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We’ve extended this year’s deadline to December 31, 2019. The new year begins on January 1, 2020.

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Your dues support many meaningful events and initiatives, including:

- Alumni Receptions and Events
- Lunch for Baylor Law Graduates
- Taking the Bar Exam
- Baylor Law Graduation Receptions
- New Student Orientation Luncheons with Alumni
- Annual Alumni Tailgate
- Alumni Awards
- Breakfast at the Baylor Homecoming Parade on the Lawn of Morrison Constitution Hall
- CLE Opportunities
- The Baylor Law Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

Pay your dues online at baylor.edu/law/give.

If paying by check, please make checks payable to “Baylor Law” with “BLAA membership dues” in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to: Baylor Law Alumni Association, One Bear Place #97288, Waco, Texas 76798.
A Message from
Dean Toben
Baylor Law is dedicated to preparing our graduates for success. We’re currently ranked #2 in the nation for our Advocacy Program — and heading for #1!

At the same time, we are equally proud of our rigorous transactional law program and the great lawyers it produces. A substantial percentage of our current — and incoming — students are choosing to study at Baylor Law with the intention of working in transactional law.

In this issue of Docket Call, we shine a spotlight on several of the recent developments in our transactional law program, a few of its distinguished faculty, and some of the successful Baylor Lawyers who are not only at the forefront of their fields, but continually find the time to give back to Baylor Law. This intentional confluence of leading-edge training and participation from ‘in-the-trenches’ practitioners gives Baylor Law students a tremendous advantage — and prepares the next generation of Baylor Lawyers to successfully navigate their way through an increasingly complex legal world of new technologies, tax laws, accounting and business regulations, government policies, and more.

Also in this issue, we continue our latest series, ‘If These Walls Could Talk,’ highlighting the beautiful Dean Emeritus Angus S. McSwain Office of the Dean, made possible by the generous philanthropy of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Wilkins of McAllen. We also share with you some beautiful photos from the most recent Academy of the Advocate in St Andrews, Scotland, our 2019 Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year, and so much more.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Docket Call!

Brad Toben, JD ’77
DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW
Our Transactional Law Program: Expanding Opportunities
From Professional Tracks in Business and Estate Planning, to the Business Law Boot Camp, the In-House Counsel Externship Program, and now the Transactional Law Practice Lab, Baylor Law students now have more opportunities to get a practical, results-oriented education in Transactional Law.

Baylor Lawyer Richard H. Tye has practiced estate planning and probate law in San Antonio, Texas, for twenty-nine years. When asked if he enjoys his career as an attorney, he responded by saying that he is extremely happy. “I like it because of the human interaction that comes with it,” he said. “Working with families and individuals, and the intergenerational relationships that are often involved, is very rewarding.” Estate planning and probate law were not always on his radar, before or during law school, and his professional journey into these specialized areas of law took some time.

Tye notes that it took him 10 years to find out that estate planning and probate law was exactly where he belonged. “Over time, I just realized I liked estate planning better than the other aspects of my practice,” he said. “It’s more rewarding and fascinating.” Part of what brought on this revelation was the loss of a major client. “One-third of my tax and business practice walked away,” he stated. Afterward, he also realized that while working with tax-motivated business transactions can be “great bread and butter” for the bottom line, it just wasn’t as interesting or rewarding as estate planning and probate.

Tye’s path to the legal profession was not the “norm.” He began his educational journey at Texas A&M for his undergraduate degree, followed by earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He then practiced veterinary medicine in
Baylor Law’s Estate Planning Professional Track

**FOUNDATIONAL COURSES**
- Administration of Estates
- Business Organizations 1
- Client Counseling
- Estate Planning
- Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses
- Trusts & Estates
- Wealth Transfers

**ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES**
- Administration of Estates Capstone
- Elder Law
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Retirement Law
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Wealth Transfer Capstone

Estate Planning Clinic for First Responders

CREATED TO SERVE THOSE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, Baylor Law’s Estate Planning Clinic provides free, basic estate planning for veterans, first responders (police, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians), and their spouses living in and around McLennan County.

Staffed by Baylor Law students under the supervision of director Josh Borderud and guided by Professor Tom Featherston, the clinic provides students with valuable, real-world experience helping clients arrange for the transfer of their assets to their heirs through wills and other legal documents. As cases are assigned, students meet with clients, draft wills, prepare powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, directives to physicians, declarations of guardian, and serve as witnesses at the will execution ceremony.

“Professor Featherston has substantively reviewed 103 wills in the last twelve months through our Estate Planning Clinic. For a respected scholar, teacher, and practitioner of his caliber to wholeheartedly delve into pro bono clinical work in his fifth decade of practice speaks volumes about his character, his vitality, and his commitment to mentoring students and serving those in need.”

Josh Borderud
Director of Clinical Programs

Professor Tom Featherston
The Mills Cox Chair of Law

During Baylor Law’s Estate Planning Clinics, Baylor Law students meet with first responders to assist them with free estate planning services.
Amber Hernandez is taking advantage of every opportunity Baylor Law has to offer. A first-generation college student from San Diego, California, Amber says her mom gave her two options, “She wanted me to be a doctor or a lawyer, and I hate blood,” she said with a smile. After completing her undergraduate studies at Baylor University in 2017, Amber wanted to get her MBA before pursuing her law degree. When she found out Baylor Law offered a dual degree program that allowed her to earn both at the same time, she “couldn’t fill out the application soon enough,” she said.

Amber has gone through her first four quarters of law school, completed Baylor Law’s innovative Business Law Boot Camp, finished her year of MBA classes, interned for two judges over the summer, and is now finishing out her last two years at Baylor Law. Admittedly undecided about what area of law she wants to practice, she is trying them all.

Prior to starting her MBA classes, Amber enrolled in Professor Beth Miller’s Business Law Boot Camp, a full-day, week-long course focusing on the practical aspects of multiple topics in transactional law. The topics are covered by well-established, highly-regarded transactional lawyers. “It was a really long and tiring week, with a mid-term and final exam,” Amber said, “but it was so nice to see a different aspect of law that I had not considered.” Contrary to her assumptions, Amber realized that a career in transactional law didn’t mean she would be stuck in a cubicle all day.

As a member of Baylor Law’s transactional law competition teams, Amber helped her team advanced to the semi-finals at the Ole Miss Magnolia Cup Transactional Law Negotiation Competition. “I really love the negotiating aspect of transactions,” she said. Additionally, she had the opportunity to help Professor Miller as an assistant in The Closer, Baylor Law’s annual one-of-a-kind national transactional law competition.

