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A Message from
Dean Toben
“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in humility let each esteem others better than themselves.” 

Philippians 2:3

Baylor Law alumni, faculty, staff, and students take Scripture’s admonition to heart when it comes to service to others. The timeless truth in this passage becomes the foundation upon which true leadership is built. For generations, Baylor Lawyers have served others by listening, strategizing, proposing practical solutions, and advocating, whether in the courtroom, the boardroom, or the public square. And while Baylor Law has always taught the foundational skills of leadership, we are now leading the way in legal education by developing training exercises and opportunities for students to focus upon leadership skills that will serve them, and ultimately our communities and this nation.

In this issue of Docket Call, you can read about Baylor Law’s distinctive leadership programming and those involved, and you’ll also read about a few Baylor Lawyers who are known as leaders, including Chair of the Baylor University Board of Regents, Jerry K. Clements, JD ’81, as they share their perspectives on leadership and the impact that their Baylor Law education has had on their success.

You can also read about how Christine and Tom Nowak make having two sitting judges in one family work. Of course, we’ll also share with you photos and other stories of recent activities and happenings here at Baylor Law, including alumni gatherings, CLE programs, commencement ceremonies, our celebrated Adoption Day, and much more.

This issue also highlights a special reception and dinner held by the Jaworski Fellows Program at Baylor Law honoring Baylor Law’s esteemed Jaworski Fellows and Candidates. Beginning with lively fellowship, the night culminated in the spirited recounting of the group’s best anecdotes and stories from their very own Practice Court experiences.

Please enjoy this issue of Docket Call. I hope you are inspired by the stories of leadership and service. We continue to be ever grateful for all you do to lead in your communities and support Baylor Law so faithfully.

As always, be proud to call yourself a Baylor Lawyer.

Brad Toben, JD ’77
DEAN OF BAYLOR LAW
Developing Future Baylor Lawyers as Innovative Leaders & Advocates

The practice of law and legal education is in a period of great change. While the legal profession is under assault for its high cost and for the “access to justice” gap, new technologies and outside pressures are forcing change on the profession like never before. At the same time, legal education is being criticized for its failure to produce lawyers truly ready to practice law in the 21st century.

But great opportunity exists in the midst of all this turmoil. Under the direction of Associate Dean Leah Teague and Assistant Dean Stephen Rispoli, Baylor Law has emerged as a national leader in the rapidly evolving academic area of Leadership Development in law schools — leading the way in preparing law school graduates for future leadership, for rapid innovation within the practice of law, and for effectively advocating for solutions.
What is leadership and what does great leadership look like to you?

LT Leadership occurs when you influence others or take action to make something happen — for better or worse. Great leaders are servant leaders who: work selflessly to accomplish a goal that will make a positive difference; help others succeed; inspire others to do more than they thought possible; provide a reassuring presence of strength to weather a storm or recover from a crisis; and in all situations act with honor and integrity to build bonds of trust.

SR Leadership is serving others and making a positive difference in your home, office, and community — no matter your position or title. It can be as simple as offering to take on the least fun task for a group to making the hard choices that affect others’ lives. Keeping your objectives in mind and putting people first are the keys to success.

What are the common misconceptions people have about leadership and how does Baylor Law’s leadership program combat these misconceptions?

LT Leadership development is not about preparing students to accept a top position in an organization, although we know that many of them will. We want our students to recognize that as lawyers they WILL be in leadership positions. By the nature of their legal education and training, they will be in positions to influence people and events. As lawyers we have an obligation to serve and we have many opportunities to do so. As leaders trained in critical thinking, strategic analysis, advocacy, negotiation, civil discourse and diplomacy, lawyers throughout history have played critical roles in society. We need to ensure that our current students are equipped to serve as leaders of the future.

During 2019, Dean Teague served as Chair of the American Association of Law School’s Section on Leadership. The experience inspired her to bring leaders from across the nation to Baylor Law — where our program focuses on lawyers leading with a servant’s heart. In the Fall of 2020, Baylor Law will host the ‘Vision for Leadership Conference,’ bringing together leaders from the practice of law, legal education, and other distinguished speakers to further promote the development of leadership programs in America’s law schools. Possible speakers include former Secretary of State James A. Baker, American Bar Association President Judy Perry Martinez, Chief Judge of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Priscilla Owen, Dean of the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs Kirk Watson, Chair Emeritus of Locke Lord Jerry Clements, and many others.

We know that our efforts are important, not only for the future of our profession, but also critical for the perseverance of the rule of law. We want to ensure that law students graduate with an understanding of their professional obligation to protect our system of justice and to seek and accept leadership positions within their communities.

Docket Call sat down with Deans Teague and Rispoli to discuss their thoughts on leadership, leadership development in law schools, and the future of leadership development at Baylor Law.
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Law is not just a service profession. In modern times law is big business. With the overwhelming pressures pushing and pulling lawyers from all sides, we cannot forget the important role of lawyers in society. We owe clients our loyalty and best efforts, but we are more than mere legal technicians and providers of legal services. We have a higher duty to seek justice and to protect the rule of law. We have the opportunity to seek resolution of conflicts in a manner that is in the best interest of our clients, and often for the benefit of others as well. We can add value through our wise counsel. We influence people and situations. With these opportunities comes great responsibility to society. Our students need to understand their obligations and be better prepared for those opportunities to serve and impact others.

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The intersection of our ethical rules and best practices. The rules of professional conduct are a floor — things we must do or not do. But they don't contemplate what we should do. Those who have studied leadership development should have internalized some guiding principles or a creed that helps them make decisions in the future. When they face a new, difficult situation, they know where their line is, and it guides how they make decisions and act. By knowing this about themselves, lawyer-leaders can help others assess the options and make the best decisions.

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Leadership is a constant dance — moving to the beat of an organization or community that is continually flowing in response to the complexities of modern life. It is challenging even for the best of leaders. A leader must be prepared and savvy while always assessing unfolding scenarios. A leader must be ready to shift and adjust style or strategy in order to move the project or organization forward.

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What are a few resources you would recommend to someone looking to gain insight into becoming a better leader?

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In the Nowak household, conversations around the dinner table are just as likely to center around questions of the supremacy clause vs. the 10th Amendment as they are around scheduling school activities for the kids or planning the family vacation. That’s because in this Baylor Law family, not one, but two sitting judges gather around the same dinner table.

What differentiates a good lawyer from a great lawyer?

**CN** Baylor Law’s Practice Court. I say that only somewhat jokingly; the values Baylor Law students are taught in Practice Court — attention to detail, precision in analysis, and clear (and forthright) communication — are what differentiates the good from the great.

**TN** Preparation. The great lawyers take the time to prepare, good lawyers try to “wing it.” Both have the ability to react and “perform” in court, but the great lawyers know everything already and can react more swiftly and with, what sounds like, authority.

How can young lawyers lead — in and out of the courtroom — even if they don’t have an official ‘title’ or position of authority.

**CN** Volunteer to do the work no one else wants with a smile on your face. An expert in taking out the garbage is still an expert and once people trust you to do something well, they will undoubtedly give you more responsibility.

**TN** By taking initiative. Knock on doors, ask partners if you can work on their cases, and once you’ve been given a project or staffed on a case, own it. Know every detail backwards and forwards so that you are who people look to when they have questions about that particular issue/area.

How can Baylor Lawyers ‘lead the way’ back to civil discourse in our country?

**CN** Practice polite behavior and don’t make it personal.

> “Remember in every day conversation to say things like, ‘please, thank you, and excuse me.’”

**TN** Don’t allow yourself to get personally offended by the other side. Don’t get wrapped up in what a jerk lawyer said or did because you think the case is important. As you grow, your cases will grow in significance, making the issue minor in comparison. Kill them with kindness and you’ll be known as a straight-shooter and a trusted attorney. It will lead to more civility and better outcomes for your practice.

In September 2019, Texas Governor Greg Abbott appointed Baylor Lawyer **Tom Nowak, JD ’05**, to fill the unexpired term of retired Judge Ray Wheless on the 366th Judicial District Court in Collin County. He became the second judge in the family, joining fellow Baylor Lawyer, and his wife, **Christine A. Nowak, JD ’05**, who has served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division since March of 2015.

**Docket Call** took the unique opportunity to sit down with the judges and talk with them about their experience at Baylor Law — and their thoughts on leadership.
Out & About

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Held at the Baylor Club inside McLane Stadium, Firm Connections — Baylor Law’s annual 1L networking event — connected over 100 first-year Baylor Law students with lawyers representing 15 prestigious law firms.

