Greetings from Lubbock! We’ve had a wonderful year at the Law School, including our very special 50th anniversary celebration. We have accomplished so much since the beginning—fifty years ago. The key to our success has been simple: We always put our students first, and we focus on the real-world practical skills that every lawyer needs. That has been the Texas Tech Law tradition since we first opened our doors in 1967, and we do it today better than ever.

You can see it in everything we do at the Law School, including the many successes highlighted in this magazine. I am pleased to say that 93.9% of Texas Tech law graduates pass the bar within two years of graduation, more than any other public law school in Texas. The Law School has also continued to improve in national rankings, and our legal writing program was recently ranked 16th in the nation by U.S. News, the highest ranking of any Texas law school. We are also very pleased with our excellent employment and judicial clerkship outcomes.

Most of all, I am proud of the many, many achievements of our alumni and their support for the school. We have always put our students first, and the success of our graduates throughout their careers is the best measure of the school’s success. On that front, we have more to be proud of than we can possibly say.

Moreover, our great work with students today would not be possible without the generous support of our alumni. Our graduates believe in giving back. They know what a difference their generosity makes to the school. In countless ways, our students benefit every single day from the support we receive from alumni. Nothing has been more important to us than that.

We look back on the last fifty years with great pride, and we look forward to the next fifty years with great enthusiasm. I know we will achieve so much together. We will build an even greater future for this Law School and our students—the next generation of Texas Tech Lawyers.

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14TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA
The evening brought together almost 300 alumni, students, and friends to celebrate the Law School’s anniversary and honor individuals who played an important role in Texas Tech Law’s journey over the past 50 years. Judge Les Hatch ’88, a 2015 Distinguished Service Award recipient, emceed the evening. Fourteen members of the law school’s inaugural class and Emeritus Professors Dave Cummins and Rodric Schoen were in attendance. Members of the first class, who never had a graduation ceremony, were presented with graduation hoods by Dean Novolin. Former Journal editors, advocacy champions, distinguished award recipients, and Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board Members were also recognized throughout the evening. Attendees really went to bat for student scholarships. Everyone who donated over $2,500 received a baseball bat. People circulated the room to get their bats signed all night.

Advocacy
The reputation of Texas Tech Law’s advocacy program continues to grow after placing second in the inaugural American Bar Association (ABA) Competitions Championship.

To determine the Competitions Champion, points are awarded for the overall performance of law schools across the U.S. in the ABA Law Student Division’s four practical skills competition categories – appellate advocacy, arbitration, negotiation, and client counseling. The law school with the most points through team participation and advancement in the four competitions earns the ABA Competitions Champion title.

The ABA established the Competitions Championship to recognize law schools that go above and beyond to prepare students for practice.

“I’m particularly proud because this ranking is the first to recognize our program as a whole, not just moot court, not just negotiations, not just any one competition,” said Robert Sherwin, Associate Professor of Law and Director of Advocacy Programs for Texas Tech Law. “My only frustration is that this is the first year they’ve done it. Had they started this last year or the year before, I’m about 99% certain we would have been the inaugural champions instead of second place.”

The majority of Tech Law’s points in the competition this year came from its efforts in negotiation and appellate advocacy. Tech Law finished second in the regional negotiation competition and third at the national competition while winning the regional appellate advocacy competition for the 10th straight year and making it to the final eight at nationals.

Erika Sparkman and Benjamin Fak comprised the negotiation team, while Kristen Gavigan, Rachel Holland-Hadjis, and Davinder Jassal made up the appellate advocacy team.

Tech law students also added two national titles to the school’s already illustrious record.

Alex Pennetti, Andrea Nfodjo, Kristen Gavigan, and Brian Burkhardt claimed the school’s 41st national advocacy championship at the National Pretrial Advocacy Competition in Gulfport, Florida. The tournament, which combines brief-writing, moot-court-style oral-argument, and mock-trial-style witness-examination skills, simulates a three-hour, federal-court pretrial evidentiary hearing. The team prevailed over a field of 15 other teams, earning Texas Tech Law’s third title at the competition in the past four years.

Gavigan was named the tournament’s best advocate in the preliminary rounds, and Burkhardt was named the best advocate of the final round. The win marked the second national championship for both Burkhardt and Nfodjo.

Ryley Bennett and Jordan Fowler brought home the school’s 42nd national advocacy championship at the National Health Law Moot Court Competition in Carbondale, Illinois. The duo also won every top award en route to their championship, with Bennett winning best advocate for both the preliminary rounds and final round, and Fowler’s brief taking first prize.

DIVERSITY WEEK
Texas Tech Law celebrated the importance of diversity with faculty, staff, and students gathering throughout the week to hear from great speakers presenting on a variety of topics dealing with diversity in the legal profession, including Texas Tech law alums Emma Shirin ’87 and Chris Prentice ’86.

MAY 2018 HOODING CEREMONY
David Copeland ’82, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of SM Energy Company, delivered the keynote address. Copeland encouraged graduates to treat people with respect and to practice with passion and purpose. “If you approach your career the right way, you can make it something special,” said Copeland.
2018 TEXAS TECH LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Texas Tech Law honored 20 outstanding alumni and friends during the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting alumni reception. The awards recognized individuals for career achievements and their contributions to Texas Tech Law, their communities, and various bar associations.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On August 13, 2018, Texas Tech Law welcomed 149 students to campus for New Student Orientation. The Class of 2021, which had a median LSAT score of 155 and a median GPA of 3.44, is comprised of a diverse group of law students. They represent 39 different undergraduate institutions and have an age range of 18 to 46.

8TH ANNUAL ALUMNI BARBECUE

Alumni, faculty, students, and staff enjoyed a good breakfast and great conversation at the annual alumni tailgate. Marking the close of the 50th anniversary celebration, attendees also enjoyed a brief presentation formally announcing an endowed scholarship in honor of Tim Evans ’69. Tim, a member of the Law School’s first graduating class, is a highly respected Fort Worth criminal lawyer. He was also the first alumnus to have a child enroll in the Law School when his son, Lance, became a member of the 1988 entering class. The scholarship, started by a number of Tim’s former classmates, will be awarded annually to assist a law student interested in practicing criminal defense.

Clinics

Texas Tech Law has a history of producing practice-ready lawyers. This reputation is built on hard-working students and their ability to gain practical experience while in law school, with the clinical programs providing a great opportunity to gain that experience.

The Law School has robust clinical programming with eight clinics serving indigent clients on the South Plains.

Alison Clayton ’07 serves as the director of the Innocence Clinic, which works in conjunction with the Innocence Project of Texas, providing students with hands on experience in appealing post-conviction criminal law cases.

It is an intense and demanding learning environment that pushes students to act and perform just as they would if they were part of a law firm. It is also an environment that produces tangible results.

Almost 15 years ago, Jesse Griffith was wrongly convicted of felony-grade theft. Because of the petition Tech law students filed and signed, the Court of Criminal Appeals set aside the wrongful conviction, and Griffith was exonerated. This extraordinary work was recognized on the National Registry for Exonerations.

In 1998, Innocence Clinic client Edward Ates was convicted for the murder of Elhara Griffin. He received a 99-year sentence. Over the years, Ates had been denied parole several times. His refusal to “accept responsibility” for the crime and admit guilt, contributed to the denied parole. When Ates came up for parole for the fourth time in 2017, the Clinic campaigned for his release without an admission of guilt, a feat virtually unheard of in the parole world. The Clinic enlisted the aid of Roger Nichols ’89, a well-respected Texas parole attorney.

Janet Moreno, the student attorney on Ates’ case, along with Professor Clayton, visited Ed in prison and met with Mr. Nichols to discuss Ed’s case for parole. A few weeks later, Janet penned a memo to the Parole Board in support of Ed’s release. Mr. Nichols and Professor Clayton hand-delivered the memo, along with multiple letters of support, to the Parole Board.

Two days later, the Parole Board granted Ed release on parole. On September 5, 2018, he walked out of the Walls Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville into the waiting arms of his wife and two adult children. The Innocence Clinic continues to fight for Ed’s exoneration.

