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I hope this issue of the Docket Call finds you, and those close to you, in good health and spirits.

As I reflect upon the dramatic changes that have occurred over the past few months, it is fair to say that few events will be as impactful to life at Baylor Law — and the legal profession as a whole — as the COVID-19 pandemic. The global health crisis forced us to quickly adapt to virtual classes, a challenge that my faculty and staff colleagues rose to meet head-on. Our program was up and running online a full week earlier than nearly every other law school in the country. As part of our celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Practice Court program, we will publish a special edition of the Docket Call in the near future which will include more about the changes we’ve implemented regarding virtual learning and online advocacy training. We are confident that we will emerge from this interlude stronger than ever.

Over the past several months, even as our in-person events were canceled or postponed, we continued to offer — virtually — many of our award-winning special programs and CLE opportunities, including the Veterans Clinic, the Trial Advocacy Clinic, Juvenile Detention Hearings, the Business Law Bootcamp, and the nation’s most challenging Mock Trial Competition, Top Gun. More about this year’s virtual Top Gun competition can be found in this issue of Docket Call.

The resilience shown by our dedicated faculty and staff — and so importantly, our students — has been phenomenal. I have been profoundly moved by the generous support of the Baylor Law family that, even in times of unprecedented economic upheaval, continues to support our mission in funding scholarships and other program needs. To be sure, for many students scholarship assistance is not just the difference between attending Baylor Law or attending some other law school — such assistance is the difference between attending and not attending.

A considerable portion of this issue of Docket Call is dedicated to sharing our gratefulness to the hundreds of alumni who have established and continue to fund our scholarship program. We have included some of our students’ heartfelt expressions of thanks throughout this issue.

Baylor Law continues to have one of the best-funded per-student endowments among the 203 ABA accredited law schools. As blessed and as grateful as we are with our financial position, we have a long way to go. I will not be satisfied until we can bring nearly all our students to Baylor Law on full or substantial scholarships.

During this time of disruption and change, another bittersweet event has unfolded at Baylor Law. Professor David Guinn retired after more than five decades of teaching generations of Baylor Lawyers. While plans are underway to celebrate his retirement in a manner that he deserves once it is safe to do so, in this issue of Docket Call we set out a ‘call to action’ as a way to honor ‘The Godfather.’

The 2020 Baylor Lawyer of the Year, Ike Vanden Eykel, JD ‘73, is also highlighted in this issue. As one of the most respected family lawyers in the country, the honor comes as no surprise to those who know Ike’s dedication to the profession, Baylor Law, his community, and his family. Ike has literally written the book on family law in Texas and his professional accomplishments are audacious. I hope you’ll join us in congratulating Ike on this richly deserved honor. As soon as COVID-19 allows, we plan to host a luncheon in his honor.

I say thank you to our Baylor Lawyers, family, friends, staff, and faculty who have made possible the unmatched educational experience of Baylor Law and support us in new and inspiring ways during this strange interlude of COVID-19.

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Ike Vanden Eykel, JD ’73, has been selected as the 2020 Baylor Lawyer of the Year by the Executive Committee of the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

Ike Vanden Eykel is one of the most respected family lawyers in the country. He has been featured repeatedly among the Top 10 Attorneys in Texas and has been consistently listed among Texas Super Lawyers and as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas. He is one of only 28 recipients of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists’ Sam Emison Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Texas family law attorney. As CEO and Managing Partner of KoonsFuller, he has grown the firm into one of the largest family law firms in the country.
Vanden Eykel authored the book on Texas family law, Successful Lone Star Divorce, and co-authored the Texas Family Law Practice Guide and Protecting Your Assets From a Texas Divorce.

Sharla Fuller have collaborated on another book, Lone Star Divorce: The NEW Edition. In addition, he was portrayed in the book, My Husband Is Trying to Kill Me, and the made-for-TV movie, Dead Before Dawn, for his representation of abuse victim Linda Edelman.

“Ike’s universally admired abilities in the courtroom and in the conference room, and his personal and professional accomplishments are unrivaled. He can make the complex simple and has a unique ability to diffuse even the most confrontational situation,” stated Baylor Law’s Dean Brad Toben, who added, “Most important, Ike understands the obligations of a lawyer and a person of faith to serve, and he daily lives out that dedication to service.”

He is also a member of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a Diplomate in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, and is the immediate past-president of the Baylor Law Alumni Association.

Vanden Eykel has served on multiple boards including the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center of Dallas, Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center, the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of DFW, Family Compass, and the Dallas Bar Foundation, among many others. He is presently on the Board of Trustees for Drake University, where he received his undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in 1971.

Vanden Eykel and his wife, Cathy, have been married for over 40 years and have three children: Eric, Lindsey, JD ’14, and Steven. A private luncheon in Vanden Eykel’s honor will be hosted by Baylor Law.

“I am honored to be named the recipient of this award,” stated Vanden Eykel after hearing he had been named Baylor Lawyer of the Year, “To be added to the list of remarkable individuals who have received this recognition is truly a humbling experience,” he added.

“Ike has given himself to the family law community like few others. His standing in the community could quite legitimately be described as iconic,” stated Fred Adams, Jr., JD ’81, fellow partner at KoonsFuller, who added, “Family law in the state of Texas has been substantially improved as a result of Ike Vanden Eykel’s efforts.”

About the Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award

The Baylor Lawyer of the Year Award is given annually to an outstanding alumnus/a who has brought honor and distinction to the Law School and to the legal profession. Recipients are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. The nominee’s legal ability and achievements as a lawyer
2. The nominee’s contributions to the legal profession
3. The nominee’s standing in the profession
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6. The nominee’s active interest in Baylor Law

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To submit a nomination for the 2021 Baylor Lawyer of the Year, please send a nomination letter describing why the nominee meets the criteria to:

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Dear Baylor Lawyers:

During these unprecedented times, the Baylor Law Alumni Association will continue to help our Baylor Lawyers and the profession. The current situation is less than ideal for most of us and creates both practical and logistical issues, as well as hardships for our clients.

Baylor Lawyers are forged together from their experiences at Baylor Law. The Baylor Law Alumni Association is here for you and wants to provide assistance to Baylor Lawyers where it can during this time. We will continue to provide free, online CLE opportunities and connect our community of lawyers as we assist each other in navigating these unforeseen circumstances and the many ways it has affected our everyday lives.

As President of the Baylor Law Alumni Association, I ask that you support our efforts by renewing your membership dues or joining the Association. Your support enables us to provide alumni programming, events, and networking opportunities for our community of over 7,600 Baylor Lawyers.