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Changing Lives

Leadership Q&A with Jerry Clements

“...a law degree not only changes your life — it has the potential of helping you change the lives of many others. [...] lawyers can and should be leaders. And wow, does the world need bright and committed leaders right now!”
These words were shared by Baylor University Regent Jerry Clements, JD ’81, Chair Emeritus of Locke Lord LLP during the 2019 John William and Florence Dean Minton Student Award Ceremony and Lecture Series at Baylor Law. Jerry understands leadership. As Chair of Locke Lord LLP from 2006-2017, the law firm rose in the American Lawyer rankings from No. 110 to No. 60 and grew from its four Texas locations to an international law firm with 23 offices across the globe.

Under Jerry’s leadership, the firm’s commitment to diversity and inclusion was strengthened, tripling the number of women and diverse lawyers in firm management and nearly doubling the number of women and diverse lawyers in practice group leadership.

She received numerous recognitions for her efforts and was named One of the Top 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers by the National Law Journal and one of 30 Extraordinary Women in Texas Law by Texas Lawyer. This proud Baylor Lawyer shared her thoughts on leadership with Docket Call:

**What is leadership? What does great leadership look like to you?**
First and foremost, leadership is having the personal values and characteristics that cause others to trust you in all respects. Secondly, leadership is having vision. Third, leadership is having the courage and commitment to chart a path that others would not because of fear of failure. Lastly, leadership is being wise enough to surround yourself with a team that is strong, talented, and willing to ask questions and challenge your authority, and then listening to them.

**What motivates you?**
I have always been motivated to succeed and be the best at whatever I take on. I like to win and I don’t shy away from that. “Winning” can take on many different faces but for me it was always doing something that someone told me I couldn’t do and then doing it really, really well.

**What is leadership development?**
Leadership development is putting a priority on educating your team and making sure they get the experience needed to take on new positions and new responsibilities. It means delegating and stepping back from time to time to give others a chance to grow. It also means making sure that others on your team buy into the importance of developing leaders at all levels. Leadership development doesn’t happen without intentionality and both formal and informal activities.

**Why is leadership development so important for law school students?**
Historically, some of our greatest leaders have been lawyers. Unfortunately, recent history seems to be moving away from that model. I think well-trained lawyers are best-suited for critical leadership roles in our society. Lawyer leaders can step in and deal with challenging social, political, economic, global, and legal issues when those arenas collide. Lawyers need to be more than just lawyers these days.

**What is one characteristic that you believe every leader should possess? Can this be taught or are people just ‘born leaders?’**
It is hard to narrow it down to just one so I won’t. I believe trustworthiness, confidence, integrity, and courage are essential to being an effective leader. No one is born with any of these things — they are learned starting at an early age and instilled through family, religion, education, citizenship, community, and service.

**How does Baylor Law teach Baylor Lawyers to lead — even when they might not have an ‘official title’ or are the youngest team member?**
The Baylor Law Leadership Development Program allows our students to observe successful leadership qualities and characteristics and to focus with intentionality on what it takes to become a leader in today’s world. In the past, leadership was something that just happened to a few. Our program opens up leadership opportunities and insights to many and takes the randomness out of the equation.

**Is there one book that has impacted your leadership more than any other?**
This is going to sound really odd because I’ve read a lot of books on leadership and success over the years, but I have to say that the book that my mother read to me constantly when I was a kid probably got me started down the path I’m on — “The Little Engine That Could.”

**How has legal education changed in the past 5 years? What do you predict will happen in the next 5 to 10 years?**
While I’m not an expert on this, I can compare my legal education to what I see today. Today’s law students come out of law school with excellent practical skills in addition to their “book learning.” While Baylor Law has always turned out lawyers with real world legal skills, today’s law students seem better prepared for the confluence of demands placed upon them. This certainly includes things like the training our Leadership Development Program provides.

**Name a person who has had a tremendous impact on you as a leader. Why and how did this person impact your life?**
I must say that Margaret Thatcher was an amazing role model for me. She demonstrated strength and character, oftentimes in the face of criticism and never backed down when she thought she was right.

**What do you wish you would have known about leadership in your early 20’s?**
Sometimes other people see it in you before you do. Don’t resist.
1970’s

Mark S. Knapp, JD ’72, a Waco lawyer and military veteran, was honored with the Baylor Law Veterans Clinic Advocate of the Year award for 2019.

John Weber, Jr, JD ’73, of Norton Rose Fullbright was named the 2019 Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award recipient for private practice by The Association of Corporate Counsel, South/ Central Texas Chapter. The Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award is presented to one in-house lawyer or legal department and one private lawyer or law firm that exemplify ideal or exceptional ethical behavior in the practice of law.

Hon. Priscilla Richman Owen, JD ’77, has assumed the chief judge position of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Owen has served on the federal appeals court since 2005.

1980’s

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.

Jimmy Vaught, JD ’80, with Vaught Law Firm in Austin, is board certified in both family law and civil appellate law. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Jimmy was honored in 2019 for his outstanding work ethic and legal expertise by Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers, and U.S. News.

Fred Adams, JD ’81, of KoonsFuller in Dallas, has been selected among the Top 100 Dallas-Fort Worth attorneys in the 2019 edition of the Texas Super Lawyers legal guide. This is his 16th consecutive mention. He is also listed among the Best Lawyers in America in family law as recognized by Best Lawyers, LLC. Fred is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and a member of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. He is board-certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Hon. Molly Francis, JD ’81, was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. Judge Francis is a retired senior judge with 28 years of judicial service, most recently on the Fifth Court of Appeals. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and served as chair of the Judicial Selection Committee, former board member and current member of the Dallas Bar Association, and former chair of the Texas Center for the Judiciary. She is board certified in Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Keith Nelson, JD ’83, name partner with Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP, was recognized for his work in Family Law in the 2020 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Hon. 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.

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

Hon. Bill Sowder, JD ’84, announced his retirement from the 99th District Court in Lubbock County at the end of his term in December 2020 after 15 years on the bench.

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.

Laura Bellegie Sharp, JD ’86, a partner in the Sharp firm in Austin, was elected to a three-year term on the American Bar Association Board of Governors during the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. She will represent District 8, which encompasses Texas and Florida. Laura will help oversee the general operation of the ABA and develop action plans. She joins a 44-member board that has the authority to act and speak for the ABA, consistent with previous action of the House of Delegates when the House is not in session.

Hon. Charles Spain, JD ’88, has been elected to the 14th District Court of Appeals in Houston. 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.

Dan Wuthrich, JD ’88, and his wife, Cheryl, have moved to the Eatonville, WA area from Arizona to fill the open head pastor position at Tanwax Country Chapel. As a member of an organization called Village Missions, Wuthrich began his ministry career in 2012 after more than two decades in law.

Gregory L. Simmons, JD ’89, was selected by U.S. Attorney General William Barr as a new immigration judge for the San Francisco Immigration Court.

1990’s

Bryan O. Blevins, JD ’90, with Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP in Beaumont, was listed in Texas Super Lawyers 2019 for the 16th consecutive year.

Todd Boykin, JD ’90, a partner in the law firm of Burdett Morgan Williamson & Boykin LLP in Amarillo, was named president of the Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors by Governor Greg Abbott. The Red River Authority provides for the control, conservation, and development of the watershed and water of the Red River and its Texas tributaries.

Hon. Vicki Menard, JD ’90, was presented the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award by the McLennan Community College Foundation. Judge Menard became the first woman to serve as a state district judge in McLennan County when former Governor Rick Perry appointed her the first judge of the 414th District Court when it was created in 2005.

Susan Moore, JD ’90, corporate vice president of corporate responsibility at Advanced Micro Devices in Austin, has been selected as a 2019 Woman Worth Watching by Profiles in Diversity Journal.
Darren L. Brown, JD ‘91, with Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP in Beaumont, was listed in Texas Super Lawyers 2019 for the sixth consecutive year.

Allen Griffin, JD ’92, has joined the Dallas boutique family law firm of Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, LLP.

Sharon Ramage, JD ’92, of the Ramage Law Group, was named an Elite Lawyer. She was honored for her devotion to advocacy for families with special needs children, helping them obtain services they need and deserve.

Aaron Burkes, JD ’93, CEO of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority, has joined the local board of directors for Arvest Bank in Benton County in northwest Arkansas.

Chad Everingham, JD ’93, has joined Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC in Longview. A former magistrate judge in the U.S. Eastern District Court of Texas, Chad has earned recognition as a leading practitioner in intellectual property law since rejoining private practice in 2011. He is recognized by Chambers USA and The Best Lawyers in America for his IP and patent litigation work.