While the demands of her MBA course work were very different than law school, Amber said it “certainly was not a break, but law school helped prepare me with the time management skills needed to handle the work and identify issues from another perspective.”

This past summer, Amber served as a legal intern for Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman and Federal District Court Judge Alia Moses. With her transactional law studies completed, and considering that her family has worked primarily in law enforcement, Amber is now interested in tackling some of Baylor Law’s criminal course offerings. “My friends always joke, what’s Amber going to be this week?” she said. Luckily, Baylor Law is helping her explore all her options.

Baylor Law’s Business Planning Professional Track

**FOUNDATIONAL COURSES**
- Business Organizations 1
- Business Organizations 2
- Business Planning & Drafting or Transactional Law Meet Team
- Client Counseling
- Securities Regulation
- Taxation of Business Entities

**ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES**
- Business Organizations: Current Topics in Mergers & Acquisitions
- Business Planning Capstone
- Business Transactions: Mergers & Acquisitions Planning and Drafting
- Business Transactions: Venture Capital
- Commercial Law: Secured Transactions
- International Business Transactions
- Real Estate Finance
- Taxation of Individuals & Family Businesses
- Transactional Law Practice Lab
James Howard, JD '11, and JP Haskins, JD '16, first met in 2015 when James coached JP’s transactional team at Baylor Law. The two remained close over the years and have now teamed up to teach Baylor Law’s recently offered Transactional Law Practice Lab course.

James is a member of Naman Howell Smith & Lee’s Austin office, helping walk businesses through an array of legal matters, including entity formation, investment, financing, target acquisition, customer/vendor negotiations, and employee/consultant issues. JP is an associate with Greenberg Traurig in Austin, with his practice focusing on private equity, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, capital markets, corporate governance, and general business law.

While James worked in commercial litigation for a short stint after graduation, both attorneys became interested in the transactional law after taking a transactional law class taught by Professor Beth Miller. “I decided I liked it more than I liked torts,” JP said, “I then took every class of hers I could.”

When James and JP were approached by Professor Miller about the prospect of teaching a transactional law course, they knew it needed to have the hallmark component of what makes Baylor Law unique — teaching the practicality of practice. “We wanted to teach students how to negotiate a deal from start to finish —
Working with Magnolia’s In-House Counsel, Baylor Law alumnus, Dawn Taylor, J D ’05, and attorney Stephen Lewis in conjunction with her weekly class, Madison had a front row seat to the profession.

“We had a weekly lecture series from Professor Bostick with a helpful outline, and every week the students talked about what kind of work we did.” Madison found the lecture series worked hand-in-hand with her experiences in the office. She especially found the litigation hold lecture helpful when asked by Magnolia to prepare a memo on discovery requirements for their executive staff, but that was a small portion of her externship experience.

Madison found herself researching how to license one’s “likeness,” the pros and cons of historically designating a building, how to register a sweepstakes, product recalls, FDA compliance issues, appropriate use of hashtags when advertising through social media, and Proposition 65 and the effect it had on the labeling of their products. She also found herself sitting in on negotiations and drafting non-disclosure agreements.

“I loved my experience with the externship program, Magnolia, and Professor Bostick. I really want students to know these opportunities are available,” she said. “It was great to see such a broad range of legal issues. It helped so much with my research skills because I never knew what I would be tasked with next. I may not practice in every area of the law that I worked in during my externship, but I will certainly use the skills I’ve learned.”

“My in-house practice of law was truly the most enjoyable and rewarding part of my legal career,” said Professor Bostick. “I hope to not only teach my students about the nuances of in-house practice, but to also give them the tools to effectively work with current in-house counsel to secure a rewarding in house position in the future.”

In-House Counsel Externship Program

THE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM SERVES AS AN INTRODUCTION TO IN-HOUSE COUNSEL PRACTICE BY EXPOSING STUDENTS TO IN-HOUSE PRACTICE IN REAL-WORLD AND CLASSROOM SETTINGS. Students participating in this program earn a total of 2 hours of credit through a one-hour externship and a one-hour class. In the externship component, students spend a minimum of 72 hours observing and working under the supervision of an in-house lawyer in the private sector. The classroom component of the In-House Counsel Externship Program focuses on substantive issues commonly encountered by in-house counsel in corporate law departments as well as ethical issues and practical skills, such as working with outside counsel, identifying and dealing with conflicts of interest, preserving attorney-client privilege in the in-house context, drafting and negotiating contracts, and conducting internal investigations.

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Learning From the Best

PROFESSOR BETH MILLER, THE M. STEPHEN AND ALYCE A. BEARD CHAIR IN BUSINESS AND TRANSACTIONAL LAW, IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT ON THE LAW OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS. Lawyers nationwide rely on her publications and presentations in order to stay current of developments and trends in the LLC- and LLP-related jurisprudence.

Professor Beth Miller

The M. Stephen and Alyce A. Beard Chair in Business and Transactional Law

James Howard
Thank you to the Baylor Lawyers who underwrote the September Baylor Lawyer Network Receptions.

Dallas Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
Underwritten by the Baylor Lawyers of Burford & Ryburn, LLP:
Lance Travis, JD ’93
Jennifer King, JD ’01
Andrew Cox, JD ’02
Chris Arnell, JD ’18

Fort Worth Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
Underwritten by the Baylor Lawyers of Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz PLLC:
Wayne Whitaker, JD ’71
Thomas Brandon, Jr., JD ’73
Bruce McGee, JD ’73
Mack Swindle, JD ’74
Timothy Harvard, JD ’83
Clark Cowley, JD ’88
David Skeels, JD ’03
Jake Boyd, JD ’13

Houston Baylor Lawyer Network Reception
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
Underwritten by the Baylor Lawyers of The Hudgins Law Firm:
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Spencer Edwards, JD ’97
Eric Carl Nordstrom, JD ’02
Erik Baumann, JD ’14
Alex Bishop, JD ’17
Rebecca Magness, JD ’17

If you are interested in hosting a Baylor Lawyer Network reception, please contact law_alumni@baylor.edu.
Thanks to all who attended the Baylor Law Alumni Reception held in conjunction with the 2019 Texas District & County Attorneys Association meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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TDCAA ANNUAL MEETING

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Before Baylor Law students learn the names of their professors or memorize their class schedules, they experience the beauty of the Dean Emeritus Angus S. McSwain Office of the Dean.

