2023 BAYLOR LAW
John William & Florence Dean Minton
Student Awards
CEREMONY AND LECTURE SERIES

Baylor Law.
ABOUT THE JOHN WILLIAM & FLORENCE DEAN MINTON
STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY AND LECTURE SERIES

The Student Awards Ceremony and Lecture Series is named in honor of John William Minton and Florence Dean Minton. Their daughter, the late Polly Minton McLeRoy of Sherman, Texas, established and endowed the lecture series in 1993 to honor her parents. In more recent years, Mrs. McLeRoy’s son, the late William McLeRoy, graciously endorsed the concept of a ceremony to recognize the achievements of Baylor Law students to honor the memory of his grandparents and their lives’ work, and at which the students would be addressed by a notable, inspiring speaker.

John William Minton was born in 1875 and graduated with an LL.B. from the University of Texas School of Law. In 1910, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the Texas Legislature from Sabine County; he subsequently was elected to the position and served in the Legislature through 1914. Thereafter, he had a successful practice in Hemphill until his death in 1959. He particularly was noted for his early advocacy in connection with East Texas timber interests. Florence Dean Minton was also born in Sabine County and was an active civic and church volunteer.

Mr. and Mrs. Minton had five children. Their daughter, Mrs. McLeRoy, who passed away in 2003, was a graduate of Texas Woman’s University. A retired schoolteacher, she was an active member of the Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy. She had two sons, the late William and the late Richard McLeRoy. The focus of this ceremony on student achievement is one which honors the life aims of Mrs. McLeRoy as a teacher.

John Henry Minton, Mrs. McLeRoy’s brother, graduated from Baylor Law in 1925. His sons, John H. Minton, Jr., of Tyler, and Robert M. Minton of Henderson, also are Baylor Law graduates. Numerous other members of the Minton family have attended and graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law.
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Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Welcome
Zane T. Thomas, President, Student Bar Association

Prayer of Invocation
Amanda “Mandy” G. Martin, 3L President, Student Bar Association

Academic Award Recipients
Patricia A. Wilson, Associate Dean, Baylor Law

Recognition of Dean’s List Students
Dean Wilson

Introduction to the John William & Florence Dean Minton
Baylor Law Student Awards Ceremony
Brad Toben, Dean, Baylor Law

Introduction of the Distinguished Speaker
Mr. Thomas

Distinguished Speaker Remarks
Ronnie Turner, Jr.
Senior General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company

Advocacy Award Recipients
Dean Wilson

Recognition of Interscholastic & Intrascholastic Competition Team Members
Dean Wilson

Baylor Law Review Award Recipients
Cade S. Palmer, Editor-in-Chief, Baylor Law Review

Recognition of Baylor Law Review Members
Mr. Palmer

Pro Bono and Public Service Award Recipients & Participants
Josh Borderud, Clinical Lecturer, Baylor Law

Recognition of Student Bar Association Officers
Stephen Rispoli, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
and Strategic Initiatives, Baylor Law

Adjournment
Mr. Thomas
PAST DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS
(Listed in order from the most recent)