“The great thing about having a dedicated Innocence Clinic is students have the knowledge, passion, and time to devote to helping the wrongly convicted—a trifecta exceedingly rare among practicing attorneys and yet, desperately needed in the field,” Clayton said. “As for the students, even if they never again practice any form of criminal law, the knowledge and skills they develop in innocence work will have universal application across all legal fields.”

Along with the Innocence Clinic, Texas Tech Law offers multiple clinics for those needing assistance with criminal defense or appeal, including the Capital Punishment Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, and Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic.

Students in the 2017-2018 Criminal Defense Clinic handled 137 cases for 94 clients. Of these cases, 39 were disposed of through some type of negotiated plea, and 43 cases were dismissed. Students in the Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic handled 143 cases, closing 59.

Texas Tech Law’s clinical programs extend beyond criminal defense. The Civil Practice Clinic, Family Law and Housing Clinic, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, and Advanced Dispute Resolution Clinic also give countless hours to Lubbock-area residents.

The Family Law and Housing Clinic, along with the Civil Practice Clinic, work with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas to identify low-income families with civil rights, public benefits, family law, estate planning, and housing cases.

Students in the Tax Clinic volunteered more than 420 hours at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance center and saved low-income taxpayers $230,000.

With all of the real-world experience gained in the clinic programs, it is safe to say Texas Tech will maintain its reputation of producing practice-ready lawyers.
The law school known today as the Texas Tech University School of Law was an unknown entity when it first opened its doors and sent acceptance letters to select applicants chosen for admission to its first class. The law school had no face, no identity, no reputation—not even accreditation.

Nonetheless, these pioneering first students perceived in their admission offers not risk but rather opportunity. Arriving in Lubbock in the summer of 1967, they looked toward the West Texas horizon, across an open pasture earmarked as home of the future Texas Tech School of Law, and saw the adventure of a lifetime beckoning them to take a chance and lead the way.

THE FIRST DAY //

The semester began in September 1967, with several dozen students filing into some old army barracks placed on a lot on the north side of campus to temporarily house the law school until a permanent structure could be built near 19th Street. The barracks, purchased from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, provided a couple of classrooms, a student lounge area, a law library, and administration and faculty offices.

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“I’m a 19-year-old kid and walking into this classroom. Everybody in there is about 22 to 40 years old or older. And I don’t know what to say to them or how they’re going to react to me. All I did was sit down, shut up and try to listen to what was going on,” says Weber, raised in El Paso, where his grandfather, Tony Lama, founded and ran the famous boot company that bore his name.

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establishing part of the tradition and foundation of the law school,” Segrest says, noting they never doubted it would become accredited.

Students like Sanderson, who had never been to Lubbock, chose the law school over others for the very reason that it was brand new. Many other students, particularly those already living in the region, chose the new law school for its geographic convenience. Still others found inspiration elsewhere.

Asked why he took a chance on a new, unaccredited school, Bob Eames, speaking by phone with a Texas twang revealing the mischievous grin on his face, answered with two words: “A woman.”

That woman had attended college with him at Texas Technological College, which became Texas Tech University. After graduating, Eames was working a summer job in Fort Worth while preparing to attend The University of Texas School of Law when his old friend called him unexpectedly. She and her family, who had been traveling, had stopped over in Fort Worth on their way back to Lubbock. Eames’ buddies were going to a dance club that evening, so he invited her along.

“You said, ‘Alright. That’s a deal,’ and it was the best decision I ever made, both for the law school and for the woman,” Eames recalls with a chuckle, noting he is still married to that woman, Pyllia, today.

Another member of the class who had not originally planned on attending the law school was East Texas native Errol Friedman. He had majored in journalism and film at Texas A&M University-Commerce, “but family expectations were that I would go to law school. I was sort of torn,” Friedman says, noting his father and others in the family who were lawyers.

Friedman applied only to the new law school in Lubbock, sight unseen, and no offers: “If I had visited the law school, I might not have applied to that law school. There wasn’t much to it.”

However, he says he has been happy with his decision and career choice, adding, “I’ve done almost everything I wanted to do.”

Weber’s reason for pursuing law school was the opposite of Friedman’s. Weber’s family included no college graduates. In fact, his grandfather, the bootmaker in El Paso, could neither read nor write, but he could sign his name, which became the logo for his boot company.

“The reason I decided to go to law school,” Weber recalls, “is it was the only one in my family at that time who had gotten out of college with the ability to go on and further my education.”

LEARNING IN THE TRENCHES //

In dusty barracks where the floors cracked, and the South Plains wind howled, students that first year learned from six professors who afforded their pupils little slack. These professors, all recruited from out of state, were Dean Amandes, Associate Dean Justin Smith, U.V. Jones II, Glen Shellhaas, Maurice Kirk, and Frey.

“We had an outstanding group of professors, and I attribute so much of that to Dean Amandes. He had to be a quite a salesman to have recruited professors as well as students from all over the United States to come to a new law school,” Segrest says.

Frey, now Professor Emeritus at The University of Tulsa College of Law, remembers how well the faculty at Texas Tech Law got along in its early years: “We were one big family there, and everybody was pulling to make this thing succeed.”

Though the faculty’s hard work and instruction formed the foundation, everyone knew that the law school’s success hinged largely on the students’ ability to demonstrate understanding of the coursework, so the faculty drove them hard to learn and pull their weight.

“The atmosphere that the dean and professors created was such that you didn’t know anything different but to study and put your nose to the books. Either you studied or you were out. There were getting us ready for the war,” Cude says, referring not to Vietnam but to the legal fights out in the real world.

Alumni recall many stories of professors routinely calling on individual students to stand and explain a case or be grilled on the brief they were to have prepared for class. Shellhaas, known by students as “The Growler,” had the reputation for being the toughest.

One time, a professor became so enraged when a student after student failed to discuss a case they were to have studied, that he slammed his book shut and stormed out of the room, Eames recalls.

“They are tough people, but these first students were tough because they were taking a chance on Texas Technological College, as we were taking a chance on them,” says Professor of Law Emeritus David Cummins, who joined the faculty in March 1969.

As the first class, these students had no upperclassmen to show them the way, share useful tips and tricks, or provide briefs and other study materials. The students did not know about canned briefs—summaries of lengthy cases spanning sometimes hundreds of pages—so they had to read the entire case to know what was going on; Weber says, adding, “the professors wanted us to learn the law, not the short-cuts.”

Without computers back then, students had to take notes and write the old-fashioned way with pen and paper. However, the late Ruth Kirby, then a mature student who later taught at the law school, remembers working as the secretary to the dean of the UT Austin Law School before marrying an attorney from the Lubbock area, she was known for taking down every word of every lecture.

“She had a jump on everybody because she could do shorthand, plus she typed, so her notes were gold,” Cude says.

Kathy ended up graduating at the top of the class and became the law school’s first female professor in 1971.

“We were the star student of the class,” says Lena Alexander, herself an accomplished woman who later taught at the law school, as an Adjunct Professor of Family Law.

Raised by an aunt and uncle with just elementary school educations, Alexander completed her first year of law school at the University of Wyoming and decided out to raise her child. She later moved with her husband to Lubbock, where he opened his fine-jewelry store, and she learned that a law school had just opened.

Alexander visited the law school in Lubbock in 1968 to see about admission and, to her surprise, recognized a familiar face among the faculty—Shellhaas, who had been one of her professors in Wyoming. When he saw her, he remembered she had been his top student, gave her a big hug, ensured her credits would transfer so she could join the first class in year two, and welcomed her to Texas Tech Law.
PROGRESS AND OTHER NEWS //

The fledgling law school progressed considerably in its initial years. It won accreditation from the Supreme Court of Texas in 1968, gained membership to the Association of American Law Schools in 1969, and was granted accreditation from the American Bar Association in the summer of 1970.

In the summer preceding year two, construction began on the new law school building. It was completed in time for members of the first class to enjoy in their last semester and is still home of the law school today.