The future is certain: Baylor Lawyers will help lead the way to recovery from this virus. Together, the results of our efforts will be greater. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help.

Membership dues can be paid online at www.baylor.edu/law/give. Payment plan options are available. All membership dues are tax deductible. You also may pay your membership dues by check. Please make your check payable to “Baylor Law School” with “Baylor Law Alumni Association membership dues” in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to: Baylor Law Alumni Association, One Bear Place #97026, Waco, Texas 76798. The Association’s fiscal year runs from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Dues received between those dates will be reflected in your records accordingly. For questions regarding your dues, or current status, please contact Barbara Lindsay at Barbara_Lindsay@baylor.edu.

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Sincerely,

Monte F. James, JD ’92
President, Baylor Law Alumni Association, 2020-2021
Partner, Jackson Walker
In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the students, faculty, and staff of Baylor Law have shown incredible resilience, skillful versatility, and exemplary faith in adjusting to the uniqueness of a virtual learning environment. Thank you! #BaylorLawAtHome

BAYLOR LAWYER NETWORKS

Thank you to the Baylor Lawyers who underwrote the February 2020 – March, 2020 Baylor Lawyer Network Receptions.

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MARCH 5, 2020
Underwritten by the Baylor Lawyers of The Morales Firm, P.C.:
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Marissa Barrera Morales, JD ’05
Neal W. Adams, JD ’70, is the recipient of the 2020 Dan Rugle Price Memorial Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. The award is given in memory of Dan Price who practiced law in Austin, Texas, and who passed away in January 1994. The award celebrates Dan’s life as an outstanding lawyer who devoted himself completely to any task he undertook. The recipient exemplifies the qualities of an accomplished legal writer and researcher, a talented and dedicated practicing lawyer, a servant of the profession as a volunteer and an advocate on its behalf. The recipient exhibits an unreserved commitment to clients and to the practice of law and demonstrates dedication to the Bar and service to the public with the same commitment, dedication, and zeal which defined Dan Price’s life and work. Neal has been practicing law in Texas and Tarrant County, Texas, since 1972.

David C. Kent, JD ’78, was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Dallas Bar Association’s Community Service Fund for the year 2020. He was also elected to the Dallas Bar Association’s Construction Law Section’s Council for 2020. His firm has merged with Faegre Baker Daniels to form Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Dallas.

Marilea W. Lewis, JD ’78, partner at the Dallas based family law firm Duffee + Eltzen, was honored as a top 50 female Super Lawyer and top 100 DFW Super Lawyer for 2019, a Lawdragon top 500 Leading Family Lawyer for 2020, and a Best Lawyer in America in Family Law, Family Law Mediation, and Mediation for 2020. She is also co-director of the SBOT Firearms Conference: 9th Annual Firearms Law: What Every Texas Lawyer Needs to Know.

Fred Adams, JD ’81, of Koons Fuller 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.

Senator Kirk Watson, JD ’81, has been appointed the Founding Dean of the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs. Senator Watson was formerly mayor of Austin and has served in the Texas Senate since 2007. He was elected by his Senate colleagues as Senate President Pro Tem during the 2019 Legislative Session and was named by Texas Monthly as one of the top legislators.

Sharla J. Frost, JD ’87, with Tucker Ellis LLP, has been ranked in Chambers USA 2020.

Glenn B. Callison, JD ’88, with Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., has been ranked in Chambers USA 2020.

Dawn Wright, JD ’89, a mass tort and product liability litigator, has joined Thompson Coburn’s Dallas office as a partner. Dawn serves on the board of The Arts Community Alliance (TACA) of Dallas and serves as a grants panelist for TACA’s grants programs. She is a founding member and government chair of Women with Promise, which provides college scholarships and professional mentorship to north Texas women emerging from challenging circumstances. Dawn is also a founding member of the Young Leaders Board of the formerYWCA of Metropolitan Dallas (now WINGS).

Fletcher H. Brown, JD ’91, was recently selected as the Chair-Elect of the State Bar of Texas Health Law Council for 2020. Fletcher is a partner in the health law section of Waller Lassenden Dortch & Davis, LLP in Austin and is board certified in health law.

Kyle Deaver, JD ’93, received Baylor University’s Pro Texana Medal of Service award, recognizing an individual whose contributions in furthering the mission of Baylor have made an immeasurable impact in the public or non-profit sector. Kyle served four years on the Waco City Council and was elected mayor in 2016. During his tenure as mayor, downtown Waco has experienced a rebirth and is in the midst of tremendous growth. Kyle also serves on the board of the Waco Foundation. He has been a board member of the Cameron Park Zoological Society and Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and has served six years on the Waco Plan Commission. Kyle is in partnership with his brother, John Deaver, JD ’92, at Deaver and Deaver and as directors of American Bank and co-owners of American Guaranty Title.

Laura Alaniz, JD ’96, has joined the employment law litigation group in the Houston office of Porter Hedges LLP.

Tina Delight Amberboy, JD ’96, has been named CEO of Pathways Youth and Family Services, a non-profit organization providing a wide array of social-services programs to communities across Texas. Tina has served as executive director of the Supreme Court of Texas Children’s Commission since its inception in 2007. In that role, she was charged with improving child-welfare outcomes for children and families through judicial-system reform and leadership. Prior to working for the Supreme Court, Tina practiced as an attorney representing children and parents in the child-welfare system.

Hon. Ana Esteven, JD ’97, has been appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to be the Presiding Judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region.

Jason Stephens, JD ’97, has announced the formation of Stephens Law in Fort Worth, focusing exclusively on representing individuals and their families affected by a personal injury and wrongful death. Jason is licensed in Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado and has been recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer in the area of personal injury since 2004.

Lucy Forbes, JD ’98, of The Forbes Firm, PLLC in Houston, has been elected as the State Bar of Texas District Director, Position 4, in Harris County.

Eric Carl Nordstrom, JD ’02, joined the Houston office of Markel Service, Incorporated as a Senior Claims Examiner.

Hon. Tom Nowak, JD ’05, is being promoted to Major in the United States Air Force.

Taylor Williams, JD ’06, is leading new offices for Langley & Banack, Inc. in Kerrville and Fredericksburg. Williams’ practice focuses primarily on representing clients in complex trust, estate, and fiduciary litigation matters, as well as complex commercial and real estate litigation.
He also has extensive experience in construction and personal injury litigation. As part of his Hill Country practice, Williams has a broad range of experience handling estate planning, probate administration, real estate, and corporate matters.

**Dustin Benham, JD ’06,** a professor of law, received a 2020 Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award at Texas Tech University. The award honors outstanding faculty members who provide exceptional opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom.

