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From the 9

The Law School has had one of its best years ever! Notably, for the second year in a row, the Law School's 1L entering class has had record-breaking credentials—as well as a wide array of other impressive accomplishments and achievements. We are pleased to say that the Class of 2025 has the highest median GPA in our school's history—at a 3.64. These impressive new folks are joining our super 2Ls and 3Ls for a total enrollment of almost 450 future lawyers.

We continue to place very highly in national rankings! Based on ABA data, Reuters recently ranked the Law School No. 12 in the nation and No. 1 in Texas for full-time, long-term, J.D.-required employment. Our legal writing program was ranked No. 21 in the nation in U.S. News and No. 1 in Texas. In advocacy, last year, we were ranked No. 2 in the nation by the ABA in their skills competition championship ranking, and No. 1 in Texas.

Our bar pass numbers were also excellent last year, and we were proud to rank No. 3 in the State of Texas in the 2021 July bar exam results with an over 90% pass rate. Our ABA "ultimate" bar pass number stands at an outstanding 96.6% pass rate, and we are pleased to welcome new leadership to our bar preparation program with the recent hire of Erica Lux ('21) as our new Director of Academic Support Programs. Our curriculum remains rigorous and challenging—with our clinics serving as a capstone for many students.

We are continuing our success in raising crucial scholarship funds for our students—and our endowment has more than doubled in just the last five years. Major donations include the transformational legacy gift of more than \$10 million from Bob Collier '73, a \$500,000 match gift from David W. Copeland ('82) for first-generation college-students attending law school, and a \$500,000 gift from Kevin Glasheen ('88) for students from West Texas with financial need—along with many other contributions. The tremendous generosity of our alumni and friends have dramatically increased our ability to offer scholarships to our students while meeting all the other needs of the Law School.

The Law School continues to offer support to our students in every way we can—with an in-the-building food pantry, generous emergency funds, important wellness programs, and a wide array of diversity and inclusion initiatives to help ensure that every student feels welcome. And our students continue to impress us with all their successes in return. For instance, Taylor Holley ('22), Alicia Mpande ('22), and Kayla Schaded Staley ('22) in February won the 72nd Annual National Moot Court Competition, the 50th national championship for the Law School! These stellar

students and their outstanding coach Professor Rob Sherwin ('01) were also recognized at the Texas Fellows Luncheon of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the annual State Bar meeting in Houston and were introduced at the event by Dave Weinstein ('81), the Law School's very first national championship winner back in the

Our faculty and staff are thriving as well. Professor Dustin Benham has been named the Charles P. Bubany Endowed Professor of Law, and Professor DeLeith Gossett has been named the Jack F Maddox

Professor of Law. Professor Brie Sherwin ('01) has been appointed Dean's Scholar and Director for Interdisciplinary Research. Associate Dean Wendy-Adele Humphrey ('01) won Texas Tech's President's Excellence in Gender Equity Award, and Professor Sally Henry won the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award.

Professor Larry Spain and our clinical faculty and staff received the President's Excellence in Community Engaged Teaching Award. Assistant Dean Danielle Saavedra ('15) is the founding director of the Law School's new First-Generation Resources Program to support law students whose parents did not graduate from college.

We are also pleased to welcome outstanding new faculty to our ranks. Our new full-time team-members are a very impressive group: Professor Geoffrey Corn, our new Killam Chair in Criminal Law; Professor Brandon Beck ('12), the newest addition to our top-ranked legal practice program; and Professor Ashley Arrington, the newest member of our law library faculty.

We at the Law School are very thankful—for each other, for all our friends and supporters, and for all the good fortune we have received. We are looking forward to the rest of the academic year and traveling further along our upward trajectory in the years to come.

Guns up!

"Jack Wade Nowlin Dean and W. Frank Newton Professor of Law



ALUMNI TAILGATE



October 23, 2021

Alumni and friends mingled over breakfast and mimosas at the annual alumni tailgate. The 2021 Alumni Association Award recipients were also honored at the tailgate this year. The awards,



traditionally presented during the Law School's alumni reception at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, recognized individuals for career achievements and their contributions to the Law School and their communities.



THE HONORABLE HALBERT O. **WOODWARD LECTURE**

November 9, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Yeary, judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, was the keynote speaker for the Honorable Halbert O. Woodward Lecture. Judge Yeary, a strong believer in judicial restraint, shared his thoughts on what it means to serve on the bench and his working model that opinions are not the law.

The Halbert O. Woodward Lectureship was established in 1987 to honor the service and legacy of the Honorable Halbert O. Woodward. Judge Woodward was appointed a United State District Judge for the Northern District of Texas in 1968. He served as Chief Judge from 1977 until he took Senior Status in 1987. He served in that capacity until his death in 2000.



FOURTH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

January 24, 2022

Keynote speaker Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, encouraged students to look at the life and legacy of Dr. King and to "find the King" in themselves. In her virtual presentation, Dr. Kuykendall spoke on the resilience and strength of Dr. King and stressed the importance of remaining strong in times of adversity.

PUBLIC INTEREST AUCTION

February 10, 2022

The Public Interest Auction returned from its COVID hiatus with a bang! Just over \$26,000 was raised to support Texas Tech law students with an unpaid summer internship that serves the public interest following their first or second year of law school.

Being a recipient of a Public Interest Award is competitive. Interested students must submit an application that details how they've advanced the public interest in law school and beyond; financial need; and how greatly the type of internship they've acquired serves the public interest.



Thank you to first-year class officers **Derek Israel, Colleen Frainey, Rafi Rahman,** and **Malik Williams** who did an amazing job organizing this year's event.

13TH ANNUAL HUFFMAN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

February 11, 2022

Former U.S. Senator Doug Jones was the featured speaker at the *Texas Tech Law Review* 13th Annual Distinguished Huffman Lecture Series. Sen. Jones reflected on the life of Alabama lawyer Charles Morgan Jr., the speech he made after the Birmingham church bombing on

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September 15, 1963, and the ways in which the speech changed Morgan's life. He reminded students that advocating for justice, as Charles did, often requires great courage.

Texas Tech Law Review initiated the Huffman Distinguished Lecture Series in 2010 to honor Walter B. Huffman, dean emeritus of the Law School, past editor-in-chief of the *Texas Tech Law Review*, and a retired major general of the U.S. Army.

CAREERAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Class of 2021 achieved an outstanding overall employment rate of 97%, as reported to the ABA 10 months post-graduation—the highest recorded post-graduate employment for any Texas Tech law class.

They also accepted positions much earlier than in previous years, with 90% of the class accepting positions before the release of bar results and 95% securing employment by the end of 2021.

Not only was this the highest employment rate among all other law schools in Texas, according to data released by the American Bar Association (ABA) and compiled by Reuters, the Law School ranks No. 12 in the country for the percentage of 2021 graduates hired into full-time, long-term, bar passage-required positions.

Texas Tech is joined in the top 20 schools on the list by ten of *U.S.*News and World Report's "T-14," the 14 law schools traditionally ranked as the best in the nation, and is the only law school in Texas to earn a top-15 ranking.

The Law School's Career & Professional Development Center proved to be a vital asset in helping graduates find careers. By using well-established relationships with employers who rely on Texas Tech's well-educated, practice-ready graduates and helping connect students with those employers, the Career Center provided a conduit for hiring.

"Kayla Wimberley '11 and I want to thank our fellow alumni for the assistance they provide to our current students," says Paula Smith '01, assistant dean for career and professional development. "Tech Law alumni are our first choice for practice area workshops, referrals for informational

informational interviews, and as a source for job postings and OCI interviews. These are excellent ways that you can give back to the Law School in a positive way, and we look forward

to continuing to build those relationships with you."

And don't forget, if you are ready for a change, the Law School continues to provide career services throughout your career. If you are seeking a change, or are involved with employment recruiting within your organization, please contact Paula Smith or Kayla Wimberley. They stand ready to assist Tech Law graduates in making a move and/or positioning themselves (and their resumes) for judicial appointments, gubernatorial appointments, community leadership positions, and more. All it takes is a call to Paula Smith or Kayla Wimberley in the Career & Professional Development Center.



Left to Right | Paula Smith, Kayla Wimberley, and Connie Bowers

KEVIN RICHARDSON

February 15, 2022

Once part of the Central Park Five, Kevin Richardson, who is now exonerated, shared his story as part of the Texas Tech's Office of Institutional Diversity African American Lecture Series. He encouraged students to embrace diversity and remain passionate about helping people saying, "The system needs more lawyers and prosecutors who are passionate about justice, not just winning."



18TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA

March 5, 2022

More than 250 Texas Tech
Law alumni, students, and friends
joined together in celebration
at the 18th Annual Scholarship
Gala at the Overton Hotel and
Conference Center—and it was an
unforgettable night!

The evening honored the 2020 distinguished alumni and distinguished service award recipients Doug Atnipp '85, Julie Caruthers Parsley '90, Philip Weems '82, and Art Hall '96. These exceptional individuals were celebrated at the 17th Annual Scholarship Gala that was virtual and by video, and it was an honor to recognize their accomplishments in person.



The Gala has also become an important source of support for the Law School and its students. The Premier Diamond Scholarship Sponsor, Bryan Jepson '09, established a scholarship honoring the memory and legacy of his late wife Elizabeth Henderson Jepson '09. Elizabeth, an incredibly vivacious and caring woman, will continue to touch lives through the Elizabeth Henderson Jepson Endowed Scholarship. Thanks to the steadfast support of the evening's donors and sponsors, over \$109,000 was

raised for student



scholarships! This generosity makes the dream of an outstanding legal education possible for many Texas Tech Law students.

Make plans to join fellow alumni at the 19th Annual Scholarship Gala in Lubbock on Saturday, March 4, 2023!



Left to Right | Dean Jack Wade Nowlin, Doug Atnipp, Julie Caruthers Parsley, and Philip Weems

AN EVENING WITH AMANDA KNOX

March 31, 2022



Amanda Knox, a journalist and author of *The New York Times* best-selling memoir "Waiting to Be Heard," spoke on the issues of wrongful conviction, truth-seeking, and public shaming. She also participated in a moderated Q&A.

Ms. Knox walked students through the timeline of her story—jailed for four years for



the murder of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher, while studying abroad in Italy and eventually exonerated by Italy's Supreme Court. She examined how her story captured the world's attention and the impact the "Foxy Knoxy" narrative had on her wrongful conviction. She urged students to be mindful of the power of a story and to fight to end the corruption that occurs inside the justice system.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

April 21, 2022

The Court of Criminal Appeals heard oral argument on three different matters in the Don Hunt Courtroom. The court last heard cases at the Law School in October 2013.



MAY 2022 HOODING CEREMONY

May 14, 2022

There is nothing better than celebrating the newest graduates of Texas Tech Law each year. This year, the Class of 2022 enjoyed inspiring speeches by Regent Mark Griffin '79, Student Bar Association President Dylan Myer '22, class elected speaker Sean Lewis '22, and keynote speaker Bridget Moreno Lopez '99.

Bridget is managing partner of the Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Dallas office and the youngest partner named to the firm's management committee. Earlier in her career, Bridget started with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office as a child abuse and family violence prosecutor.



"A law degree is a vehicle in which you choose how you will serve others. Where you ultimately will be is far greater than what you are thinking about right now," said Bridget, addressing the graduates. "Texas Tech Law has prepared you well and you are ready!"

ADVOCACY

Texas Tech Law's advocacy program celebrated a major milestone during the 2021-2022 season securing its 50th national championship!

3Ls Taylor Holley, Alicia Mpande, and Kayla Schaded won the Law School's 50th national title on February 3, 2022, at the 72nd Annual National Moot Court Competition—the oldest, and arguably most prestigious moot court competition in the world.

The team competed against Chicago-Kent College of Law. The case's first issue centered on whether inmates represented by counsel can file a notice of appeal by using something called the "prison mailbox rule," or whether that rule is reserved for pro se inmates. The second issue concerned whether the prison's refusal to provide gender affirmation surgery is cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

Alicia and Kayla delivered the oral argument as the Respondent. Alicia was awarded the tournament's Best Advocate award, while Kayla won Runner-Up Best Advocate.

Aside from being a milestone championship, this win was particularly important because, combined with their win at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition last year, Taylor and Alicia become just the third and fourth people ever to win both titles.