Jennifer McCumber, JD ’93, is the new executive director for the Los Alamos National Schools Foundation. Jennifer served as a school board member for the district from 2015-2019.

Craig R. Bennett, JD ’95, joined the Austin office of Jackson Walker LLP as senior counsel in the environmental and regulatory section, bringing 18 years of experience as a Master Administrative Law Judge with the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings. He has taught Texas Administrative Law at the University of Texas School of Law since 2007.

Bart McKay, JD ’95, Vice President and Division General Counsel at Carrollton-based McLane Foodservice, Inc., a nationwide distributor of food and related supplies, has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the Business Advisory Council to the Texas Division of Emergency Management. The Council provides advice and expertise on actions state and local governments can take to assist businesses in recovering from a disaster. Bart has extensive experience in commercial insurance and risk management and holds the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter credential.

Joshua Benn, JD ‘98, was elected to serve on the College Station ISD Board of Trustees.

Gregory S. Cagle, JD ’98, is a founding partner of Cagle Pugh, Ltd., LLP, a full service Texas law firm that focuses its practice in the business law, real estate law, and the representation of property owners associations.

Jorjana Beaubien Marx, JD ’98, moved her practice from Seattle, Washington to Tulsa, Oklahoma and joined three other attorneys to form Oklahoma Elder Law Group PLLC. They are the largest firm in Oklahoma focusing on Medicaid and Veteran’s benefits planning for long-term care as well as guardianships and estate planning.

Christopher Trowbridge, JD ’98, chairman of the litigation section of Bell Nunnally, has been named to Best Lawyer’s “Best Lawyers in America” list for 2020.

Laura Hilton Hallmon, JD ’99, a partner with Cantey Hanger in Fort Worth, was installed as president of the Baylor Line Foundation (originally the Baylor Alumni Association) at the foundation’s annual meeting Oct. 12. Hallmon’s term will run through Dec. 31, 2021. The Baylor Line Foundation is a nonprofit organization that represents the independent and diverse voices of Baylor alumni. Founded in 1859, it is committed to informing, inspiring, and empowering Baylor alumni. The foundation’s fundraising efforts provide for its annual award of student scholarships, the publication of the The Baylor Line magazine (since 1946), and other various activities and events that support its mission.

William “Butch” Hulse, JD ’99, is the new General Counsel and Secretary of MiMedx Group, Inc., an industry leader in advanced wound care and an emerging therapeutic biologics company.

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Matthew G. Nielsen, JD ’01, is a partner in Bracewell’s Dallas office. He advises clients in matters relating to federal and state securities laws, accounting fraud, U.S. export control and sanctions law, and anti-bribery laws.

George Tompkins, JD ’01, is a new Assistant District Attorney for the Navarro County District Attorney’s office.

William E. Hammel, JD ’02, joined Fox Rothschild LLP law firm as a partner focusing on labor and employment matters in Dallas.

David Findley, JD ’03, joined the boutique Family Law firm, Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, as an associate in the Frisco office.

Matthew Matheny, JD ’03, with Provost Umphrey Law Firm LLP in Beaumont, was listed in Texas Super Lawyers 2019 for the fourth consecutive year.

Christian Otteson, JD ’03, a partner with Shapiro Bieging Barber Otteson LLP in Denver, was featured in the August 2019 issue of the Denver Business Journal regarding legal trends in banking and bank acquisitions.

Sara Chelette, JD ’04, of the boutique litigation firm, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, has been recognized as a “Texas Rising Star” for 2013-2018. Sara has also been named to “Best Lawyers in America” for 2020.

Leslie Hunt, JD ’04, has transitioned out of private practice to become the Civil Division Chief for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney’s office. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Tarrant County Bar Association and past president of the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association.

Brandon Bundren, JD ’05, with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Nashville, has been named partner. Bundren is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Tom Nowak, JD ’05, has been appointed to serve as judge of the 366th Judicial District Court in Collin County by Governor Greg Abbott. Nowak was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States as a refugee from communism.

Steven Ogle, JD ’05, General Counsel with the Sunset Advisory Commission has been promoted to Assistant Director of Reviews. He will also continue to serve as General Counsel.

Shivali Sharma, JD ’05, was awarded the 2019 Outstanding Staff Attorney Award by the Texas Association of Appellate Court Attorneys. The award was given by the attorneys of the fourteen appellate courts to recognize Shivali’s service to the community, profession, and to the Texas Appellate Courts.
R. Heath Cheek, JD ’06, partner at Bell Nunnally, has been named to D Magazine’s 2020 “Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas” list. Heath is a member of the firm’s Litigation, Labor, Employment and Benefits, and Intellectual Property practices, focusing on trials and disputes.

Joseph Hoelscher, JD ’06, Managing Attorney with Hoelscher Gebbia Cepeda PLLC in San Antonio, was elected to the Board of Directors for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He will be sworn in at the Rusty Duncan Seminar in San Antonio in June 2020. The board is a working board and members are expected to publish articles, present at CLEs across Texas, and join working committees for one of the largest criminal lawyer associations in the U.S. He has also authored the book LexisNexis Practice Guide: Texas Drunk Driving Law.

Amy Miller, JD ’06, was named a partner at Boon Calk Echols Coleman & Goolsby PLLC of Longview. Amy’s practice areas are estate planning, probate and general civil litigation. She is the incoming president of the Gregg County Bar Association.

Lauren Melhart, JD ’07, is now a Partner at Kinser & Bates in Dallas.

Kathleen Tanner Beduze, JD ’08, was named a Shareholder with Crain Caton & James in Houston. She focuses her practice on fiduciary litigation, estate and probate administration, and general civil litigation. Kathleen has been selected as a Texas Super Lawyer – Rising Star (Thomson Reuters) and Top Lawyers in Houston (H-Texas Magazine) for 2016-2019.

Stephanie C. Gaston, JD ’08, is a partner in the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in Houston.

Kristopher D. Hill, JD ’08, partner at Bell Nunnally, has been named to D Magazine’s 2020 “Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas” list. Kris is a member of the firm’s Litigation, Labor, Employment and Benefits practices.

Kevin Keller, JD ’13, was recently named the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office Chief of the Criminal Division.

Kyle Knas, JD ’14, was recently named partner with Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC, practicing estate planning, probate, and business law in the Waco office.

Morgan McPheeters, JD ’14, formed the law firm McPheeters Law, PLLC, focusing on civil appeals and litigation strategy & support. She currently serves on the Advocates Board of Directors for the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors. She was also recognized as a 2019 Rising Star in the Appellate category.

Anna Rebecca “Becca” Skupin, JD ’15, has joined the Sherman office of Siebman, Forrest, Burg & Smith.

Erin Toolan, JD ’15, is the new assistant attorney general for the Office of Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

Timothy Pullin, JD ’16, has been promoted to associate attorney at Wallace Saunders in Overland Park, Kansas.

Leah Smith Sanchez, JD ’16, joined Jackson Walker’s real estate practice in the San Antonio office.

Kyle Beckrich, JD ’17, is working as a trial attorney with the Civil Division at the Department of Justice.

Stephen Burbank, JD ’18, joined Scott Douglass & McConico’s trial practice as an Associate following his federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable Alan Albright. Burbank has a background in land and mineral interest issues.

Molly Wilson, JD ’18, is the new Chief of Staff for District 29 Representative Ed Thompson in Austin.

Daniel Pelligrin, JD ’19, joined Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom in Houston.

Joanna Raines, JD ’19, joined Kelly Hart & Hallman as an associate in the Appellate section.

Marylynn Smitherman, JD ’19, joined Kelly Hart & Hallman as an associate in the Litigation section.

Cody Stafford, JD ’10, was named partner at Dabrowski Larkin & Stafford LLP in Houston. He was also named a 2019 Rising Star in Civil Litigation: Plaintiff by Texas Monthly.

Lanny Begley, JD ’11, of Knapp and Associates in Fort Worth, has been named a “Top Criminal Law Attorney” by Fort Worth Magazine for the third year in a row.

Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, JD ’11, of Rispoli Law Firm in Waco has been nominated as a candidate for President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). Donald Delgado of College Station was also nominated.

Sherry Hill Rodriguez, JD ’11, has been named as Houston Development Director for Texans Can Academies, a network of dropout recovery high schools in Texas. In her role, Sherry is responsible for building strategic relationships and fundraising in support of the organization’s mission.