**Robert Moody, JD ’07,** began a new career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Louisiana in Shreveport.

**Tim Williams, JD ’08,** has been elected to serve as Chair of the Texas Young Lawyers Association through 2021.

**Christopher K. Fletcher, JD ’09,** a staff attorney with Simmons and Fletcher, P.C. in Houston, was awarded “Top Lawyer” recognition by *H Texas Magazine.*

**Jessica Hart, JD ’09,** has been nominated by President Donald J. Trump to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime. She currently serves as the Intergovernmental and Public Liaison for the Department of Justice, where she manages relationships with State Governors, State attorneys general, elected officials, law enforcement, and key stakeholders. Jessica also helps direct responses to congressional inquiries and prepare witnesses for testimony and briefings before the United States Congress.

**Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, JD ’11,** of Rispoli Law Firm in Waco, has been elected President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). TYLA is the service arm of the State Bar of Texas and is comprised of every Texas lawyer who is 36 or under or within the first five years of practice regardless of age. Rispoli will serve as TYLA president from June 2021 to June 2022.

**Lauren Renee Sepulveda, JD ’11,** of the Office of the Criminal District Attorney in Hidalgo County, was elected Secretary for the 2020-2021 TYLA Executive Committee.

**Ryan M. Walters, JD ’11,** is a litigation associate with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Albuquerque. He works in the firm’s general liability, employment and corporate practices and handles a variety of real estate and collection cases. Ryan was recently recognized in *Marquis Who’s Who.*

**Kelly Hodge, JD ’12,** was elected partner at Jackson Walker in Dallas working in the area of real estate in their finance and banking division.

**Kimberly Knapp, JD ’12,** of Knapp and Associates in Fort Worth, was named a Criminal Law Super Lawyer for 2020.

**Kristin Cameron McDonald, JD ’12,** recently joined Avison Young as a brokerage associate focusing on industrial sales and leasing.

**David Schlottman, JD ’12,** was elected partner at Jackson Walker in Dallas. He is an advisor and litigator who focuses on labor and employment. He has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers and one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine.* David serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Partners of Dallas and on the leadership councils for both the State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section and the Labor & Employment Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association.

**Jake A. Boyd, JD ’13,** with Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz PLLC, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

**Stephen Netherton, JD ’13,** has accepted a partnership position at Hite Fanning & Honeyman LLP in Wichita, Kansas.

**Elizabeth Turco, JD ’13,** has joined Wright Close & Barger LLP.

**Chris Mahfouz, JD ’14,** joined Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto, Aziz & Stoger in Houston. His current practice focuses on a wide range of personal injury matters. He is active in the legal community and is a former Vice President and Treasurer of the Jefferson County Bar Association.

**Matthew Myers, JD ’14,** of Foster LLP in Austin, is the Chair Elect of the State Bar of Texas Immigration & Nationality Section.

**Ty Drury, JD ’18,** was posthumously awarded an honorary law license by the State Bar of Texas.

**Ward Weber, JD ’18,** an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County, was named “Rookie of the Year,” an honor given to the Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year for Dallas County.

**Brandon Knighton, JD ’19,** has joined McMahon Surovik Suttle P.C. in Abilene as an associate attorney. His areas of practice include business litigation, real estate, and oil and gas.

**Samantha Leifeste, JD ’19,** joined The Ferguson Law Firm, LLP in Beaumont.

**Allen Streetman, JD ’19,** joined Sutton Milam & Fanning in Waco. He will work on the litigation team focusing on criminal, DWI, and family law matters.

**Carolyn Beck, LL.M ’20,** joined Goldstein & McClintock LLP in New York, NY.

**Brittany Ruple, JD ’20,** joined Bourland, Wall & Wenzel as its newest associate.

**Kali A. Park, JD ’20,** joined Harris, Finley & Bogle, P.C. as an associate. Her practice is primarily civil and commercial litigation.

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The Spring 2020 issue of *Docket Call* featured an article about the innovative Leadership Development Program Baylor Law created in 2014 to prepare students to be servant leaders in both the legal profession and in their communities.

**Matthew Myers, JD ’14,** now of MW Law, PLLC, was the first Baylor Law student to complete Baylor Law’s Leadership Development Program, therefore earning the significant distinction of being named a Baylor Law Leadership Fellow.
Professor David Guinn has been a high-profile presence at Baylor Law and in the Texas legal system throughout his career. He has an unwavering dedication to his students, the legal profession, the U.S. Constitution, and all things Baylor. He is iconic — known uniformly as “The Godfather” — among Baylor Lawyers, having taught Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties courses for 54 years to an estimated 7000+ Baylor Lawyers. He is consistently sought out by his former students for advice and counsel, and excels as a mentor, just as he does as a teacher. Years ago, he was one of the first of a quite small coterie of Baylor University faculty to be designated as Master Teachers — the highest honor bestowed by the university for teaching. Undoubtedly, Professor Guinn’s legacy will be felt down through the decades.

“The Godfather” retires after 54 years of teaching at Baylor Law.
Look out for a special tribute honoring Professor Guinn and his over a half-century of dedication to teaching generations of Baylor Lawyers. Celebrate Professor Guinn’s retirement by submitting quotes, testimonials, and video messages of your personal stories or special experiences describing the impact Professor Guinn had on your life to Law_Alumni@baylor.edu.

Honor Professor Guinn and his remarkable legacy of teaching at Baylor Law with a gift. Visit baylor.edu/law/give to honor Professor Guinn with a gift to the David M. Guinn “The Godfather” Endowed Scholarship.
Simone Leighty of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law was declared the winner of “Top Gun XI,” Baylor Law’s eleventh anniversary edition of the Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition. The 2020 edition of Top Gun was the first mock trial tournament ever to be held live and completely online, making this already unique tournament unprecedented. Students competed from courtrooms, classrooms, and living rooms across the country via Zoom. Leighty emerged victorious after convincing an all-star panel of experienced trial attorneys and sitting judges that her performance deserved being named “Top Gun” after the intense final round. After narrowly beating out runner-up Aishling Fitzpatrick of Fordham University’s School of Law, Leighty earned bragging rights as “Top Gun” and took home the grand prize of $10,000, sponsored by long-term Top Gun partner, Naman Howell Smith & Lee PLLC.

“When my name was called, I was speechless. It felt as though the last eleven years of competing in Mock Trial had led me to that very moment. I’m humbled and grateful to have earned such a prestigious title,” stated Leighty after hearing she had been named the 2020 Top Gun. She added, “I’m thankful to have worked with an extremely talented and supportive team. I’m honored to be representing McGeorge School of Law in receiving this recognition.”