Hon. Vikram Deivanayagam, Judge, County Court at Law No. 1, McLennan County
Jerry K. Clements, Chair Emeritus, Locke Lord LLP
Darrell Lee Keith, Founder and Shareholder, Keith Law Firm, PC
Anthony Bruster, Bruster PLLC
Michelle Simpson Tuegel, Hunt & Tuegel, PLLC
J. Cary Gray, Gray Reed & McGraw PC
Robert R. Little, Member, Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC
Hon. David Sibley, Principal, The Sibley Group, Former Texas State Senator
Julia Luyster, Human Rights Advocate
Mark Slough, NFL Sports Agent & Attorney, Ascent Sports & Entertainment
Frederick D. McClure, Partner, Washington, D.C. Office, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
Cindy Dyer, Director of Human Rights Program, Vital Voices Global Partnership
Noley Bice, General Counsel (retired), Baylor University; Partner (retired), Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable
Hon. Ed Kinkeade, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Dr. John M. Lilley, President of Baylor University
Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., President of Baylor University
Hon. Max A. Sandlin, Jr., United States Representative, 1st Congressional District of Texas
Hon. Chet Edwards, United States Representative, 11th Congressional District of Texas
Morris Dees, Founder and Chief Trial Counsel, Southern Poverty Law Center
Hon. Patricia Schroeder, Former United States Representative, 1st Congressional District of Colorado
Hon. Catherine Crier, Host of The Crier Report on the Fox Network
Hon. George J. Mitchell, Former Majority Leader, United States Senate
Hon. John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison, United States Senator
Hon. Ann Richards, Governor of the State of Texas
Frederick D. McClure, Former Assistant to President George H.W. Bush for Legislative Affairs
William Pelham Barr, Attorney General of the United States
Hon. Kenneth Winston Starr, Solicitor General of the United States
2023 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER
Ronnie Turner, Jr.

Ronnie Turner, Jr. (JD, ’10) serves as Senior General Attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He is also the reigning Young Baylor Lawyer of the Year. The honor was publicly bestowed to him earlier this year at a gathering of the Houston Baylor Lawyer Network.

Turner was born and raised in Houston, Texas. The son of a pastor, his namesake, Turner grew up in church — being there sometimes eight times a week. Turner received his bachelor’s degree from Lamar University in 2007 and graduated from Baylor Law in 2010. While at Baylor Law, he was an accomplished student and an effective advocate, becoming a finalist in the Mad Dog intramural Top Gun Mock Trial Competition. He was also a member of several successful Baylor Law Mock Trial Competition Teams. Turner was an active student leader in the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and was president of Diversity in Law.

After graduating from Baylor Law, Turner began his legal practice at the Provost Umphrey Law Firm in Beaumont, Texas, where he practiced for over a decade, winning several trial verdicts listed on the Top 100 Verdicts in Texas and obtaining the single largest wrongful death settlement in the firm’s history. He has been perennially listed as both a Texas Rising Star and Best Lawyer in America, and has been listed as one of Texas’ Top 100 Up and Coming Lawyers by Texas Monthly.

Since 2020, Turner has served as Senior General Attorney for Union Pacific Railroad, serving on its personal injury litigation leadership team, as the primary legal advisor to Union Pacific’s Locomotive Department, and as senior service unit attorney.

Turner remains actively involved with Baylor Law and has served as a member of the Baylor Law Alumni Association Executive Committee. He is an active member of his local church, serving as an associate minister, and is an avid soccer fan — his favorite team being Arsenal F.C. He is married to his lovely wife, Brianna Turner. They have one child; Nuria Bailey Turner, who is two years old.
ACADEMIC AWARDS

Joe B. Allen Administrative Law Award
Annual awards given to a maximum of two students who have demonstrated an interest in administrative law by completing, with distinction, at least these three classes: Legislative and Administrative Power and Procedure (LAPP), Municipal Government, and Texas Administrative Law. Given in honor of Joe B. Allen by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

Elena M. Folgueras
Jordan Pratt

Joe B. Allen Administrative Practice Professional Track Award
Annual awards given to a maximum of two students who have done outstanding work while pursuing the Administrative Practice Professional Track. Given in honor of Joe B. Allen by Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP.

No Recipient

Baylor Law Civility Award
This award recognizes law students who epitomize the highest professional standards of civility, courtesy, and integrity. The recipients of this award are selected by the front-line staff members of Baylor Law.

Carlos Antunes
Michael Brunger
William Cole Geist

Jillian H. Ginger
Amanda G. Martin

Baylor Law Spirit Award
This award recognizes a student who is known by faculty, staff, and peers as embodying the core values of Baylor Law School: academic excellence, selfless service, and fidelity to mission. This student brings the best of one’s self to the classroom, courtroom, and student lounge.