L. Caroleene Hardee Dobson, JD ’12, has joined the real estate practice of Maynard Cooper & Gale LLP in Birmingham, Alabama.

Kimberly Knapp, JD ’12, of Knapp and Associates in Fort Worth, has been named a “Top Criminal Law Attorney” by Fort Worth Magazine for the fourth year in a row.

Taylor Mohr, JD ’12, with Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson, was named to D Magazine’s list of Best Lawyers Under 40 for 2020. It is the first selection for Taylor, who works in the firm’s Frisco office. She is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and a member of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. Her practice focuses on complex family law matters involving divorces, modifications, enforcements and child custody disputes. She also advises clients on estate planning and elder law.

Charlie Ginn, JD ’13, with The McCraw Law Group in McKinney, was awarded the 2019 Texas Trial Lawyers Association Outstanding Advocate Award recognizing a member of the TTLA Board of Advocates who embodies the qualities of balance, tradition, and professionalism and demonstrates a deeply held belief in justice and family.
On January 14, 2020, The Jaworski Fellows Program at Baylor Law hosted a special reception and dinner honoring Baylor Law’s esteemed Jaworski Fellows and Candidates. Beginning with lively fellowship and meaningful conversation led by Jerry Clements, JD ’81, and Mark Mann, JD ’81, the night culminated in the spirited recounting of the group’s best anecdotes and stories from their very own Practice Court experiences. Over the last decade, the Jaworski Fellows Program has become a major tradition of the storied Baylor Practice Law Court experience.
A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP WEEKEND

Baylor Law’s Judicial Clerkship Weekend was created to recognize and honor members of the judiciary and to encourage Baylor Law students to consider serving in a federal clerkship. The event began with a Professional Development Program session titled “Why You Should Consider Applying for a Federal Judicial Clerkship,” followed by Baylor Law’s fourth Annual Judicial Clerkship Reception. Clerkship Weekend ended with a breakfast and dialogue for judges, hosted at the home of Dean Brad and Beth Toben.

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A special CLE presented by the Baylor Law Alumni Association and MCCDLA, “Promoting Justice: Where Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys Seek Common Ground,” covered the topics of cognitive bias, a prosecutor’s duty to seek justice, tales from the front lines of prosecution, bad science, and the powerful story of Anthony Graves of the Anthony Graves Foundation, who served 18 years in prison before being exonerated.
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The Baylor Law class of 1969 gathered at the Baylor Club inside McLane Stadium to celebrate 50 years as Baylor Lawyers and to reminisce about their most memorable Judge Frank Wilson Practice Court stories. The next day, over 100 Baylor Lawyers and their guests joined Baylor Law faculty, staff, and current students at the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center for food, fellowship, and tailgating excitement.

In 2008, Professor Bridget Fuselier, JD ’98, founded Baylor Law’s Adoption Day program when she hosted an event to celebrate the adoption of 15 children in McLennan County. To this day, Baylor Law’s Adoption Day is a beacon of light in the community. In 2019, 23 children were adopted into 20 families in a celebration themed “Adoptions Are Incredible.” Since the launch of the first Adoption Day 12 years ago, more than 300 children have been adopted into nearly 200 families. Learn more at baylor.edu/law/AdoptionDay.
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Matthew Cordon
Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- Contributing Author and Editor, American Law Yearbook (2019)

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

PUBLICATIONS
- “An Introduction to Texas Marital Property Law (Community Property),” Texas Law Course, Texas Board of Law Examiners (November 2019)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Contributing Author and 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
- “Developments in Series LLCs, Divisions and Other Organic Transactions,” 2019 LLC Institute, Committee on LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities, American Bar Association (2019)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Member, Board of Directors, American Bar Association
- Chair, Editorial Board of Publications of the LLCs, Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association

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

Brandon Quarles
Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS

Michael Rogers
Professor of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- Director, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center
- Chair, Baylor’s NCAA Pro Sports Counseling Panel

Walt Shelton
Adjunct Professor of Law

PUBLICATIONS
- “Great Readings to Help Your Introspection for the New Year,” Austin American Statesman (January 18, 2020)
- “Finding Meaning in Christianity’s Roots, the Practices of Judaism,” Austin American Statesman (December 7, 2019)

Lawrence E. Wren
Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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)

James E. Wren
Leon Jaworski Chair of Practice & Procedure

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Baylor Law Faculty and Staff Honored as Solid Gold Neighbors

Baylor Law, with its unwavering commitment to public service and community engagement, in partnership with Baylor University’s Office of External Affairs, celebrated Pro Bono week by shining a spotlight on the outstanding work of faculty and staff who volunteer their professional expertise at Baylor Law Clinics and other community-focused programs throughout the year.

Seven faculty and staff were presented with ‘Solid Gold Neighbor’ Awards. Those honored were: Professor Pat Wilson for her work with the People’s Law school; Professor Bridget Fuselier for Adoption Day and Baylor Law’s Veterans Clinic; Josh Borderud for his work with Baylor Law Clinics; Professor Laura Hernández for Baylor Law’s Immigration/Naturalization Clinics; Professor Tom Featherston for working with Baylor Law’s Estate Planning Clinic; Professor Connie Nichols and Adjunct Professor David G. Henry for their dedication to Baylor Law’s Patent and Intellectual Property Law Clinic.

“We believe that a key part of our mission at Baylor Law is to educate our students about the importance of service, community engagement, and pro bono work,” said Baylor Law Dean Brad Toben. “Today we honor these seven faculty and staff who not only teach about the importance of pro bono work, but who have volunteered a tremendous amount of their time and talents to actively improve access to legal services and information to our neighbors in Central Texas.” Dean Leah Teague added, “Communities across the nation, including Waco, have tremendous needs that can be met by lawyers who care and are willing to give of their time and talents. We want our students to recognize that with their legal training and law degrees, they will have the tools to help and an obligation to serve. It is our hope that these examples will ignite a fire in the hearts of our Baylor Law students that will grow as they leave and enter the legal profession.”

Speaking about the Solid Gold Neighbors program, Dr. Jeremy Vickers, Associate Vice President for External Affairs at Baylor University stated, “Solid Gold Neighbors are those individuals, organizations, and programs that exemplify servant leadership and community engagement at the highest level. It is exciting to honor these Baylor Law faculty and staff for their outstanding and forward-thinking efforts to advance our community towards economic and social progress.”

Pro Bono Week is an annual opportunity in which legal organizations and law schools across the globe take a week in October to celebrate the amazing work done by pro bono lawyers, paralegals, and law students.

BAYLOR LAW’S SOLID GOLD NEIGHBOR HONOREES:

Professor of Law Pat Wilson
is the architect of the Baylor Law’s People’s Law School, one of Baylor Law’s largest public events.

Professor of Law Bridget Fuselier
was the driving force behind the creation of Baylor Law’s award-winning Veterans Clinic and founder of the nationally-recognized Adoption Day at Baylor Law.

Professor of Law Tom Featherston,
The Mills Cox Chair of Law, was instrumental in the development of Baylor Law’s Estate Planning Clinic for veterans and first-responders.

Josh Borderud, Director of Clinical Programs, oversees the work of the Baylor Law Veterans Clinic and the Baylor Law Trial Advocacy Clinic.

Professor of Law Laura Hernández
is the creator and driving force behind Baylor Law’s Immigration, DACA Renewal, and Naturalization Clinics.

Professor of Law Connie Nichols
is the founder and director of Baylor Law’s Intellectual Property Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic.

Adjunct Professor David Henry
supervises students in Baylor Law’s Intellectual Property Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic.
Bill Shaddock, JD ’77, wants Baylor Law students to know that “the potential of a Baylor Law School education is limitless.”

Shaddock felt called to Baylor Law because of his father — a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor College of Medicine. “Dad was a doctor, and that gave him the ability to help tens of thousands of people,” Shaddock said. “That’s what I saw in Baylor. Baylor is a name I can trust and it has given me the skills I need to be all I can be.”

After graduation, Shaddock first worked as a trial lawyer in Dallas before taking a leap of faith to strike out on his own. He gambled on himself and went into the real estate development business with his brother. From there he opened a law office and began a career focused on the real estate industry. He characterizes those early years as hard and lean, but that investment paid off. Now he employs over 1,000 in his real estate related companies which include Shaddock Development Company, Willow Bend Mortgage Company, Shaddock Law Firm, Capital Title of Texas (the 9th largest title insurance company in the United States) and First National Title Insurance Company (the 9th largest title insurance company in the United States).
He built his empire of companies on the foundation of simple principles and values learned growing up in his hometown of Orange on the Gulf Coast of Texas. Shaddock believes the key to success in any business or endeavor is building relationships with customers and colleagues based upon trust. He returns to Baylor Law regularly to share that message.

