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After 28 years in my position, and 36 years at Baylor Law, I often reflect upon where we have been and where we are headed.

We have a proud and ever-improving profile as a school with a superb advocacy program now ranked #2 by U.S. News. While we consistently aim to improve that in which we have always excelled — the Practice Court and advocacy program — we now offer a top-notch transactional law curriculum which has been developed over the past several years.

Also, our students now have the option to be exposed to advocacy, not only on the civil litigation side, but also on the criminal law side. We’ve added numerous programs, clinics, and curricular offerings to develop our students in each of these areas. In all we do, we try to expose them to the need for Baylor Lawyers to be caring, ethical, and skilled leaders in the profession, in their communities, and in the public square.

The successful and well-defined profile of Baylor Law has not just suddenly emerged. Our school works because of the investment and commitment of our faculty and staff colleagues. Baylor Law also works because of the many outside of our walls who have embraced our mission and our values. From our inception, they have stood alongside us, looked to the future, and have committed their time, talents, and support to turn dreams into reality.

This issue of Docket Call highlights the Pay It Forward story of scholarship donor George M. Cowden, JD, ‘59, and a recipient of his scholarship, Robin Dubas, JD, ‘88, who has now endowed her own scholarship for Baylor Law students.

We also introduce our new Naturalization Clinic, through which law students can assist permanent residents with the necessary documentation to begin the naturalization process to become U.S. citizens. You will also read about Baylor Lawyer, AJ Jameel, who is leading the way in protecting the rights of esports competitors, as well as the student winners of our alumni-sponsored, legal writing competition, The Ultimate Writer.

Our curricular and program developments are aided by the support and feedback that we receive from our alumni and friends, who hire and work alongside our Baylor Lawyers. Your insight into their performance and abilities once they leave our doors is invaluable, and we promise to continue to listen and evolve. We want to know how we can better prepare our Baylor Lawyers to serve in the many venues and settings in which they are found. Baylor Lawyers lead and we are a special breed.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Docket Call.

Brad Toben, JD ’77
DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW
Looking Back and Paying it Forward
How a Scholarship Recipient Became a Scholarship Donor

On an unusually warm February Day, two Baylor Lawyers, decades apart in age, but forever intertwined by a familiar spirit of giving and gratitude, met for the first time to share their stories with each other. Robin Dubas received the George M. Cowden Scholarship her second quarter of law school back in 1985. She carried his name fondly with her throughout her life, but never knew the man behind the name, until now. Little did he know, receiving that scholarship propelled Robin on a path of success and strength that ultimately led her back to Baylor Law, endowing her own scholarship, as a homage to the man whose gift enabled her to become a Baylor Lawyer. A meeting thirty years in the making, Robin Dubas was finally able to thank the man that had changed her life and tell him her plans to pay it forward.
The George M. Cowden Scholarship has been in place for 40 years now at Baylor Law, with a student receiving that scholarship each year. While George has lived an immensely rich life, one that makes him tear up upon reflection over the last 88 years, it is his humble beginnings and a father that instilled a giving spirit within him that has led him to a life of giving back. “My father was a man with a lot of problems, but in spite of that, he was generous. He taught his children to be generous, and I’ve tried to do that,” George said.

George’s dream as a child was to be a rancher. Born and raised in Pearsall, Texas, his father was a rancher, and he knew he was destined to be one too. He met his late wife Mollie in undergrad at Baylor University and married her shortly thereafter in 1952. The daughter of a trial lawyer from Jackson, Tennessee, Mollie frequented the opera and symphony on the weekends — George was a country boy who preferred rodeos and calf-roping. Despite their differences, they were a match made in heaven. Mollie was so sure that he was the one, a wedding date was set before George had even met her parents. He recalls the nervous drive to Jackson, Tennessee, asking Mollie about a contingency plan if they said “no.” Molly simply stated, “we’ll get married without them.” Fortunately, that wasn’t necessary and they were married in their second year of college. After graduation and shortly after their first child was born, George served a two-year stint in the Air Force that took him to Japan. George admits, “I didn’t want to leave my family, but I am very proud to have served my country and to be an American.”

Soon after, his father fell on hard times and ranching was no longer an option for George. He decided to go to Baylor Law, where he graduated in 1959. He went on to have a successful career in administrative law and public service. He served in the Texas Legislature from 1963 to 1966, and was appointed First Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas in 1967. He served as Chairman of the then State Board of Insurance of Texas in 1968 by Gubernatorial appointment and was then appointed Commissioner of the Public Utility Commission of Texas from 1975-1983, during which time he served as Chairman. George also proudly served on the Baylor Board of Trustees — now the Board of Regents — for nine years. He and Mollie had four children, George, Graves, Gaylynn, and Gordon, who was tragically killed in the Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooting in 2012. George shared that he feels blessed that he and Mollie were able to take their children on several amazing travels around the world. He said those trips were some of the best times in his life. “In my immediate family, we’ve had tragedy, sadness, and bumps in the road, but I don’t think there is a man living that has had a better life than I have. That’s why I established this scholarship. I believe that those who have, need to give, and I’ve been blessed,” George stated. Adding to that, Robin reflected, “If you are fortunate enough to have something to give, it truly brings happiness to your heart to be able to do so. If you are the lucky recipient of that generosity, then even doubly you have been blessed.”