Simone’s victory at Top Gun XI concludes her long career as mock trial advocate and ushers in what will no doubt be a wonderful career as a prosecutor. “I can’t thank Baylor Law enough for the opportunity, Top Gun is the gold standard of mock trial competitions, in real life and over Zoom,” stated Simone’s coach, Jason Schaff of Flesher Schaff & Schroeder.

Celebrating its eleventh year, Baylor Law’s Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, by design is already one of the most unique competitions in the country. Unlike traditional mock trial competitions, participants cannot prepare for the case prior to the start of the event. Competitors were given access to the case files a mere 24 hours before the first round of the competition began. With only one day to review the facts of the case and prepare for trial, competitors needed to quickly assimilate depositions, records, photographs, and other materials. Volunteer witnesses were provided, but competitors only had a short period of time to prepare them to take the stand — and it all must happen within the limitations of virtual meeting technology. The 2020 edition of Top Gun was made even more unique by the technological innovation of a livestreamed, virtual event — something that had never been tried before in any mock trial competition.

“We started Top Gun in 2010 to be an exceptional competition that uniquely challenges the most successful mock trial competitors in the country,” said Gerald Powell, Master Teacher and The Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence at Baylor Law. “This year it was especially important to us to offer the country’s best student
advocates a chance to compete against the most talented of their peers and learn the most effective way to advocate for their clients in a completely virtual environment — a concept lawyers and courts across the country are also in the process of figuring out," continued Powell.

“Trying cases and holding hearings online is something completely new, and we’re all trying to figure out the best ways to advocate for our clients in this new world. So, we knew that students, professors, and even practicing attorneys from across the country would be watching Top Gun this year to see what works and what doesn’t,” said Robert Little, the Director of Advocacy Programs at Baylor Law. “During the tournament and since it concluded, we’ve heard from a lot of people around the country, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We think our success has also served to assure the law school advocacy community that online tournaments will work — which is great because it means law students will be able to learn and compete even if they can’t travel to tournaments in person.” Little continued. “Of course, we are so grateful to our friends at Naman, Howell Smith & Lee who once again made this competition possible and for awarding the best advocate with a $10,000 prize,” said Little.

The presiding judges in the semi-final round of the competition were Magistrate Judge Christine A. Nowak of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and Judge Tom Nowak, 366th Judicial District Court in Collin County, Texas. The presiding judge in the final round was the Honorable J. Rodney Gilstrap, the Chief District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

A STUDENT DIES ON THE FIELD - WHO’S TO BLAME?

In this year’s fictitious civil case, Jordan Street, a bereaved father, filed a wrongful death case against soccer coach Reese Taylor in the death of Rory Street, Waco High’s former star forward for the varsity soccer team.

The Plaintiff contended that the Defendant’s failure to recognize and remedy the symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke resulted in the death of Rory Street. The Defendant contended that Rory’s cocaine use is what caused the soccer player’s death.

TOP GUN XI RECOGNIZED ADVOCATES

CHAMPION – Simone Leighty
University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law

FINALIST – Aishling Fitzpatrick
Fordham University School of Law

SEMI-FINALISTS –
Deeksha Kohli, UCLA School of Law
Imohkai Okolo, University of Akron School of Law

PROFESSIONALISM AWARD –
Eric Love and
Second Chair Lauren Doig
Temple University Beasley School of Law

A GUIDE TO VIRTUAL MOCK TRIAL

Baylor Law’s Top Gun XI was the nation’s first-ever completely virtual mock trial competition. During the preparation, coordination, and implementation of this year’s tournament, the team at Baylor Law gained an incredible insight into what works and what doesn’t as it relates to hosting a live, online competition.

We believe sharing this valuable information is to the benefit of the advocacy community as a whole and have created a webpage containing guides and video links to a variety of related topics — including tips on technology, hardware and software, YouTube live-streaming, virtual calendar invitations, and much more. The webpage can be accessed at www.baylor.edu/law/TopGunGuide.

TOP GUN TV — LIVESTREAMS OF EVERY ROUND

All of Top Gun’s 32 competitive preliminary rounds, four semifinal rounds, and the championship final round were streamed live on the official Baylor Law YouTube channel. Watch each round now at www.baylor.edu/law/TopGunXILiveStream.
Matthew Cordon  
**Director of the Legal Writing Center and Professor of Law**

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Researching Texas Law (forthcoming, 4th ed.), Co-authored with Prof. Brandon Quarles

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

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Marital Property Character of Property After a Change of Domicile or Shift of Situs (June 2020)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Advisor, ABA Uniform Law Commission’s Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act
- 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
- Executive Director, Baylor Veterans Clinic
- 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

**Lee Ann James**  
**Legal Writing Lecturer**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- “The State of Disclaimers of Reliance,” McLennan County Bar Association (February 2020)

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

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Drafting LLC Agreements in Delaware and Texas: Model Company Agreements, 18th Annual Choice, Governance & Acquisition of Entities Course, State Bar of Texas (May 22, 2020)

**Walt Shelton**  
**Adjunct Professor of Law**

**PUBLICATIONS**
- “Seek Justice as Faith Traditions Teach in this Difficult Time,” Austin American Statesman (June 27, 2020)

**Leah Jackson Teague**  
**Associate Dean and Professor of Law**

**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
- Past Chair, AALS Section on Leadership

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**Dean and M.C. & Mattie Caston Chair of Law**

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**
- Elected Member, American Law Institute
- Board Member, Start Up Waco

**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
- Chair, AALS Section on Leadership
- Contributing Editor, General Practice Digest (Family Law)**
Gordon L. Hollon

Gordon Hollon was born in Brady, Texas, in 1923. He attended Baylor University on an athletic scholarship and though he was drafted to play football for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he elected to remain in Waco and continue his law studies.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Marine V-12 program and completed his officer training at Southwestern University, where he met his future wife, Jamie. After a tour of active naval duty in the Pacific theater, he returned to Waco and served as president of his senior law class and President of the Senate Law Society before earning his law degree in 1949.

Returning home, he became the County Attorney for Kendall County in 1949 and was later named the City Attorney for Boerne, a position he held with distinction for more than three decades. Hollon’s private practice became one of Texas’ largest law firms outside a major metropolitan area with much of his work conducted pro bono.

In 1997, Hollon was at the center of a historic United States Supreme Court case involving a constitutional challenge related to the scope of Congressional power of enforcement under Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment. Hollon drafted the historical preservation ordinance in the City of Boerne that was the catalyst for this far-reaching constitutional litigation, characterized by Dean Brad Toben as “the modern-day iteration of Marbury v. Madison.” City of Boerne v. Flores, appears in constitutional law casebooks — and Baylor Law classes — to this day. Hollon invited Dean Brad Toben to accompany him to the United States Supreme Court for oral argument.