Nearly everyone at Baylor Law is familiar with the Dean’s Suite, the nerve center of the Law School where students and faculty alike work with staff colleagues to answer questions ranging from classrooms to calendars, and lockers to lunches.
Every Baylor Law student, faculty, and staff member eventually interacts with the Dean’s Suite staff who work under the ever-watchful gaze of the Tom and Geen Wilkins portrait. The Dean’s Suite was created as a space to encourage visitors, faculty, staff, and especially students to feel at home, and it certainly gives off a welcoming energy. “The generosity of the Wilkins has made the creation of this wonderful welcoming space possible — and the architectural designers did an amazing job,” said Meredith Meyer, Special Events Coordinator, Office Manager, and Assistant to Associate Dean Leah Teague. Alumni have been known to walk into the Dean’s Suite and regularly compliment the space, remarking on its beauty.

The admissions team works tirelessly to recruit outstanding students to Baylor Law, and many applicants have sat nervously in the Dean’s Suite awaiting their interviews in the Queen Anne chairs, gazing upon recent advocacy awards and honors received by current students. Deeper within the suite, Dean Toben, Dean Teague, and a group of dedicated Law School staff attend to matters of recruitment, admissions, student records, financial aid, development, media, public relations, event planning, and alumni relations — working to assure the educational experience of every Baylor Law student meets the high standards Baylor Law has built a reputation for.

Many who visit the suite, however, are unaware that the Dean Emeritus Angus S. McSwain Office of the Dean was built thanks to the generous philanthropy of Tom and Geen Wilkins, who underwrote its creation. Mr. Wilkins, a 1966 graduate, was led to Baylor Law after hearing positive things about the quality of legal education the school provided. He has a successful career as a transactional attorney at Wilkins & Wilkins, in McAllen, TX, in partnership with his son, Mark, also a Baylor Lawyer.

They practice in a boutique firm that gives personalized attention to both individuals and businesses. Mr. Wilkins’ practice extends to litigation, real estate, probate, condemnation, oil and gas, fiduciary duties, and estate planning.

“Baylor Lawyers have always risen to the call of leadership — in the legal profession, in their communities, in their churches, and in so many other venues,” said Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben.

“Tom Wilkins is a perfect example of this dedication to leadership. Not only that, Tom and Geen are truly delightful people, and we have been so blessed by their generosity.”

During his time at Baylor Law, Wilkins appreciated the professors and the methods they used to teach their students. “They were all extremely proficient, very professional, and very helpful,” Wilkins stated. “Baylor Law continues to foster an environment where if a student wants to learn, the opportunity will be provided in spades.”

One professor who had a significant influence on Mr. Wilkins was the late Dean Angus McSwain, who taught real property, jurisprudence, and many other subjects. Taking Dean McSwain’s class during Wilkin’s first year at Baylor Law changed his path in life. “He was my inspiration to really get involved in real estate law,” Wilkins reminisced. He enjoyed the time he spent with McSwain both as a person and as a teacher.

Wilkins said professors like McSwain were his catalyst to keep moving forward professionally and ultimately to give back to Baylor Law. “Dean McSwain explained his subjects very well and if there was anything you had a question about, he had a ready answer.” On his first visit to the completed Dean’s Suite, Wilkins was fully impressed. “I thought it was very professionally done,” he said.

Wilkins has advice for both current and future law students. They should be aware that both the federal and state regulatory frameworks continue to expand. Even though at one time it was possible to work in a wide variety of fields, it is now more important to specialize in specific areas. “Try not to work in litigation and office work at the same time,” he recommends. Wilkins reminds both Baylor Law students and his fellow Baylor Lawyers of the importance of taking time to spend with their families and caring for themselves, both physically and mentally, through exercise and other healthy habits. He also emphasizes to need to seek help if the stress becomes overwhelming. “For young lawyers, it’s important they recognize that practicing law can lead to a lot of stress,” he said.
Michael McCoy, JD ’79, has joined Lugenbuhl, Heaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard as Senior Counsel in the Houston office. He brings a wealth of experience in insurance and litigation.

J. Mark Lawless, JD ’80, with McGuire Woods, was honored by Texas Lawyer with the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Professional Excellence Award on September 18 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

Brett Flagg, JD ’83, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to serve on the board of directors for Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

Laura Bellegie Sharp, JD ’86, a partner at The Sharp Firm in Austin, TX, was elected to the American Bar Association Board of Governors at the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. She was elected from District 8, representing Texas and Florida attorneys, and will serve for a three-year term. Sharp has served as a Baylor Law School Alumni Executive Committee member (2013-2016), President of the Austin Bar Association (2003-2004), State Bar of Texas director (2004-2007) and trustee for the National Conference of Bar Foundations (2011 to 2018). She is also on the Board of Directors for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and treasurer of the Austin Bar Foundation.

Sharla Frost, JD ’87, with Tucker Ellis LLP, has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2020.

Jay Condie, JD ’88, was sworn in as the new DeWitt County attorney on July 1. He follows Baylor Lawyer Ray Reese, JD ’84, who served as county attorney for 25 years.

Bryan O. Blevins, Jr., JD ’90, Equity Partner with Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP in Beaumont, earned “Lawyer of the Year” for his work with mass tort litigation and class actions on behalf of plaintiffs in The Best Lawyers in America listing for 2020. He was also listed with additional honors for plaintiffs’ personal injury and product liability litigation.


David Pfeuffer, JD ’91, joined three other attorneys to create the New Braunfels practice of Langley Banack & Pfeuffer. David has practiced law in New Braunfels for 26 years and focuses on real estate and business transactional matters and litigation involving a broad variety of commercial matters, family law, and trusts and estates.

Patricia Sherman Bruce, JD ’95, joined Jackson Walker LLP in Austin.

Leane Capps, JD ’96, with Polsinelli PC in Dallas, has been named one of the 2020 Best Lawyers in America in the Appellate Practice category.

Vickie L. Driver, JD ’00, joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the firm’s Dallas office. She is a member of the Bankruptcy and Creditor’s Rights, Corporate and Securities, Healthcare, and Indian Law and Gaming Practice Groups. Vickie is a board member of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, co-founder and inaugural president of the DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers and former chair of the Dallas Bar Association’s Bankruptcy Section.
Aimee Guidry Szygenda, JD ’00, joined Lillard Wise Szygenda PLLC as Of Counsel. She handles commercial and general litigation matters in both state and federal courts.

Libby King, JD ’01, has a new firm name and location: Moerer & King, LLP, located at 701 S. 11th Street, Suite A in Richmond, Texas. The group focuses on probate, guardianship, real estate and business transactions, litigation, and mediation.