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Robin Dubas
Robin and George both laughed that if they were applying to law schools today, neither would get in. George didn’t have to take the LSAT, and Robin never received her college degree, yet they both found their way to Baylor Law. Robin graduated high school early and started college at 16, “which is a bad idea, by the way,” she laughed. Admittedly too immature to focus on her studies with newfound freedom, Robin quickly found herself struggling and ended up on academic probation. She knew she had to get serious. Fortunately, she was able

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George M. Cowden
to turn her grades around and found herself wanting to attend Baylor Law. Robin claims she talked her way in, as she knew those first two years of grades from college were dismal. She pleaded in her essay that they only look at her last two years and forget the first two. On top of her concerning grades, her plan was to finish her undergraduate degree simultaneously, "which could have never worked because I was always at the Law School," she laughed.

Despite never finishing her undergraduate degree, Robin was accepted, but there was another obstacle, "I only had enough money to pay for one quarter of law school." Bound and determined to get a scholarship once she got to Baylor Law, Robin began law school in the spring of 1985 and got to work. In her second quarter, she received the George M. Cowden Scholarship, which covered her tuition for the remainder of her time in law school. "You gave me something that allowed me to fulfill the dream of earning a law degree without being burdened with that significant debt," she told George. "It was always my goal to figure out the time to do something for the people coming in behind me, to pay back Mr. Cowden, who had never met me and had no reason to want to help me."

Robin shared that receiving that scholarship opened doors and provided opportunities for her she otherwise would not have had when she graduated in 1988. It gave her options, especially in a time when the economy was in a recession and several law firms were imploding. Thinking she would start working in mergers and acquisitions, the economy had other plans and she ultimately found her way practicing real estate and finance law. She recalled some of her best times practicing law were traveling to small towns where she handled the foreclosures at the courthouse, filed them with the county clerk, and asked for a good lunch recommendation in the downtown square. "Eating at the little cafés in the downtown squares is what I remember the most," she said with a lighthearted smile, reflecting upon her impressive accolades in her legal career.

After working for two large firms, Robin ultimately found herself working for Powell Goldstein in 2006, a firm out of Atlanta that convinced her to head up an office in Dallas. While she admits — with three small children and a busy life at the time — it was an intimidating notion, she was glad she took the plunge and has been the managing partner at what is now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner ever since. Her success in her career has allowed her to have an amazingly fulfilling life. Robin and her husband Ken have begun annual vacations with their children and have been able to take them all over the world. "It is the high point of our year," she said. Knowing the scholarship she received in law school helped create this path of success for her, Robin shared with Ken that she wanted to find the right time to give back. Ken encouraged her that there is no time like the present. Initially wanting to add financially to the George M. Cowden scholarship in his honor, Robin ultimately realized she would be able to serve more students by creating a scholarship of her own.

In 2018, the Robin and Ken Dubas Scholarship was created, setting into motion Robin’s desire to finally know the man behind the name of the scholarship she received as a Baylor Law student. For two strangers meeting for the first time, there is no question how profound and meaningful this moment was for each of them — so much so that George and Robin plan to keep in touch.

"I’ve been very fortunate in many ways, been able to do a lot of things to be purely selfish. I might be a little old fashioned, but I think I ought to share," George said. "His generosity made a huge difference for me and I wanted to be that difference for someone else," added Robin.
Baylor Law Hosts
Naturalization
Clinic

Last fall, more than two dozen Central Texas residents were able to participate in Baylor Law’s first-ever Naturalization Clinic to assist lawful permanent residents eligible to become U.S. citizens via naturalization.

Under the direction of Laura A. Hernández, Professor of Law, second- and third-year Baylor Law students, along with several volunteer attorneys and interpreters, assisted permanent residents with completing their N-400 naturalization applications, and collecting the necessary supporting documentation to send to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). A total of 22 clinic volunteers worked one-on-one with the applicants, answering questions and resolving any issues that arose along the way.

The Naturalization Clinic is just the first step in a long process for these applicants. From the time they complete and mail their applications until the oath of allegiance, the naturalization process can take anywhere from several months to a year or longer. Although the assistance offered by the Baylor Law Naturalization Clinic is free, filers still have to provide the $725 fee to USCIS for their citizenship applications.
Baylor Connections

“This is something that my family and I have wanted to do for a long time,” said Javier, an employee working at Baylor University, “but I had questions and wasn’t sure if I could complete the application.” Javier and his wife have now completed their applications and will soon be sending them on to USCIS. They are looking forward to completing the process to become citizens.

Assisting Javier’s wife with her citizenship application was Baylor Law 3L, Andromeda Vega Rubio. Andromeda is no stranger to the N-400 naturalization application, not only due to the clinic training she received from Professor Hernández and others, but also because she herself filed her application and gave her oath of allegiance to become a U.S. citizen a mere five days after the clinic.

Ending Uncertainty

“By offering this clinic, we were able to assist several families who are now on the road to becoming United States citizens,” said Baylor Law Professor Laura Hernández. “Immigration rules are subject to change and it’s possible that permanent residents could lose their residency status for even relatively minor offenses,” she added. “Becoming a citizen ends that potential uncertainty, gives a permanent resident the full privileges of citizenship, and allows his or her voice to be heard in local, state, and federal elections.”

Given the popularity of the first Naturalization Clinic, Baylor Law held a second Naturalization Clinic during the spring. Future clinic dates are currently in the planning stages. Legal permanent residents interested in becoming U.S. citizens via naturalization are invited to participate in the next clinic.