The Hollon Endowed Scholarship Fund, established through the Hollon estate, has provided financial support for a multitude of Baylor Law students. “Gordon, in his life, created a remarkable legacy that will reach across the endless future — because the Hollons’ gifts will continue to build and encourage young lives so long as there is a Baylor Law,” stated Dean Toben in 2002 when the Scholarship was established.

Hollon’s career garnered him many accolades, including in 1992 his selection as a Distinguished Alumnus of Baylor University. In 1998 he was selected as Baylor Lawyer of the Year and recognized by the Texas Senate for his service to Boerne and the United States. At that time, Gordon Hollon reflected on his life in the law: “It’s been an interesting life. If I had to do it over again, I’d pick the same profession. The law is a calling, like medicine or the ministry. You have to believe in what you’re doing.”

Hollon held deep convictions about faithful constitutional interpretation and was widely respected for his trial and appellate work in both civil and criminal law. His faith, career, and dedication to service made a significant impact and he ensured that his legacy will continue through future generations of Baylor Law students called to the profession of practicing law.
Dean Toben’s tenure, which began in 1991, greatly exceeds the average of just four years for current time in service of all ABA law school deans, and now surpasses the second-longest serving dean by more than 11 years, according to data compiled by Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Jim Rosenblatt at the Mississippi College School of Law.

Dean Toben, as humble as always, remarked to Texas Lawyer magazine in 2018, “I love my work. It’s not a matter of length of years, it’s a matter of can you make a contribution that moves the institution forward. I hope to have the blessing of continuing to do so for many more years.” He also noted that Associate Dean Leah Teague began her tenure as Associate Dean at the same time in 1991 and now is “surely the longest serving associate dean in legal education.”

Dean Toben has led Baylor Law through an era of tremendous change, while building upon the successes and institutional objectives of his predecessors. During his time as dean, Baylor Law undertook an impressive building and endowment campaign and moved to a beautiful new riverside location at the Sheila & Walter Umphrey Law Center. His tenure has seen significant faculty and staff expansion, a marked reduction in the faculty-student ratio, and the development of a vibrant pro bono and public service program that has won eleven awards from the ABA, state bar entities, and the national American Inns of Court. During his tenure, the school has developed several new programs, including a focus on professional development and on leadership. Baylor Law now offers the nation’s first Executive LL.M. in Litigation Management, and several dual-degree programs.

Baylor Law now has significant opportunities for students interested in transactional practice, a prosecution career, and criminal defense practice. Dean Toben’s tenure has seen the re-design one of the most rigorous legal writing programs in the nation.

Legal writing and research assignments are designed collaboratively among the six full-time writing faculty members and other faculty members. In addition, his tenure has seen the establishment of a study abroad program in Scotland focused upon advocacy, and a field placement program in Lusaka, Zambia focused upon juvenile justice.

Baylor Law students now compete with notable success in well over thirty-five interscholastic advocacy and transactional competitions, while the school sponsors four high-profile competitions in mock trial, transactional law, client counseling, and legal writing. Baylor Law also has continued its unparalleled success on the Texas bar exam and enjoys an enviable employment rate for its graduates. Apart from capital and annual gifts, Dean Toben has been able to raise Baylor Law’s endowment from less than $1 million to over $129 million. Under Dean Toben’s leadership, Baylor Law has risen to the top 50 of U.S. law schools, according to U.S. News & World Report, and is now ranked #2 in the nation for Trial Advocacy by U.S. News.

Associate Dean Leah Teague, who began her service as Associate Dean when Toben became dean, noted, “Under Dean Toben’s leadership, we have greatly expanded our programs while remaining steeped in the traditions and values established by the past giants of Baylor Law.”
Students at Baylor Law have the unique opportunity to compete in Baylor Law’s Ultimate Writer Legal Writing Competition, a competition held in early spring that is distinguished among any comparable writing competition in legal education. The 2020 first-place winner was Christina Rosendahl, second-place winner was William de los Santos, and Casey Cochran took third place. Semifinalists were Ryan Owen, Max Atchity, and Asher Miller and Honorable Mentions were Tom Evans, Chandler Dean, and Jacob Hadjis.

Austin native Christina Rosendahl admitted that while taking on the additional work of the competition was hard, it was well worth the effort. “This competition is unique. Being a closed problem with just a one week time period, it was a creative, fun way to hone in on writing.” About the subject matter she added, “It was relevant given the technology aspect and how technology has outpaced the law.”

Focusing on a complex scenario ripped from current legal headlines, the competition was designed to test competitors’ abilities to review a packet of materials and draft a real-world document. This year, competitors were challenged to draft a response to a motion to compel which was filed by the United States in a criminal action pending in federal court.

The government specifically requested the defendant unlock his personal cell phone using “any biometric method applicable to the phone,” including fingerprint or facial recognition. Competitors wrote arguments that requiring the defendant to unlock the phone would violate his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. Around the country, judges have split on the legality of forcing suspects to open their phones with biometric identifiers, and it’s near-certain that the U.S. Supreme Court will have to weigh-in on the issue soon.

“We wanted to make this year’s competition both challenging and timely,” stated Professor Matt Cordon, Director of Baylor Law’s Legal Writing Center. “Not only did our competitors have a limited time to prepare their motions, but they were also prohibited from using third-party research. Even with these restrictions the quality of the submissions was fantastic. This competition was not easy to judge.”

Charlie, JD ’86, and Lisa Frazier have graciously underwritten the competition since its inception. “Legal writing has changed,” stated Charlie Frazier, “The need to be succinct, well organized, and to have the presentation be visually appropriate and readable is much more important than ever before. Whether it’s transactional or litigation, judges will tell you that effective writing is critical.”

Kirk Pittard, JD ’99, whose appellate law firm judged the responses and who will interview the winners for a clerkship opportunity, stated, “I really believe in this competition because research and writing is crucial in my practice and this competition rewards students who have done well in both.” He added that he and his firm continue to support this competition because “it’s important to give back to the law school that gave me so much and helped me to become the attorney I am today.”
ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
The team of Kylie Calabrese and Conor Sheets won the regional championship and qualified for the national competition. Savannah Judkins, Andrew Swallows, and Ryan Golden finished as semifinalists. Swallows was named 2nd Best Speaker and Calabrese received 5th Best Speaker honors. Jessica Washington traveled with the team as bailiff.

TYLA National Trial Competition
The team of Carson May and Justin Waldo won the regional Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition championship. The team of Molly Maier and Baleigh West finished as regional semifinalists. May was also named Top Speaker.

