

# TEXAS Law Alumni News & Notes

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## 2024 ALUMNI AWARD HONOREES



*Pictured (top, from left): Hon. Royal Furgeson '67, Arleas Upton Kea '82, David Hall '69; (bottom, from left): Brittany Perkins Castillo '13, Kurt Arnold '02, and Jason Itkin '01.*

On November 8, the Alumni Association is presenting its annual slate of four awards—Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Alumnus or Alumna, Community Service, and Outstanding Young Alumnus or Alumna—while Dean Bobby Chesney will confer two dean’s honors.

If you'd like to be among the first to receive details about the celebration gala in Austin honoring these award winners, please [fill out this brief form](#) by August 12.

## ALUMNI NEWS

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### **Serendipitous Connection Launches a Career**

Alexis Saenz '23 is thriving as a civil litigator in South Texas thanks to hard work—and a little luck at the annual Texas Law tailgate.



### **New Alumni Win Prestigious Public Service Fellowships**

Jamaal Lockings '24 is one of six graduates to earn key roles through the nation’s most prestigious fellowships.



## Justice Center Awards Five Postgraduate Fellowships

Members of the Classes of 2023 and 2024 won support for their work with nonprofits serving vulnerable populations.



## From Ireland to Austin

Jack Hennessy '24 first attended Texas Law as an exchange student from the University of Limerick—then returned for a Business LLM.

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Your firm can make an impact on the students, faculty, and programs within Texas Law by participating in the 100% Giving Challenge. **To complete the challenge, all Texas Law alumni at your firm must make a gift by August 31.**

Firms that meet the challenge are recognized as “100% Giving Challenge Champions,” and will have bragging rights too as we'll publicize on our website, newsletter, annual recognition report, and social media.

To learn more, contact Chloé Dwyer at [chloe.dwyer@law.utexas.edu](mailto:chloe.dwyer@law.utexas.edu).



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## LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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## Michael Sturley Delivers Berlingieri Lecture

He's the first U.S. speaker and full-time academic invited to deliver the prestigious keynote to the Comité Maritime International in Sweden.



## Over \$1M Awarded for Public Service

Through the Summer Public Service Program, students can work in coveted public service roles nationwide.



## Academic Minute: David Spence

Hear the Texas Law professor address his new book and the misunderstood politics of a global energy transition.



## One Degree. Many Paths.

We're shining a spotlight on Texas Law's Career Service Office and the amazing work they do for students from all backgrounds and heading to every kind of career.

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## FACULTY IN THE NEWS



This summer, leading national and state news outlets quoted Texas Law faculty experts. Click below to see what these thought leaders had to say: **David Adelman, Michele Dickerson, Randall Erben, Ward Farnsworth, Denise Gilman, Tara Leigh Grove, Kelly Haragan, Lee Kovarsky, Sanford Levinson, Angela Littwin, Mimi Marziani, Linda Mullenix, Amy Sanders, Elizabeth Sepper, Stacy Rogers Sharp, David Spence, Elissa Steglich, and Jay Westbrook.**

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*Alumni gathered this month at the National Bar Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada; Texas Law on Tour in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and the Park City Alumni Social.*

## ALUMNI EVENTS

**Aug. 28** – [Mentoring Program Back to School Reception](#) in Austin

**Sept. 4** – [Texas Law Breakfast at the Annual Judicial Education Conference](#) in San Antonio

**Sept. 4** – [Western District of Texas Happy Hour](#) in San Antonio

**Sept. 20** – [Scholarship Celebration](#) in Austin *(by invitation only)*

**Nov. 8** – [Alumni Awards 2024](#) in Austin *(by invitation only)*

**Nov. 9** – [Alumni Tailgate Extravaganza](#) (Florida Gators vs. Texas Longhorns)

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# CLASS NOTES

*Ordered by class year, then by last name.*



*Pictured (top, from left): Kate Goodrich '18, Ryan Phelps '16, Lisa Salinas Schneider '10, Brenda Barrett '98; (bottom, from left): Jerry Bullard '91, Lynda Tealer '95, Carlos Eduardo Cárdenas '80, and Pam Giblin '70.*

**Irwin Steinhorn '64** has joined Steptoe & Johnson PLLC in Oklahoma City.

**David J. Beck '65** has been recognized by Chambers USA 2024 Guide for his trial and commercial litigation practice and named a 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer.

**Drew L. Kershen '68** has been awarded the Citizen's Award for Exceptional Service by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**Pam Giblin '70** has joined the Good Neighbor Environmental Board under the Federal Advisory Committee Management Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Jack O'Neill '72** has been recognized by Chambers USA 2024 Guide for his commercial litigation practice.

**Jesse Pierce '74** has been recognized by Chambers USA 2024 Guide for the 16th year for his commercial litigation practice.

**Hon. Jon Burrows '76** has retired after 20 years as County Judge of Bell County.

**Linda Brook '78** showed her new film "Unleashed" at the Waco Independent Film Festival.

**William Gordon Childs '79** has written the book "Recreation and Risk," which delves into the law through recreational businesses.