These students headed home during their first year in law school for spring break and didn't return to a normal law school experience until their 3L year. Now, they enter the profession prepared to think critically about difficult situations and work toward creative solutions.

"That's just an amazing accomplishment—winning the two biggest and most prestigious advocacy competitions in the country," said Rob Sherwin, Champions in Advocacy Endowed Professor of Law and director of the Advocacy Program. "Indeed, there are just four people in history who have ever done that, and two of them go to Texas Tech Law."



Left to Right | Kayla Staley '22, Alicia Mpande '22, and Taylor Holley '22 with Professor Rob Sherwin '01

Earlier in the year in Carbondale, the team of 2Ls Jacey DuBois and Lawson Hamilton won the Law School's 49th National Championship at the National Health Law Moot Court Competition. This is the advocacy program's third Health Law title in the last five years. The duo also won the tournament's Best Brief award, scoring an astounding seven points higher than the next highest placing brief.

Finishing third in the University of Houston Blakely Advocacy Institute's ranking of the best Moot Court programs for a second consecutive year, the advocacy program remains a point of pride for the Texas Tech Law community.

STATE BAR RECEPTION

June 9, 2022

It was great to be back at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting for the alumni reception! Dean Nowlin celebrated the school's collective accomplishments and recognized the outstanding recipients of the 2022 Alumni Association Awards. He also recognized the students who won the Law School's 50th national championship and who were in attendance that evening.

HERSHELL L. BARNES AMBASSADOR AWARD

Paul Stafford '94 is a litigator with extensive



experience, whose practice focuses on complex commercial & business litigation, as well as insurance policyholder & coverage litigation. He is a tireless supporter of the Law School, serving on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation

Board and the Law School's Alumni Special Committee for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice. Paul is also deeply committed to teaching, mentoring, and hiring Texas Tech Law students. And he has served as an adjunct professor for many years.





DANIEL H. BENSON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Jon Olafson '01 is a partner in the Denver office



of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Labor & Employment Practice. Jon furthers ideals of public service in law in a variety of ways, including as a founder of the Colorado LEADS (Lawyers Engaging About Diversity and

Solidarity) series. He has provided substantial leadership to advance multiple professional, public, and community interests, such as rural education throughout Colorado; music and the arts; and diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal field and throughout the community.

D. MURRAY HENSLEY SERVICE AWARD

Kristen Vander-Plas LaFreniere '16 is the owner



and manager of Vander-Plas LaFreniere, PLLC in Lubbock. As a law student, Kristen was an outstanding advocate, winning several national titles for the Law School. Today, she is highly involved as a volunteer advocacy coach.

GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE (G.O.L.D.) AWARD

Sydne Collier '16 is a litigation associate in the



Dallas office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Prior to joining Kirkland, Sydne was a law clerk for the Honorable Sam A. Lindsay in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She is a true leader as evidenced

by her outstanding service in a wide variety of professional and bar organizations, and during her time at Texas Tech as the President of the Black Law Student's Association.

Captain Mariah Mayworm Gagnon '13, a judge advocate, is known for her outstanding dedication and leadership—especially for her work overseas and as an advocate for victims of sexual assault. Her achievements have been recognized by the Army National Guard, by other branches of the military, and by many others, including the ambassador to Kuwait. We thank Captain Gagnon for her service, and we are proud to have her representing Texas Tech Law in the armed forces.



RISING STAR AWARD

James Tawney '10 is a founder of Flores, Tawney



& Acosta, P.C. He is committed to helping those who have been injured or have been wronged at their workplace. James has served on the Board of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, was selected to the State Bar of Texas leadership

class in 2014, and served on the Texas Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The John Huffaker Agricultural Law CLE



was recognized as a program that has a history of contributing to the success of Texas Tech School of Law. The Huffaker CLE just held its 15th Annual Course in

Agricultural Law last summer. This CLE program, hosted in the law building each year, sets the standard for high quality and comprehensive coverage that ag law practitioners need in continuing legal education. The program is named for alumnus John Huffaker '74 and organized every year by alums Trace Blair '97 and David Waggoner '98.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 15-17, 2022

The admissions team has done it again! The 158 incoming students in the Class of 2025 are outstanding.



They have a median LSAT score of 157 and median GPA of 3.64—the highest GPA in the school's history. A highly diverse group, students of color make up 37% of the class, and 20% are first generation college students. We're also proud that continued success in raising scholarship funds led to 80% of these incoming students receiving at least \$1,000 in scholarship support.

The Class of 2025 is comprised of strong advocates who are committed to their communities and to improving the world around them. We cannot wait to see all that they contribute during their time at Texas Tech and beyond.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND JUSTICE

Administration, faculty, staff, and student leaders worked closely together to implement new initiatives and programming in support of students of color, first-generation college students attending law school, and other traditionally underrepresented student populations.

Over the summer, the Law School's Directors of Diversity Professor Wendy Ross and Associate Dean Sofia Chapman also conducted student focus groups with six diverse student organizations. The insights gained from these focus groups helped shape programming and other efforts throughout the academic year. Throughout the year, deans met regularly with the student-led Diversity Advisory Board to discuss issues and initiatives.

Student organizations actively partnered with the Office of Student Life and Law School committees such as the Diversity Committee and Gender Equity Committee to host many outstanding events that advanced diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice. Events included a panel discussion on immigration reform in 2021, a presentation by nationally-recognized attorney Ezra Young on gender identity and the law, and three outstanding events during Diversity Week.

Our alumni also joined the effort to increase awareness on issues related to diversity with many serving as guest lecturers and panelists. Bryan Goldberg '07 spoke on the importance of diversity in the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency at a noon lecture hosted by the Black Law Student Association and Professor Jorge Ramirez. The Criminal Law Association hosted a "Women in Criminal Law" panel which provided insight into the challenges and triumphs women experience in the legal field in criminal law and beyond. Four of the six panelists were Texas Tech law alumni, including The Honorable Judge Ann-Marie Carruth '06, Associate Judge Meryl Benham '06, Laurie Key '01, and Andrea Nfodjo '18.