Duberstein Moot Court Competition
The team of Chloe Dixon, Jeff Gunnell, and Dani Sanders won second place and best brief awards. The team of Cody Carter, Taylor McCullough, and Allie Pencsak advanced to the octofinals.

ABA Client Counseling Competition
Donte Jones and Jess Scarbeau won first place and qualified for the national competition. Katlyn Bradshaw and Tara Pedian won second place. Megan Ferguson served as a student coach.

Elliott Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
The team of Cody Carter, Taylor McCullough, and Allie Pencsak won first place in the Elliott Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition.

National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
The team of Sara Babineaux, Sarah Biemer, and Hanna Lee advanced to the quarterfinals at the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

Andrews Kurth National Moot Court Competition
The team of Kylie Calabrese, Jeff Gunnell, and Andrew Swallows won third place at the Andrews Kurth National Moot court Competition.

Faegre Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition
TOP SPEAKERS:
1. Luke Hill
2. Kristopher Ruiz
3. Caitlin Huettemann
4. Andrew Patterson
5. Mason Busbee
6. Matthew Maupin (tie)
   Catherine Helm (tie)
7. Maximilian Atchity (tie)
   Ben Meredith (tie)
8. Madelyn Falone

Alfred William Walker, JD ’50, passed away on April 8, 2020. He was born December 14, 1925 in Childress, Texas, and grew up in Spur, Texas. He attended NTAC before enlisting in the Army Air Corp during WWII. He graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law. In 1948 he married Jane Richey, and practiced law in Spur for 18 years. In 1968 he moved the family to Austin where he served in the offices of the Attorney General, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the State Attorney. He was a charter member of Riverbend Church of Austin and authored four books which articulated the Christian faith that he always lived. He had four loves, God, family, friends, and country.

Hon. Carlton B. Dodson, JD ’56, former Justice for the Seventh Court of Appeals of Texas, died on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, in Lubbock, Texas. Carlton Dodson was born on May 14, 1928, in Dickens, Texas, to William and Lura Dodson. He graduated from Dickens High School in 1946. He then attended Texas Technological College, from which he graduated in 1951. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in government, history, and education, and was a member of the Air Force R.O.T.C. After graduation he operated the family cattle and farming business in Dickens County and oversaw his own oil and gas leasing operation. During the Korean War he served his country in Korea as an officer in the United States Air Force. After returning from the war, he married Sue North on June 6, 1954, in Spur, Texas. In the fall of 1954 he entered Baylor University School of Law. He received his Juris Doctor degree in December of 1956 and was licensed to practice law later that month. Upon graduation from law school he served as an assistant district attorney in Potter County, Texas. In 1959 he moved to Lubbock, Texas, to join the law firm of Croslin and Pharr, later known as Evans, Pharr, Trout, and Jones. From 1970-1977, he served as general legal counsel for Texas Tech University. He was very proud to be part of helping to establish and develop the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. In 1977, he was appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Seventh Court of Appeals of Texas, in Amarillo, fulfilling a life-long dream of serving as a judge. He was subsequently elected and then re-elected numerous times until his retirement from the Court at the end of a term in December of 1998. In March of 1991, his beloved wife, Sue, died in Amarillo, Texas. On May 23, 1992, he married Jane Brannen in Kingsland, Texas. After his retirement from the Court, he continued to serve as a visiting judge for the appellate courts in Texas. He also served as a visiting trial court judge for the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas. In 2003, he moved back to Lubbock, Texas. In August of 2011, his beloved wife Jane died in Lubbock, Texas. In addition to his military service, family business, and legal career, he made numerous other significant contributions to his community, state, and country. He was an active member of numerous professional associations and civic organizations, including Rotary International. He was also an active church member, serving in many capacities, including as a Sunday School teacher and deacon at Southwest Baptist Church, in Lubbock, for many years. Carlton Dodson will be most remembered by those who knew him, as a real people-person. He truly never met a stranger. He loved to tell stories. He genuinely cared about others, and had a profound and great influence on many, many people. He was passionate about politics and world affairs. He loved sports, and especially cheering on his beloved Texas Tech Red Raiders. For years, he enjoyed keeping statistics at Red Raider football games. And he loved to play the game of golf like few others. More than anything, he loved his family and close friends very, very much, was very loved in return. He will be very deeply missed.

Holloway J. Martin, Jr., JD ’59, of Mexia passed away peacefully at his home on April 2, 2020. Holloway was born April 24, 1932 in Calvert to Holloway and Flora Boatler Martin. He grew up in Limestone County and graduated from Groesbeck High School. Texas A&M University was his next stop on his educational journey, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1953, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as a Navigator until 1957. Returning home, he continued his education at the Baylor University School of Law, where he received his law degree. Back to his Limestone County home, he served as the County District Attorney and in 1964, married his best friend, Louise Carr. Holloway went into private practice in 1970 and retired in 2017, after a long successful career. A true southern gentleman with a disarming, affable and congenial personality, Holloway was a true asset to this area. There are so many things that endeared him to the people he came in contact with, a colorful storyteller, a wonderful sense of humor, a great family man, a fine Christian and churchman, a lover of his land and cattle, and a highly esteemed legal professional who enjoyed Louise working by his side for many years. Holloway was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mexia, Mexia Lions Club, the Groesbeck Masonic Lodge #354 as well as being a Shriner and 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

William Robert “Bill” Pakis, JD ’60, passed away on April 23, in Waco, at the age of 86. Bill was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on September 10, 1933, to Dr. Joseph and Ida Marie Pakis, child of George and Marie Pakis. He attended Hot Springs schools, and graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1951. Bill attended the University of Arkansas, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and graduated in 1955 with a BS in Accounting. During their college years, Bill started dating Margaret Phillips, who he had known since they were in the first grade. Bill and Margaret married November 5, 1955, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They moved immediately to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Bill served as an instructor in the U.S. Army Finance Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison and Margaret taught school. Bill entered Baylor Law School in December 1957, was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960, and started his career as an attorney in Waco. Bill formed a law firm in 1963 that exists in Waco today as Pakis Giotes Page & Burleson. He shared his legal expertise and his business wisdom with many clients, friends, and family over the years, and was a mentor to many young lawyers, including his sons-in-law, Dean Tetrick and Boyd Naylor. His focus on helping individuals protect and administer their estates led to being certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Bill was an entrepreneur at heart, and in addition to practicing law, he had investments in businesses ranging from custom T-shirts, construction equipment rentals, pawn shops, oil and gas, and a nightclub. Bill held in highest regard his business association with J.D. Behringer and Helen Ridings which lasted over 50 years. Bill had a gift for analyzing all types of situations and offering wise, sensible advice, and he was generous to share that gift with his children and grandchildren, extended family, friends, business associates, and numerous organizations in Waco. It was very important to him that the younger generation of his family receive a good education, and he felt an obligation to support the Waco community financially and with his time. Over the years, Bill volunteered his time to serve at St. Alban’s School, St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Vanguard College Preparatory School, the Waco Foundation and Hillcrest Health System.
Bill and Margaret made life-long friends in Waco and were active members of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church. They raised their four children, Mary Katherine, Laura, Alison, and David, in a home full of love, fun, and inspiration. During the empty nest stage of their life, Margaret and Bill enjoyed traveling abroad with friends, hosting family and friends at their home in Port Aransas, and spending precious time with their grandchildren. When Margaret passed away in December 2003, the couple had just celebrated 48 years of marriage. For the past 15 years, Bill’s life was enriched by his friendship with Nancy Callan. They had a nightly dinner date, traveled with friends, and enjoyed being part of the Waco community together.