The number of students in the first class declined to 47 after year one as some dropped out, and a dozen of the men, including Eames and Sanderson, joined the National Guard in response to the country’s escalating involvement in Vietnam. After spending that summer and fall in basic training at army bases around the United States, most of those men returned to Lubbock in time for the beginning of the spring semester in 1969.

Meanwhile, the number of professors and programs increased. By fall three, the law school had 15 faculty members and had developed several student activities and programs, including: a local chapter of a national legal fraternity; a Student Bar Association program for law students to ride along with Lubbock police officers patrolling the city on Friday nights; participation in intercollegiate moot court competition, The Texas Tech Law Review; and the Dictum student newspaper, of which Friedman was the first editor.

Friedman recalls the front-page, above-the-fold photo of their first edition of Dictum: “It would not play well these days, not at all, but our first edition was kind of a swimsuit edition with a photograph of a very attractive, young, first-year law student in swim attire. It was certainly sexist, but back then, it never occurred to us that it wasn’t appropriate.”

Speaking of news, a major event occurred as the first class was preparing to graduate. On May 11, 1970, one of the largest tornadoes ever to hit Texas ripped through Lubbock, setting off sirens, killing dozens of people, and leaving a trail of destruction. The law school had already moved from the barracks to the new permanent building, which provided shelter from the twister.

“It came right over the law school and sounded like a freight train,” Segrest recalls.

People at the law school escaped harm, but some students were more vulnerable. Alexander, then pregnant and studying for her last final exam, was at home with her 5-year-old son in a house on Broadway Avenue, where her husband had a jewelry store in the front room. He had left to run an errand in a nearby town when the wind started blowing hard. After seeing the news on TV, Alexander rushed with her child to the basement.

“Just got down there, and it hit—I mean this horrible, horrible blast—and the whole house shook,” she says. “At first I thought lightning had hit, but I discovered later, after I went upstairs, that it actually was a tornado, and we didn’t have a roof. That roof was gone.”

They moved out while the damage was being fixed, all to move back in and suffer an armed robbery of the jewelry store about a year and half later by two men dressed as women.

“Living in Lubbock was an adventure. I had two floods, a tornado and an armed robbery during the time I lived there,” she says, adding to the list a bomb threat her family received hours after the robbers were convicted.

Members of the class of 1970 never enjoyed the formality of a graduation ceremony, she says, which she understood was because of the tornado’s destruction around Lubbock. Other alumni, like Cade, say they had no such ceremony because they boycotted the university’s plan to make them walk with underclassmen at graduation instead of holding the law students along with other graduate students receiving doctoral degrees.
Whatever the case, in place of a ceremony, Cude spearheaded the arrangement of a celebration for the entire class at the Lubbock Country Club, where this time not a goat was roasted, but rather his peer and professors.

Members of the first class, many of whom have stayed in touch through the years, enjoyed finally being hooded last spring at the law school’s annual spring gala, some 48 years after graduating.

SETTING THE BAR HIGH //

The grand finale of this first class was its last act—its outstanding performance on the Texas Bar Examination.

Some members of this first class graduated a semester earlier or later than the rest, and thus took the exam earlier or later. However, the majority took it in June 1970. Of those who took the test, five made the top scores of the 580 law graduates statewide who took the test. Kirby and Brakebill tied for the top two spots. Texas Tech exam takers as a whole averaged 81.3, well above the score of 75 needed to pass.

The headline of a story about it in The Dallas Morning News read, “Texas Tech Law School: Genuine Success Story.”

These graduates’ stellar performances on the exam set the bar high for succeeding generations of Texas Tech Law students, and as Segrest says, helped put the budding law school on the map: “It’s obviously a law school now with a history and a great reputation.”

DAVID H. SEGREST

David, a native of Bryan, is twenty-four and married. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History from Texas Tech University. While in law school, David was a Law Review note editor, member of the Student Bar Association House of Delegates, Law School Representative to the Student Senate, and a member of Phi Alpha Delta. David is interested in a general practice with emphasis on Patent Law and Trade Regulation. His legal experience includes work as a law clerk for James A. Gowdy. David desires to locate in East or Central Texas.

ERROL FRIEDMAN

Errol is 25 years old and married. He has a Bachelor of Science in Government from East Texas State University. He has a military classification of 1Y. While in Law School, Errol was Justice of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and Editor-in-Chief of the Law School newspaper, Dictum, for one year. Errol prefers general plaintiffs work and would prefer location in East Texas.

JOHN A. WEBER

John, 23, received a B.A. from the University of Texas at El Paso and is interested in the legal fields of property, taxation and labor. He is married and a member of Phi Beta Delta, and served as business manager of the Texas Tech Law Review. He has done investigation and briefing for Blanchard, Clifford, Gikerson & Smith of Lubbock; Albert Smith of Lubbock, and Woodrow Bean of El Paso. John would like to locate in Texas, New York or California. John has a 1Y draft classification.

LEOTA HEIL ALEXANDER

Leota is twenty-eight, married and a resident of Lubbock. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from the University of Wyoming where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and she attended the University of Wyoming College of Law for one year before transferring to Texas Tech where she is a candidate for Law Review. After graduation, Leota desires to engage in a general practice in Lubbock.

MARTIN C. CUDE, JR.

Martin, a native of Dallas, is twenty-seven and married. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Southern Methodist University. While at Tech, Martin was President of the Third Year Class, Vice-President of the Student Bar Association and a member of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. Martin is particularly interested in Creditors Rights, Criminal Law and Local Government and prefers to locate in Dallas.
Don Hunt // Coach

At Don Hunt’s memorial service, Rob Sherwin said there were three things he was most proud of in his life, his:

• Texas Tech law degree.
• Wife he met in law school in a first-year law advocacy competition.
• Job coaching his alma mater’s advocacy program.

He owes all three to Don Hunt. Sherwin first met his mentor – countless attorneys consider Hunt a mentor – when he visited the law school with a friend and watched a first-year moot court competition. “One of the judges was Don Hunt, and I was mesmerized by the questions he asked student attorneys. I looked at my friend and said, ‘One year from now, we’ll be here again.”

While a student, Sherwin was named Best Oralist in 2000 and was part of a team that made the Final Four in both the National Moot Court Competition and the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition – the two most prestigious competitions in the country. His success stemmed from Hunt’s teaching, and whether out of reflex or respect, Sherwin still refers to Hunt as “Coach” almost two decades later.

“When you joined one of his teams, Coach would say, ‘Let’s talk about your priorities. Number one is family. Number two is God. Number three is classwork. All the rest of your time belongs to me. If we’re going to be successful and have a national presence, we need to outwork everyone else.” Sherwin said. That’s still the focus under Sherwin’s leadership.

“Success is tied to how much work you put into any given activity. What Coach told us was we’re part of a great program with a great tradition, but don’t think because we’re part of this, it will somehow seep into our bodies or we naturally have some sort of advantage over others,” Sherwin said. “There is no magic pixie dust. The reason our students perform better than students at other law schools is our students work harder. I try to pass that on to our students. If we work harder, we’ll succeed, and that’s in our control.”

After graduating, Sherwin practiced law in Fort Worth and was asked to help with the moot court program at Texas Wesleyan School of Law. He called Hunt, “I asked if he would be okay with me coaching at another law school. Coach had a style and knew how to pause for dramatic effect. After about a five-second pause he said, ‘You’ll be great, and I can’t wait to coach against you,’” Sherwin said. After a few years, one of Sherwin’s teams beat Texas Tech in a state competition. “Coach put his arm around me, and it was a cool moment,” he said.

By 2007, Sherwin was coaching full time at Texas Wesleyan and looking for other opportunities. He asked Hunt if he could use him as a reference. “He sent an email back and said, ‘The job you should be applying for is mine. Most people don’t know, but I’m retiring at the end of the year,”’ Sherwin said. But there was one part of Hunt’s career that Sherwin didn’t want to copy – running the advocacy program part time while being a full-time attorney. Then-Dean Walt Huffman agreed, and this is Sherwin’s 11th year on faculty at his alma mater.