Efforts to foster a welcoming and supportive diverse environment where every student and every other member of our community can thrive and grow are a top priority. We are continually growing and strengthening these efforts. You can learn more about these initiatives on the Law School's website.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH A MEASURABLE

IMPACT

Over 150 misdemeanor and felony cases handled for almost 100 clients in just a year. Sounds like a thriving law practice, but it is the incredible work of Texas Tech law students in the Law School's Criminal Defense Clinic—just one of the Law School's eight legal clinics. The defense clinic's work consists of over 3,000 hours of pro bono representation of indigent clients performed in the 2021-2022 academic year by students.

An average student's case load is over 19 cases handled and 12 clients represented per year. So, it's no surprise that the Clinical Suite, located in the Lanier wing of the law building, is always bustling with hard working students determined to help

their clients. The Law School's eight clinics operate as a set of interlocking law firms where third-year law students, mentored by a dedicated group of professor-practitioners, work with real clients in real cases for course credit.

In the clinic's yearlong program, Texas
Tech law students learn lawyering through
firsthand experience and provide life-

changing services for their indigent clients.

The clinical program provides "a real-life experience," explains 3L Cameron Morris, a student in the Advance Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic. "It's real solutions, for real people, who really need the legal help."





STUDENTS BECOMING **LAWYERS**

Take one example: Students in the Law School's Innocence Clinic, working in partnership with the Innocence Project of Texas, get real-world work in postconviction appellate criminal law. They review transcripts, speak with clinic clients, and track down witnesses, evidence, and documents in their cases. Students have collaborated with Conviction Integrity Units in Dallas, El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston and coordinated with experts in a variety of fields when reviewing evidence.

"It's incredibly rewarding," reflected Bonnie Serrano, now a judicial clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge John R. Parker. "It's a long process, so you pick up where the previous student attorney left off and work hard to move the case further along in the process. It's amazing to be part of a team working together to prove a client's innocence."

This teamwork, along with the guidance of professor and Innocence Clinic director Allison Clayton '07, has paid off for numerous clients of the Clinic.

Ed Ates is one such Innocence client, and a documentary featuring his story will be released by Hulu in January. Ed was accused and convicted for the murder of Elnora Griffin and received a 99-year sentence in 1998 despite maintaining his innocence. Over the years, Ed had been eligible for and denied parole several times. His refusal to admit guilt and "accept responsibility" for his crime contributed to the denied parole.

When Ed came up for parole for the fourth time in 2017, the



Innocence Clinic, convinced of his innocence, 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.

Then 3L Janet Moreno '18, who was the

student attorney on Ed's case, along with Professor Clayton, visited Ed in prison and met with Roger to discuss Ed's case for parole. After the visit, Janet penned a memo to the Parole Board in support of Ed's release.

Bonnie Serrano '22

My experience with the Innocence Clinic was truly unmatched by anything else I did in law school.

- Bonnie Serrano

Roger and Professor Clayton handdelivered the memo, along with multiple letters of support, to the Parole Board.

Two days later, the Parole Board granted Ed release on parole. He was freed into the waiting arms of his wife and children, who had been by his side over the course of his 20 years of incarceration.

> Since his release. Ed has built a new life with his wife and children, trying to make up for lost time.

> The Innocence Clinic has continued to fight for Ed's exoneration. New DNA evidence recently indicated once again that Ed is innocent, and his current student attorney, 3L Sarah Dickie, and Professor Clayton, are

continuing to work with the District Attorney's Office to test previously untested fingerprint evidence.

Not surprisingly, the students regularly find this work to be life-changing, not just



for the clients but for themselves. "My experience with the Innocence Clinic was truly unmatched by anything else I did in law school," Bonnie relates. "It gave my last year at Texas Tech Law a powerful purpose. Getting to help someone with something that's so impactful in their lives while in law school was such a special experience."

THE LAW FACULTY WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

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The Law School's clinical program has grown from modest beginnings two decades ago to a cornerstone of the Law School today. The program now includes eight different clinics which educate students and help low-income clients with everything from tax and housing issues to capital cases and wrongful convictions.

The students work for the clients, but the clinical faculty and staff provide the guidance to make it all happen, melding decades of courtroom and classroom experience to the benefit of the students and clients.

Professor Larry Spain, the director of the Clinical Programs, supervises two clinics—the Civil Practice Clinic and the Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic—and coordinates all the other clinics. His influence is felt throughout the clinical programs and is based on his more than twenty years as a clinician at Tech Law and eighteen years before that as the clinical director at University of North Dakota School of Law.

"Clinical education can be a fantastic capstone experience in law school," said Spain. "There's no substitute for what you can learn from firsthand work with actual cases and actual clients. Our programs show students what the real practice of law looks like, and they get incredible real-world legal experience for course credit under our expert direction."

Spain assembled the current clinical team over the years, and the next to join him was Wendy Tolson Ross, the director of the Family Law & Housing Clinic. Ross received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech in 1988 before earning a Juris Doctorate at the University of Missouri's School of Law and returning to the South Plains to work for West Texas Legal Services. She later shifted her focus to legal education—ultimately joining Tech Law in 2005.

Ross is very passionate about her clinical program. "I am so committed to the work we do," said Ross, "both for our law students, who are learning to be lawyers, and for our clients in the family law clinic, who so need our help. Everyone benefits from our work—students, clients, the entire community."



Professor Patrick Metze, who arrived a few years after Ross, is the steadying force for the Criminal Clinics and a longtime defense attorney. Metze expanded the Criminal Defense Clinic to include a one-semester Capital Defense Clinic for thirdyear law students in their final semester, but the growth was far from done.

A Texas state task force for indigent defense asked Metze and Spain about the possibility of extending the clinics to rural communities suffering from a lack of legal representation. They agreed to the terms of another grant, and the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office and Clinic was born.

Donnie Yandell, an early clinic graduate in his own right, was brought in as the chief public defender and a clinical instructor in 2011, adding another key piece to the clinical team. Yandell was the perfect fit for the position. A former police officer with rural roots, he helped navigate the issues inherent to defending clients in rural counties.





Clinic faculty and staff from left | Dwight McDonald '93, Nancy Mojica, Terri Morgeson '03, Wendy Ross, Elma Moreno, Donnie Yandell '01, Gene Valentini, Pat Metze, Marya Lujan, Allison Clayton '07, and Larry Spain.