Eric Carl Nordstrom, JD ’02, was elected Vice President of the Board of Governors of The Center for Pursuit, a Houston-area nonprofit dedicated to achieving choice, growth, and independence for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Matthew Matheny, JD ’03, with Provost Umphrey LLP in Beaumont, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2020 for mass torts, class actions and personal injury. This is his fifth consecutive listing.

Traylor Rains, JD ’04, was named Chief Operating Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

D. Luke McMahan, JD ’05, has been named a shareholder with HARRISON STECK, P.C. in Fort Worth.

Lawrence Morales II, JD ’05, was recently elected Secretary of the San Antonio Bar Association for the 2019-2020 term.

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Anne Idsal, JD ’10, is serving as Acting Assistant Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Nicholas A.F. Sarokhanian, JD ’10, with Holland & Knight, was honored by Texas Lawyer with the 2019 On the Rise Professional Excellence Award on September 18 at the Belo Mansion in Dallas.

Ronnie Turner, Jr., JD ’10, with Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP in Beaumont, was listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2020, for personal injury and product liability. This is his third consecutive listing.

Hunter Oliver, JD ’13, has joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation) as a litigation attorney in the Office of the Chief Counsel in Washington, D.C.

Andrea M. Palmer, JD ’13, has been named Director of Coverage & Litigation with Higginbotham in Fort Worth. Andrea was also recently selected as one of the “400 Most Influential People in Fort Worth” by Fort Worth Inc. Magazine.
Waco City Councilman
Dillon Meek
Named the 2019 Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year

Waco attorney and District IV City Councilman Dillon Meek has been named Baylor’s Young Lawyer of the Year.

Meek received the award from Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben at the City Council meeting at Waco Convention Center’s Bosque Theater, on Tuesday, June 18th. Toben said Meek’s “exceptional record” of professional and public service exemplified the criteria for the honor. A native of Edna, TX, a small-town northeast of Victoria, Meek has called Waco home since he arrived at Baylor University as an undergrad in 2003, studying political science. He started law school in 2007 and after graduating from Baylor Law in 2010, Meek worked for Haley & Olson, representing municipal clients, energy companies, and financial institutions in litigation. He later took a position with Rydell Capital in Waco, serving as Rydell’s general counsel and investment manager, and currently serves as general counsel and EVP for First Title Company. He has served as the District IV council member, an elected, volunteer position, since 2015.

Q&A

Why was it important for you to become actively involved in public service? I believe Waco is at a unique juncture and — if leadership is strategic — has an opportunity for holistic, healthy growth. It’s easy to get excited about Waco’s future given its geographic location, the robust Texas economy, and some important local stakeholders. Importantly, I believe we can leverage this so everyone in Waco can achieve greater financial security and build safe, strong neighborhoods. Waco — like every Texas city — is not without its problems, namely financial insecurity. What is unique to Waco, I believe, is the opportunity to solve (at least some of) those problems.

How did Baylor Law help prepare you for your role? Baylor Law helped so much in preparing me for public service. First, Baylor Law taught me how to advocate. Whether in writing or verbally, I learned the importance of articulating positions. With regard to life skills, Baylor Law improved my time management, work ethic, and confidence. I also learned an important lesson at Baylor Law: anxiety and stress are not measures of how seriously I am taking any matter in my life. Prior to law school, I (unknowingly) believed that if I’m really approaching anything with seriousness, I was entitled (if not required) to be stressed and anxious. Law school taught me anxiety is not required of hard work and success; indeed, taking challenges head on with excitement, enthusiasm, and an enjoyable approach often render greater success.

If a Baylor Law student was thinking about a future in public service or as an elected official — what advice would you give them? Have fun. Collaborate well. Build strong friendships. Remember that the key word is service. Check your ego and motives at the door daily and remind yourself why you’re doing the work. If it’s for any reason other than the betterment of those you’re serving, it’s not the right gig.

What class or professor had the greatest impact on you? Impossible to say. I can say that I have a deep respect for the hard, intentional work of all Baylor Law professors.

What is your personal mantra or best advice you’ve ever received? But for right now, we have three things to do: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love. 1 Cor. 13:13 MSG

What’s next for Dillon Meek? Raise my kiddos and hang out with my wife, Lindsey. Lindsey and I have decided I will run for Mayor of Waco in 2020 and I’m excited for that.

The Baylor Young Lawyer of the Year Award was created in 1995 to recognize an outstanding graduate under 40 years of age who has brought honor and distinction to Baylor Law and to the legal profession. Recipients of the award are selected by the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

Young Baylor Lawyer Past Recipients

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Ron Beal  
Professor of Law

**PUBLICATIONS**

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

Bridget Fuselier  
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Baylor Teaching Fellow
- Editor, Easements & Covenants, *REPTL Reporter*
- Contributing Editor, Real Estate, *General Practice Digest*

Laura A. Hernández  
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Latina Commissioner, Hispanic National Bar Association

Elizabeth Miller  
M. Stephen and Alyce A. Beard Professor of Business and Transactional Law

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Case Law Update: A Survey of Recent Texas Partnership and LLC Cases, 28th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (2019)
- Model Company Agreements for Simple LLCs, Nuts and Bolts of LLCs, LPs and Partnerships, University of Texas School of Law (2019)
- Fiduciary Duties, Exculpation, and Indemnification in Texas Business Organizations, 17th Annual Choice, Governance & Acquisition of Entities Course, State Bar of Texas (May 24, 2019)
- Miscellaneous Recent (Non-Delaware) Partnership and LLC Cases, Annual LLC Case Law Update, American Bar Association Business Law Section Spring Meeting (2019)
- Miscellaneous Recent (Non-Delaware) Partnership and LLC Cases, "34 LLC & PARTNERSHIP REPORTER, No. 3. (March 2019)

Michael Morrison  
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Trustee, The Madison Cooper and Martha Roane Cooper Foundation
- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Vice President of Programs, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Member, Board of Directors, Association for Good Government
- Public Policy Fellow, University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Michael Rogers  
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Director, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Board Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, Baylor’s N C A A, Pro Sports Counseling Panel

Walt Shelton  
Adjunct Professor of Law

**PUBLICATIONS**
- "Find Acceptance Even in the Most Difficult Times," Austin American Statesman (September 28, 2019)
- "Bring Comfort Instead of Answers to Those in Grief," Austin American Statesman (August 3, 2019)

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

Leah Jackson Teague  
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

Bradley J.B. Toben  
Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Elected Member, American Law Institute
- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Chair, AALS Section on Leadership
- Chair, Strategic Initiative Committee, American Council on Education’s Women’s Network Executive Council
- Secretary and Treasurer, Baylor Law Alumni Association
- Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Texas Federal Tax Institute