Lily A. Gillam

Best Draft Financing Documents Award
An annual award given to the student(s) who drafted the best Series A financing documents in the Venture Capital course. Given by Professor Allen Page.

Marissa Baird
Gardner Bain McNeil

Best Mergers & Acquisitions Mark-Up Award
An annual award given to the student(s) who drafted the best mark-up to the merger agreement in the Mergers and Acquisitions course. Given by Professor Allen Page.

Hope A. Burkhalter
Rion C. Gurnell

Bracken Student Government Award
An annual award given to the SBA President recognizing his or her leadership and time commitment in the promotion of student welfare and the facilitation of strong dialogue among students, faculty, and administration. Established by Sarah Lou Bracken in honor and memory of W. Earl Bracken, Jr., who dedicated his life to improving society through local government service.

Zane T. Thomas

Excellence in Entrepreneurship Clinic
This award recognizes students who have devoted substantial time and effort in the representation of clinic clients during the past academic year, while demonstrating excellence in their work product and communications.

Julia C. Cantu
Chandler Marie Webb

All award recipients must be current or graduated Baylor Law students.
Professor George Durham Brown Endowed Memorial Award
The Professor George Durham Brown Endowed Memorial Award is underwritten by Ernest L. and Mina Jones O’Bannon in honor of the donors’ late classmate and friend, Professor George Durham Brown of the Baylor Law faculty. Students receiving this award will be designated as Brown Scholars.

Christian D. Spendlove

James R. Dickson, Jr. Award
An annual award given to the student holding an outstanding record in the field of Commercial Law. Given in memory of James R. Dickson, Jr. by his son, J. David Dickson.

Sarah Megan Erb

John B. and Eula Berly Fisher Award in Constitutional Law

Christina A. Manansala Cade S. Palmer

Leadership Development Fellow
Students who complete the requirements set forth by the Leadership Fellow Program are designated as a Leadership Development Fellows. Leadership Development Fellows have demonstrated a commitment to personal growth and professional development, a better understanding of team dynamics, and understand the importance of making a difference in their communities. These students receive an award and special recognition at graduation.

Alison K. Basta Riya V. Chaudhari Christian D. Spendlove
Michael Brunger Jono Cooper Laura M. Theobald

Norton Rose Fulbright Outstanding First-Year Student Award
An annual award given to the outstanding students in the first-year class. Given by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

Kama A. Woodall Anna K. Schmidt

Outstanding 1L Legal Writer
The Legal Writing Center faculty recognize by this award the Outstanding 1L Legal Writer based on writing assignments in LARC 1, 2, and 3.

Savannah K. Simons

Outstanding Achievement in Business Litigation
This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to business litigation and has achieved excellence in his or her coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Business Litigation Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Connor A. Kidd
Outstanding Achievement in Business Planning and Corporate Law
This award recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to business planning and corporate law and have achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Business Planning Professional Track and Business Planning Special Distinction and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

John Kerns Dickson, Jr.  Lauren Camilla Dickson

Outstanding Achievement in Criminal Law
This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to criminal law and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Criminal Law Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of criminal law.

Allison T. Brittain

Outstanding Achievement in Estate Planning
This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to estate planning and administration and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Estate Planning Professional Track and the Estate Planning Special Distinction and have demonstrated the knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Joshua M. Chandler

Outstanding Achievement in Fiduciary Litigation
This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to fiduciary litigation and has achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Fiduciary Litigation Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Megan D. Baumhardt

Outstanding Achievement in Health Care Law
This award recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to health care law and have achieved excellence in their coursework in this area. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses in the Health Care Law Professional Track and have demonstrated knowledge, professional skills, and practical competencies required for the successful pursuit of the practice of law in this area.

Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh  McKenna G. Williams

Outstanding Achievement in Tax Law
An annual award recognizing students who have exhibited a commitment to tax law and have excelled in their coursework in this area.