"We needed Donnie—a boot-wearin', pickup-drivin', tobacco-spittin', former cop criminal defense attorney. When he walks in, he speaks their language. The Caprock Clinic wouldn't have survived without him."

Next, Terri Morgeson was brought in to help with the ever-expanding Criminal Clinics, but necessity forced a change of direction.

In 2014, with grant funding for the Low Income Tax Clinic and a new director needed, Morgeson was offered the reins and, with the help of legal aid and staffer Elma Moreno, has successfully guided the program ever since. Along with their students, Morgeson and Moreno have helped their clients recover or save hundreds of thousands of dollars.

And, even though she changed direction from defense attorney to tax attorney, Morgeson never changed her mentality.

"I just like fighting with the government," Morgeson laughed. "I think it's fun. I've always been the person who was rooting for the

underdog. So, yeah, I like trying to impart that to my students." As Morgeson made the shift to the LITC, more help was needed for the Criminal Clinics.

Dwight McDonald, another Texas Tech Law graduate, fit the bill for this opening. Metze ran into McDonald at a courthouse by pure chance. A former basketball coach and teacher, McDonald told Metze he was ready to step away from a successful legal career in criminal law and head back to teaching and coaching.

Metze had a better idea.

"When he started talking to me about this position, I really wasn't interested," McDonald said. "But then he invited me to come out and explained the programs to me, because we didn't have clinics when I was at Tech. So, I didn't really know what that was. They took me to lunch and kind of explained it, and I equated it with the coaching, but now coaching students to be lawyers."

The final piece of the current puzzle arrived in 2016 when the Innocence

Clinic, previously run as more of an externship program, was brought onto campus, and Allison Clayton was hired as an adjunct professor to lead it.

A 2007 graduate of Texas Tech's Law School, Clayton had a year-long clerkship with the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, Texas, and has spent most of her career fighting appellate and post-conviction cases.

"Allison was the perfect choice for this," Metze said. "She was the perfect choice because that's what she does. That's her."

LETTING THE STUDENTS DO THE WORK

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A common occurrence in clinical programs is to have students work closely with adjunct professors, primarily to watch the professors' work, observe them, and learn the ropes by proxy. That's not how it works at Texas Tech.

"Larry taught me this idea," Metze said. "It's not my job to do the work; it's my job to supervise the students here in their work. So, we teach them by letting them do the work.

"We equate it to learning how to swim. When you're a kid learning how to swim, they tell you to get to the edge,

and they push you in the pool. That's what we do to our students, except they have a client tied around their legs." Patrick Metze

It's not my job to do the work; it's my job to supervise the students here in their work. So, we teach them by letting them do the work.

- Patrick Metze

their legs."

As Yandell explains, the process can be frustrating, but when the light-switch

"The first couple months, you want to pull your hair out," he said. "They're asking things they can figure out easily

flips, and the students figure it out,

that's when the fun begins.

on their own. But as they get more experienced, it gets really fun the second semester. because they know what they're doing. They're doing their own work and not depending on us to tell them as much.

"It becomes more of a colleague

relationship, at least in my experience.
They come in, and they talk to you about their case like I would talk to
Metze or Dwight or Allison or Larry."

That shift in understanding and relationship, when the students begin to come to terms with the work they're doing, is really what the Clinical Programs are all about.

"It's ownership of the cases," Ross said.
"That's what takes them from being students to practicing as an attorney."

"The students really start to understand the counselor element of it," Clayton explained. "The Innocence Clinic students, like everyone's students, have a one-on-one interaction with the instructor, but also with the client. If the client is calling, they're not calling me, they're not writing to me. They're writing to the students, and they know the student's name. So, the student knows if they mess up, they're going to have to explain why they messed up.



"It raises them up to know they're on the hook for this. Of course, we're not going to let them fail, but it brings everybody up, and it just makes our students really, really good counselors."

"Getting the chance to talk to real people, about real problems, is such an eye-opening opportunity," said student Cameron Morris. "And on top of that, you get to find solutions for your client. It's so rewarding to know that you've given your client the tools they need to move forward in their lives and succeed."

The connection the students make with their clients is often impressive, and that connection helps build a strong work ethic and broader commitment to law practice. After all, when you make a connection with a client, and that person's freedom, life, or money are in your hands, working hard for them becomes second nature.



"We have students who just don't want to guit working," Yandell notes. "Sometimes we have to stop them, tell them to put the case down and go study for their finals, but they care so much and are so invested, it's hard to get them to drop the work.



"I get emails on the weekends. I get calls and text messages on the weekends. They live and breathe it. It's amazing they put that much effort into it."

A LASTING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND ON **STUDENTS**

From the very beginning, Texas Tech University was built to fill a need for an underserved community, and that tradition is something Red Raiders cling to.

You would be hard-pressed to find a program on campus making a bigger impact than the clinics at the Law School.

Since its inception, the LITC has recovered or saved more than \$1.5 million for low-income taxpayers. The Family Law & Housing Clinic helps settle divorces, adoptions, custody cases, and landlord-tenant disputes. The Civil Practice Clinic is nearing \$1 million in retroactive benefits. The ADR Clinic

offers hundreds of hours of mediation to the community each year. The Criminal Clinics all offer aid to indigent clients hundreds per year—and their success rate is outstanding. And the Innocence Clinic recently had another case recommended for exoneration.

In total, the Clinical Programs offer around 18,000 hours of legal aid to the community annually.

That, in and of itself, is impressive. But if you dig a bit, you quickly find out that this team and the impact they're making extends well beyond the Caprock.

One wall of Metze's office tells a piece of the story. A collage of pictures, all former Criminal Clinic Students, shows the relationships that are developed here.

Along with the good humor and easy confidence of this group of instructors, it would be hard to miss the sense of pride they feel for the students who have completed the programs and for the way they operate, even if their methods aren't always conventional.



The students' attachment to the clinics doesn't end when students graduate, either. Professors regularly get calls, emails, and text messages from former students checking in on cases they worked on but weren't able to finish.

"I had a conversation with a former student yesterday about one of their former clients who had been rearrested," McDonald explained. "The students get invested with their clients over time because they want good outcomes for them. I have to explain to them, 'If our clients thought like us, they wouldn't be our clients. You have to meet them where they are and then go forward from there.' And I think once they get over that barrier, it becomes very easy for the students to get invested in the outcome for their clients.