James Underwood  
Professor of Law

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Chair, AALS Section on Leadership
- Chair, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Fellow, American Inn of Court
- Member, Board of Directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce

Patricia Wilson  
Professor of Law

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- 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
- Contributor, *General Practice Digest* (Family Law)
Graduation Day

Associate Dean Leah Teague presided over the ceremony and Baylor University’s Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., conferred the degrees in her first commencement as Provost. Professor Brandon Quarles gave the invocation and Mark Douglas Siegmund addressed the class as the highest-ranking student. The Honorable Alan Albright, in his first time as a commencement speaker, delivered an inspirational address. Dr. Brickhouse, Dean Teague, and Assistant Dean of Career Development Angela Cruseturner presented the diplomas. Professors Bridget Fuselier and Greg White hooded the graduates.
E. Earle Zehmer Worker’s Compensation Moot Court Competition
The team of Jessica Cox and Andrew Swallows took the top spot at the 31st E. Earle Zehmer Worker’s Compensation Moot Court Competition in Orlando.

Law Review Article Cited in TX Supreme Court Motion
Baylor Law Student Juan Antonio Solis’ “Closing the Door on Fraud Plaintiffs: Carduco’s Effect on Claims for Fraudulent Inducement in Texas,” published in the Baylor Law Review in the Spring of 2019, was cited in a Motion for Rehearing before the Supreme Court of Texas.

Baylor Law Fall 2019 Entering Class Ends Orientation with Community Service Projects
More than 100 incoming Baylor Law students volunteered with local nonprofits Keep Waco Beautiful and Caritas for various community service projects throughout the Waco area.

Profile of the Fall 2019 Entering Class

- **104 ENROLLED**
  - Median LSAT/GPA: 160/3.64
  - 25% LSAT/GPA: 159/3.51
  - 75% LSAT/GPA: 163/3.76

- **ETHNICITY**
  - Anglo or Caucasian: 73
  - Minority Students (32%): 31
  - American Indian / Alaskan Native: 10
  - Asian or Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander: 10
  - Black/African American: 14
  - Hispanic/Latino: 54

- **GENRE**
  - Females: 50
  - Males: 54

- **RESIDENCY**
  - In-State Residents: 69
  - Out-of-State Residents: 35

- **MILITARY**
  - Active Military and Veterans: 4

- **STATES AND COUNTRIES REPRESENTED**
  - Alabama
  - Arizona
  - California
  - Colorado
  - Connecticut
  - Florida
  - Georgia
  - Illinois
  - Indiana
  - Kansas
  - Kentucky
  - Louisiana
  - Maryland
  - Missouri
  - New Hampshire
  - New York
  - Oklahoma
  - Ohio
  - Texas
  - Utah
  - Washington
  - Wisconsin
  - China
  - India
One of America’s leading constitutional scholars, Prof. Robert P. George, delivered the featured lecture at the fifth annual Starr Federalist Papers Lecture Series presented by John, JD ’52, and Marie Chiles. In his lecture, “Restraints on Federal Power: Constitutional Structures and Civic Virtue,” Prof. George explained how the Founders intended to keep the federal government’s power in check, and how civil discourse and civic virtue can reform today’s highly fractured, hyper-partisan, political discourse.
Baylor Law hosted a group of local educators for the American Board of Trial Advocates Teachers Law School. Created in 2009, the program is designed for middle and high school educators with an interest in prioritizing civics and law-related education in the classroom — giving them the tools to help their students better understand the American civil and criminal legal systems.

Prosecutors from across Texas gathered at Baylor Law to attend the Texas District & County Attorneys Association’s (TDCAA) advanced trial advocacy course. Hosted by Baylor Law and organized and operated by the TDCAA, the week-long program is worth 22 hours of MCLE credit. This year’s course focused on the challenges stemming from cases involving domestic violence assault by strangulation.

Judge Gary Coley, JD ’93, speaks to a group of educators during the Teachers Law School.

Julie Springer, JD ’87
Professor Liz Fraley, JD ’88

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Bryant Wesley “Wes” Ferrell, JD ’49, passed away on March 21. Wes was born August 18, 1921, as the third son of Bryant Earl and Mary Lola Ferrell in Linden, Texas, where he went to school, and afterward attended the College of M. Marshall. After graduating in 1941, he attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1941. In 1942, he joined the Marine Corps on inactive status. He graduated from Sam Houston in 1943 and reported to the Marine Corps. He attended officer’s school, where he graduated in the spring of 1944 and was sent to the Pacific. He landed in two Jima on D-Day. He was wounded and evacuated February 22, 1945. After the war ended, Wes continued on active duty until March 5, 1946. He entered Baylor Law in the fall of 1946, graduating with an LLB in 1949. Wes went into FBI training in 1950 in Washington, D.C. In the FBI, he met his wife of over 50 years, Martha Cole, and they were married on Christmas Day. They moved back to Texas where Wes joined his brother, Vincent, in the practice of law in Linden. Later, he joined Hunt Oil Company as an Oil and Gas lawyer. Wes and Martha had Joanna in October of that year. John made his appearance in 1954, followed 11 months later by Tom. Their final child, Pamela, was born in July, 1956. He retired in 1988 as Associate General Counsel. Wes was an active and loving member of the church body and embraced the Gospel as practice in his everyday life. He took joy in all of his children and was excited to see his grandchildren and to survive long enough to see his three great grandchildren. Wes is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, and his children, John and Pamela. Wes is survived and missed by his loving wife, Martha, and his two living children, Joanna and Tom. He leaves behind a legacy of love in his children, children in law, eight grandchildren, and three precious baby great grandchildren. He hopes all who remember him will continue to carry on his urge to love, to help those around them, and to seek to spread love in his children, children in law, eight grandchildren, missed by his loving wife, Martha, and his two living grandchildren. Marth passed away on March 21. Wes was born August 18, 1921, as the third son of Bryant Earl and Mary Lola Ferrell in Linden, Texas, where he went to school, and afterward attended the College of M. Marshall. After graduating in 1941, he attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1941. In 1942, he joined the Marine Corps on inactive status. He graduated from Sam Houston in 1943 and reported to the Marine Corps. He attended officer’s school, where he graduated in the spring of 1944 and was sent to the Pacific. He landed in two Jima on D-Day. He was wounded and evacuated February 22, 1945. After the war ended, Wes continued on active duty until March 5, 1946. He entered Baylor Law in the fall of 1946, graduating with an LLB in 1949. Wes went into FBI training in 1950 in Washington, D.C. In the FBI, he met his wife of over 50 years, Martha Cole, and they were married on Christmas Day. They moved back to Texas where Wes joined his brother, Vincent, in the practice of law in Linden. Later, he joined Hunt Oil Company as an Oil and Gas lawyer. Wes and Martha had Joanna in October of that year. John made his appearance in 1954, followed 11 months later by Tom. Their final child, Pamela, was born in July, 1956. He retired in 1988 as Associate General Counsel. Wes was an active and loving member of the church body and embraced the Gospel as practice in his everyday life. He took joy in all of his children and was excited to see his grandchildren and to survive long enough to see his three great grandchildren. Wes is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, and his children, John and Pamela. Wes is survived and missed by his loving wife, Martha, and his two living children, Joanna and Tom. He leaves behind a legacy of love in his children, children in law, eight grandchildren, and three precious baby great grandchildren. He hopes all who remember him will continue to carry on his urge to love, to help those around them, and to seek to spread hope to the world.