Megan D. Baumhardt  Samuel H. Pumphrey

Outstanding Administrative Law Student Award
An annual award for a student who has demonstrated significant aptitude and interest in Administrative Law along with stellar character and potential excellence as a future Baylor Lawyer.

Stephen C. Hirschbuehler
Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion
This award is presented to a student who models inclusivity and has demonstrated a commitment to diversity through the contribution of considerable time, resources, and talents to promote diversity and belonging in the Baylor Law community.

Haylie L. English

Outstanding Real Estate/Natural Resource Law Student Award
An annual award for a student who has demonstrated significant aptitude and interest in Real Estate and/or Natural Resource and/or Environmental Law, along with stellar character and potential excellence as a future Baylor Lawyer.

Casey M. Cooper

Outstanding Student Achievement in Family and Juvenile Law Award
This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to family and/or juvenile law through his or her course selection, internships, and involvement with the community. Recipients of this award have excelled in courses listed in the Family Law Practice Professional Track and exemplify the balance of empathy and mastery of the law required to excel in the field.

Riki Haase

Outstanding Student Ambassador Award
This award recognizes a Student Ambassador who has represented Baylor Law exceptionally well this year by being consistent and responsive; by investing a significant amount of time in giving campus tours, participating in events, connecting with prospective and admitted students; and by frequently stepping in when unique or last-minute requests were made.

Mariana Jordan

Outstanding Student Leader Award
This award recognizes student organization leaders who have demonstrated leadership ability, committed themselves to a thriving student life at Baylor Law, and invested significant time promoting the goals and events of their organizations.

Garrett Farrel – Criminal Law Society Rhasean T. Stephens – Black Law Students Association
Amanda J. Hildebrand – Student Bar Association

Outstanding Student Organization Award
This award recognizes the paramount achievement of a student organization over the year that causes the organization to stand out as compared to other organizations. The criteria for the award are reflective of the organization’s ability to meet its goals and objectives, as well as think creatively to develop new opportunities for student engagement. The awarded organization will have demonstrated a high level of achievement in many areas, including membership involvement, organization development, leadership training and opportunity, active participation in Baylor Law campus activity, and community service.

Women’s Legal Society
Riki Haase – President Taylor M. Tilmon – Treasurer
Angelica L. Chernin – Vice President Erin Stevens – Student Relations Officer
Madison Yasenchok – Secretary
The President’s Award
An endowed annual award designated as the President’s Award in memory of Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds. Awarded to the outstanding student at the completion of his or her second year who is most worthy of the honor in the judgment of the President of the University and the Dean of the Law School. Established by the late Professor Emeritus David M. Guinn and Professor Emeritus & Mrs. Michael D. Morrison.

Joshua M. Chandler

David & Zandra Swenson Endowed Intellectual Property Law Award
An annual award given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the area of Intellectual Property. Given by Professor Emeritus David and Zandra Swenson.

Julia Keck

Sigrid Weidenweber Federalist Society Student Award
This award recognizes the achievements of an outstanding member of the Federalist Society at Baylor Law. The recipient of this award has exhibited exemplary leadership and character while serving in an officer role in the Federalist Society chapter, and through his or her work that has significantly contributed to the events and dialogue for the benefit of the Baylor Law student body.

Tiffany Duncan

Albert and Ginger Witcher Award
An award given to a deserving Baylor Law student, with a preference given to a student who has a young dependent child. Given in honor of her parents, Albert and Ginger Witcher, by Professor Leah Witcher Jackson Teague.

Kristi Sanger

Buck J. Wynne Environmental Law Award
An annual award given to the student making the highest grade in the Environmental Law course. Given in memory of Buck J. Wynne by the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section.

Casey M. Cooper

Buck J. Wynne Natural Resources Award
An annual award given to the student making the highest grade in the Natural Resources course. Given in memory of Buck J. Wynne by the State Bar of Texas Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section.