Legal permanent residents interested in becoming U.S. citizens via naturalization can contact the Baylor Law Immigration Clinic at (254) 710-4244, or immigrationclinic@baylor.edu.

Baylor Law is now ranked #48 within the “Top 50” in U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools.”

This marks the second consecutive year of ascent for Baylor Law, the only Texas law school to achieve this goal. In 2018, Baylor Law ranked #50 in the same ranking. There are 203 ABA-accredited law schools in the nation.

U.S. News collects several statistics to compile its annual law school rankings, including law school peer assessment, assessment by the bench and bar, student credentials, employment rate, student-faculty ratio, and bar passage rate.

U.S. News also ranks specialty areas in legal education based on evaluations by professors who teach in the specific field. In 2019, Baylor Law ranks #2 for trial advocacy, rising three spots from #5 in 2018. For the first time ever, Baylor Law ranks #52 for its legal writing program.

Baylor Law’s Dean Brad Toben stated, “Our rise in the U.S. News rankings and our high national rankings in specialty areas is wonderful news. We are happy to see Baylor Law continue to be recognized for its rigor and dedication to preparing practice-ready lawyers who will be leaders in the private and public sectors.” He added, “These rankings are, however, just one measure of our continued vitality. Our dedication to student success has led us to have one of the highest ultimate bar passage rates and one of the highest JD-required job placement rates in the country.”

Baylor is joined by only four other Texas law schools in the Top 100 list — the University of Texas (UT), in 16th place, Southern Methodist University (SMU) in 52nd place, the University of Houston in 59th, and Texas A&M Law School, tied for 83rd.
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DALLAS NETWORK RECEPTION

Thanks to the Baylor Lawyers of Holland & Knight LLP for hosting a Baylor Lawyer Network Reception in Dallas.

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THE ‘GODFATHER’ TURNS 80

Baylor Law celebrated the 80th birthday of “The Godfather” Prof. David Guinn during a San Antonio Baylor Lawyer Network Reception hosted by Redding Law, PLLC, and with an impromptu gathering in the Law School student lounge. Prof. Guinn is now in his 53rd year of teaching at Baylor Law.

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Faith Johnson Lowry, JD ’15, Cameron Redding, JD ’13, Amanda Howard, JD ’17, Victoria Feather, JD ’17, and Caroline Hall, JD ’13

Prof. David Henry, JD ’85, Prof. Guinn, and Dean Leah Teague, JD ’85

Randall Patterson, JD ’75, Randall Fields, JD ’77, Dean Toben, Prof. Guinn, and Jim Adenhold, JD ’69

Dean Toben and Prof. Guinn

Marashah Meyer and Katie Casper

OUT&ABOUTS
In partnership with the Texas Young Lawyers Association, Baylor Law’s legal writing competition The Paper Chase is the premier legal writing contest in Texas with $7,000 in cash prizes and state bragging rights up for grabs. Congratulations first place winner Kamran Anwar of the University of North Texas Dallas College of Law and the rest of 2018’s top finishers.

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Baylor Law’s spring moot court competition has been generously sponsored by the Dallas office of law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP. The Law School administration, faculty, and students are grateful for the support of the firm.

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If you are interested in hosting a Baylor Lawyer Network reception, please contact law_alumni@baylor.edu.
**1970’s**

The Honorable Thomas Redwine, JD ’71, was honored by the city of Van Alstyne, Texas, for more than 40 years of service. He is one of the longest-serving municipal judges for one city in the state.

Robert “Bob” Wortham, JD ’74, was named a 2019 Distinguished Alumni by Lamar University, recognizing his dedication to his profession, his service to the community of Beaumont and his loyalty to the university.

**1980’s**

The Hon. Richard Hightower, JD ’80, was elected to the First District Court of Appeals in Houston. A 5th generation lawyer, he practiced law for over 35 years in large and small counties and firms. He was a trial partner with Brown McCarroll & Oaks Hartline, and later opened his own law practice focusing on the interests of public-school districts and other education entities. During this time, he also served as a certified mediator in hundreds of legal disputes.

John P. Cahill, JD ’84, has joined the Lanza Law Firm as a partner in the Bellaire office.

The Honorable Dana Womack, JD ’83, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Second Court of Appeals. She is a senior district judge in Ft. Worth and previously served as judge of the 348th Judicial District Court for 20 years. Judge Womack is board certified in Civil Appellate Law and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Robin Russell, JD ’86, was named deputy managing partner for Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. The accomplished attorney has held many titles throughout her 33-year run with the firm. She previously served as managing partner of the Houston office, and for many years co-chaired its national bankruptcy and restructuring practice.

The Hon. Charles Spain, JD ’88, has been elected to the 14th District Court of Appeals in Houston. He was sworn in Jan. 1, 2019. Spain served as an associate municipal court judge for the City of Houston since 2010. As a lawyer, he built an over 30-year career on a deep understanding of the law and his experience with the court system. Board certified in Civil Appellate Law, Spain worked for 23 years in the Texas appellate courts prior to serving on the bench.

**1990’s**

Nelson Barnes, JD ’91, a longtime prosecutor in Bell County, was named the first assistant district attorney in McLennan County. Nelson retired from Bell County with more than 26 years of service.

Jenny McCumber, JD ’93, has been appointed to the Los Alamos Community Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves on the Los Alamos School Board and is a board member of the Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation.