Hon. William “Bill” Arthur Thomas Jr., JD ’52, was born April 28, 1924, to Will Iliam Arthur Thomas Sr. and Zola (Downing) Thomas just outside Ranger, Texas. Bill had two older sisters: Imogene Thomas (Corley) and Ina Thomas (Gibson). Bill was raised primarily by his sister, Imogene. Bill graduated from White Deer High School and went to work for Skelly Oil Company. In late 1942, he went to join the Army Air Corps, but he was denied because he did not have a birth certificate. Shortly after he returned to work, he received a draft notice to report to Fort Sill. Bill was in Service Company C. 86th Blackhawk Infantry Division. He spent three years serving in France, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria. He reached Salzburg Austria, Hitler’s home) on May 6, 1945, two days before the end of W W II in the European theatre. Bill was formally discharged from the Army in December 1946. Bill received four years of paid education on the GI Bill. He graduated from Hardin Simmons University in two years with a double major in Government and History. He took one year off to work before he returned to Baylor Law. Bill completed undergrad and Law School (seven years of education) in four years, all on the GI Bill.

Bill married Johny Moxine Riley on July 4, 1950. They remained married for 64 years until her death on October 22, 2014. They had two sons, Cliff and Clint Thomas. Bill spent numerous hours coaching his sons’ baseball teams, serving as President of the PTA, Rotary Club, Little League, Colt League, Pony League, and Abilene High Booster Club. Bill served as County Attorney for Somervell County, Taylor County, Callahan County, Shackelford County, and Stephens County. He was later appointed District Attorney for the 42nd Judicial Court and served in that capacity until he went into private practice. Bill was appointed District Judge of the 350th Court of Taylor County in 1982. He served as District Judge for five years then went on to serve as Visiting Judge all over the State of Texas for eight years. He retired in 1990. Bill and Johny moved to Granbury Texas in 2008 to be closer to their sons and their families. Bill is survived by his sons Cliff Thomas (Ilene), Clint Thomas (Glynis), Grandchildren, Christina Davis (Tim), Riley Ray Thomas (Taylor), Haley Walker (Kody),Cliff Thomas and Jake Thomas and Great Grandchildren Lincoln Davis, Olivia Walker, Colton Davis, Paige Walker and Mica Thomas. He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters and wife, Johny Thomas.

Everett J. “Ebb” Grindstaff, JD ’54, passed from this earth to his new home on Monday, July 8, 2019, at the age of 88. Ebb was born May 7, 1931, in Abilene to E. C. and Atha (Porter) Grindstaff. He grew up in Ballinger and graduated from Ballinger High School. He married Jeanette (Jay) W hite on April 3, 1954, in Ft. Worth. A graduate of Baylor University with a BBA degree in business, and an LLB degree in law, Ebb joined the Army and served in Japan in counterintelligence during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Ballinger and became a partner in the law firm of Grindstaff and Grindstaff with his father, E.C. “Judge” Grindstaff. Ebb was a candidate for Texas State Representative in 1956 and 1968. An attorney in Ballinger since 1956, Ebb was appointed City Attorney in November of 1957 and remained in that office until he retired in January 2018, after 60 years of service. He continued his private practice, even during his time in the hospital, until his death.

A devoted member of Lions Club since 1956, Ebb was responsible for promoting the Juvenile Diabetes Program in Texas during their last two years of high school as helpers of students from Ballinger High School who worked on the Health and the Professional Liabilities Insurance Programs begun and/or were initiated. He was a Life Member Counselor at Baylor Law. Ebb was a member of the Ballinger Industrial Foundation for 25 years and was named Ballinger Citizen of the Year twice. He was a member of the Upper Colorado River Authority for 30 years and served 19 years as past chairman of that organization. He was past president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, past district chairman and past district commissioner of the Tri-Rivers District of Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Ebb established the “Legal Eagles,” which consisted of students from Ballinger High School who worked during their last two years of high school as helpers and aides in his law office. His display of work ethic and integrity were instrumental for the advancement of these young people in the business world. His character and principles instilled by his parents, Ebb was a Lion’s Lion, a leader with a servant’s heart, a great teacher, an inspiration, and a wonderful friend. He touched the lives of people around the world and connected with people from all walks of life. He epitomized the Lions Club motto, “We serve.” A devout Christian, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger where he served as a deacon.

Jimmy Jack Hatcher, JD ’60, was born on November 23, 1936 in Gainesville to Fred Hatcher and Rose (Lavender) Hatcher. He passed away on June 18, 2019 in Denton after a lengthy
Donald J. Baker, JD ‘64, of Woodway, Texas, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 13, 2019, surrounded by family and loved ones. Don was born April 1, 1940 in Austin, Texas and moved to Waco in 1949. Upon graduation from Waco High School in 1958, Don majored in business at Baylor University where he received his bachelor’s degree in 1962. Two months later he earned his CPA certification. In 1964, he graduated from Baylor Law and went on to graduate from New York University School of Law in 1965 with a Master of Laws in Taxation. Don had many accomplishments to be proud of during his 50-year law career as he was appointed to practice in multiple courts throughout the United States and Texas; US Court of Appeals, U.S. Tax Court, U.S. District Court and the Supreme Court of Texas.