Samuel H. Pumphrey
DEAN’S LIST RECOGNITION

Spring 2022

Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh
Tansy Ackermann
Patrick J. Aguilar
Grace Elizabeth Albritton
Kyle R. Anderson
Taylor E. Ash
Maximilian E. Atchity
Antonius Bassili Attia
Marissa Baird
Allison Barber
Christine L. Barfield
Alison K. Basta
Megan Danielle Baumhardt
Elias Bejany
Jennifer Bloodworth
Justin L. Bontrager
William Andrew Boone
Cooper R. Bradbury
Tanner C. Brennan
Winston M. Bribach
Allison Towson Brittain
Paige E. Browne
Dandee Cabanay
Joshua D. Candelario
Julia C. Cantu
Andrew L. Casso
Elois E. Caswell
Riya V. Chaudhari
Katie R. Clausen
Mackenzie A. Cooper
Casey M. Cooper
Andrew Cowden
Ryan M. Cox
Sarah C. Crouch
Mackenzie K. Dalton
Luke M. Davis
Alexa De La Vega
Ashley L. Deatherage
John Kerns Dickson, Jr.
Jake R. Dima
Yizhen Ding
Emily B. Duckworth
Tiffany D. Dunkin
Kiala E. Ellingson
Erika A. Emmons
Haylie L. English
Sarah Megan Erb
Garrett Farrel
Margaret C. Farrell
Brian J. Field
Andrew D. Florence
Matthew A. Francis
Jaymi R. Furniss-Jones
Brody L. Gall
Madeline Gay
William Cole Geist
Madeleine G. Gerhard
Cole D. Gimenez
Jillian H. Ginger
Jackson A. Goodwin
Caitlin Elizabeth Grieve
Rachel N. Hales
Daniel J. Hall
Danielle N. Hayes
Ilya E. Hefets
Ryan S. Hering
Canon Parker Hill
George E. “Trey” Hinkle
Stephen C. Hirschbuehler
Reagan P. Hovey
Sara J. Johnson
Devon B. Johnston
Conagher D. Jones
Elizabeth D. Kane
Connor A. Kidd
Jacob J. King
Carson J. Lacy
Miriam C. “Neali” Lambert
John Wesley Laughlin
Reese D. Leonard
Corey Lesser
Lauren S. Leveno
Caleb M. Long
Christopher Ryan Lopez
Genesis J. Lozano
Samuel James Lutes
Christina A. Manansala
Tory A. Martin
Camdon N. Maydew
Nicholas J. McCarthy
Ashlyn Louise McCowan Perez
Wesley W. McCutcheon
Daniella McDonagh
Gardner Bain McNeil
Emily Means
Jamie A. Mills
Bethany M. Mitchell
Emily G. Mouser
Brock B. Neurohr
Mary Nichols
Emily Paige Norman
Ariana Noshari
Vivian C. Noyd
Melanie Elizabeth Pace Bates
Cade S. Palmer
Caroline Lindsay Perren
Connor T. Porter
Hannah E. Pruitt
Samuel H. Pumphrey
Michala Katlin Quillen
Lidia Ramotowski
Quinn R. Roberts
Duncan K. Robinson
Kristopher Manuel Ruiz
Tanner M. Scheef
Olivia J. Schoffstall
Ethan Scroggins
Savannah K. Simons
Tiffani A. Skroch
Courtney P. SoRelle
Mark W. Stahman
Sarah W. Starks
Sheridan A. Steen
Kaitlyn E. Stegner
Erin Stevens
Michael L. Tagliabue
Gigi E. Tartaglino
Meghan S. Thomas
Mark F. Thomas
Zane T. Thomas
Taylor M. Tilmon
Bailey O. Timmis
Emily L. Ulloa
Jack Ray Vickery
Matthew L. Vitale
Nicholas R. Walter
Jake A. Weathers
Chandler Marie Webb
Kathryn E. Womble
Ashlynn Wright
Maryam Yakou
Carla M. Yepo
Maria P. Zermeno Simon
Riley W. Zoch