Shaddock wants law students to be better equipped for the influential roles they will play as trusted advisors to business clients and impactful leaders in their communities. In both the Leadership Development class and the Business Law Boot Camp, Shaddock emphasizes the need for lawyers to be prepared, have business acumen, and be strategic. “Those that rise to the top know where they’re going and how to get there. They have to build relationships to get there,” says Shaddock. In the classes, Shaddock encourages students to think of the law as a people business and then he shares advice based upon an adage often taught in business schools — “people do business with people they know, like, and trust.” He adds, “building strategic relationships transports me to opportunities, but I still must be able to identify those opportunities and take action.” Shaddock concludes his advice to students with an emphasis on being courageous and bold in those pursuits.

Not only does he spend time with students, he generously gives his time to inspire the faculty to dream and innovate. Associate Dean Leah Teague credits Shaddock with helping to create the vision for Baylor Law’s Leadership Development Program as a model for other law schools and she is grateful for his encouragement and support. “I always enjoy my conversations with Bill about the need for our law students, and all lawyers, to see themselves as leaders because that is how clients and society view us.” Conversations with Shaddock about Baylor’s innovative Leadership Development Program served as a catalyst to Dean Teague’s commitment to nurturing a national conversation about the need for leadership development programming in law schools.

While Dean Teague regularly receives affirmation from lawyers and law school faculty and deans all over the country, she said “It was Bill who helped me see the vision for Baylor’s involvement in a national effort.” Shaddock challenged her to share with other law schools the work being done at Baylor Law. Because of the efforts of faculty and staff from law schools across the nation, at least 85 law schools now have some type of leadership development programming. “That is a significant jump from the small handful of courses or programs we identified 5 years ago,” Teague said.

Shaddock also has been instrumental in the expansion of opportunities for Baylor Law students interested in representing business clients. With his encouragement and supported by his generosity, Professor Beth Miller created

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The Closer and the Business Law Boot Camp. The Closer is the first national transactional law competition of its kind. The Business Law Boot Camp also is a unique learning opportunity for Baylor Law students during a week-long course offered every May in between the spring and summer quarters. Professor Miller brings in distinguished transactional lawyers from Texas and beyond who teach very practical perspectives on multiple aspects of business and its legal requirements and implications. Professor Miller shared her appreciation for Shaddock’s involvement. “Bill’s encouragement prompted me to create additional opportunities for our business law students and his financial support made it possible.”

Like so many Baylor Law alumni who appreciate the value of their Baylor Law education, Bill Shaddock wants to pay it forward. He and his wife provide financial support for programs and scholarships for students. He also gives back to his alma mater through time and involvement with faculty, students, and programs. “It is not only our duty to equip students from a legal knowledge standpoint, but to also teach them how they will ultimately best be able to make a positive difference in the world,” he said. “It is incumbent upon Baylor Law to create great lawyers who are also great leaders.”
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Dean Brad Toben presided over the ceremony and member of the graduating class Stephen Carl gave the invocation. Jennifer Huckleberry addressed the class as the highest-ranking student and Professor Jim Wren delivered an inspiring address. Dean Toben, Associate Dean Leah W. Teague, and Assistant Dean of Career Development Angela Cruselturner presented the diplomas. Professors Beth Miller and Jerry Powell hooded the graduates.
Baylor Law’s Leadership Development Program is one of only a handful of law school programs in the country dedicated to preparing students to become servant leaders in both the legal profession and their communities.

The program produces graduates who are not only proficient in analyzing a client’s situation and offering guidance, but also able to think critically, navigate complex and diverse issues, use reasoning, judgment, imagination, and foresight to create new possibilities, resolve conflicts, and find solutions.

In order to earn the designation of Leadership Fellow at Baylor Law, a student must:

• Take the Leadership Engagement and Development (LEAD) class and complete the personal development and team-building course (the Baylor Ropes Challenge Course).
• Complete of a minimum of 23 hours of Professional Development Programming.
• Serve as an officer of a Baylor Law student organization for a minimum of three quarters. While serving as an officer, the student must perform a minimum of 25 hours of service related to activities of the organization.
• Complete of a minimum 25 hours of community service.
• Serve as an intern for a charitable or community organization’s director or management team, or as an extern for a legislator, working a minimum of 45 hours.

“Baylor Law is a school that wanted to invest in not just giving me the knowledge to pass the bar, but to be someone that actually leads others and contributes to my community.”

Emily Patton, JD ’19
Leadership Fellow, Baylor Law

Since the first fellows were designated in 2014, 16 students have completed the strenuous requirements of the leadership development program:

• Sarah Brown, JD ’20
• Connor Patrick Buchanan, JD ’15
• Rachel Jasmine Cragg, JD ’17
• Phillip Michael Gordon, JD ’15
• Tara Christine Gough, JD ’17
• Michael Arthur Heibel, JD ’19
• Elissa Iana Henry, JD ’15
• Taylor McConnell, JD ’19
• Alexandra Marie Mosser, JD ’19
• Emily Ashton Patton, JD ’19
• Lena Renee Proft, JD ’17
• Ashley Richardson, JD ’20
• Philip Daniel Ricker, JD ’19
• Amber Rene Shanafelt, JD ’14
• Katherine Elizabeth Thompson, JD ’18
• Haley R. Williamson, JD ’18
NYC Bar Moot Court Competition
The team of Jessica Cox, Tori Cooper, and Hannah Hoke finished in the quarterfinals of the National NYC Bar Moot Court Competition after going undefeated at the Regional Competition. Tori also was recognized as Best Advocate at Regionals.

Steve Dillard Practice Court Award
Congratulations to Bryson Manning who received the 2019 Fall Steve Dillard Practice Court Award. The award is given to the highest performing student in the Practice Court class based upon grades for work in procedure, evidence, advocacy, and professional responsibility.

Fall Mad Dog Mock Trial Competition
Tori Coates was the winner of the 2019 Bob and Karen Wortham Fall Practice Court “Mad Dog” Mock Trial Competition. She received a $7,000 grand prize given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham and an 18” bronze statue of Matt “Mad Dog” Dawson.

FINALIST:
Joshua Dinsmore

SEMI-FINALISTS:
Austin Dam
Maria McIntyre

FINAL ROUND JUDGES
PRESIDING JUDGE:
Andy McSwain, JD ’84

SCORING JUDGES:
Robert Little and Professor Greg White

National Criminal Procedure Tournament
The team of Keira Hornak and Savannah Judkins advanced to quarterfinals in the National Criminal Procedure Tournament.

Mack Kidd Moot Court Competition
The team of Joshua Richardson and Conner Sheets finished as finalists in the Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition. Conner was also recognized as Best Advocate. The teams of James Fryer and Hannah Perez and R.J. Ammons and Chandler Dean advanced to the semifinals.

National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Analeigh Richardson and Cullen Richardson advanced to the quarterfinals in the National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition.

Emory Civil Rights Competition
The team of Elizabeth Gardner and Bryce Smith advanced to the quarterfinals and the team of Taylor McCullough and Allie Pencask finished in the octofinals of the Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Competition.

Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition
The team of Jordan Raschke and Andrew Swallows advanced to the quarterfinals.

Dawson and Sodd Fall Moot Court Competition
Garrett Anderson and Byron Haney were the winners of the 2019 Dawson & Sodd, LLP Fall Moot Court Competition.