Family was of utmost importance to Bill, a concept he spoke of often throughout his life. Standing get-togethers occurred at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and many lunches and dinners in smaller groups whenever the opportunity arose. Everyone looked forward to the Pakis Family Vacation, a tradition that began while his children were growing up, and has continued annually, as the family expanded to include sons-in-law, Dean, Michael and Boyd, daughter-in-law, Kovanica, 13 grandchildren, and three spouses of grandchildren. On family vacations, Bill could be found in a quiet shady spot, enjoying a good book, a cool drink, and a cigar. His family cherished the opportunity to talk with him about whatever was going on at that stage of their life. Everyone came away from their “Papa time” a little wiser and felt loved unconditionally. Quality time spent with Gran and Papa and the rest of the extended family on trips and during holiday gatherings resulted in a tight-knit extended family that was Bill’s pride and joy.

Louis Dowling Francis, JD ‘62, beloved father, grandfather, family man and friend passed away on March 15, 2020. Louis was born on February 17, 1935 to Lillian Isaacks Francis and Judson Charles Francis in University Park where he grew up with brother, Judson, and sister, Nancy. These family members are predeceased. Louis attended grade school and high school in University Park. After graduating high school, he attended SMU and joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. During these years he forged friendships that became lifelong. In 1962, Louis obtained his law degree from Baylor University School of Law. He began his legal career working for District Attorney Henry Wade in Dallas and later joined his brother in a private civil litigation practice. Louis married Patricia Patterson and together raised their son, Timothy Ward Francis, now of Tampa, Florida. After the end of this marriage, Louis dated, and in 1969, married June Moore Bowden and became stepfather to her sons, Edwin Bowden and Robert Bowden. Robert predeceased Louis. Edwin Bowden is a resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Louis loved his sons and his four grandchildren; Lane and Donald Francis of Tampa, Florida, Emily Gilbard of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Peter Bowden of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Louis enjoyed many interests throughout his life, including hunting, fishing, playing Bridge, Texas Longhorns and Dallas Cowboys football, and the companionship of dogs. He shared his deep appreciation of nature with his family and always promoted enjoyment of the outdoors, most notably at their second home and cattle ranch in Texas’ Limestone County where he and wife June spent most of their time in retirement. Louis took pleasure in raising cattle and remained an active rancher until the end of his life.

Kelly Lee Newman, JD ’69, born December 4, 1942 to Herbert and Mary Newman, made his way home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 14. He passed away in Conroe, Texas, where he had been a resident for over 30 years after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Brownwood, Texas, he graduated from Kilgore High School in 1960. He attended Kilgore College and then went on to attend Baylor University and Baylor Law. He became a member of the Texas State Bar and The American Bar Association in 1966. He continued at Baylor Law where he earned his Juris Doctor in 1969. He was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1970 by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Who’s Who in Young Lawyers. He began in practice with Lapin, Lapin and Newman in Kilgore Texas in 1970. Kelly opened his firm in Lufkin, Texas, in 1973. He became the Lufkin Municipal Judge in 1977 where he proudly served the community for 10 years and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. Kelly was certified to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court in 1982. In 1987, he moved to Houston and opened a practice in The Woodlands where he practiced up until the day of his death.

David Benjamin McCall III, JD ’72, passed away on the morning of March 28, 2020 at the age of 73. David was born in Dallas to Nellie and David McCall on January 24th, 1947. He attended public schools in Plano and went on to earn a bachelor and law degree from Baylor University, where he later served on the Board of Regents. Upon graduation, he returned to his beloved hometown to set up a law firm. He practiced law in Collin County for 48 years. His love of the community is evidenced by his active involvement at all levels of city, county, and state government. Early on, he was elected Chair of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board and was named Plano’s Citizen of the Year. He served on the Baylor Hospital Board of Directors — and, many more, too numerous to list. Most importantly, Dave loved people, and people loved Dave. He befriended all whose path he crossed: waitresses, window washers, Governors, and court reporters — treating each as important and special. His easy laugh was constant and those who found themselves around him would soon smile or laugh. Dave was a kind, generous, loving man. An exceedingly good man whose advise was sought by the wise, and whose company was enjoyed by all.

He was an ideal son, and a good husband, father, brother, and friend.

Hon. Patricia “Pat” B. Andrews, JD ’74, born March 11, 1930, in Hillsboro, Texas, to Earl and Thelma Bridges, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3. Judge Pat began her career with Southwestern Bell, but never abandoned her dream of obtaining a college degree. While working and raising her son, Pat obtained her bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and began working for Arlington ISD. Still desiring more, Pat obtained her law degree from Baylor Law in 1974. Admitted to the Texas Bar Associate in 1974, Pat began her legal career as an attorney in private practice. Her love for the law and passion for women’s equality made her a pioneer in the Tarrant County legal community. Not only was she the first woman admitted to the Arlington Bar Association, but she participated in countless marches in Austin, Texas, to further advance a woman’s rights. In 1980, she joined the Public Defender’s Office in Tarrant County as a Court Master until 1989, where she assumed the position of Court Master and Associate Judge for the 324th District court of Family Law. Although known for being a stern judge, her decisions were respected by her peers as they were fair and equitable. Upon her retirement in 2002, she remained active in the Arlington Bar Association, serving as Director from 2007 to 2010. She further volunteered the expertise she had garnered over the span of her career to help women in need through her service as a volunteer attorney with the Women’s Center of Tarrant County. One of her proudest achievements was being honored with the prestigious Yellow Rose of Texas Award by Governor Rick Perry and the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, in 2011, for her vast contributions to the legal profession and the Tarrant County community.