Summer 2022

Grace Elizabeth Albritton
Laura E. Cook
William T. Cronin
Kevin Delgado
Tiffany D. Dunkin
Garrett Farrel
Brian J. Field
Paul C. Gray
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Seth C. Howton
Tayler D. Kennedy
Gabriele J. Lesieur
Taylor B. Mann
Ashlyn Louise McCowan Perez
Catherine C. McKinney
Logan Adele Miller
Michael C. Morin
Lidia Ramotowski
Brook W. Scarpinato
Ethan Scroggins
Waverly M. Shannon
Holly A. Shockey
James M. Shultz
Christian D. Spence
Hannah M. Sutton
Gigi E. Tartaglino
Bailey O. Timmis
Allison L. Toy
Nicholas D. Valenzuela
Jack Ray Vickery
Riley Wade Waters
Chandler Marie Webb
Walter L. Welch
Maria P. Zermeno Simon
Riley W. Zoch
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Tansy Ackermann
Grace Elizabeth Albritton
Greta W. Andersen
Celeste C. Apsey
Drew Arnold
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Antonius Bassili Attia
Marissa Baird
Christine L. Barfield
Megan Danielle Baumhardt
Jason Beall
Natalie Elaine Bennett
Emma M. Bissonnette
Jennifer Bloodworth
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Joshua D. Candelario
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Katie Raeann Clausen
Casey M. Cooper
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Ryan M. Cox
Archibald D. Cruz
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Errol “Will” Onyeike  
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Tanner M. Scheef  
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Olivia J. Schoffstall  
Stephanie Elisabeth Scoggin  
Conrad S. Scott  
Holly A. Shockey  
James M. Shultz  
Savannah K. Simons  
Michaelina Sirkel  
Tiffani A. Skroch  
Courtney P. SoRelle  
Edward A. Sotelo  
Christian D. Spendlove  
Madison Stahl  
Kaitlyn E. Stegner  
Amanda C. Sturm  
Mark F. Thomas  
Meghan S. Thomas  
Zane T. Thomas  
Bailey O. Timmis  
Baldemar Torres  
Cassidy A. Tresidder  
Emily L. Ullom  
Matthew L. Vitale  
Dana E. Watkin  
Jake A. Weathers  
James G. Welch  
McKenna G. Williams  
Alicia Genell Willoughby  
Kathryn E. Womble  
Christina Woodall  
Kama A. Woodall  
Madison T. Yasenchok  
Carla M. Yepo  
Derek M. Younkers  
Riley W. Zoch  
Claire Marie Zurovec
**ADVOCACY AWARDS**

**Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy**
An annual award given to a graduating 3L who has demonstrated the best potential to excel in appellate advocacy in practice, as reflected by the student's academic performance; research, writing, and oral advocacy skills; work ethic; understanding of legal strategy and tactics; professionalism; and good judgment. Given by the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section.

*M. Tagliabue*

**Bruster and Langston Intellectual Property and Advocacy Award**
An annual award given to a student who demonstrates excellence in the areas of Intellectual Property and in the Practice Court Program. Given by Anthony Bruster and Keith Langston.

*J. Hernandez*

**The Clark Hill Award for Outstanding Achievements in Advocacy**
This award recognizes a student who has displayed a high level of achievement in competitions, whether mock trial, moot court, negotiations, mediation, or client counseling.

*T. Scheef*

**Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP Moot Court Awards**
Annual awards given to students who excel in the Faegre Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition of the Baylor Law intrascholastic moot court program. Given by Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

- **First-Place Team:** Kingrey Sullens
- **Second-Place Team:** Oquilla Z. Jones
- **Semi-Finalist Teams:** Asna Poonawalla
- **Best LARC 3 Team:** Kingrey Sullens
- **Best Oralist:** Melanie C. Green

- **Kelton S. Munch**
- **Rachel M. Brooks**
- **Antonio R. Pana**
- **Kamryn L. Dow**

**Leighton B. Dawson and Dawson & Sodd Moot Court Awards**
Annual awards given to students who excel in the Dawson & Sodd, PLLC Fall Moot Court Competition of the Baylor Law intrascholastic moot court program. Given by the late Professor Emeritus and Mrs. R. Matt Dawson in honor of Mr. Dawson's law partner of many years, the late Leighton B. Dawson, and by Dawson & Sodd, PLLC.