"We only represent poor people,"

McDonald said. "A lot of our students have never been poor, and they don't understand what it's like. But once they get over that hurdle, then they start to make real progress, in my opinion. You want them to carry that beyond this law school, and that's why you have people who are responding years later because they are invested in what's going on with their clients. And hopefully, that manifests itself in them actually doing something in their practice to help those who are less fortunate."

To highlight just how deep the bond runs, Metze turns to a recent email from a former student now working as a public defender in Austin.

"I want to check in to let you know how things are going," Alicia Mpande, a recent graduate, writes. "I've been an official public defender for a month, and I've loved every minute of it. I can't stress enough how being in your clinic prepared me for this experience. Despite only being a lawyer for a month into my career, it's so clear to me how lucky I was to have gotten to work with you. Every day I think of something you taught us to help us in representing our clients."

PRACTICE-READY LAWYERS

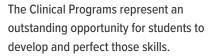
The Law School is well known for producing practice-ready lawyers who give generously to the profession and their communities. This reputation is built on hard-working students and the law faculty's focus on developing real-world practical skills.



My clinical experience was nothing short of incredible. I came to Texas Tech because of this clinical program, and I am so glad that I did. It gave me great confidence as I prepared to begin my career as a public defender. I am incredibly grateful for everything that I have learned in this program.

- Alicia Mpande





3L Cameron Morris sums it up this way. "I got a glimpse of the day-to-day life of a lawyer. I learned how to come to the table and advocate for my client—how to listen to what's important to them and fight to get them the best result."

Alicia Mpande agrees. "My clinical experience was nothing short of incredible. I came to Texas Tech because of this clinical program, and I am so glad that I did. It gave me great confidence as I prepared to begin my career as a public defender. I am incredibly grateful for everything that I have learned in this program."

This is a common theme among former clinical students. They view this educational experience as their most meaningful during Law School—giving them powerful insights into the vital role a lawyer plays in the lives of their clients and the confidence to hit the ground running as a brand-new lawyer for the clients they serve.



IMPACT OF THE 2021-2022 CLINICS IN NUMBERS

- o 66 students participated in a clinic.
- Over **9,100** miles were traveled by Caprock Regional Public Defender students to meet with incarcerated clients and make court appearances.
- o 448 total cases opened.
- o 295 total cases closed.
- o 57% resolution rate on cases handled by the **Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic.**
- \$266,356 in corrected tax liabilities were saved for taxpayers by the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.
- 3 documentaries featuring Innocence Clinic cases are at various stages of production by Hulu and Netflix.
- 100% of the Criminal Defense Clinic students had a job at graduation.

ALUMNI



NEWS

We gladly publish alumni news and photos. Please send your submissions to the Office of Alumni Relations at

alumni.law@ttu.edu



1978:

Texas Tech Law School Foundation
Trustee Glenn West retired from
partnership at Weil, Gotshal & Manges.
He was the Managing Partner of the
firm's Dallas office and a member of
Weil's Management Committee for
almost two decades. Glenn was one of
the pioneers of the firm's Private Equity
practice and played a crucial role in
expanding that practice both nationally
and internationally.

1981:

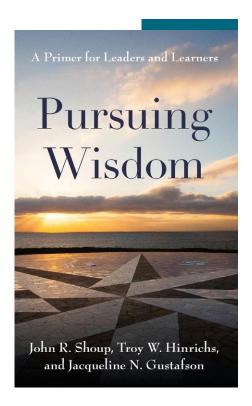
Edward "Ned" W. Shepherd, Of Counsel with Allen, Shepherd & Lewis, P.A., has been selected and inducted to the Roehl Circle of Honor for Trial Lawyers at the State Bar of New Mexico. The Circle of Honor, established in 1996, recognizes those trial lawyers who are the very best in the judgment of their peers. He is one of only 62 people to receive this honor.

1985:

Carla Kelman has been approved for a full-time appointment to the Fort Worth Municipal Court. She has served as a part-time judge for over 19 years. In addition to her work as a substitute judge in Fort Worth, Carla has been a family law attorney since 2009. She previously worked for Tarrant County Family Courts, the Attorney General of Texas, and the Potter County (Texas) Attorney's Office.

1991:

Mitzi Mayfield has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mitzi is a shareholder at Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo. She has practiced civil trial law for over 30 years and is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



1994:

Troy W. Hinrichs co-authored a book Pursuing Wisdom: A Primer for Leaders and Learners. The book combines insights from the philosophical, theological, and empirical traditions to provide a simple model for understanding, acquiring, practicing, and teaching wisdom.

1995:

Andy Keetch has joined Jackson Walker as a partner in the Fort Worth office's Trial & Appellate Litigation practice. Andy offers experienced counsel in the areas of construction law, engineering and design professional litigation, professional liability claims, insurance litigation, multi-district litigation, and general commercial litigation involving deceptive trade practices, contract disputes, real estate disputes, and enforcement of judgments.

1999:

Kerry Adams has joined Bell Nunnally & Martin LLP as partner and member of its litigation practice. With more than 15 years of dedicated experience in the aviation arena, Kerry handles complex litigation and arbitrations, as well as transactional and regulatory issues.

Texas Tech Law School Foundation Trustee Krisi Kastl was inaugurated as the 113th President of The Dallas Bar Association. Krisi is an accomplished



personal injury attorney and Founder of Kastl Law, P.C. She has been on the DBA Board of Directors for many years and previously served as the President of the Dallas Women Lawyers Association in 2011, President of Texas Women Lawyers in 2018-2019, and Chair of the American Association for Justice Women Trial Lawyers Caucus in 2018-2019.

Michael Rodgers has joined the Huntsville, Alabama based Redstone Federal Credit Union as senior vice president, general counsel, and chief compliance officer. He will oversee departments including compliance, legal, enterprise risk management, and vendor management. Mike began his career as an FDIC investigator and OCC commissioned examiner, and later worked with several financial institutions in the San Antonio, Texas area, most

SYDNI EMERY '20 AND KEVIN BAKER '19 ARE MARRIED



Sydni and Kevin navigated the law school journey together and are proud that Texas Tech Law is part of their love story.

recently as vice president of risk and compliance at Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union in San Antonio.