The Honorable Craig Bennett, JD ’95, was recently named senior counsel focusing on regulatory litigation, regulatory compliance, and employment law for Enoch Keever PLLC, in Austin. Judge Bennett previously served as an administrative law judge for 19 years with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. He will continue teaching administrative law at The University of Texas Law School.

Sydney B. Hewlett, JD ’97, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as Judge of the 18th District Court in Johnson and Somervell Counties. She serves as the chairman of the Cleburne Business & Standards Commission.

**2000’s**

Angela Albers, JD ’00, has been appointed as the Wood County criminal district attorney by Governor Greg Abbott.

Josh Van Eaton, JD ’01, Senior Trial Attorney in the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, recently joined Beveridge & Diamond as a principal in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. Josh currently serves in the Army Reserve as Associate General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel of the Defense Logistics Agency, where he also serves as co-chair of the Installation and Environmental Law Practice Group.

Matthew Nielsen, JD ’01, has joined the white collar defense group as a partner in the Dallas office of Bracewell LLP. Matthew has over 17 years of experience defending corporations, corporate executives and employees, and securities industry professionals in civil and criminal investigations, as well as securities investigations and litigation. He represents U.S. and international clients on matters related to federal and state securities laws, U.S. export controls and sanctions laws and regulations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, whistleblower complaints, accounting fraud, and healthcare fraud.

Bill Pederson, JD ’01, was recently elected to a six-year term as an Associate Justice, Place 9, on the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas.

Jennifer Adams, JD ’02, has joined Hogan Lovells’ Houston office as a partner in its Environment and Natural Resource practice. Jennifer joins the firm from Koch Companies Public Sector, where she served as chief counsel of litigation for eight years leading large teams focused on environmental matters that involved complex interplay between legal, regulatory, commercial, governmental, and public stakeholders.

Britta Stanton, JD ’02, is now the Trial Strategy Director at The Focal Point in Dallas.

Calvin Cowan, JD ’03, a partner at Sanderford & Carroll, P.C. in Temple, Texas, was one of seven attorneys that earned board certification in Construction Law in 2018 as determined by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Amanda G. Taylor, JD ’04, has joined the Austin office of Butler Snow. Taylor is a board certified civil appellate specialist who routinely assists trial counsel and represents clients in both district and appellate courts across Texas. Her practice areas are widely varied and include disputes regarding contracts, business organizations, shareholders, fiduciaries, trusts, the Texas Citizens’ Participation Act, real property, franchise and sales tax, employment, fraud/misrepresentation consumers, and high-asset divorces. She has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a Texas Super Lawyer for appellate law and by Texas Lawyer as a “Rising Star” in civil appeals. She also was named one of “2018 Top 50 in Central/ West Texas Lawyers” by Thompson Reuters.

Will Dixon, JD ’05, was appointed as the Navarro County district attorney by Governor Greg Abbott.

Jenny Palmer, JD ’05, has joined the law offices of Mike Head and Justin Weiner in Athens. Palmer is a former assistant district attorney who has handled thousands of cases in her almost 14 years of public service. Palmer now primarily focuses her practice on the areas of family law, guardianship, wills, probate, juvenile, and misdemeanor criminal law.

Joshua Cummings, JD ’06, partner with Atlas Hall Rodriguez in McAllen, earned Board Certification in Property Owners Association Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Allison Dickson, JD ’07, was selected as this year’s Rising Star by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas.
Jaren Taylor, JD ’07, was promoted to partnership with Vinson & Elkins LLP in Dallas. His practice focuses on two main areas: representation of utility and energy clients and eminent domain law.

Heather A. Kanny, JD ’08, is now a shareholder with Hiersche, Hayward, Drakeley & Urbach, P.C. in Dallas. She was named to the 2018 Texas Rising Stars List in Super Lawyers and to the 2019 Best Lawyers Under 40 in D Magazine.

Danielle Ahlrich, JD ’09, has been selected as one of five finalists for the legal category of Austin Under 40, which recognizes Austinites under 40 who demonstrate professional excellence and a commitment to community service. She is with Martens, Todd, Leonard & Ahlrich in Austin.

Justin T. Scott, JD ’09, has been elevated to partner of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings law firm. He is a member of the Litigation Practice Group in Houston and focuses on commercial litigation, specifically in the energy, construction, and real estate fields. He also represents clients in the energy and heavy equipment manufacturing sectors in personal injury matters.

Lacy G. Brown, JD ’12, is a senior associate with Hogan Lovells in their Houston and Denver offices.

Andee L. Hartig, JD ’12, has been elected partner at Jackson Walker in Austin. She represents public and private companies, real estate investment trusts, real estate investment funds, and institutional real estate investors as sellers, purchasers, developers, and equity investors in the acquisition, development, debt and equity financing, management, leasing, and sale of improved and unimproved real estate. Her experience includes multi-asset portfolio acquisitions and dispositions, joint ventures, and the acquisition and disposition of real estate assets through various corporate and partnership structures.

Taylor Mohr, JD ’12, with the family law boutique Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson (ONDA), is now Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

J. Joseph Vale, JD ’12, a new partner with Atlas Hall Rodriguez in McAllen, earned his Board Certification in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Lauren H. McDonald, JD ’13, recently became an in-house attorney for the Tarrant County College District.

Derik Scott, JD ’13, managing attorney at the Law Offices of Derik Aspen Scott in St. Louis, finished in second place in Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s Titan Games. The Games featured extreme athletes from across the country competing for a $100,000 championship award.