During his tenure, Texas Tech teams have won the National Moot Court Competition three times; finished in the Final Four another three times; won the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition in 2013; and were runners-up twice. “There’s a national ranking system started by the University of Houston in 2009. It gives points for other competitions besides the two big ones, and we’re in the top ten every single year. We were number one in the 2015-2016 school year. We’re proud of the consistency,” Sherwin said. Only two other schools have been in the top ten every year – South Texas College of Law Houston, which Sherwin called the Notre Dame of college advocacy programs, and U.C.

Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. “We’re very good at this,” he said.

It all goes back to Hunt. “He is the father of the Texas Tech law advocacy program. Without him, there would be no program. (Texas Tech) would not have the national reputation for advocacy training without Don Hunt,” Sherwin said. Hunt’s teams won numerous national, regional, and state championships. Hunt was also awarded the Outstanding Fifty-Year Lawyer Award by the Texas Bar Foundation in 2011 and was considered among the leading appellate lawyers in West Texas. He was also known for his perfect silver hair, a 1963 black Mercedes convertible, and his love for the Rotary Club of Lubbock and Toastmasters.

Sherwin wanted Hunt to be more involved after retirement, but “He wanted it to be clear someone
new was in charge. He was the face of it for 34 years and knew how big his shoes were to fill. But I wanted him around all the time. Not only for his coaching skill but the respect he commanded. (He) was around for in-school competitions, was a regular as a final-round judge, and helped judge practice rounds for traveling teams – but he didn’t want to be involved in picking national teams,” added Sherwin.

Even after a career filled with accolades and the respect of peers, Hunt remained humble. While the advocacy courtroom at Texas Tech is named the Donald M. Hunt Courtroom in his honor, Sherwin is quick to point out, “Don didn’t want it named after him and was clear about that.” But W. Mark Lanier – a nationally recognized, Houston-based attorney, who won the bar association’s competition as one of Hunt’s students in 1984 – told his coach it was too late, the papers had already been signed. Lanier had included the tribute in the agreement for the 2008 donation for the addition to the west side of the School of Law, which houses the courtroom.

“Don Hunt changed my life and made me really understand both the art and science of advocacy,” said Lanier when the courtroom was named. Sherwin said advocacy programs add so much to a law school education. “The obvious purpose is to allow students to perform a lawyer’s skills in a simulated setting. When you learn how to fly an airplane, it’s sometimes a good idea to send students up in a flight simulator. You can throw good idea to send students up in a flight simulator. You can throw...”

A law school student taking Contracts from John Krahmer had a question about the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) when he saw the professor in the hallway. Krahmer started his answer by saying, “What I was going for...” The student quickly realized Krahmer had authored the section in question. Krahmer, who joined the School of Law faculty in 1971 and was the longest serving faculty member, was known as “Mr. UCC.”

Key and Krahmer were close friends, even though Key never took one of Krahmer’s classes in law school. He mostly knew Krahmer through the Texas Association of Bank Counsel, an association of lawyers who represent financial institutions. It recently changed its name to the Southwest Association of Bank Counsel.

“I had literally just graduated from law school and joined the organization, and Professor Krahmer was instrumental in forming the organization,” Key said. Krahmer and another professor also co-edited a monthly publication called Texas Bank Lawyer, written and edited by law students for Southwest Association of Bank Counsel members. Many of those students asked Krahmer to hood them during graduation ceremonies.

That connection continued even after his death. Jula Wiesenberger, Texas Bank Lawyer Student Editor and member of the Class of 2018, wrote, “I was so honored to be hooded at graduation by my mentor and friend, Professor Sally Henry. This spring semester was the most difficult semester for me personally, partly due to the loss of my other great mentor, Professor John Krahmer. I was incredibly touched that his daughter, Alyssa Krahmer, agreed to and not only to honor her father’s memory but also because I greatly admire her personally and professionally. I am lucky to know so many incredible attorneys who serve as exemplars of scholarly achievement, incredible persistence, and the highest degree of integrity. People love to make ‘lawyer jokes,’ but in all seriousness, these [attributes] are the reason I am honored to join the legal profession.”

Krahmer and his wife Sandi, whom he met at the University of Iowa, were married for 51 years and have another son and daughter in addition to Alyssa.

Key also sought Krahmer’s help on cases. “I would consult with him on matters that required very in-depth knowledge of commercial and banking law,” said Key. When Key faced a complex case for a bank client, he asked Krahmer for help. “That’s how our friendship developed,” said Key, who added that the case turned out well.

“He was genuinely a genius. I’ve worked with very few people who were as brilliant as he was. I would recite the facts as I saw them. He would sit there and not take a single note. When we got together later, he had perfect recall. He could cite citations off the top of his head to UCC verbatim,” said Key.

In 2000 and 2001, there were significant changes to the UCC. “Professor Krahmer and some of his students traveled around the state and did at least 25 bank seminars. The vast amount of money raised from those seminars went to scholarships for students,” said Key. He spoke at many other seminars for years, giving UCC updates. Krahmer was named the law school’s outstanding teacher seven times, received prestigious awards from the university President’s office, and was the first member of the law school faculty honored with a Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award – the Texas Tech University System’s highest teaching honor. He held the Banking Law Endowed Professorship and Commercial Law Endowed Professorship, each renamed in his honor.

“John had an incredible way of teaching what could be a mundane subject that caused students to like and respect him so much,” said Key. “John was strong willed but never spoke in an unkind manner. If a student had the wrong analysis, he would never say ‘You’re wrong,’ but said ‘Did you consider this?’ and steer them to the right answer without being ugly about it,” said Key.

“He had absolute dedication to educating students in a manner that would make them better lawyers. He was very ethical, honest and professional and passed that on to his students,” Key added. Exactly in his notes he used at Krahmer’s memorial service, Key chose the following words which he used in his final tribute to his colleague: “Professor, scholar, intellectual, teacher, mentor, author, kind, caring, giving, generous, thoughtful, professional, ethical, very devoted family man and devoted Christian — even if he did not talk much about that.”

One way the school’s faculty-run law clinics, where students work with real clients on real cases in real courts. But students are not going to work on complex cases. Most court trials allow a student to try a murder case or argue a multi-million-dollar lawsuit. “It makes them more attractive as a job candidate,” said Sherwin.

“It’s also fun to compete and travel, and then there’s the camaraderie and pride when your law school beats other law schools,” said, adding that there are growers a stronger connection to their school after going through these competitions. And it pays off down the road. Sherwin said he hears it all the time. A few days before this interview, a 2015 graduate told her he won her first jury trial and tied the success directly to being on advocacy teams and competitions.
Bob Weninger also adored their modern home. “He was really good friends with Hadley Edgar’s wife Helen; she was an amateur interior decorator, and she helped find him a house,” said Sue Weninger. Helen Edgar found the home in 1995, and Bob Weninger wrote the contract the same day. The Weningers and the Edgars already knew one another. Bob Weninger held the J. Hadley Edgar Professorship, an endowed professorship in the law school established in honor of Helen Edgar’s husband.

“He loved having people over. He loved having section parties,” Sue Weninger said, recalling events that filled the backyard with 60 students. The Weningers met at a Christmas party in 1994 and married in 2000. “We both came from working-class families and talked about labor unions on our first date,” Sue Weninger said.

“They had a lot of things in common, and every time, he showed it in many ways. Teaching for 40 years, you would think he would not, but every time. He loved the school, his office and what he called ‘the kids,’” said Sue, tearing up.

One of those kids turned out to be Walt Huffman, Dean Emeritus and Adjunct Professor at the Texas Tech School of Law. “As a former student of Professor Weninger, I can attest that his friendliness did not translate into ‘easy instructor.’ He knew the law, continually studied himself, and expected students to work as hard as he did,” wrote Huffman in a Texas Tech Law Review article honoring the law school’s legendary faculty.