Glen John Ivan Kramer, JD ’75, was born on April 30, 1945 in Hastings, Nebraska, to Ivan and Lavinia Kramer. He passed March 17, 2020 at his home in Alpine, Texas. During his nearly 75-year journey, his quest for knowledge and learning was a constant theme. After graduating from St. Cecilia
Clifford Nelson Humphrey III, JD '76, of Amarillo, TX died February 26, 2020. Cliff was born in Amarillo, TX, on October 21, 1942 to Ophelia and C.J. Humphrey. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1961. Cliff received his law degree from Baylor Law in 1968. After spending many years in Nebraska, Glen returned to Alpine in 2008 where he lived his remaining years. Throughout his life, Glen was a passionate birder and continued to do so in Alpine where he was often seen bird watching in the neighborhood, and each year letting his neighbors know when the vultures, hummingbirds, and barn swallows arrived, signaling spring. Glen’s interest spanned the gamut of natural history as well as mechanics and history. In Alpine, Glen was an often-seen figure whether that be during Saturday Mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church where he was always in shined shoes and suit, volunteering at the Alpine Public Library, spending time at the Sunshine House with friends, or chatting with neighbors.

Alan Michael “Mike” Ferrill, JD ’80, passed away on April 1, 2020

Gordon George Asbury III, JD ’86, passed away on February 26, at his home, which was the center of life with his family. Gordon was born in Abilene, Texas, to Gordon and Janice Jennings Asbury on April 1, 1962. As a small child, Gordon’s sister, Elizabeth, called him “Bubba” in her effort to say “brother,” and it became his name to family and close friends. Gordon’s life was characterized by faith and love for his family and country. He was known for his personal and professional integrity. When Gordon was seven years old, the Asbury family moved to Quail Hollow Farm, where every day was a new outdoor adventure. Gordon worked alongside his dad building barns and fences, hauling hay, and planting and harvesting. He became accomplished in woodworking and mechanics, to the extent of rebuilding a ‘55 Chevy as a teenager. Gordon’s love of animals was enriched with dogs, horses, cattle, and pigs. Wherever he was on the farm, his faithful dogs/companions were wagging tails as they walked or ran by his side. For fifteen years of his adult life, Bubba and his black lab, Sam, were inseparable partners in hunting, fishing, and other outdoor adventures. Gordon became an expert horseman, riding in Playdays and 4H activities in his younger years. Sonny, his most loved horse, brought in many blue ribbons and trophies. Along with horse shows, Gordon showed Durocs in 4H stock shows, taking his pigs beyond the Taylor County shows and traveling greater distances. Wylie Bulldogs saw Gordon on the playing field. He loved the house in the courthouse and competition of team sports, with football being his favorite. He played the position of running back in high school and, for a short time, for the Baylor Bears. Gordon had numerous academic accomplishments. He graduated from Wylie High School in 1980 and immediately enrolled in Baylor University, where he received a BBA in 1983. Following in his father’s footsteps, he continued his education at Baylor Law where he graduated summa cum laude in 1986 receiving a Juris Doctor. Upon graduation from law school, he started his first professional job with Strasburger & Price, LLP working with this firm until 1990. After an 8-year courtship, Gordon married his high school sweetheart, Aloma Mokry, on December 29, 1987, and they began their life together in Dallas. They started their family with the birth of their first son, Andrew, in 1989, followed by Bryan in 1991 and Coleb in 2002, making the family “My Three Sons.” Valuing family and country life, Gordon made the professional decision to return to his roots in Abilene to practice law. He joined with his dad to form Asbury and Asbury, LLP. They were partners until his dad’s death in 2009, when the firm name returned to Asbury Law Firm, LLP.

So their boys could be blessed by all the joys of farm life that Gordon had cherished as a child, he and Aloma built their existing home on land they purchased, which adjoined the family farm where he was raised. Gordon shared his love of nature and God with his three sons, passing along his knowledge and skills of hunting, camping, fishing, golfing, whitting on wood, water sports, horseback riding, and countless other outdoor activities that come along with country life. Their family camping excursions ranged from a tree house in the back yard to the mountains of Colorado. Gordon was a man of few words, but his interests were unlimited. He was a great storyteller and writer. He shared his father’s love of World War II history and passed that along to his wife and boys. He had a passion for aviation, which led to his getting a private pilot’s license and building and flying remote controlled airplanes. Being an outstanding mechanic, he guided his son Andrew in rebuilding a 1970 Mustang Mach 1, one bolt at a time.

Mark Skelton, JD ’95, passed away on March 11. Mark started life different than most, and he decided to come two months early, much to the surprise of all. Such was not an easy task in 1970. Starting life a little early did not deter Mark — it only made him stronger and maybe somewhat of an independent soul. In high school, Mark was an excellent athlete, an all-district center as a matter of fact, and a fantastic student who was a National Merit Scholar finalist. Mark attended Abilene Christian University, where he met the love of his life and wife, Margaret. After graduating from ACU in 1992 and getting married to Margaret, he attended Baylor Law. Mark’s greatest joy came in October of 2006 when his son, Lincoln, was born. More than anything else, Mark was made to be a father, and he enjoyed it immensely. Mark and Lincoln had many adventures and many science experiments and always excelled at having a great time. Mark loved the outdoors, upland bird hunting, four-wheelers, Colorado, all things technological, and football. The passion for the former came from his father, but he got his love of football from his mother. Mark would like to let you know that his work here is done. He received a summons, a Motion of sorts that could not be denied, for an engagement from which he will not be returning. This assignment comes with many rights and privileges, a reunion with family and friends he has not seen in a long time, perfect health and wonderful weather, and a Heavenly Father who will watch over him. His new undertaking takes him to a glorious place where he will be riding four-wheelers through majestic mountains and picnicking by crystal streams. He will take long hikes with many, many Labrador Retrievers who will always come when he calls. Mark left specific directives, the lawyer in him might call them “rulings,” for his family and friends including, but certainly not limited to, showing kindness towards all and to love your neighbor as yourself. These should be followed explicitly.

Matthew Edward Sloan, JD ’18, was born September 3, 1992 and passed away in an automobile accident on May 13. Matthew was wise beyond his years and in his short life he met and fell in love, started a family and found a career that brought him joy. His quick wit and sense of humor was something everyone counted on and his ability to quietly help others gave him his purpose. His love of sports drove his off time and he would never turn down a chance to discuss the history or stats of the 2005 Astros. He was a friend you could count on and had a moral compass stemming from his belief in Jesus that guided his life. He loved debating any side of a topic and pointing out the inequities of an argument. His passing will leave a void for many.
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