewis R. Sifford (JD ’72)
Sifford, Anderson & Co., P.C.
Jason Stephens (JD ’97)
Stephens, Anderson & Cummings, LLP
Thomas Walter Umphrey (JD ’65)
Provost Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P.

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS RISING STARS IN TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS 2014 BY THOMSON REUTERS:

Brian K. Carroll (JD ’02)
Sanderford & Carroll, PC.
R. Heath Cheek (JD ’06)
Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP
Sara Chelette (JD ’04)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Kendall Cockrell (JD ’09)
Texaswills.com
J. Ryan Fowler (JD ’07)
Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry
Kristopher D. Hill (JD ’08)
Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP
Richard Howell (JD ’08)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Jay T. Huffman (JD ’07)
Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, LLP
Wesley Lloyd (JD ’05)
Naman Howell Smith and Lee
Jeremy M. Masten (JD ’09)
Hawash Meade Gaston Neese & Cicakc, LLP
Terrell Miller (JD ’04)
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
Marilyn Montano (JD ’04)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Chad F. Newman (JD ’09)
Erskine & McMahon, L.L.P.
Carson R. Runge (JD ’10)
Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry
Jack Skaggs (JD ’05)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Amanda Taylor (JD ’04)
Hohmann, Taube, & Summers, L.L.P.
Gwen I. Walraven (JD ’04)
Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYER HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2014 CHAMBERS USA: AMERICA’S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS GUIDE:

Ken Stohner (JD ’75)
Bankruptcy/Restructuring (Texas),
Jackson Walker L.L.P.

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYERS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY D MAGAZINE AS THE BEST LAWYERS IN DALLAS 2014:

Marilea Lewis (JD ’78)
Godwin Lewis, PC
Keith Nelson (JD ’83)
Godwin Lewis, PC
Heather Bailey New (JD ’98)
Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP
Andrew Payne (JD ’94)
Payne Mitchell Law Group L.L.P.
Todd Ramsey (JD ’96)
Payne Mitchell Law Group L.L.P.

THE FOLLOWING BAYLOR LAWYERS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN S.A. SCENE’S 2014 BEST LAWYERS LIST:

Steve Fogle (JD ’85)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Cline White (JD ’92)
Jackson Walker L.L.P.

If you have been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2014, Texas Super Lawyers 2013, Rising Stars in Texas Super Lawyers 2013, or have other professional news you would like to share, please email law_marketing@baylor.edu for inclusion in the next issue of Docket Call.
BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL’S SPRING 2014 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY took place May 3 at Waco Hall. Congratulations Baylor Lawyers!

Graduation Day
Baylor Law Faculty Honored With Excellence Awards

Baylor Law School Professors Larry Bates and Mike Rogers have been honored by Baylor University as outstanding faculty. Bates received the Outstanding Faculty (Tenured/Teaching) award. Rogers received the award for Outstanding Faculty (Service).

Rogers and Bates were recognized during Baylor University commencement ceremonies on May 16-17.

“I am so pleased to see these much deserved recognitions come to Professor Bates and Professor Rogers,” said Baylor Law School Dean Brad Tobeck.

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

Larry Bates

Mike Rogers

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Articles Editor, “Trust & Estate, Probate & Real Property,” published twice a year by the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association
- Member, Planning and Publications Committee 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
- Commentator, at the invitation of the Joint Editorial Board, on the Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act

Michael Morrison
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Chair, New Initiatives, Women’s Network
- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Cedar Creek, June 30, 2014

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

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- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Federal Tax Institute
- Chair, New Initiatives, Women’s Network Executive Council for the American Council on Education

James Underwood
Professor of Law

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Leah Jackson Teague
Associate Dean
ALUMNI OBITUARIES

William Woodward Bell (JD ’68), 75, of Brownwood passed away March 5, 2014. Bell graduated in 1960 with a BBA from Baylor University, where he was a member of the Taurus social club. In 1968, he earned a JD from Baylor Law School. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a tank platoon commander and naval aerial observer captain from 1960-1963 at Camp Pendleton and in the Marine Corps Reserve Forces from 1969-1972. In 1968, Bell returned to Brownwood to practice law. He served as municipal city judge from 1969-1980 and city attorney from 1980-1999, and was general counsel of Brownwood ISD from 1975-1980. He was a director of the Brown County Water Improvement District from 1974-1978, and its general counsel from 1978-2013. He was a member of the Texas and Supreme Court of the United States Bars. Two of his most prominent cases included the successful defense of a local movie theater owner against obscenity charges for screening “Midnight Cowboy,” and the murder trial of performer Rae Bourbon. Bell retired after 45 years of practicing law in May 2013.

Robert Heard (JD ’55), 84, passed away on April 15, 2014. Heard was a journalist who reported on Texas state government, politics, and sports for The Associated Press, as well as the 1966 University of Texas at Austin tower shootings. Born in Big Spring in 1930, the son of a Baptist preacher served in Korea from 1951-52. After his military service, he earned a law degree from Baylor Law School and practiced in Houston for two years. He then worked as a journalist in Waco and Long Beach, California, before joining the AP in Los Angeles in 1964. After his AP career, Heard was press secretary for Democrat Joe Christie’s U.S. Senate campaign. He later was the capitol correspondent for the San Antonio Express News and wrote for Texas Lawyer. He also founded Inside Texas, a newsletter on University of Texas at Austin sports.