Bob Weninger was a highly regarded scholar whose work was at the forefront of empirical research, a demanding and important branch of legal scholarship. He pioneered the use of sociological data as a basis for critical analysis of the United States legal system. His work was characterized by detailed studies of important civil and criminal law topics, including electronic discovery, the severity of jury sentencing compared to judicial sentencing, forcible rape indictments, and plea bargaining. His findings were published by legal journals across the nation, including the Virginia Law Review, the UCLA Law Review and the Southern California Law Review. In

JIM EISSINGER // THE EPITOME OF INTEGRITY

Jim Eissinger looked every inch an attorney. “He was the consummate professional,” said Huffman. “He always dressed impeccably. He was a role model of what students hope to become, and they could model themselves after the appearance and persona of Jim Eissinger. He epitomized integrity and all the traits you want in a good lawyer.”

When Huffman became Dean of the law school in 2002, Eissinger was one of nine faculty members still at Texas Tech who had taught when Huffman was a student in the mid-’70s. “They were really supportive of me as a student and when I came back as dean. They made it easy,” he said.

Huffman said the roster of long-tenured professors spoke well of the law school. “Having served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, I worked with and against grads from every law school in America. I was up against people who may have been smarter, but I never felt I was up against anyone who had a better legal education than from TTU Law. And Jim Eissinger was part of that,” said Huffman, who served as the U.S. Army’s top military lawyer from 1997 to 2001.

Like Huffman, Eissinger amassed a career of distinction and military service. He received his law degree from the University of North Dakota, where he was top of his class. After practicing law for a time, Eissinger served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. He later served as an attorney on the law enforcement council, a division of the Attorney General’s Office in North Dakota, before joining the faculty of the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Eissinger joined the Texas Tech faculty in 1972 in a somewhat unorthodox way. He’d met Mary, his future wife, in Big Spring, and
Shannon added, “He would host weekly events called Coffee with Conboy and get to know students on a first-name basis. He’d walk the halls and talk to students.” But if he had to discipline a student, Shannon recalled Joe Conboy could be the tough ex-colonel. “My first year here, some was expected, and students asked if finals would be postponed. Having grown up in Buffalo, he said ‘You’ll come take your finals!’ But he did work with students to make them up,” Shannon said.

Huffman remembered how Joe Conboy impacted the lives of students. “Many said, ‘I would not be where I am now if Joe Conboy was not where he was.’ He helped students who had problems they felt could not be solved. He never judged, only helped,” Huffman said.

For some, the mentor’s insight made a difference from day one. “There’s a very successful lawyer in San Antonio who said she would have gone any which way for Joe Conboy. He had a deep and honest caring for the students. When one of his passing was posted, there was an outpouring of grief and appreciation from former students who were not successful lawyers,” Huffman said.

“Joe Conboy taught electives, including sports, and his classes were always full,” said Huffman. “Athletics was an integral part of Conboy family life. Joe Conboy played basketball at Canisius, and his daughter Missy is Senior Deputy Athletics Director for Sport Operations at the University of Notre Dame, where she played basketball.”

The Conboys were flawless dance partners. When asked why, at age 85, he would contemplate knee replacement surgery, he responded, “I’d like to dance again.”

He also served in three wars, according to Huffman. Joe Conboy was 17 when he entered the Texas Tech School of Law after retiring as a colonel from the Texas National Guard. He then went to law school and eventually served in Vietnam as a judge advocate for the 1st Cavalry Division.

“But his real mark is how many students he saved, because he cared,” Huffman said.

HONORING THE ‘GIANTS’ AND HELPING THE SCHOOL OF LAW’S FUTURE

When Nowlin meets alumni all over the state and the nation, he asks people to share the names of their favorite professors. The five names keep coming up.

It’s part of the legacy that legal scholars like Weninger, Krahmer, Hunt, Conboy, and Eissinger left behind by impacting the careers of students who practice at law firms and teach at universities nationwide.

For Nowlin, it’s also one of the drivers of the law school’s professional focus was teaching. “The five names keep coming up. “The faculty really is the faculty. It’s the professors who taught many, these professors were the TTU School of Law;” he said. The careers of these five lawyers helped shape the law school and set its trajectory.

As the law school embarks on its next 50 years, it’s easy to think the influence of the legal giants who helped launch the careers of so many will last for future generations. “But every ending is a new beginning,” added Nowlin, “And their legacy lives on.”

And the alumni have ensured that the names of these five professors won’t be forgotten any time soon. Endowed gifts extend the professors’ legacies at Texas Tech Law to the next generation. Family and friends of Bob Weninger established the Professor Robert Weninger Endowed Scholarship, perhaps to encourage the next “crazy smart” lawyer at Texas Tech. Krahmer’s friends at Lubbock National Bank established a fellowship in his honor to support faculty members who will follow in his stead. Students devoted to outworking the advocacy competition will pass down Coach’s lessons, with many of them receiving the Hunt for Excellence in Advocacy Endowed Scholarship. Other students will benefit from scholarship gifts made in memory of Eissinger and Joe Conboy.

It’s a fitting tribute, and in many ways, it’s the legacy they wanted. Krahmer’s daughter Alyssa recalled how meaningful teaching was to her father. “My dad’s main professional focus was teaching, law which gave him incredible joy. Several years ago, my dad shared with my mom the idea that he would love to fund several scholarships for deserving law students to attend Texas Tech Law School. Because of his untimely death, he was not able to complete this dream while he was alive. He told my mother in the last few months before his passing, that he would like for part of his legacy to be to fulfill this dream to create scholarships,” wrote the Texas Tech Law graduate and managing member of the Krahmer Law Firm in Dallas.

Through the power of philanthropy, dozens of friends, family, and colleagues are working together to help make Krahmer’s dream become a reality. When fully funded, the John E. Krahmer Memorial Endowed Scholarship will make a difference in students’ lives at Texas Tech University School of Law for many generations to come.

It’s a point of pride for Nowlin. “Generosity supports the law school — our people and our programs — but most important of all are the scholarships for our students,” he said. “Scholarships change lives forever, and our students will never forget the donors who made their education possible.”

And as donors go to the law school’s endowment, it has an exponential impact.

“Growing the endowment allows us to offer more support for everything we do, for scholarships, for endowed chairs, for guest speakers, and more,” Nowlin said. In this way, alumni can honor the past by creating a strong and permanent foundation for the future.

“We’ve had a fantastic first 50 years. The next 50 will be even better. We’re a young law school, still building on the foundation for the future. That future is bright as we create a better version of ourselves one day at a time and one student at a time over the next 50 years,” Nowlin said. It’s a straightforward goal: constant improvement. “That incremental change is just the approach the law school’s forbearers would recommend. After all, they built their own legendary careers the same way.”

*After completion of this article, Professor Emeritus Annette Marple ’71 passed away. One of only eight female students in her law class, Marple graduated with honors from Texas Tech Law in 1972. Within a few months of her graduation, she began a 16-year career as one of the law school’s most respected faculty members. Marple taught property, Texas municipal property, wills, and trusts until her retirement in 2008. In her honor, Law School administrators established the Marple Memorial Scholarship to support future generations of law students. In addition, as part of Marple’s contribution to the law school’s Centennial Campaign, alumnae of the first class of 1972 raised funds to endow the Annette Marple Memorial Scholarship in her name.*
SUZAN E. FENNER: “IT ALL GOES BACK TO THE SCHOOL OF LAW.”

Suzan Fenner’s detour to law school changed her life for the better. Fenner was one of a handful of women at the law school in the late ’60s and early ’70s and remembers someone “in my face saying ‘you have no business being here taking the place of a man.’” She just smiled.

Fenner never planned to go to law school. After earning her English degree from Texas Tech University, she considered a teaching certificate because her mother said it would provide a steady job. But Fenner didn’t want to teach. Her fiancé was planning to go to law school and suggested she join him. She took a detour and delayed a decision about teaching. She loved law school and never looked back. “It challenged my mind, taught me to think abstractly and come up with creative ways to solve problems,” she said.