Stephanie Urano has been promoted to partner at Cherry Petersen Landry Albert LLP. Stephanie is a highly experienced commercial real estate lawyer. She represents clients in all types of commercial real estate transactions. Her clients include developers and owners of multi-family residential housing, assisted living facilities, and retail centers. She also represents commercial landlords in all aspects of leasing.

Stacy Zavala has been unanimously appointed as guardian ad litem for the Potter County Child Protection Court by the Potter County Commissioners Court. As the guardian ad litem, Stacy will represent the interests of children involved in Child Protective Services cases. She will investigate and review medical, psychological, and school records to help determine what is best for the minors involved and make those recommendations to the court.

2002:

Ken Green has joined the new Houston office of Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones LLP as a partner in the firm's Bankruptcy Group. Ken's practice is focused on complex corporate restructuring matters, including Chapter 11 cases and out-of-court workouts and litigation matters, primarily involving energy companies.

2003:

Heather Johnson has been promoted to counsel at Vinson & Elkins. Heather's practice focuses on qualified retirement and welfare plans. She has experience in designing and implementing such plans, and in handling tax filings for them.

Jeremy Kennedy has joined Haynes and Boone, LLP as a Houston partner in the firm's Energy Transactions
Practice. Kennedy focuses on upstream, midstream, and downstream transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and project development. His clients include oil and gas producers, operators, petrochemical manufacturers, oil field services companies, and energy financers.

2004:

Tim Hudson has joined Barnes & Thornburg's Dallas office as a partner in the Product Liability and Mass Torts practice. With nearly 20 years of experience, Tim provides tailored counsel and representation for clients in matters involving product liability and mass torts in multidistrict litigation (MDL), as well as commercial litigation and trade secrets. He currently serves as national coordinating counsel and trial counsel for one of the nation's largest medical device manufacturers.

2006:

David Iglesias has been reappointed by Gov. Abbott to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). The commission serves Texans in four key mission areas: archives management and historical preservation; support for libraries and learning; access to public records; and reading and literacy services. David is the Principal Attorney with Iglesias Law Firm, PLLC. He represents counties, law enforcement officers, elected officials, school districts, and businesses in state and federal courts across Texas.

2007:

Andy Cates started gathering signatures for a petition to create the nation's first legal specialization in Legislative & Campaign Law in early 2017. After many conversations with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, the Texas Supreme Court gave it the final go-ahead at the end of 2019. COVID and legislative sessions pushed the first test date to October 2021. Andy's persistence paid off; he is now one of only five people in the nation with a legal specialization in Legislative & Campaign Law.

2008:

Allison Davis, shareholder and director at Brown & Fortunato, earned board certification in labor and employment law. Allison is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment and Litigation teams where she represents clients in a wide range of litigation and prelitigation matters, including employment, non-competition disputes, wage and hour issues, and business disputes.

Mindi McLain has been reappointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas Medical Board District Three Review Committee. The review committees are used to evaluate medical practices and professional competency. Mindi is a partner and attorney with Wright Law TX, PLLC.

Lindsay Kinzie has been reappointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas Crime Victims' Institute Advisory Council. The council is charged with conducting an in-depth analysis of the impact of crime on victims, close relatives of deceased victims, guardians of victims, and society. Lindsay is the Legal Program Director with The Gatehouse - Grapevine. She is also an Associate Judge for Southlake, Keller, and Colleyville.



2009:

Chauncey M. Lane has joined Holland & Knight as a partner in the firm's Dallas office. He structures and negotiates complex transactions for strategic buyers and sellers and private equity firms in the technology and financial services industries. In addition to his legal practice, Chauncey, a U.S. Army veteran, has a passion for helping his fellow veterans and handles several pro bono cases on their behalf each year.

2011:

Former federal prosecutor Sid Mody has joined O'Melveny & Myers LLP in the Dallas office as a partner in

its White Collar Defense & Corporate Investigations Practice Group, as well as the firm's Fintech, National Security, and Data Security & Privacy Groups. Drawing on his experience prosecuting cases dealing with cryptocurrency, cyber intrusions, ransomware, and computer fraud, Sid advises clients across the globe on sophisticated threats to their businesses and helps them design compliance programs, conduct reviews, and respond to government investigations and enforcement actions.

Elizabeth Rainey has been appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Specialty Courts Advisory Council. The council evaluates applications for grant funding for specialty courts from the Governor's Office and makes funding recommendations to the criminal justice division regarding best practices. Elizabeth is Presiding Judge of the Midland County Adult Felony Drug Court.

ALUMNA ELECTED TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS **ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**



Laura Pratt '09, an associate at Brady & Hamilton in Lubbock, was elected to serve as the Texas Young Lawyers Association president from June 2023 to June 2024.

Laura practices commercial litigation, with a focus on condemnation law, administrative law, and agricultural law.

She began her legal career at the City of Lubbock, practicing municipal law and specializing in environmental compliance and natural resources law. She was also a municipal prosecutor. After completing a two-year relocation overseas in the Middle East, Laura held the position of Executive Director for OneVoiceHome, a local non-profit she founded in 2015 that supports survivors of sex trafficking.

Laura is very passionate about public service. During her tenure on the TYLA Board of Directors she served on 15 committees and developed or contributed to numerous TYLA projects. Laura serves as director for both the Lubbock Area Bar Association and the Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association. She also serves on the Board of Directors for OneVoiceHome. She has received numerous local, state, and national recognitions for her commitment to service.

Alex Yarbrough has been appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Seventh Court of Appeals. Alex is a Shareholder with the Underwood Law Firm. He is a member of the State



Bar of Texas and its District 13 Grievance Committee, the District #8 Director for the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and Vice President of the Amarillo Area Bar Association. Additionally, he is the President of the Amarillo Chapter of the Federalist Society, Fellow and District 13 Nominating Chair for the Texas Bar Foundation, and former member, Director, and Treasurer of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

2013:

Jason Enright has been promoted to Of Counsel at Winstead PC. Jason is a member of the firm's Business Restructuring/Bankruptcy Practice Group. He focuses on corporate restructuring and bankruptcy matters, including representing debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, unsecured

creditors' committees, trustees, and buyers of distressed assets in bankruptcy cases throughout the United States.