William P. Dunne III, J.D. ’15, has joined the Dallas office of Shapiro Bieging Barber Otteson LLP as an associate and a litigator in the firm’s Banking & Financial Services and Insurance practice areas.

Phillip M. Gordon, JD ’15 was recently promoted to litigation counsel at Holtzman Vogel Joseph & Torchinsky Torshinsky Torshinsky in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. His practice focuses on First Amendment, redistricting, and election-related litigation and appeals.

Ryan Sinclair, JD ’16, was appointed District Attorney for the 355th Judicial District in Hood County. He previously served as the first assistant district attorney and is an adjunct professor at Southwestern Adventist University. He is president and former vice president of the Hood County Bar Association and a member of the State Bar of Texas, National District Attorneys Association, Texas District & County Attorneys Association, and the American Bar Association. He is board treasurer of the Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center, board member of the Hood County Children’s Charity Fund, and a member of Leadership Granbury. Additionally, Sinclair is a former board member of Preserve Granbury and the Waco Historic Landmark Preservation Commission.

Hannah Brewer, JD ’17, recently joined the Dallas District Attorney’s Office as an Assistant District Attorney. Her article entitled “Expungement in Texas” (2019) was accepted for publication in the South Texas Law Review, Volume 60, Issue 2, and she was invited to present the article at the South Texas Law Review’s 25th Annual Symposium: Ethics in Criminal Law.

Jordan Hernandez, JD ’18, joined the Scott Law Firm in Conroe.

Macy Matthews, JD ’18, joined Hiersche Hayward Drakeley Urbach, P.C. as an associate attorney in the firm’s Corporate Practice Section in Addison.

Jessica Wright, JD ’18, has been hired as a misdemeanor prosecutor for Harris County.

2010’s

Amy Bolline, JD ’10, was named partner at Husch Blackwell in Dallas. Her practice focuses on estate planning and estate and trust administration.

Stephen M. Boone, JD ’10, was elected partner at Akin Gump. He works on oil and gas matters as a member of the firm’s energy practice in Houston and is board certified in Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law.

Brian Brisco, JD ’10, has been admitted as equity partner at Cantey Hanger LLP in Ft. Worth. His practice focuses primarily on healthcare litigation.

Terah Moxley, JD ’10, has been promoted to partner for litigation boutique Estes Thorne & Carr, PLLC in Dallas. She is Board Certified in Labor & Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Her work has earned her recognition on the Texas Super Lawyers’ Rising Stars listing.

Jennifer Salim Richards, JD ’11, has been named a partner with Stanton LLP in Dallas.

Scott W. Weatherford, JD ’11, has been elected partner at Jackson Walker (Austin). His trial practice focuses on trade secret, intellectual property, and technology-related commercial disputes. He advocates on behalf of Fortune 500 companies, start-ups, and local business owners in state courts, federal courts, arbitrations, and administrative agencies across the state.

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Esports might be the fastest growing industry you’ve never heard of,” says Jameel. “There is a huge and growing demand for attorneys who understand the quirks of how this industry works and who can step in and help the young professionals who are trying to navigate the system.”

For the uninitiated, “esports” is a general term that encompasses the world of competitive video gaming. Game publishers push out new video games with the purpose of fostering a competitive scene around the games. Teams of professional players organize around the games and attract big sponsorships from some of the world’s most well-known companies, such as Intel, Coca-Cola, and Mercedes-Benz. The dream for these players is to compete in large-scale international esports tournaments, winning fame, prestige, and their shot at eye-popping prize pools. Last year, a tournament known as “The International” featured a staggering $25 million prize pool.

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FALL 2018

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WINTER 2018/19
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Elliott Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
Congratulations to the team of Kevin Miller, Maddy Tansey, and Taylor Fitzner, first place winners in the Elliott Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition. The team of Christina Rosendahl, Hallie Hicks, and Katherine Hancock tied for third. Rosendahl won best oral advocate, Miller won second best oral advocate, and Tansey was named fourth best oral advocate.

National Trial Competition
Congratulations to the teams of Hailey Knab and Alex Oestreicher, and Sammy Rajaratnam and Max Brown. Knab and Oestreicher advanced to the national semi-finals and Rajaratnam and Brown finished as regional finalists.

Drinker Biddle Spring Moot Court Competition
Jeff Gunnell and Austin Byrom were the winners of the 2019 Drinker Biddle Spring Moot Court Competition.

Pace Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Blaine Hill, Joshua Dinsmore, and Aaron Horner advanced to the semi-finals of the Pace Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

Andrews Kurth National Moot Court Competition
The team of Hallie Hicks, Haley Mowdy, and Juan Antonio Solis advanced to the semi-finals. Mowdy was also named second best speaker.

American Bar Association (ABA) Client Counseling Competition
Justin D. Waldo and Sarah E. Van Sciver advanced to the semi-finals at the regional ABA Client Counseling Competition.

American Bar Association (ABA) National Appellate Advocacy Competition
The team of Kyle Gardner, Haley Mowdy, and Kyle Stone won the regional championship and qualified for the national competition. The team of Kylie Calabrese and Josh Richardson advanced to the regional finals.