FINALISTS:
Jaycee Lee and Rohit Mittal

SEMI-FINALISTS:
J.D. Merritt and David Suttner
Matt McKinnon and James Wilson

TOP SPEAKERS:
1. James Wilson
2. Camille Hunt
3. Alex Thompson (tie)
4. Emma Roddy (tie)
5. Rebecca Wesley
6. Mallorie Walker (tie)
7. Garrett Anderson (tie)
8. David Suttner
9. Dana Nguyen
10. Megan Mattson

FINAL ROUND JUDGES
CHIEF JUSTICE: Hon. K. Nicole Mitchell, JD ’06, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
SCORING JUDGES: Professors Lee Ann James, Luke Meier, Pat Wilson, Jim Underwood, and winners of the 2019 Drinker Biddle Moot Court Competition, Jeff Gunnell and Austin Byron
J. Leon Lebowitz, JD ’43, longtime professor of law and a true mensch, passed away peacefully at home on January 11. He was 98. Leon, a scholar of both Judaism and the law, was a rare combination of brilliance, humility, and kindness. He was born and raised in Waco, Texas, where he often worked in the dry goods store owned by his parents, Frances and Dave Lebowitz. After receiving his law degree from Baylor Law, Leon enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as a staff sergeant in the 3rd Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of Anzio, participated in the liberation of Rome, and was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his role in the liberation of southern France. Leon returned to Waco after the war. In a 1940s version of the Dating Game, arranged by a friend, he was introduced to Elaine Ephraim, a visitor from Plaquemine, Louisiana. They married in 1948 and had two children, Brian and Amy. In 1956, Leon left his teaching position at Baylor Law to begin his career at the University of Texas, where over the years he taught thousands of Texas lawyers Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Securities Regulation. Through his State Bar committee work, Leon was instrumental in shaping Texas law in those areas. Leon was a leader in the Austin Jewish community, serving as president of the Jewish Community Council, B’nai B’rith, and his synagogue, Congregation Beth Israel, where he was an active member for over 60 years and where he instituted the lay-led Saturday morning minyan. He also worked passionately for justice and equality, working to end Jewish quotas in American law schools in the 1950s and to expand banking opportunities to East Austin in the 1960s. He supported a diverse array of organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, Austin Symphony, Chabad of Austin, and West Austin Rotary. In addition to his amazing whistling talent, Leon had a beautiful singing voice, and he always serenaded Elaine at their anniversary celebrations. He loved traveling, garage sales, books, music, interfaith dialogue, and playing bridge and poker with his buddies. He was devoted to his family, friends, community, and any cause he saw as helping the less fortunate.

Chester Carlton Young, Sr., JD ’50, age 94, died on October 20 in Austin. Chester was born July 9, 1925 in Meeker, LA, second of seven children to Sherrman and Gladys Young. Work in the refineries brought the family to Port Acres, where Chester graduated from Stephen F. Austin High before joining the Navy during WWII. To his everlasting good fortune, he was stationed in Oakland, CA, where he met Marylin Joyce Beddoe, daughter of a Bay Area typesetter. They married in May 1946 and his bride soon came with him to Texas in a carload of men, driving nonstop in the heat of summer. Nevertheless, she remained married to him for the next 73 years, with Chester often referring to her as his “first” wife. On the GI Bill, Chester attended college and law school at Baylor on a fast track. After he passed the bar in 1950, they returned to Port Acres and he hung out his shingle as a practicing attorney at age 24. In 1955, Chester became an Assistant DA and entered the world of Jefferson County politics. In 1962 he was elected County Judge, a position he held for 12 years, until returning to private practice at his Nederland home office, where Marylin had a studio for her painting, fabric arts, and writing. Modest about his own success, he always touted her talents. In retirement, they moved to Albuquerque to be near their only grandson, John, and in 2004 came back to Texas to be near family in Austin. Even as his eyesight and health failed, Chester’s wit and intelligence never dimmed, nor his loving concern for Marylin and pride in his family.

Hon. Louis M. Moore, JD ’51, born on March 28, 1921, passed away peacefully in Katy, Texas, on November 23, 2019. He was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico and moved to Ohio as a child. He was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Fowler, and sister, Lucila Hamilton. Louis Moore was Judge of the 281st Civil District Court in Houston, Texas, for thirteen and a half years from 1981 until he retired in 1995. At that time, he assumed Senior District Judge Status and served as “Visiting Judge” for a few years after his retirement. In World War II, he served as a Naval Aviator Fighter Pilot, part of the VF-19 Fighter Squadron assigned to the U.S.S. Lexington. He attended Baylor Law after the war, obtaining his law degree, and practicing his profession for 30 years before taking the bench. Judge Moore was a member of The Texas College of the Judiciary, College of the State Bar of Texas, American Judges Association, National Conference of State and Trial Judges, American Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Houston Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and a “Fellow” of the Houston Bar Foundation. He had certificates from The National Judicial College and Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers. He was on the faculty of the University of Houston Law School Trial Advocacy Program. Judge Moore was a member of Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Captain James Olis “Jim” Price, JD ’54, passed away August 19, 2019. Born in Fort Worth Sept 24, 1930 to Dr. & Mrs. J.M. Price, he attended Hubbard, Rosemont, and Paschal schools, graduating in 1948. Jim graduated from Baylor University with a BBA in 1952 and completed his JD at Baylor Law in 1954. He was Chief Justice of the first student court at Baylor in 1953 and served as Business Manager of The Editorial Board for Baylor Law Review. As a boy, he drew pictures of planes and knew he wanted to be a pilot. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 34 years, including 4 years active duty. In 1951, he enlisted as Seaman Recruit and was commissioned Ensign upon entering active duty in 1954. Designated Naval Aviator in 1956, he served as a carrier pilot with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 23 aboard U.S.S. Boxer (CVS-21) and later as multi-engine instrument flight instructor. During time with the drilling reserve at Dallas Naval Air Station, he made trips to Viet Nam in C-118 transport aircraft delivering supplies to forces. After active duty, he returned to Fort Worth to practice law as an Assistant City Attorney. In 1962, he moved to the Federal Aviation Administration as Regional Counsel when they sought an attorney and pilot. He was admitted and qualified as Attorney & Counsel to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1966. He finished his law career as Counsel for the Federal Highway Administration, retiring in 1989. Throughout life, Jim volunteered time & experience serving as President of Fort Worth Baylor Club, Board of Directors of Baylor Alumni Association and life member and as long-time deacon at Broadway Baptist. An active Baylor volunteer, he and Betty were given the Baylor Outstanding Parents Award in 1985. In retirement, Jim volunteered as a Mediator for Dispute Resolution services in Tarrant County. He loved travel and he and Betty spent 25 years flying around the world on his beloved Navy planes. Jim was a loving, caring husband and father and a quiet encourager to the many friends he gathered throughout his life, using quick wit to bring levity to every situation. His belief in God and country remained steadfast.

Sherwin A. “Sherm” Winniford, JD ’58, of Waco, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend, went home peacefully on Saturday, January 4, 2020 surrounded by his family. Sherm, son of Claude Sherwin and Stella Mae (Witcher), was born July 13, 1931, and grew up on a farm outside Cumby, Texas. He attended East Texas State Teachers College, graduating in 1952 with a bachelor’s degree in history. He served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1955 and then attended Baylor Law, graduating in 1958. Sherm practiced law in Waco for 43 years with the firm of Fullbright & Wright. He married Mildred (Torchy) Brown in 1954, and she preceded him in 1990. They had two sons, Dusty and John Charles. In 1992, he married Elaine Ferguson, and for the next 28 years they traveled, played golf (his favorite courses were in Hawaii), and shared so many of life’s blessings. He enjoyed watching Baylor football as well as the Baylor Lady Bears. An avid reader, Sherm never turned down a book, especially when it was a biography or World War II history. He was a friend to all animals and was an incredible storyteller. Many friendships began with “Blue Suede Shoes!” His insight, sense of fairness, generosity, and dedication to the law will long be remembered.
Jim Johnson, JD ’58, longtime San Angelo attorney, died peacefully on November 4. Jim was the first baby born on New Year’s Day 1933 in Brownwood, Texas, to Otey and Alta Johnson. He spent his formative years in Brownwood which included playing quarterback for the Brownwood Lions in high school; graduating in 1951. Jim attended Baylor University and graduated with a BBA degree in 1955. Prior to completing his undergraduate studies, he started law school, also at Baylor. His law school studies were interrupted by a two-year stint in the Air Force stationed at Goodfellow Air Force base. While in the Air Force, he was over a food service group, despite not having any cooking skills himself. After his service, Jim returned to complete his last year of law school where he met his wife, Jean Massey. Upon graduation from Baylor Law in 1958, Jim worked for the district attorney’s office in Beaumont, planning to settle his family there. After one year, staying permanently in Beaumont he reconsidered so he traveled to San Angelo to interview for a job, and returned to let Jean know they were moving to San Angelo. Jim began his legal practice with the firm of Upton Upton Baker and Griffiths prior to starting the firm of Upton Shannon Porter & Johnson. His law practice spanned more than 50 years and he was well known for his attention to detail. He was active in the community serving as a Trustee at Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, Director First Financial Bank and an Elder First Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of the State Bar of Texas and Tom Green County Bar Association, serving in several officer positions over the years.