And she discovered she really liked tax law classes with her professor, Dave Cummins. “People were scared of him, but I loved it,” she said. She clerked for a Lubbock

LEAVING A LEGACY

Suzan E. Fenner, Tom Hall, and Glenn D. West are proud alumni of the Texas Tech University School of Law. Fenner, a 1972 graduate, retired after a career with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, now Foley & Lardner LLP. Hall, who graduated in 1981, runs the Law Offices of Tom Hall in Fort Worth. West, class of 1978, is a partner with the global firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Dallas. All three serve as trustees of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation, over which Hall currently presides. All three exemplify what Texas Tech graduates can achieve in the law.

“We pride ourselves in training the best lawyers in the state of Texas, and the kind of education we offer produces that kind of attorney,” said Jack Wade Nowlin, Dean and W. Frank Newton Professor of Law. “We know the legal system works best when you have great lawyers involved, and we’re so proud of what our alumni have achieved.” But it’s not just current accomplishments that connect this trio of Texas Tech lawyers.

All three have also committed gifts from their wills to their alma mater. By including Texas Tech in their estate plans, they’re making certain that the kind of world-class education that helped launch their careers will benefit generations of new law students at Texas Tech University. 

LEGACY

BY TERRY GREENBERG
law firm specializing in tax and estate planning while in school. Then she moved to Dallas to build her career, but finding a job as an attorney was hard because she was a woman.

Richard B. Amandes, then Dean of the Texas Tech School of Law, had a contact with a federal judge in Dallas and recommended Fenner. She got the judicial clerkship and eventually switched to another judge before getting a job with Gardere, Porter and DeHay’s tax department. She was the first female lawyer at the firm.

When Congress passed the Employee Retirement Security Act, the firm asked her to help organizations she cares about. For the ten years since, she’s worked as the firm’s expert in employee benefits law. “I’m the kind of giving that will sustain the law school far into the future, and it reflects the impact the university has had on her career and life.

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TOM HALL: A “LOVE AFFAIR” WITH THE SCHOOL OF LAW.

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Hall is very proud of his alma mater’s moot court competitions and even follows Texas Tech’s football team. A few decades later, he feels the significance of giving back. “I was a kid who worked his way through college to pay for it myself. Kids now owe $100,000 or more,” he said, lamenting the going rate of student debt. “That makes me sad. I want to help kids get a leg up on law school.”

To help future generations, Hall committed a gift from his will to establish the Tom Hall Endowed Scholarship. It is the three professors who made a life-changing impact on him.

“I have four children – my son, Austin College, and daughter, Texas Tech School of Law – and treated all four the same in my estate,” he said. It’s a way to give back to the school and the three professors who made a life-changing impact on him.

West says he was naive and uninformed about law schools as he was getting ready to graduate from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He eliminated schools requiring an application fee and applied to Texas Tech and The University of Texas at Austin. “As soon as Texas Tech said yes, I signed up,” said West, adding it also helped that his then-girlfriend was going to be teaching in Stanton. Things turned out well.

The man who wanted to avoid an application fee and once scraped by to pay his law school tuition by eating beans on toast, eventually handled the $18 billion acquisition of American Airlines and US Airways. Over his career, he handled numerous other acquisitions totaling millions and billions more.

He worked on the acquisition, financing, and sale of the Texas Rangers baseball team, as well as acquisitions for the Tampa Bay Lightning and Dallas Stars hockey clubs. He also led the project financing for the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

“I got there from the Texas Tech School of Law,” said West. “I could not have done it without the teachers and benefit of that education.”

West has won numerous awards for his practice of law and his writing. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor at SMU and sometimes at Texas Tech. West credits J. Hadley Edgar for having the most profound impact on him during law school. “He helped me think like a lawyer and analyze issues like a lawyer. The three most important classes are torts (taught by Edgar), contracts, and property,” West said. These classes shape students’ foundation in the law.

“It’s thinking about concepts,” said West, “the conceptual framework you get in that first year of law school. Most of my most profound memories were from that first year, where you get your thinking reoriented.”

And he’s never regretted not paying that application fee. “I worked with and competed against people from the top 20 law schools, and I never felt at a disadvantage. I got a great education at Texas Tech,” he said.

West was born in Mineral Wells and always thought of Texas as home, even though he traveled the world. Because his dad was in the Air Force, West started first grade in Casablanca, Morocco, and became a solicitor in England. When it was time to pick a college, he looked for a school closest to where he had relatives. That was Tarleton, where he met wife Christy – who hailed from Texas town of Wink. (“Legendary singer Roy Orbison rented a garage apartment from my in-laws before he became famous,” West added.)

West joined Jackson Walker in the law firm’s real estate department at a time when the real estate market was “hot as a pistol.” He quickly became an experienced dealmaker. He was recruited by Weil, one of the top firms in the world. “Weil had three domestic offices at the time; we were trying to open in Dallas, and I wanted to help open that office,” West said. “The opportunity was unparalleled.”

West started the Dallas office in 1987. He helped with restructuring work in real estate and oil and gas, then got exposure to private equity before becoming a finance lawyer.

West took Weil’s lead in private equity, when it was still a new process. The result? All those deals with lots of zeroes attached. “Private equity firms are created by people who have money and the skills to find good deals and are financed by limited partners,” said West. “I represent the firm formed between all parties.”

He ended up handling sports deals because “it’s the acquisition of a business at the end of the day, and a lot of private equity founders get a hangover to own a sports team. Once you’ve done a couple, it’s a unique commodity, and people look around for someone who has done some.”

Weil asked West to help create offices in London and their European branch. He started doing deals east of the Atlantic Ocean and asked what it would take to be licensed in England. Because he graduated from a law school in a common-law country, all he needed was to pass a test. He flew through the exam and became a solicitor in England.

When West was named a School of Law Distinguished Alumnus in 2008, a number of his Weil partners decided to raise money from the firm to establish the Glenn D. West Research Professorship. “It was quite moving and surprising,” said West.
West and his wife have long been supporters of the law school. Together they established the Christy & Glenn West Scholarship to support law students from their hometowns, as well as students who graduated from Tarleton State or similar-sized schools as West did. His colleagues’ gift of a research endowment challenged him to do more.

West committed a gift from his will that ensures the research professorship that bears his name reaches $1 million — almost four times its current value. It’s a sizeable investment that will produce sizeable returns for the law school. And that’s the “selfish” reason West said his fellow Texas Tech School of Law grads should financially support their alma mater.

“For your entire career you’ll be associated with the school,” he said. “To the extent your law school falls or rises in prestige, it will benefit you. Forty years later, I’ll benefit if they rise in the rankings because people will say something nice. You need to support the law school out of self-defense. “You should be thankful and grateful and give back.”

A gift from your will is an easy way to make a lasting impact on the Texas Tech School of Law.

Whether you want to support scholarships to ensure students have access to a quality legal education or faculty endowments that attract and support the best legal minds, a planned gift ensures that the Texas Tech Law School is sustained for the next generation.

Gifts from wills are among the most common and impactful gifts that alumni make to their alma mater, and they are also the easiest to make. However, it is important to share your plans with the Texas Tech Law School Foundation so we can ensure your gift is used exactly as you intend.

These gifts also qualify donors for immediate membership in The Matador Society. Born out of our earliest traditions, The Matador Society recognizes all donors who commit to make a gift from their estate to Texas Tech, including the Texas Tech Law School. Membership is granted to anyone who shares documentation of their gift, no matter the amount of the gift or the age of the donor.

Any planned gifts should be designated to the Texas Tech Law School Foundation. The Texas Tech Law School Foundation Office is available to work with your professional advisors to design a gift plan that achieves your desired goals. For more information about the many ways to include a gift to the Texas Tech Law School Foundation in your estate plans, contact:

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The Go for Gold! class competition showcased alumni commitment to helping the next generation of Texas Tech lawyers succeed. Go for Gold! finished with a total of $135,813 given by 90 donors. Of that, $27,163 was raised for current use scholarship dollars.