- **First-Place Team:** Catherine C. McKinney
- **Second-Place Team:** Danielle N. Hayes
- **Semi-Finalist Teams:** Nicholas Gadowski
- **Best LARC 3 Team:** Catherine C. McKinney
- **Best Oralist:** Catherine C. McKinney

- **Maria P. Zermeno Simon**
- **Tiffany D. Dunkin**
- **Taylor D. Kennedy**
- **Ashley C. Tran**
- **Jack R. Vickery**

- **Best Oralist:** Catherine C. McKinney
- **Best LARC 3 Team:** Catherine C. McKinney
Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC Client Counseling Competition Awards
Awarded to students who excel in the Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC Winter Client Counseling Competition. Given by Naman Howell Smith & Lee, PLLC.

First-place team: Emma C. Scofield
                Meghan S. Thomas
Second-place team: McKinsey R. Meeker
                 Emily L. Ullom

Outstanding Contribution to Baylor Interscholastic Transactional Law Team
This award recognizes students who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Baylor Interscholastic Transactional Law Team.

Tanner C. Brennan
Audrey Erin Edwards
John Wesley Laughlin

W.W. Naman Memorial Award
An endowed annual award given to a student for excellence in the Practice Court Program. Given in memory of W.W. Naman by the Waco-McLennan County Bar Auxiliary.

Mark W. Stahman

Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP Evidence Award
An annual award given to the student displaying the best command of the law of evidence in classwork and in intra- or interscholastic moot court or mock trial competitions, and having at least a “B” grade average overall. Given by Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP.

Michael L. Tagliabue

Transactional Law Competition Awards
Awarded to students who excel in the Baylor Law Spring Transactional Law Competition. Given by Professor Elizabeth S. Miller.

First-place team for Buyer: Andrew Cowden
                        Ryan M. Cox
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Bob and Karen Wortham Fall Practice Court Mock Trial Competition Award
Annual awards given to the students who excel in the Bob and Karen Wortham Fall “Mad Dog” Practice Court Mock Trial Competition. Given by Judge Bob and Karen Wortham.

First-Place: Errol “Will” Onyeike
Second-Place: Tanner M. Scheef
Third-Place: Christopher J. Grant
             Scarlet E. Petrucci

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First-Place: Rachel Ann Rickel
Second-Place: Alexis Regina Ammons
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American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition
William Andrew Boone, Dandee Cabanay, Emily B. Duckworth, Catherine C. McKinney, Tiffani A. Skroch, Michael L. Tagliabue
Coach: Professor Brian Serr

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Lauren S. Leveno, Stone Martin, Ameyali Sanchez, Savannah K. Simons, Courtney P. SoRelle, Alicia G. Willoughby
Coach: Professor Greg White

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Coaches: Professor Lee Ann James and Professor Kayla Landeros

Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition
Juliet R. Hernandez, Emma M. Mersereau, Emily G. Mouser, Duncan K. Robinson
Coach: Tyler Talbert

The Elliot Cup Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition of the Bankruptcy Law Section of the State Bar of Texas
Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Casey M. Cooper, Madeline Gay, Amber C. John, Jacob J. King
Coaches: Professor Larry Bates and Professor Deborah Perry

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Casey M. Cooper, Madeline Gay, Amber C. John, Jacob J. King
Coaches: Professor Larry Bates and Professor Deborah Perry

Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition
Tansy Ackermann, Paige E. Browne, Katie R. Clausen, Kiala E. Ellingson, Amber C. John, Devon B. Johnston
Coach: Professor Larry Bates