Charles W. Oldham, JD ’60, longtime Wichita Falls attorney, passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Charles was born on July 4, 1933 in Dallas to the late William Jennings Bryan and Ingeberg (Johnson) Oldham. The family moved to Scarsdale, New York during his childhood. The family returned to Dallas where he graduated with honors from Woodrow Wilson High School. He attended the University of Texas, then volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army, including 16 months in Korea, where he served with the 75th Field Artillery, and later as an Artillery Survey and Fire Control Instructor at the NCO Academy of Korea. After completing his service, he received his law school training at Baylor University, where he earned his JD degree. Charles entered private practice in Wichita Falls in 1960, and owned Oldham and Associates. He held Legal Specialization Certificates in Civil Trial and Personal Injury Trial Law and handled cases in Federal Courts in Amarillo, Lubbock, San Antonio, Pecos, Wichita Falls, Sherman, and Oklahoma City. He married Barbara Charlotte Gilleland, a native of North Carolina on December 18, 1973, and the couple were married for 34 years, until her passing in 2008. Charles was actively involved in his community, serving on several advisory boards. He served as president of the Wichita Falls Jaycees from 1967-1968. He was a past member of Downtown Rotary, Air Force Association, and Sertoma Club. Charles was also a member of the Wichita County Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit Court, Defense Research Institute, American Legion Post 202, and the Elk’s Club. Charles served as a Director of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel on two occasions. He was a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and was presented the Boss of the Year Award by the Wichita County Legal Secretary’s Association for 1982-1984. Charles had also served as a Director of Sertoma International, and as a Director of the original Community Action Corporation. He was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he had served in various capacities. He was a 50 year member of Faith Masonic Lodge #1158, Wichita Falls Lodge #635, Wichita Valley Scottish Rite Club, York Rite Bodies, and was a Past Potentate of Maskat Shrine Temple, where he served in various capacities including Parliamentarian, Chairman of the Necrology Committee, and served as the Temple attorney. Charles was active in the Foot Patrol, serving as president of the unit, Captain of the Drill Team, and performed with the team for many years in competitions.

Joseph Edwards Bures, JD ’63, a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17 in Peachtree City, GA.

Growing up in Shelton, Connecticut, Joseph discovered the game of golf at twelve years old and it was love at first birdie. The sport would play a central role throughout his life. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Ohio State University, Joseph served his country from 1958-1961 in the United States Army and went to Korea. Upon his honorable discharge Mr. Bures furthered his studies at the Baylor Law where he held the office of Mid-Law Representative, Student Congress and was a member of the Baylor School of Law Board of Governors. After receiving his Juris Doctor from Baylor Law, he went to New York, where he began working at Screen Actors Guild. In 1966 a leggy brunette, [Marcia] walked into Joe’s office demanding to know where her Frosted Flakes commercial residual check was, and his life would never be the same. After a quick courtship Joe proposed and they were married soon after. He then pursued his Masters of Law from New York University and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1967. In addition to his studies, Joe welcomed two daughters, Jennifer and Diana and had the opportunity to go to NBC and work in the contracts department. Shortly thereafter he was recruited to the Business Affairs Department in Burbank where he started as Director.

In addition to being promoted, year-round golf weather was a huge bonus to the career move for him. He would stay at the Peacock network through his retirement in 1997 as Senior Vice President of Business Affairs, having worked on deals for legendary TV shows including Wheel of Fortune, Unsolved Mysteries, Rip tide, Frasier, The Wonderful World of Disney, Law & Order, ER, and Knight Rider. The late former NBC President Brandon Tartikoff even established the “Joe Bures Negotiating Award” which was given to him and handed out in subsequent years. But no matter how demanding his work schedule was, family always came first. Every Sunday, he would watch football with his daughters (sometimes reluctantly) would go to church, play golf together, and have dinner. The phrase, “Church Golf Lasagna Repeat,” is widely known and celebrated by friends and family. At his retirement, those in attendance asked Joe what he was going to do next and he simply said, “Play golf six days a week.” Asked by another party-goer if he was going to get bored doing that every day Joe smiled and said “No.” Joe spent his final years hitting the ball down the center of the fairway and spending time with his loving family.

Paul Lyle, JD ’64, of Plainview was born August 12, 1940 to Ramer R. Lyle and Vonie Mae Echols Lyle in Magnolia, Arkansas. He went home to be with the Lord on November 22, 2019 following a brief bout with pneumonia. After growing up in Atlanta, Texas, Paul attended Baylor University where he obtained a BA in 1962 and went on to earn a law degree from Baylor Law in 1964. He met the love of his life, Linda Kay Rogers during his time at Baylor and they were married from 1962 until her death in 2003. Paul and Linda moved to Plainview where they reared their children, and he practiced law for over 40 years until his retirement. Paul served as a Director on the State Bar of Texas, and a trustee of the Mayer Foundation. He published the Lyle Digest and Superintendent’s Manual-Commissioner’s Decisions for many years and represented over 60 school districts across the state of Texas. He was recognized by the State Bar of Texas as a distinguished expert in school law and was a featured speaker annually at school law legal conferences at the University of Texas Law School and also at many national legal conferences. He was a member of and chaired the School Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Paul was a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Plainview and a noted mentor to many through the years. He lived a life of service in his community and influenced countless people through his wise counsel, generosity and encouragement.
Stephen Louis Burkett, JD ’72, of Corpus Christi, went to see Jesus on November 16, 2019 after valiantly wrestling with a long illness. Steve was born May 4, 1949 in Waco, Texas, the son of a Baylor Bear and the first of four boys. He would go on to have four boys of his own. After graduating from Ray High School in 1967, he attended Baylor like his father, earned a law degree, and met his wife Belinda. In his practice of law, Steve zealously advocated for the injured and downtrodden in South Texas from 1975 until his retirement in 2000. Both during his career and thereafter, he devoted his time to being a loving husband and father, scout leader, baseball coach, Sunday school teacher, world traveler, unabashed cut-up, and uplifting presence for anyone in need.

The Honorable Don W. Clements, JD ’72, of Brownwood, passed away October 24 at a local nursing home. Don was born to Meredith Leslie and Christine (Brooks) Clements on October 30, 1935, in Brownwood. He graduated from Brownwood High in 1954. After high school, he went on to graduate from Howard Payne University; from there he was accepted into Baylor Law and graduated with his law degree. He was a lawyer and municipal judge in Brownwood for many years. Don served in the United States Navy. Don married the love of his life, Janice King, on August 10, 1957, in Brownwood. He was a very avid golfer and loved spending time with his family and friends. Don was very active in the community serving on numerous boards in and around Brownwood. He was a former President for Brownwood ISD School Board, very instrumental in starting the Brownwood Jaycees, and a member of the Kiwanis Club. Don was also a longtime member of First Christian Church in Brownwood.

John Embry Bevil, JD ’73, went home to be with the Lord on November 14. John was born on May 22, 1946 to Claude and Oleta Bevil in Alice, Texas, prior to moving to Beeville, Texas, during grade school. John was a graduate of the class of 1964 from A.C. Jones High School in Beeville, where he was a standout athlete, particularly in baseball, leading the Beeville Trojans to a district title in 1964. He was later inducted into the Beeville Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. John’s baseball prowess led him to Baylor University, where he was a scholarship student-athlete. Upon graduation in 1968, John was able to continue his baseball pursuit with a stint of minor league baseball in the Detroit Tigers farm system. Following his baseball career, John returned to Baylor University, where he earned his law degree from Baylor Law in 1973 before moving to San Antonio as a practicing attorney. In 1988, John moved his young family to New Braunfels, where he opened up his own private practice which has operated for the last 31 years. John was an active member of First Baptist Church throughout his time in New Braunfels, where his passion for the Bible and the Gospel of Jesus Christ allowed him to teach an adult Bible Study class for the last 30 years. John was also highly involved in local youth sports, serving in both leadership roles and as a volunteer coach in support of his children’s pursuits. John enjoyed traveling and had a knack for adventure but was always most at home in the company of his family, who he selflessly served and provided for. He will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, mentor, and friend.