Duberstein Moot Court Competition
The team of Kevin Miller, Maddy Tansey, and Taylor Fitzner advanced to the quarter-finals of the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition.
Baylor Law’s innovative Ultimate Writer Legal Writing Competition is distinguished among any comparable writing competition in legal education. The 2018 first-place winner was Aaron Horner (’20), second-place winner was Ryan Owen (’20), and Patrick Kelly (’19) took third place. Honorable mentions were Anthony Stokes (’19) and Sarah Van Sciver (’20).

In addition to cash awards for the top three competitors, three of the top finalists received an opportunity to interview for an internship with the prestigious appellate law firm Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP in Dallas, Texas. Professor of Law Scott Fraley, speaking about the unique competition stated, “The Ultimate Writer Legal Writing Competition is unique in two particular aspects: first, the competition employs real-world problems based on the kind of work a young associate might do in a law firm, rather than a generic essay prompt; and second, the competition offers the opportunity for three of the top finalists to interview for a potential clerkship with a highly-rated appellate law firm. No other legal writing competition, to our knowledge, is comparable in these respects.”

“Winning the Ultimate Writer is about much more than a trophy or award. It’s about reassurance that I have the ‘chops’ necessary to be an effective advocate,” said Aaron Horner, the 2018 winner. “We hear over and over how Baylor Law is different than all other law schools. When it comes to legal writing, Baylor is truly unique. I know alumni and current students of law schools around the country. Very few, if any, other law schools take legal writing as seriously as Baylor Law.”

Speaking on the importance of the Ultimate Writer competition and Baylor Law’s emphasis on legal writing, Kirk L. Pittard, of the appellate law firm of Durham, Pittard & Spalding, LLP, this year’s competition clerkship sponsor, stated, “Our firm supports the writing competition for a number of reasons. First, as a graduate of Baylor Law, I believe in its mission and its method for educating and graduating the best qualified law students around. Additionally, as an appellate firm, quality legal writing is an absolute must and it’s not a skill all attorneys have.” He added, ”We are very impressed with Baylor Law’s effort to develop better legal writers through the writing center and to reward those students who have exemplified excellent writing skills.”
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THE CLOSER

Generously underwritten by Kim and Bill, JD ’77, Shaddock and Munsch Hardt, and sponsored by the Law Office of Mark D. Foster and J. Michael Tibbals/Freeman Mills PC, Baylor Law’s The Closer brings together students from 10 of the most accomplished transactional law programs in the country to compete in the nation’s most challenging transactional law competition. Roger Bains from the University of San Diego School of Law and Westford Lang from the University of Colorado Law School were the 2019 winners of two $5,000 prizes and bragging rights as the top closers. Learn more about the hypothetical deal but the revolutionary real-world technology behind The Closer’s 2019 case, at baylor.edu/law/TheCloser
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SPRING CLASS ORIENTATION

Before our Spring 2019 starters hit the classroom, they spent three days at Orientation learning the ins and outs of Baylor Law, enjoying Dr. Pepper floats, and hearing from our students, faculty, and alumni. The students finished Orientation by serving the community at Caritas of Waco. #FutureBaylorLawyers
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PRESENTATIONS:  
- "Nuts and Bolts of Administrative Law," Travis County Bar Association, Administrative Law Bar Section (March 1, 2019)

Matthew Cordon  
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PUBLICATIONS:  
- Co-author, Researching Texas Law (forthcoming, 4th ed.)

Thomas M. Featherston Jr.  
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PUBLICATIONS:  
- "Marital Property Character of Property After Change of Domicile or Shift in Situs," Dallas Estate Planning Council (January 2019)
- "Marital Property Characterization of Interests in and Distributions from Business Entities and Express Trusts," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning Course, Dallas (June 2018)
- "Marital Property Interests in Business Entities," Tarrant County Probate Bar Association, Fort Worth (December 2018)
- "Marital Property Interests in Business Entities," Houston Estate and Financial Forum, Houston (October 2018)
- "Marital Property Interests in Trusts," Community Bank and Trust, Waco (October 2018)
- "Introduction to Transfer Taxation" and "Community Property for Common Law Lawyers," ABA’s Skills Training for Estate Planning Lawyers, New York (July 2018)

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PUBLICATIONS:  
- "Confronting Death at an Early Age Informs How We Live Today," Austin American Statesman (March 16, 2019)

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- 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

Leah Jackson Teague  
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- "The Lawyer’s Legacy: May Your Footprint Be Larger Than Your Foot," Waco-McLennan County Bar Association CLE Luncheon (November 9, 2018)
- "Law and Leadership," Live with Kellye and Ken Monthly Dialog Webcast (April 1, 2019)
- "Components of an Effective Leadership Class," University of Tennessee Institute for Professional Leadership Roundtable, Knoxville, TN. (April 4, 2019)
- "Leadership Development in Law Schools: What are We Doing Now?" University of Tennessee Law Institute for Professional Leadership Roundtable, Knoxville, TN. (April 4, 2019)