**Robert L. Tobey '80** has been appointed to the Board of Legal Aid of Northwest Texas and elected to the Texas Bar College Board of Directors.

**Carlos Eduardo Cárdenas '80** has been elected chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees for the 2024-25 term.

**Hon. Jan Soifer '82** has been honored with the Austin Bar Association's Larry F. York Mentoring Award.

**Steve Stodghill '87** has been reappointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the Public Safety Commission, which oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**Alistair Dawson '89** has been recognized by Chambers USA 2024 Guide for his commercial litigation practice and has been named a 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer.

**Jerry Bullard '91** has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the new

Eighth Business Court Division in Fort Worth.

**Fields Alexander '92** has been recognized by Chambers USA 2024 Guide for his commercial litigation practice and named a 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer.

**Cori Loomis '94** has joined the healthcare group at McAfee & Taft.

**Susan Salch '94** married Ty Sanders on March 23, 2024, in Austin.

**Scott K. Field '95** has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to serve as one of the first three members of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals.

**Lynda Tealer '95** is the new senior vice president of championships for the NCAA.

**J. Holt Foster '95** has joined Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP as the managing partner of their newly launched Dallas office.

**Kristen Pauling Doyle '96** is now the CEO of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

**Scott Clark '98** earned selection in the 2024 IAM Patent 1000 Guide and the Chambers USA 2024 Guide.

**Brenda Barret '98** has joined the board of directors of the HeartGift Foundation.

**Jacqueline Watson '99** has been elected second vice president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association for the 2024-25 term.

**Brad Caldwell '03** has been recognized in the Chambers USA 2024 Guide.

**Melissa Andrews '04** has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the new Third Business Court Division in Austin.

**Josh R. Lounsbury '04** has been inducted into the Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellows Program.

**David Kavanaugh '04** is now the global head of investment operations at Dimensional Fund Advisors.

**Brad Caldwell '04** with the Dallas-based Caldwell Cassady & Curry has been recognized in the 2024 IAM Patent 1000.

**William G. Hagans '06** has been named chair of the State Bar of Texas Professionalism & Civility Committee for the 2024-25 bar year.

**Stacy Sharp '06** has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the new Fourth Business Court Division in San Antonio.

**Tory Lauterbach '09** has joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as a partner in the energy, regulation, and litigation practice group.

**Lisa Salinas Schneider '10** has been appointed as the first general counsel at SpyCloud, a leader in cybercrime analytics.

**Jackie Furlow '13** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for her commercial litigation, employment, and energy practice.

**Parth Gejji '13** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for his appellate practice.

**Mary Kate Raffetto '15** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X–The Next Generation for appellate and commercial litigation and named a 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer.

**Nicholas Bruno '15** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for his appellate practice.

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**Garrett Brawley '16** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for his commercial litigation practice and appointed as co-chair of the National Trial Competition Committee and vice-chair of the State Moot Court Competition Committee with the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

**Ryan Phelps '16** has been named a partner in the tax, executive compensation, and benefits practice group at Holland & Knight in Houston.

**Morgan Lawson '17** joined Hall Estill as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.

**Lena Silva '18** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for her commercial litigation practice.

**Kate Goodrich '18** has been recognized in the Chambers USA 2024 Guide “Nationwide Associate to Watch” in the “Government Relations: State & Local” category.

**Madison Moore '20** has been recognized in the 2024 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation for her commercial litigation practice.

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## IN MEMORIAM

*Ordered by class year, then by last name.*

John Broocks '53

Herman Pressler '57

Harold Comer '58

Gilbert Prud'Homme '58

Joe Bryan '59

Charles Hlavinka '59

Herb Lackshin '59

Jack Maroney '59

J.Q. Warnick '59

Gene Barlow '61

Bill Carr '61

Tommy Lueders '61

Raymond Marshall '61

Marion S. “Bob” Roberts '61

Wade Smith '61

Peggy Thompson '61

Thomas Jeter '62

Lip Norvell '63

Barry Stone '63

Alvin Horne '64

Tom Terrell '64

Ed Turley '64

Neal Cannon '65

Harold Brown '66

Kenneth Burch '66

Vincent Perini '66

Bill Galbreath '67

George Nachman '67

Mike Gregory '70

Joseph Norton '70

Kenneth Perez '70

Tom Cirkal '71

William Denton '71

James Leahy '71

Lynn Taylor '71

Joe Leonard '72

James McConn '72

Travis Phillips '72

John Simpson '73

Paul Brandimarte '74

Gregory Frazer '74

Jerel Hill '77

Mauro Reyna '77

Casceil Aronson '78

Robert Loree '78

John Wimberly '78

Charles Lewis '82

Marcia Rodgers '84

Carol Braswell '95

Tom Tippetts '06

Brandon Butra '20

Allie Wahlig '20

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