Hispanic National Bar Association Herrera Moot Court Competition
Julia C. Cantu, Ameyali Sanchez, Maria P. Zermeno Simon
Coaches: Professor Laura Hernández and Katie Quillen
Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship  
Sarah Megan Erb, Vivian C. Noyd, Michael L. Tagliabue  
Coaches: Professor Larry Bates and Associate Dean Patricia Wilson

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Greta W. Andersen, Cooper R. Bradbury, Carisa E. Brawley, Alexia N. Nelson,  
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Coach: Kathy Serr

National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition  
Allison T. Brittain, Paige K. Houston-Hencken  
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Elena M. Folgueras, Jamie A. Mills, Varun C. Reddy  
Coach: Kathy Serr

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Coach: Haley Owen

The National Moot Court Competition  
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Coach: Professor Laura Hernández

The National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law  
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Lisa-Marie Burckhardt, Gabriele J. Lesieur  
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Nicholas J. McCarthy, Alicia G. Willoughby  
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TYLA State Moot Court Competition  
William Andrew Boone, Gilliana Canales, Kristopher Manuel Ruiz  
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   Tiffany D. Dunkin, Waverly M. Shannon
   Coach: Kathy Serr

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   McKinsey R. Meeker, Vivian C. Noyd
   Coach: Professor Mike Berry

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   Carisa E. Brawley, Canon Parker Hill, Errol “Will” Onyeike, Rhasean T. Stephens
   Coach: Haley Owen

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   Archibald D. Cruz, Scarlet E. Petrucci, Aradhana Polley, Christian D. Spendlove
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   Jenny Bloodworth, Juliet R. Hernandez, Miriam C. “Neali” Lambert, Emily Means
   Coach: Tony Silas

American Board of Trial Advocates Voir Dire Competition
   Sarah Cureton, Christian D. Spendlove, Rhasean T. Stephens
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American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
   Francisco J. Calimano, Savannah C. Cone, Ryan S. Hering, Joel L. Hernandez, Mariana Jordan,
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   Alicia G. Willoughby, Maria P. Zermeno Simon
   Coaches: Dave Deaconson, Mason Dunnam, and Claire Harbert

Battle of the Experts National Mock Trial Competition
   Greta W. Andersen, William Andrew Boone, Allison T. Brittain, Rachel N. Hales
   Coaches: Mark Altman and Cahal McColgan

Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition
   Tayler D. Kennedy, McKinsey R. Meeker, Hannah E. Pruitt, Riley W. Zoch
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Coach: Professor Robert Little

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Coaches: Dave Deaconson and Masson Dunnam

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Coach: Chandler Dean

National Pretrial Competition  
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Coaches: Bailey Strohmeyer and Chandler Dean

National Trial Competition  
Greta W. Andersen, Allison T. Brittain, Rachel N. Hales, Anna L. Puff, Tanner M. Scheef, Emily C. Whittaker  
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L. Edwards Bryant, Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition
   Rion C. Gurnell, Adan R. Abu-Hakmeh, McKenna G. Williams
   Coach: Professor Pat Souter

Duke Law Transactional Competition
   Tanner C. Brennan, Emily M. Garrett, John Wesley Laughlin
   Coach: Professor Allen Page

Jaffe Transactional Law Invitational
   Adam R. Holtz, Allison A. White
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Magnolia Cup Tournament
   Ashley L. Deatherage, Samar Keilan K. Kabalaoui, McKinsey R. Meeker, Baldemar Torres
   Coach: Professor Kayla Landeros

UCLA Transactional Law Competition
   Mackenzie A. Cooper, Andrew Cowden, Ryan M. Cox, Macie S. Jones, Sofia I. Luna,
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American Bar Association Negotiation Competition
   Conor E. Brennan, Riya V. Chaudhari, Keagan Galbraith, Hannah M. Sutton,
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