In addition to being a successful attorney, Don was an avid member of the Waco community, spending many hours supporting local organizations; he was President of the Northwood Little League (now known as Lake Air Little League), Commissioner of the Texas Teenage Baseball League (District 14), Boy Scouts of America, Downtown Waco, Goodwill Industries and a Lifetime Member of Ducks Unlimited, just to name a few. In 1991, Don was elected as a Waco Woodway City Council Member and subsequently elected as Mayor of Woodway in 1994. When he retired as Mayor after 23 years, Don was (and still is) the longest serving mayor in Woodway’s history. In 2013, the City of Woodway honored Don for his service and dedication by forever naming the Council Chambers the “Donald J. Baker Council Chambers.”

Don is survived by his wife, Becky; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Robin Baker of Houston; daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Allen Brown of Crawford; grandchildren, Aaron, Jesse and Colton; and nephews, Mark Baker of Waco and Phil Baker of Houston.

Frank P. Dickson Jr., JD ’65, was born in Temple, Texas, on May 7, 1942, to Virginia Denson Dickson and Frank Preuit Dickson Sr. He passed away June 2, 2019. Frank graduated from Corsicana High School in Corsicana, Texas, in 1960. The summer after graduation, he met his wife, Elinor Misfeldt of Butte, Montana, at Fishing Bridge in Yellowstone National Park where they both worked. They married on March 22, 1963 in Waco, Texas. Frank obtained his law degree from Baylor Law in 1965, and he and Elinor moved to Santa Fe shortly thereafter. He was admitted to the New Mexico bar in 1966. Frank practiced in a firm he helped found, then as a solo practitioner, and later he served as General Counsel at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Frank had a distinguished fifty-year career practicing law throughout New Mexico. He dedicated his life to zealous advocacy for his clients and to public service. He was personable, hardworking, and had a great sense of humor. His practice drew him into many challenging and complex situations; it also introduced him to some colorful characters and wonderful lifelong friends, colleagues and clients alike. He loved the West, particularly New Mexico, Montana, and Southwestern Colorado, and the many pursuits offered there, including hiking, skiing, and fishing. He was an avid reader, especially of history, and an amateur western historian. He was very active in his church, serving on the vestry and participating in the church’s annual service project to build homes for people in need in Juarez, Mexico.

Frank is survived by his wife, Elinor; his three children, Frank and his wife Margaret, Claire and her husband, Sam Gollis, and Mark; as well as his grandchildren, Bryan Galindo, Adam Dickson, Paul and Ella Gollis, and Isabella Davis; and his sister Diana Saine, his husband Steve, and their children Cynthia and Margie.

William “Bill” Kimble, JD ’69, of Waco, Texas, passed away on June 14, 2019. He was born on September 14, 1945, in Uvalde, Texas, to Gussie and Paul Kimble. He graduated from Baylor University with his Bachelor of Arts in 1967 and his Juris Doctor in 1969 and worked for more than 25 years at Lone Star Legal Aid, where he dedicated his life to providing legal representation, education, and advocacy to underserved communities in Texas. He worked for many years on pro bono and civil rights cases, becoming a tenacious advocate for the poorest of the poor. In 2008, the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society established the Bill Kimble Service Award, which is given annually to the two students at Baylor Law who have accumulated the most hours in the Pro Bono and Public Service program.

Bill was a beloved and pugnacious lawyer, always fighting for the disadvantaged. “He was a very down-to-earth, warm, and wonderful lawyer,” stated Joshua G. Borderud, Director of the Veterans Clinic at Baylor Law. “He inspired countless Baylor Law students with his trailblazing work on behalf of those in need. I was honored to call him my friend.”

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ralph, Kenneth, and Charles Kimble; and granddaughter, Isabella Sofia Peralta. He is survived by his brother, Roy Kimble; son, David Kimble; two daughters, Miranda De La Garza of Laredo and Rachel Peralta of Arlington; and four grandchildren.

Christopher Edward Lane, JD ’78, was born on November 8, 1951, in Dallas, TX, to Charles and Ruth Lane, and passed away on April 5, 2019. Aside from practicing law, he enjoyed tinkering with cars and motorcycles, traveling to Colorado to visit Estes Park and The Broadmoor, long drives listening to Patsy Cline and Buddy Holly, and playing with his grandchildren in more recent years. As a child, he often rode horses on his family’s land, enjoyed football and working at his family’s plating company. In adulthood, he loved to watch and teach his children to play sports, how to ride and drive motorcycles, fish, shoot guns, and appreciate nature. Some of his favorite places included the Dallas Arboretum, W hotte Rock Lake, and his family’s lake house called Pinedale.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Lane, five siblings, four children and grandchildren. His family hopes he is finally at peace after dealing with difficult health issues over the past years.

Keith Milton Fletcher, JD ’79, beloved husband, son, father, and grandfather passed away on August 11 at the age of 63, moving from life to life, at MD Anderson Cancer Center after a brief but intense battle with lymphoma. Keith was born to Becky and Roy Fletcher (both now deceased) in Corpus Christi, TX. He was one of four brothers — Howard (deceased), Gary, of N iro, W V, and Robert, of Lancaster, CA. Roy worked for Ford M obir Company, and so the family moved throughout Texas, eventually settling in Houston. Keith graduated from Sharpstown High School and attended Houston Baptist University, where he received a BA in Economics. During college, he met the love of his life, Lane Ferrero, while on a backpacking trip to New Mexico. They were married in 1978 and moved to Waco while Keith completed law school at Baylor. Upon completing his JD in 1979, Keith and Lane returned to Houston, where Keith landed his first — and only — job as an attorney. The firm, then known by a different name, soon grew, and with Keith’s ascendance
to partner, was re-named as Simmons and Fletcher, as it is known today. Keith and Lane raised four children in the Memorial neighborhood of Houston — Travis (married to Jill Daniels of Gig Harbor, WA, with grandchildren W ill, Hadley, and Amelia), James (engaged to Bianca Cedrone of Austin, TX), Chris (married to Jacqueline Teoh of Houston, TX), and Elizabeth (married to James W iseman of Austin, TX, with granddaughter Josephine). Their life together as a family was surrounded by cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles, adventures in camping and exploring around Texas, and investing in their community of faith. Keith was also involved with the Big Brothers - Big Sisters program in Houston and was invested in his “little brother” Chris Callegari all throughout his life. Keith was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and yet all of his allegiances began and ended with his devotion to Jesus Christ. He never came to a task or responsibility half-heartedly, but also kept a light touch in his work, study, service, parenting, and relationships. Keith was a teacher of the Bible, a leader in his community, and experienced life, and plan adventures. She loved trying new wines and foods. Her happiest times were spent with her family. She was a kind soul; and more than anything, she will be remembered for her remarkable talent to make everyone around her feel special and loved. She was preceded in death by her father, Dwayne Carter, and stepmother Nell Carter of Wills Point; brothers Bret and Tammie Austin; parents Merle and Howard Dunn of Canton, and stepmother C. R. and Ginny Hallquist of Augusta, GA, on August 26, 1960, to Dwayne Carter and Merle Dunn. Marla graduated as valedictorian from Canton High School and received a basketball scholarship to Weatherford Community College. She completed her undergraduate degree at Texas A&M, graduating magna cum laude in accounting. She then pursued a law degree from Baylor Law where she was on the Baylor Law Review and graduated cum laude. Her distinguished legal career began at Jackson Walker and graduated cum laude. Her distinguished legal career began at Jackson Walker & Matheny in 1984. She passed away in 2007 in Houston. She was the love of his life and was so missed. Frank was a collector of many books and he enjoyed traveling the U.S. and Europe with Melissa and Delia. He enjoyed reading and baseball. Frank is survived by his daughter, Delia Maria; mother, Louise Mitchel; brother, John Mitchel (married to Casey Hughes); her sister, Margaret Mitchel (Louis Ippolito); sister-in-law, Melanie (Mark) Ralston; nieces, Adreanna and Tesla; and nephews, Andrew and Evan. His father, Fergus, passed away Oct. 2016.