Jesse Carillo, JD ’73, loving husband and father of five passed away on October 12. Jesse, as everyone who knew him can testify, was a good man and a good lawyer. You could always rely upon what he said and he worked hard for his clients. Jesse was born on November 15, 1946, in Austin, Texas, to Margarito and Isidra (Guerra) Carillo. He received his degree in Journalism from the University of Texas in 1969 and then was admitted to Baylor Law. However, he was drafted and served until 1971. He often said, “the Army took away my law books and gave me a rifle.” Jesse returned to Baylor, obtained his law degree in 1973 and opened his law office on South Congress. Jesse practiced law there alongside Bob Perkins and Pat Hammonds. Jesse had a very successful practice but in 1979 he heard the call of public service and moved to Washington D.C. to work for the Department of Justice. In 1984, he returned to Austin and practiced law there for the rest of his life. Jesse grew up in East Austin and attended Allan Jr. High and Johnston High School, graduating in 1965. One of his schoolmates was Lupe Zamarrilla, who also became a lawyer. Lupe and Jesse were the sports page editors of the school newspaper and Lupe remembers how much Jesse loved basketball. He remembers Jesse practicing basketball outdoors even in the heat of July. Lupe also remembers how Jesse always kept his word. Jesse withdrew from a runoff for Student Body President, despite the fact that several people believed he would have won. He had given his word to a friend that whoever ran second between the two would support the leader and since Jesse placed second to his friend he withdrew. Jesse was an athlete — while living in Washington he took up jogging and accidentally entered and finished the Marine Corps Marathon with no prior long-distance training. He always said that was the most exhausted he ever felt. Later in life he became a writer. His first book was When Enchiladas Fly. In 1989, Jesse met the great love of his life - Minerva Perez. Minerva, originally from Ciudad Mier, Tamaulipas, Mexico, moved to Austin in 1992. They started dating and married three years later.

Charles Edwin “Ed” Hinshaw, JD ’74, passed away Thursday, January 24. Ed was born August 31, 1937 in Panhandle, Texas to Clark “Shorty” Oliver Hinshaw and Vita Thompson Hinshaw. He proudly served in the United States Army. Ed married Marva Hines on April 7, 1966 in Claude, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree in 1971 from Lubbock Christian University. Ed chose to further his education at Baylor Law where he received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence. He served as the Carson County Attorney for 16 years. Ed was an avid sports lover, especially Panhandle High School athletics. He attended and videoed hundreds of games often gifting the athletes with film of their sport. In fact, he would follow Panhandle Panther athletes as they continued their collegiate sporting careers.

Robert Owen “Buck” Harris III, JD ’75, was born May 6, 1943 in Ft. Lewis, Washington and died on September 26, 2019 in Salado, Texas. He moved to Belton, Texas in the early 1950’s with his mother, Myrtle Grace Harris and father, Robert Owen “Buck” Harris Jr. His father was one of Killeen’s first attorneys, and established Harris Law Office, which is still located in downtown Killeen. Buck attended public school in Belton and Killeen, graduating from Killeen High School in 1961. He then went on to attend Baylor University, earning a double Bachelors in English and History in 1965.

Buck enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 and did two tours serving in Vietnam at the height of the Vietnam War. He was a true war hero and was the recipient of the following medals: the Silver Star, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Purple Heart, Bronze Star with V Device and One Oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Combat Infantryman Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal, two Over Sea Service Bars and the National Defense Service Medal.

After serving in the military, Buck returned to Baylor and graduated with his Juris Doctor degree in 1976. He joined Harris Law Office alongside his brother, Bill, Clay Peebles, and Frank Holbrook. Buck practiced law in Killeen until 2012, when he moved his office to Belton. He worked tirelessly across Central Texas, representing countless individuals in criminal and family matters in both District and Federal court. Additionally, Buck was active in the State Bar, serving as Bell County Bar President. He was a loving and vibrant husband, father and grandfather.
Mona Faye Read, JD ‘75, of Houston, passed away May 25, 2019. She received her law degree from Baylor Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975. Read was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1982. She was an assistant in a private practice in Dallas from 1975 to 1978; a writing attorney in the Social Security Compensation Office of Hearings in San Antonio in 1978; and an administrative judge for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Houston, retiring in 2013. Read received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and received the flag flown at half-staff in 1984 at Johnson Space Center. She enjoyed reading and collecting coins and Native American artifacts.

Richard Martin Leverick, JD ‘81, age 65, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2019. He was born in Birmingham, AL on June 24, 1954, to Berdine and Alfred Leverick. He received his BA and JD from Baylor University. He married Pamela Ruth Zanetti on May 7, 1994 in Corrales, New Mexico. They were married 25 years. He was owner of Leverick & Musselman, LLC since 1986. He accomplished several precedent setting cases that were heard by the New Mexico Supreme Court. He was an avid fly fisherman and was member of New Mexico State Bar Association since 1982.

Kirby Jiles Roberts, JD ‘82, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, in Round Rock. He was 63. He was born on July 3, 1956, in Houston to Beverly and Wilton Jiles Roberts. Roberts received a law degree from Baylor Law in 1982. He practiced for many years with his father and in individual practice.

Andrew Martin Miller, JD ‘85, was born on December 16, 1952 and passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019. He graduated from Atlanta High School in 1971 and was an outstanding track athlete. Martin served in the United States Army for 3 years and was honorably discharged in 1982. He was in private practice in Ft. Worth with a focus on Criminal & Juvenile justice. He was a member of the Texas Bar College.

Andrew George Khoury, JD ‘94, Longview attorney and community volunteer, died unexpectedly of natural causes on August 24, 2019 in Belfast, Maine. A fifth-generation Texan, Andy was born May 20, 1969 in Longview, Texas, the younger son of Dorothy and the late Judge Alvin Khoury. Andy grew up in Longview, attended St. Mary’s Catholic School and Longview High School, graduating from LHS in 1987. He continued his education at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he earned his Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, in 1991. After receiving his degree from SMU, he attended Baylor Law, earning his Juris Doctor degree in 1994. During law school, he interned at the Jones, Jones, Curry & Roth law firm in Marshall, Texas and immediately following law school he interned at the Brown McCarroll law firm in Longview.

Andy was licensed to practice law in November, 1994 and he had the great honor of having his father administer the legal oath to him alongside his friends and former classmates Will Blair and Scott Stevens who were all sworn in together. He began his legal career at the Nichols & Nichols law firm in Longview, where his practice was primarily business litigation, insurance claims and oil and gas law. In 2012 he opened the Khoury Law Firm, which focused on business litigation and wills, trusts and probate cases. Over the course of his legal career, Andy represented hundreds of clients in state and federal trial courts in Texas, and he successfully briefed and argued numerous cases before state and federal appellate courts. He was devoted to his law practice and his clients, working many long hours to provide them effective representation. Andy also cared very much for his co-workers at the Nichols firm and the Khoury firm. Andy was a member and Past President of the Gregg County Bar Association, and during his term as President, he organized and led the effort which brought the Supreme Court of Texas to Longview to conduct oral arguments. He also was a member of the State Bar of Texas, Northeast Texas Bar Association, The Bar Association of The Fifth Federal Circuit, Bar Association of the Eastern District of Texas, Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society — Hemphill Inn, and a past member of the State Bar of Texas Judiciary Relations Committee.

Andy was proud to have been born in Longview, Texas, and enjoyed giving back to his hometown in many ways, including serving on the boards of the City of Longview Historic Preservation Commission and Longview ISD Foundation, Inc. He also was a member of the Rotary Club of Longview, and he previously served on the Good Shepherd Health System Foundation advisory board. Previously, he was Professional Division Co-Chair for Greater Longview United Way, a member of Longview 2020 “Under 40” Forum, served on several committees at the Longview Chamber of Commerce, and was a board member, President, and volunteer judge of Longview Teen Court. Additionally, he served as President of the SMU Alumni Association – East Texas Chapter and was a member of the SMU Alumni Association, SMU Mustang Club and Baylor Law Alumni Association. Andy’s favorite hobbies were attending Longview Lobo and SMU football games and traveling throughout the United States. Some of his most-cherished memories were family vacations to Florida, his annual summer journeys to the Maine coast with family and friends, witnessing the Lobos win the state football championship last year, and the 30 years of camaraderie at SMU football games with his SMU classmates and friends.

Loy Mark McMillon, JD ’95, passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2021 shy of his 52nd birthday. Mark was born on November 3, 1967 to Donald and Jean McMillon in Abilene, TX. After graduating from Jim Ned High School in 1986 he attended Baylor University on a football scholarship. Mark loved playing football for the Bears. He earned his undergraduate degree in professional writing from Baylor in 1990. Mark then attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School and completed his law degree at Baylor Law. Mark began his professional career as an attorney in Dallas, TX, working for several law firms. In 2012, he established The Law Offices of L. Mark McMillon, PLLC. He based his practice on Christian faith and values specializing in business, insurance, and family law. While attending law school, Mark met and married Wendy Ann Fallon. He and Wendy had two children, MacKenzie Cait and Matthew. Mark was a Christ follower and everyone laugh with his unique and special sense of humor.
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