Four classes established new endowments, and $5,000 was added to the already established Class of 1986 Scholarship Endowment.

Congratulations to the classes of 1973, 1974, 1979, and 1988 for joining together for the benefit of Texas Tech law students. These endowments are a lasting legacy that will provide for the long-term future of Texas Tech Law.
1970: David Segregt was named to the Texas Tech Foundation Board by the Texas Tech University. Dean Elliott B. Regier named Segregt as CW Council for Fole Bauder and also serves on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board.

1974: Rodney Acker, Partner with Norice Norville, was elected as treasurer of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL). The ACTL is comprised of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Acker previously served as the organization’s secretary.

1975: Texas Supreme Court Justice Phil W. Johnson was recognized by the Texas Bar Foundation with the 2018 Samual Pesserman Outstanding Jurist Award. The award honors “an active federal or state judge who exhibits an exceptionally outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency, and integrity.” When Johnson’s resignation becomes effective, on Dec. 31, 2018, he will have served as a judge for 20 years, including 13 years on the Texas Supreme Court and seven on the Seventh District Court of Appeals for the State of Texas by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.


1977: E. Scott Fowos, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Texas, received the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from Amarillo College.

1979: The Honorable Kevin C. Hart retired after 18 years in Lubbock’s foster care court.

1983: Mike Farris published another true-crime work, Poor Innocent Lad: The Tragic Life of Myles Tabor. The book draws upon trial transcripts, court records and contemporaneous news reports to tell the story of the abduction and murder of the 10-year-old son of an executive with the Hawaiian Trust Company in 1928 Honolulu.

1985: Alan Rhodes and Kevin Nelson ‘76 partnered in opening the first two My Place Hotels in Texas (Amarillo and Lubbock). They signed a territorial development agreement for the State of Texas and plan to expand My Place Hotels across Texas. Equal parts attorney and entrepreneur, Alan is a shareholder at Underwood Law Firm, PC.

1989: Roger M. Nichols was awarded the Charles Barr Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. The award honors an individual attorney who has provided outstanding pro bono work.

1990: Julie Caruthers Parsley, former member of the Texas Public Utility Commission, joined DLA Piper as the firm’s first female CEO. Parsley is the first female and the first alumna to serve in the DEA Dallas office.

1993: William C. Sybes joined the Washington D.C. office of Morrison & Foerster LLP as a Partner in its International Business & Trade practice. Sybes has more than 25 years of experience representing both U.S. and foreign clients in antitrust and countervailing duty matters before the Office of Enforcement and Compliance and the U.S. International Trade Commission, as well as on a variety of issues before U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

1995: Corgo Nelson was elected as the 31st mayor of the City of Amarillo.

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1999: Tom has served as the Deputy General Counsel in the Community’s Office of General Counsel, which employs 11 attorneys. In time at Gila River, Tom has appeared before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the Court of Appeals for Arizona, the Supreme Court of Arizona, and the Gila River Indian Community Court of Appeals.

2010: James Henson was elected as treasurer of the Board of Directors. There are 40 members of the Board, and there are 3,200 members of TCCLA.

2013: Dwight McDonald was elected to the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCCLA) Board of Directors. There are 40 members of the Board, and there are 3,200 members of TCCLA.

2018: Douglas K. Watkins was selected by Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis to serve as Chief Judge of the Guantánamo war court.

2019: June, featured presentations by seven municipal attorneys from across the state, all of whom were Texas Tech Law alumni. [Left to right] Mick McManee ‘78, Salen Elra ‘97, Donna Clarke ‘01, Alan Bojorquez ‘96, Amy Sims ‘95, Peter Smith ’78, and Matt Waddill ‘95.

Based and family-based immigration matters, EEO compliance and government audits, as well as Naturalization/U.S. Citizenship cases.

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Jason Melville was elected as an Equity Partner at Hasley Trotwell’s Boise, Idaho office. Melville practices in the areas of corporate, tax, and estate planning.

2000: Mike P. Springer joined Austin from Cain & Skandum PLLC as a Partner. His work primarily focuses on general business and commercial real estate matters, including acquisition, financing, and development, and leasing.

2001: Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Associate Dean for Assessments and Strategic Initiatives and Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, received the 2018 Texas Tech Law School Alumni Association D. Murray Hendrix Service Award. This award, presented at the Texas Tech Law reception held in conjunction with the 2018 Texas Bar Annual Meeting in Houston.

Michael Davis was sworn in as 350th Judicial District Court Judge. The Texas State Securities Board, the government agency responsible for enforcing state securities laws, named Michael Davis to the Board in 2018. Davis serves as Chair of the Board, overseeing the enforcement of state securities laws.

2002: Iscola J. Miller joined the Gray Reed Dallas tax section from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, where he was assistant general counsel.

2004: Hillary Harlan joined Butler Health System in Butler, Pennsylvania as Chief Compliance Officer. Harlan has served as Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Vice President of Compliance and Director of Compliance for McKesson, as well as Internist Regional Vice President of Integrity and Compliance for Charge Healthcare Advisory Services.

Kimberly S. Houston, Corporate Counsel for Liberty Mutual, received the Tech Law School’s 2018 Outstanding Corporate Counsel Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) honored Allison Clayton, Deputy Director of the Innocence Project of Texas and Director of the Texas Tech Law School Innocence Clinic, with the prestigious Arthur von Briesen Award in recognition of her extraordinary contributions in support of civil legal aid.

Byron Kennedy was named the Vice President for University Advancement at Texas Tech University. Kennedy previously served as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Principal Gifts at the Texas Tech University System.

2005: Guy A. “Tony” Fidler, Jr. was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to the Midwestern State University Board of Regents. Governor Greg Abbott appointed Brooke T. Pap to the Texas Water Development Board. Prior to her appointment, Pap served as the director of legislative affairs for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

2006: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Lori Cobos to the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Board of Directors. The board oversees the provision of affordable housing for low income Texans.

Amy Simpson was elected to partnership in the international law firm Bryan Cave LLP. Simpson’s practice includes all aspects of commercial real estate and lending, with an emphasis on CMBS loan origination and servicing matters.

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Richardson’s Dallas office, was named a “Top 40 Young Lawyer” for 2018 by the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyers Division. This prestigious award is given to “attorneys who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service.”

2010: Ricardo Bonilla, an Associate in Fish & Richardson’s Austin office, was elected to the ABA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Board of Directors, where he will serve a two-year term as the judicial law clerk for Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ronald B. King in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas. Bonilla was also named an On the Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyer for 2018 by the American Bar Association (ABA) Young Lawyers Division. This prestigious award is given to “attorneys who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and legal and community service.”

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B. Blake Commons 1986
Carol E. Crow 1985
Craig P. Dickinson 1984
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Aric J. Marshall 1992
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Gordon A. Merritt 1987
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Donald B. Nisbett 1970
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Fareese L. O'Quinn, Jr. 1982
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Lisa D. R. Riddle 1999
Delphine T. Reeves 1998
Michael L. Rizzo 1992
Richard A. Sanders 1978
Thomas L. Ross 1975
Jim H. Shaw 1975
James B. Sheets 1997
Larry C. Slaughter 1987
Walter R. beeno 2006
Sean P. Sherry 2007
Cheryl M. Taylor 1990
Robert L. Thompson 1993
Jayne E. Tillet 2001
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Jeffrey C. Zick, Jr. 1982
L. Jean Wallace 1976
Jul T. Walton 1972
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Ronald L. Tandell 1978

Texas Tech Law faculty produce powerful and provocative scholarship to share with fellow scholars, practitioners, students, and the general public.

RISHI R. BATRA
Professor of Law

Professor Batra’s scholarship focuses on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and in particular, applying dispute resolution perspectives to novel fields such as election law and criminal procedure. In the 2017-2018 academic year, he published three law review articles and two book chapters. Notably, his article “Improving the Uniform Parsion of Hires Property Act” was published in the top-50 George Mason Law Review.