Marla Deanne Carter Jones, JD '86, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 19, 2019, following a courageous fight with cancer. She was born in Augusta, GA, on August 26, 1960, to Dwyan Carter and Merle Dunn. Marla graduated as valedictorian from Canton High School and received a basketball scholarship to Weatherford Community College. She completed her undergraduate degree at Texas A&M, graduating magna cum laude with a BBA in accounting. She then pursued a law degree from Baylor Law where she was on the Baylor Law Review and graduated cum laude. Her distinguished legal career began at Jackson Walker in 1986 where she made partner in six years. In 1997, she started working at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation where she would finish out her legal career, in which she built a reputation characterized as honorable, trustworthy, and dependable. Her peerless work ethic allowed her to achieve success far beyond the norm, earning the respect of anyone that knew her. Marla had a generous and loving nature, ceaselessly thinking of new ways to help her friends and family. She loved to travel, experience life, and plan adventures. She loved trying new wines and foods. Her happiest times were spent with her family. She was a kind soul; and more than anything, she will be remembered for her remarkable talent to make everyone around her feel special and loved. She was preceded in death by her father, Dwyan Carter, and her brother, Kelly Carter. She is survived by her husband, Randy Jones of The Woodlands; her sons and daughter, Christopher Price of Dallas, Mitchell Price of Conroe, and Allie Jones of Austin; parents Merle and Howard Dunn of Canton, and stepmother Nell Carter of Wills Point; brothers Bret and Tammie Dunn of Canton, Matthew and Emily Dunn of Canton, and Scott Carter of Winston Salem, North Carolina; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Frank W. Mitchell, JD '84, passed away March 16 of cancer. Frank was born in Anaconda, MT, on June 28, 1957 to Fergus and Louise Mitchell. He spent ten years in Anaconda and later moved to Great Falls, MT, in 1967. Frank graduated from C.M.R. High School in 1975 and went to University of Montana in Missoula for two years on a debate scholarship. Later, he attended the University of Utah where he received his BA Degree in 1979. Frank received a grant to W ake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina, where he received his master’s degree in 1981. Frank received his law degree from Baylor Law in 1984. Frank practiced law in Austin and Houston for over twenty years and then moved to Las Vegas, NV, where he practiced law for ten years until his death. Frank married Melissa Matheny in 1984. She passed away in 2007 in Houston. She was the love of his life and was so missed. Frank was a collector of many books and he enjoyed traveling the U.S. and Europe with Melissa and Delia. He enjoyed reading and baseball. Frank is survived by his daughter, Delia Maria; mother, Louise Mitchell; brother, John Mitchell (married to Carey Hughes); his sister, Margaret Mitchell (Louis Ippolito); sister-in-law, Melanie (Mark) Ralston; nieces, Adreanna and Tesla; and nephews, Andrew and Evan. His father, Fergus, passed away Oct. 2016.

Desmond Terraine Jenkins, JD '12, entered into rest Wednesday Aug. 14, 2019 at 33 years of age. He was born to Ernest Jenkins and Vassandral Trimble July 5, 1986. He received his formal education at Trinidad ISD, where he was a stellar student and athlete. He continued his academic and athletic prowess at Baylor University where he received a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from the Hankamer School of Business and a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law. Desmond also had the honor of serving as his law School’s Class President and was a member of the Baylor Bear’s football team as a safety. After graduation, Desmond worked for several law firms, eventually settling in with Starr Schoenbrun & Comte PLLC in Tyler, Texas. He also accepted the Gospel call and preached his inaugural message Aug. 4, 2019 at Cedar Fork Baptist Church in Trinidad, Texas. His life will continue to preach to many for years to come. He was preceded in death by Melissa Harmon (brother). He leaves to honor his memory: his father, Ernest Jenkins; mother, Vassandral Trimble; girlfriend, Patrice Hornbucke (her son Cameron); sisters, Kimberly Dawson and Jacqueline Carr (Rodney); brothers, Corey Jenkins (Armessa), Jerrell W illiams (Velekia), Q uincy Jenkins (Ashley), Ahmad Jenkins; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Ty Allan Drury, JD ’18, went to be with his Lord and Savior, on Sunday, August 25, 2019 in Fort Worth. Ty was born on August 6, 1991 in Fort Worth to James and Sheri Hallquist Drury. Ty grew up in Stephenville, graduating in the class of 2010 from Stephenville High School. He went on to Tarleton State, receiving his bachelor’s degree in 2014, attended Baylor Law, graduating in 2018, and recently accepted a position with Simpson, Simpson & Penepacker Law Firm in Bridgeport. At Tarleton State, Ty was on the Meat Judging Team, and in 2014 received the Distinguished Graduate award from the Animal Industries department. At Baylor Law, Ty served on two AAJ mock trial teams that went on to Nationals. Ty attended Timber Ridge Church and has lived in Stephenville his entire 28 years. O n Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, Ty asked the love of his life, McKenna Skidmore, to become his wife, a partner in life. Ty is survived by his parents, James and Sheri Drury; brother, Zane Drury; fiancé, McKenna Skidmore; grandparents, C. R. and Ginny Hallquist of Lupon; and several cousins. The Drury family wishes to thank Jim and Gail Elliot, and the law firm of Coan and Elliott for all the support and guidance while Ty was working on his degree from Baylor Law. The Drury family also wishes expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to Baylor Law in Waco.
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