Scott Fraley  
Director of Legal Writing  
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- Co-chair, AALS LWRR Program Committee, 2019 AALS Conference, New Orleans
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- Editor, Easements & Covenants, REPTL Reporter
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- Governing Board Member, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Chair of Legal Committee
- Board Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, ABA Law Student Division, Client Counseling Subcommittee
- Contributing Editor, General Practice Digest [Family Law]
The Honorable Churchill William “Bud” Duncan Jr., JD ‘50, passed away December 27, 2018. He was 94 years old. He was born August 3, 1924 in El Paso, Texas, to C.W. “Church” Duncan Sr. and Ruth Prather Duncan. Upon graduation from Killeen High School, Bud enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He graduated from Baylor Law in 1950 and was admitted to the State Bar that same year. Bud and his wife Kay passed away in 1951, where Bud practiced law until being recalled later that year by the U.S. Marines for the Korean Conflict. He served as a legal officer and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1953. Bud and Kay raised two children, Deborah and C.W. III, in Killeen, and were married 55 years before Kay passed away in 2003. He formed a law partnership with Davis Bragg, from 1954 to 1978, leaving the firm of Duncan, Bragg, Barron, and Phillips when he accepted an appointment to the 27th District Court of Texas from Governor Dolph Briscoe. He served 10 years in the 27th District Court before retiring to become a senior judge until 2014. Bud was dedicated to serving the community. He served 25 years (19 as president) on the Killeen ISD School Board and 10 years as city judge. In addition, he was a member of Masonic Lodge, the Texas Bar Association, and the Bell County Bar Association. He also served as chairman of the State Bar Unauthorized Law Committee. He was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying whitewater canoeing. His river adventures included trips through the canyons of Big Bend, “running” the low water dams of the Guadalupe River, as well as floating most of the major rivers in Texas. Bud took up snow skiing in his late 60’s and continued to exercise well into his 80’s. Bud’s spirit of adventure saw him drive to the southernmost tip of South America and back, take group trips to Europe and China, drive parts of New Zealand and across Australia, as well as skydive for his 85th birthday.

James Wesley Hightower, JD ‘50, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at his residence in Waxahachie. He was born November 6, 1926 in Waxahachie to Leo and Gladys Hightower. He graduated from Waxahachie High School in 1945. James was in the 98th field artillery stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during World War II. After the war, he attended TCU as an undergraduate and then Baylor Law. He worked as a lobbyist for the Texas Motor Transportation Association for two legislative sessions, and then started his own law firm in Dallas working primarily as a transportation attorney, practicing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Texas Railroad Commission, and all state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court until his retirement in 1995. James was active in civic affairs in the city and Ellis county and served eight years as president of the Ellis County Rural Rail Transportation District. He also served as president of the Waxahachie Foundation, and president of the Waxahachie Ex-Students Association. Both James and his wife Jimlyn were members of Historic Waxahachie, Inc. James served as Chair of the Waxahachie Roundtable Division Leader for the YMCA Youth Sponsorship Campaign for the years of 1997 and 2000.

The Honorable Jack R. King, JD ‘50, of Beaumont, passed away on Friday January 4, 2019 in Beaumont. Jack was born November 24, 1923 in Port Arthur to William and Mary King. Jack served the country in the Army during WWII. He was with the 29th Infantry Division on Omaha Beach during D-Day, July 15, 1944. Jack graduated from Baylor Law in 1950 and worked as an attorney in the Beaumont area for many years. Jack was elected and served as 136th District Court judge until his retirement. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Harry Payton Wright, JD ‘54, was born in Port Neches on January 14, 1931 to Vergie Payton and Edward Vernon Wright and died on December 4, 2018. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Baylor Law in 1954. He was admitted to practice by the Texas Supreme Court of Texas and before the United States Supreme Court. He began his private practice of law in Port Neches, Texas, in 1954. For the first twenty years he practiced law as a solo practitioner, and established the firm of Wright & Pite in 1974 which was recently restructured as Wright Pite & Freimuth. He was still in active practice until the day of his death. Wright served as Municipal Judge for the City of Port Neches, Texas, for 19 years, and in 1974 he was appointed City Attorney for the City of Port Neches. He served in that position for 31 years. He served as President of the Jefferson Bar Association in 1970-1971, and served as the chairman of the local Bar Presidents Section of the State Bar Association. He was a sustaining life member of the Texas Bar Foundation, and was awarded the Blackstone Award by the Jefferson County Bar Association in 1996. He was named the Port Neches Citizen of the Year in 2001.

L. Lloyd MacDonald, LLB ‘57, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018. Lloyd was born on July 19, 1931 in Marfa, Texas, to John MacDonald and Myrtle Barnett MacDonald. He graduated from Baylor University where he received BBA and LLB degrees. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1954 as a reserve officer. He married Juanice Koen on November 22, 1958.

In 1957, Lloyd worked for Shell Oil Company in Midland as a title analyst. Following a few years in private law practice, he joined the law firm of Kerr, Fitz-Gerald & Kerr. Later he became a partner in the Turpin, Smith, Dyer, Saxe & MacDonald Law Firm. He is a past president of the Midland Bar Association and in 2013 he was chosen to be the first recipient of the John Hyde Memorial Award.

His community service included serving as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts, a member of the Westside Rotary Club and active in the Midland Jaycees. He was a member of the Midland Scottish Rite Association. He served two terms as chairman of the Salvation Army Board and was active in the First Baptist Church.

Throughout his life, when he was not in the courtroom, he cultivated his love of poetry and pursued his interest in the history of Texas. In 2009 his book, Tejanos in the 1835 Texas Revolution, was published with original illustrations that he crafted in leather.