JAMIE J. BAKER
Associate Librarian of Law and Innocence Director of the Law Library

Professor Baker’s administrative talent were recognized when she was recently appointed Director of the Law Library. In that role, Professor Baker oversees the day-to-day operations of the Law library and sets strategic priorities. Professor Baker also accepted the Texas Tech University School of Law’s Leadership Academy, was a fellow in the 2018 American Association of Law Libraries Leadership Academy, was elected the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Treasurer, and was appointed Vice Chair of the LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee.

Professor Baker also participated as an invited speaker at the South Carolina Law Review Symposium on artificial intelligence. Professor Baker’s article, “Beyond the Information Age: The Duty of Technology Competence in the Algorithmic Society,” was published in the South Carolina Law Review symposium edition. Her article, “A Legal Research Odyssey: Artificial Intelligence as ‘Europisation’,” was published in the lead article in the Law Library Journal. Professor Baker also published two book chapters and has as several forthcoming works.

Tomp Law Review. For the Law School, Professor Benham serves on the curriculum and faculty development support committees. He also exchanges takes on law practices with bono cases and cases representing indigent defendants.

GERRY W. BEYER
Governor Preston E. Smith Regents Professor of Law

Traveling coast-to-coast, throughout Texas, and via the Internet, Professor Bey er speaks at conferences, seminars, andCLE programs for practitioners, judges, academics, and the bar community. His presentations focus on legal topics, such as estate planning for digital assets and pets, estate-planning ethics, avoiding will contests, and recent judicial and legislative developments.

Professor Bey er continues his service as the “Keypers Corner— Probate” Column Editor for the Texas Probate & Trust Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, which is the State Bar’s largest section. For the third consecutive year, his continuing education articles qualified him for membership in the Texas Bar College, an honorary society of lawyers, chartered by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1981, “to recognize and encourage lawyers who maintain and enhance their professional skills and the quality of their service to the public by completing at least double the national hours of continuing legal education each year.”

STEPHEN BLACK
Professor of Law

Professor Black is a frequent speaker on topics involving the intersection of intellectual property, business, and taxation. His article, “The Copyright Box Model,” was published in the Santa Clara Law Review.

Professor Black is also very active in exploring new ideas and opportunities for the Law School, including possible course offerings at the new Texas Tech University campus in Costa Rica. He and Professor Ramírez were among the first Texas Tech professors to teach in the campus, offering a two-day Cybersecurity Law seminar.

DUSTIN B. BENHAM
Professor of Law

Professor Benham continues to teach procedure and litigation at the college of law and at the law school. His efforts in the classroom make him one of the most popular teachers on the faculty. His article, “Tangled Incentives: Proportionality and the Market for Reparation Harm,” was published in the top-50
Catherine Martin

Associate Dean for Bar Success; Professor of Law

Professor Catherine Martin is currently promoted to Associate Dean for Bar Success and spearheads the Law School’s various initiatives to help students prepare for the bar exam. Dean Martin organizes various bar preparation events, such as information sessions, essay-writing workshops, and video tutorials. She also teaches courses aimed specifically at preparing for the bar exam, including Texas Professional Responsibility, which she designed to help students improve their essay-writing skills, and Advanced Legal Analysis, an online course that gives students a leg up on the bar exam’s multiple-choice questions.

Dean Martin also chairs the new Bar Passage Committee, working with nine other professors to expand instructional efforts to support student success on the bar exam. She also serves as a member of the Texas Supreme Court task force on the law bar exam and recommending the adoption of the Uniform Bar Exam.

Alison M. Drake

Associate Librarian of Law; Director of the Excellence in Legal Research Program; Assistant Director for Public Services

Professor Drake teaches two genetics courses: "Texas Legal Research and Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research." She also manages the Law Library’s legal research services and directs the Law School’s Excellence in Legal Research Program. The Excellence in Legal Research (ELR) Program, a nationally recognized interdisciplinary program, provides students hands-on training in the skills, sources, and strategies they will need for performing effective legal research throughout their legal career.

Professor Drake was also an active conference presenter. She presented at both the Southeastern and Southwestern Chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Annual Conference on the use of research conferences in legal research and writing courses. At the Southeastern Chapter, she presented on her research at various ABA invited workshops as part of the Ada Steacy Law Conference.

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Jared S. Gonzalez

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Professor Gonzalez serves as a co-editor of the "2016" edition of "Texas Law and Employment Law," which provides summaries of important Texas labor and employment law decisions. His article, "The New Norm: Opening the Door of the Jury Deliberation Room after Batson: Opening the Door of the Jury Room," was published in the St. Louis University Law Journal and the third edition of his Discrimination in Employment casebook is forthcoming.

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RICHARD MURPHY

AT&T Professor of Law

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Patrick Metze

Professor of Practice; Director of Criminal Defense Clinic

Professor Metze teaches on Capital Punishment in the Criminal Law Clinic and co-directs the clinic’s Capital Defense Clinic. He is also the office’s lead attorney in the Texas Tech Law School’s capital prosecution practice.

Professor Metze maintains membership in the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association’s Section of Criminal Justice. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Innocence Network and Gas Compasion Commission. He continues to write a regular, bimonthly column for Daily magazine.

Arnold H. Loewy

George H. Kellman Jr. Chair of Criminal Law

Professor Loewy hosted the Twelfth Annual Criminal Law Symposium with several outstanding scholars from the nation’s top law schools to discuss laws surrounding capital punishment. Additionally, she has maintained a column in the Lubbock Academic Journal called "The Capitalist." Her teaching engagements included Federalist-sponsored debates at the University of Mississippi, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Houston Law Center.

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been attended by students, faculty, and administrators. He also serves as chair of the Law School’s academic advising committee, a member of the Texas Tech University Water Resources Working Group and is an advisor to the Red Raider Native American Student Association. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Golbod Scholarship Fund.

Jorge A. Ramirez
Professor of Law

Professor Ramirez is currently working on a series of articles focused on Mexican legal reforms that have occurred over the past seven years. He also worked with Professor Black and the Director of Texas Tech University’s Costa Rica Campus, Jorge Salazar-Vaño, on a possible Costa Rica Seminar and Summer Law Program at the campus. In recognition of his outstanding efforts to expand the University’s global engagement and global image, Professor Ramirez was named the Global Vision Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Tech University Office of International Affairs.

Wendy Tolson Ross
Professor of Law; Director of the Family Law and Housing Clinic

Professor Ross’s article, “It Takes a Village: Empowering the Deaf Blind Parolee,” was published in the Winter Law Review.

Brie D. Sherwin ’01
Professor of Law; Director of Dual Degree and Concentration Programs

Professor Sherwin was elected into Texas Tech University’s Teaching Academy and was added to the 2018-2019 REAS New Scholars Committee.

Nancy Soonpaa
Professor of Law; Dean Richard R. Anderson Senior Scholar in Legal Practice

Professor Soonpaa was named the Richard R. Anderson Senior Scholar in Legal Practice. She is active with the Association of American Law Schools, the Southwestern Association of Law Schools, and the Legal Studies Education Foundation. Her latest article, “The Inns and Outcomes of Writing in the Real World,” was published in the Journal of Legal Education. She is currently working on a Family Law casebook for Carolina Academic Press’s “Context and Practice” series that will offer a student-centered, reflexive, self-directed learning model as an alternative to the traditional casebook.

Richard Rosen
Glen D. West Endowed Professor of Law; Director of the Center for Military Law & Policy

Professor Rosen co-authored a book titled “Deans Embrace Walter Huffman,” their book, Military Law: Jurisdiction and Administration; Powers, received the Third Place Professor’s Faculty Book Award for 2017-2018. The Third Place award carries a $2,000 prize.

Robert T. Sherwin ’01
Professor of Law; Director of Advocacy Programs

Professor Sherwin’s article, “Sovereignty Law and the United Nations Legal Order,” which is a film submission for the 2018-2019 Reel International Film Festival, is the only newsletter dedicated to astrosociological topics and the only publication of the American Association of Law Schools, including three at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools.

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