Dean Arrington (JD ’59), 79, of Austin, passed away on May 9, 2014. Arrington attended East Texas Baptist College in Marshall and graduated from Baylor Law School in 1959. While at Baylor Law, he served as chairman of the Grievance Committee and was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity. Arrington was admitted to the Texas Bar and to practice before the Supreme Court of Texas in 1959. He also was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1973. He was elected county attorney of Camp County in 1960. Arrington served the people of the state of Texas as an assistant attorney general from 1964 until his retirement in 1994. He served in that capacity under the administrations of six attorneys general. Arrington completed his legal career working with the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Hon. Donald “Don” Garfield Humble (JD ’50), 86, of Cameron, died March 7, 2013. He graduated from Temple Junior College in 1948, where he served as class president. In 1950, he graduated from Baylor School of Law. He then went into private law practice. He was elected and served as Milam County judge and then was appointed and elected state district judge of the 20th Judicial District. Humble retired and worked as senior state district judge. He was a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a lifetime member of the Baylor Law School Alumni Association, and past president of the Milam County Bar Association.

The Hon. Larry Earl Kelly (JD ’74), a Baylor Law School adjunct professor, passed away at his home in Waco on March 19, 2014. Kelly began his college career at Austin College, but during his freshman year he transferred to the University of Texas at Austin. In June 1966, he followed in his father’s footsteps and joined the United States Navy. After training in Pensacola, he was assigned to a base near San Juan, Puerto Rico. Kelly returned to the University of Texas in June of 1970 to complete his degree. He graduated with a BS in Political Science cum laude, moved to Waco, and began Baylor Law School in January 1972. In 1974, Kelly received his JD degree cum laude from Baylor Law School and joined the law firm of Pakis, Cherry, Beard and Giotes. In 1986, Kelly was appointed to the bench as a United States Federal Bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Texas. He spent 20 years of his judicial career as chief judge.
for the Western District, holding court in El Paso, Midland, and San Antonio. Kelly was appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist to serve on the Federal Judicial Center Committee on Bankruptcy Judges Education from 1991-1994. Kelly was the chairman of the National Council of Bankruptcy Judges Automation Committee/ Web Page from 1995 to 2006. He was credited with establishing its website, bringing technology to the bankruptcy court system, and serving on many automation committees. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his service to the NCBJ. After health problems caused him to retire during his second term on the bench, Kelly joined the law firm of Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick, Dickson and Squires. From 1984 until his death, Kelly served as an adjunct professor at Baylor Law School, educating future lawyers in the field of bankruptcy law.

Edward G. Marion Jr. (JD ’68), 72, of Boerne passed away April 17, 2014. Marion served as a petty officer second class in the United States Navy, after which he earned a BA in 1966 from Southwest Texas State College, and a JD from Baylor Law School, where he graduated second in his class in 1968. Marion then formed the law firm of Hollon and Marion in Boerne with law partner Gordon Hollon. Marion practiced law for the next 40 years, becoming board certified in both civil trial law and farm and ranch real estate law, and licensed before the United States Supreme Court.

Eugene Harrington Moore Jr. (JD ’72), 66, passed away on April 11, 2014. He joined the Waco city attorney’s office after graduating from Baylor Law School in 1972, and then became an assistant city attorney in Irving. Following that, he worked in the legal department of Lone Star Gas in Dallas before taking a position with Dresser Industries in Houston in 1976. In 1987, he became general counsel of Dresser-Rand in Corning, New York, a city that forever held a fond spot in his heart. Upon returning to Dallas in 2000, he maintained a private legal practice and was general counsel of Ruhrpumpen, a job that often took him to Witten, Germany.

Willard Merle Tinsley Jr. (JD ’72), 77, passed away on March 31, 2014. Tinsley graduated from Lamar High School, Wharton Junior College, Stephen F. Austin University, and Baylor Law School. In 1973 he joined the staff counsel of Wausau Insurance Company as its managing attorney. He returned to private practice in 1988. Over the next 25 years as a successful trial attorney, he litigated cases in both state and federal court and specialized in insurance defense, family law, personal injury law, and toxic torts. He was a member of the Texas Bar Association and the Houston Bar Association, and also was an experienced and successful mediator, conducting more than 600 mediations and 15 arbitrations during his career.

The Hon. Tommy Wayne Wallace (JD ’72), 61, passed away on April 4, 2014, at his home in Grand Saline. He spent most of his life in Grand Saline, where he was a member of Main Street Baptist Church and served as Grand Saline mayor in the early 1980s. He graduated from Baylor Law School and was a member of the Texas Bar Association. Wallace was a state district attorney for eight years and retired as a state district judge after 12 years of service.
Judge James Clawson (JD '48) was honored at the Bell County Bar Association Law Day Awards. Judge Jack Jones (JD '79) introduced Dean Brad Toben, who publicly thanked Judge Clawson for his scholarship at Baylor Law School and presented him with a bronze plaque. Judge Lee Harris (JD'93), Hill County, also was present as one of the early recipients of the scholarship.
Bill Brian (JD ’74), the 2014 Baylor Lawyer of the Year was honored at a special luncheon in Amarillo. Brian was selected for the honor by the Baylor Law Alumni Association.
The 17 years worth of Baylor Lawyers who toiled under him in Practice Court likely never considered that Professor Louis Muldrow was once a PC student himself. But here’s the evidence. This 1958 photo from Baylor University’s Texas Collection shows student (and soon to be graduate) Muldrow with Baylor Law School Dean Abner V. McCall. In 1961, McCall would be named president of Baylor University. Muldrow was named director of the Practice Court Program in 1983 after Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson retired. He continued to lead the PC program until his retirement in 2000. Muldrow is a member of the emeritus faculty.
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