The Honorable Austin O. McCloud, LLB ‘57, passed away November 30, 2018. He was born March 17, 1929 in Edom, Texas, and grew up in Lubbock. After serving his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he received his Juris Doctor degree cum laude from Baylor Law in 1957. He then became an associate with the law firm of Fullbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski in Houston. In 1960, he set up a law practice in Colorado City, Texas. He was appointed to the 32nd District Court of Texas as District Judge on August 31, 1963, where he served in that capacity through December 1970. He was elected as Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas, in November 1970, where he served until his retirement on December 31, 1994. Judge McCloud served as a Senior Justice to Texas Courts of Appeals, subject to assignment by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. He was one of five chosen to serve on the Real Property Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which drafts the real property questions that are included on the multi-state bar examination. Judge McCloud was named Outstanding Jurist of Texas in 1994; served as President, Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeals of the United States 1993-1994; President, Council of Chief Justices of Texas Courts of Appeals 1991; and President, Baylor Law Alumni Association 1975-1976. He was appointed by the Council of Chief Justices Texas Courts of Appeals to serve as an ex-officio member of the Texas Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee and served on numerous other committees determining appellate procedure. He represented the Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeals of the United States at the first joint meeting of federal and state judges. He was also a member of the State Appellate Rules Committee, the Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section, and the State Bar of Texas. He truly loved the law and its interpretation and was a man of unfailing integrity. As a long-time member of the Methodist Church, he taught Sunday School for many years. His deep faith and commitment to the Scripture was evident in the example he set.

Wanza Sue Floyd Reid, JD ‘61, passed away away on Sunday, January 20, 2019. She was born on May 18, 1938 in Clarksville, Texas, to Paul D. Floyd and Ernestine Jones Floyd. Sue received a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas State College and her law degree from Baylor Law. She married William Mack “Bill” Reid on December 22, 1961. She served as district staff attorney for the Texas Department of Transportation where she handled employee litigation and right of way acquisitions. She was a member of the State Bar of Texas for over 50 years. She loved to travel — many trips foreign and domestic with family and friends. Sue was known for her dry wit and her honest and straight forward approach to life and people.
Atmar “A.W.” W. Davis Jr., JD ’63, was born on October 6, 1932 in Jasper and was raised in Newton, Texas. He passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018. After graduating from Newton High School, A.W attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University, served in the United States Air Force, and graduated from Baylor Law. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar Association in 1963 and practiced law for 55 years, including serving as District Attorney for Newton County. A.W was fiercely dedicated to his work and especially passionate about seeking justice for child abuse victims. His life was filled with family and friends. A.W was a voracious reader and lifelong scholar. He enjoyed music and loved to travel with his family and friends.

The Honorable Charles E. Myers, JD ’69, of Abilene, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018 in Abilene. Charles was born in Houston to Charles & Dorothy Myers on February 13, 1946. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1964. Charles graduated from Baylor University with a B.B.A and a Juris Doctor degree in 1969. He was honorably discharged from the Texas National Guard in 1976. He was assigned to Port Neches National Guard, Corps of Engineers 277th Dredge Detachment. He also qualified as Infantry Paratrooper. He worked as an attorney until being sworn in as an Associate Judge on October 31, 2009. Charles is survived by his wife Kristine Myers of Abilene.

The Honorable Albert LeRue Dixon III, JD ’70, passed away on March 3, 2019. He was born December 14, 1943, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and a Mason. He was a graduate of Baylor Law, served as a district attorney, and was a member of Who’s Who in Texas. He served for eight years as County Court at Law Judge in Rusk, Texas.


Charles Edwin “Ed” Hinshaw, JD ’74, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019. He was born August 31, 1942 in Panhandle, Texas, to Clark “Shorty” Oliver Hinshaw and Vita Thompson Hinshaw. He proudly served in the United States Army and received his Juris Doctor degree from Baylor Law in 1975. He served as the Carson County Attorney for 16 years. Ed was an avid sports lover, especially Panhandle High School athletics.

James E. Cummins, JD ’80, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019. He was born on June 5, 1928 in Rice to Marvin Ernest and Jimmie Leona Mahaley Cummins. Upon graduation from Rice High School in 1945, James served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the battleship U.S.S. Iowa. He then earned a bachelor’s degree with honors in agricultural education from Texas A&M University in 1949 and a Master’s of Science from East Texas State University in 1954. After retiring from public education, he earned a J.D. from Baylor Law in 1980. He remained active in his law practice in Corsicana for 39 years until his death.

W. Stephen Cockerham, JD ’86, passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. Stephen was born on April 14, 1962 in Memphis, Tennessee to Virginia Sue Moore and William Stephen Cockerham Jr. Stephen attended Baylor Law where he received his law degree in 1986. He passed the bar exam and began working as an attorney at Worsham, Forsythe and Wooldridge in Dallas. Stephen continued working with the firm as it merged with Hunton and Williams until 2010. He next worked for the Dallas office of Brown McCarroll, which then became Husch Blackwell. Stephen experienced a successful and effective legal career, from his winning trial record to the articles he wrote about labor and employment law.

Professionally and personally, Stephen was known for his big heart. He played an important role on the board of several local non-profits, such as the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, CitySquare, Grace Place Properties, and Ministerio Next Generation. He was also the recipient of many awards for his pro bono legal work. Stephen’s greatest roles, however, were that of father and husband. In 1995, he wed Kristi Kay Cox. They lived in Dallas, Texas, until the birth of their first daughter, Kate, in 1997. In Okavla, Texas, their new home, they also raised daughters Maggie, born in 1999, and Emma, born in 2006. Stephen was known for taking his daughters on grand adventures through his special ability of storytelling.
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