Nadia E.

Haghighatian has joined the Austin office of Kirkland & Ellis as a partner in

the Intellectual Property Group. Drawing from her electrical engineering background, Nadia focuses her practice on patent litigation, representing clients with matters involving various technologies, including software, telecommunications, electrical, mechanical, and semiconductor technologies. She also represents clients in patent and trade secret cases in the energy sector and is well versed in trademark infringement matters.

Reagan Marble has been elected to partnership in Jackson Walker's San Antonio office. Reagan focuses on complex energy litigation and transactions throughout Texas and New Mexico. In his energy litigation practice, Reagan regularly represents high net worth family trusts and partnerships, non-operating working interest owners, and mineral and royalty buyers throughout the Southwest. In his energy transactional practice, Reagan primarily helps landowners and water companies maximize their natural resources.

Brian Oates has been elected to partnership in Jackson Walker's Dallas office. Brian is a trial attorney with experience representing clients in state and federal courts throughout the

United States and on various forms of alternative dispute resolution. Brian's practice includes all aspects of commercial litigation, including infringement of intellectual property, construction disputes, and other high-stakes commercial disputes.

Rachael Rustmann has joined the employment litigation practice at Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP in the Nashville office, coming to the firm from Josephson Dunlap. Rachael is an experienced litigator who focuses her practice primarily on cases involving wage and hour violations on an individual and collective action basis. She has handled numerous arbitrations and lawsuits across the country involving allegations of wage violations, discrimination, wrongful termination, and retaliation.

2015:

Roberto Blum has been elected to the Immigration and Nationality Law Council for the State Bar of Texas. Roberto practices immigration law in Houston, TX. His practice areas include family-based immigration, asylum and refugee law, humanitarian relief, immigration bonds and detention, removal defense, and immigration appeals.

Tarryn L. Johnson has been appointed by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis to fill a vacancy on the 15th Judicial District Court. Previously, Tarryn served as a Senior Deputy Public Defender in the La Junta Regional Office.

2017:

John Kash joined Cantey Hanger as an associate in the firm's litigation section. He joined the firm from Brockett & McNeel, LLP in Midland, where he primarily litigated cases involving debt collections, contract disputes, and oil and gas disputes.

Cooper McDaniel has joined McMahon Surovik Suttle, P.C. as an associate attorney. His areas of practice include oil and gas law, business and commercial

Nadia E. Haghighatian

law, business transactions, banking and finance, and real estate.

2019:

Watson Bowen has joined Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton as an associate in the firm's Austin office. Watson joins the firm's internationally recognized aviation law practice. As a professional pilot and flight instructor before becoming an attorney, Watson relies on his experience in the aviation industry to advise his clients on a vast array of regulatory, transactional, tax,

dispute resolution, and general liability and risk management strategies for individuals and businesses in the aviation industry.

2020:

Will Johnson has joined Haynes and Boone, LLP as a Houston associate in the firm's Energy, Power and Natural Resources Practice Group. His practice focuses on a variety of energy transactions, including upstream, midstream, and downstream acquisitions, divestitures, and joint ventures.

2021:

Carlye E. Dozier joined Brown & Fortunato as a member of the firm's Litigation Group. While in law school, Carlye studied litigation and strategy under the watchful eye of her mentor, the Late Honorable Judge Ruben Reyes. Judge Reyes instructed Carlye on civil trial practice and Texas civil procedure. She brings the knowledge she gained through Judge Reyes' mentorship to her law practice.

■ IN MEMORIAM

Melinda J. Alderson '84 Carol Ann Birdwell '84 Robert L. Blinderman '74 Stacy Nicole Burke '07 Timothy V. Coffey '81 Claude W. Harland '71 Daren Scott Harrell '97 Dick Harris '76 Linda E. Heflin '78 Harrison Wayne Hill '09 Barbara C. Luke '80 John Francis Martin '97 Max Houston Proctor '75 **Stancy Stribling** '81 Dana Deann Taylor '99 Kie C. Watkins '97 Rebecca Dale Westfall '76 Billy R. Wolfe '80

ROBIN MORRIS GREEN OF LUBBOCK 1944-2021



Robin Morris Green, a member of the Law School's first class, graduated early in 1969 with 14 of his classmates. Robin started his 52-year law career as an Assistant District Attorney for Potter County in Amarillo, Texas, followed by private practice firms in Amarillo and Lubbock. He was a passionate advocate for education, voter rights, and equal treatment under the law. He was active in the South Plains Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, the Texas American Civil Liberties Union, and the United Methodist Church.

UPDATES

Texas Tech law faculty are leaders who author highly placed scholarship, present at conferences around the globe, serve as sources for national news media, and hold prestigious leadership positions that advance the profession. But they are more than just extraordinary scholars—they are approachable, supportive, and invested in student success.



ASHLEY ARRINGTON

Associate Librarian of Law;

Instructional Services Librarian

Professor Arrington served on multiple American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) committees this year, including the Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) Research Instruction Committee, the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) Legal Research & Sourcebook Committee, the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Public Relations & Publications Committee, and the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors. She served as secretary and treasurer of Professional Engagement, Growth, & Advancement Special Interest Section and as a

continuing blogger for the RIPS Law Librarian Blog, writing primarily about access to justice, instructional design, and the NextGen bar exam. Additionally, she presented at the Society of Academic Law Library Directors April Town Hall, SWALL-HALL Joint Annual Meeting, AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, Boulder Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship & Teaching, and the *University* of St. Thomas Law Journal's Fall Symposium on teaching technology competence.



DUSTIN B. BENHAM
Charles P. Bubany Endowed
Professor of Law

Professor Benham was recently named the Charles P. Bubany Endowed Professor of Law based on his outstanding teaching and research contributions to the School of Law. This fall he spoke at Yale Law School about methods to enhance court transparency and integrity. Professor Benham is engaged in state and federal transparency policymaking, including recent efforts to improve

proposed amendments to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 76a. He continues to represent clients and consult in criminal and civil matters.



GERRY W. BEYERGovernor Preston E. Smith Regents
Professor of Law

Professor Beyer focused on our students, both professionally and personally, by implementing innovative teaching methods and serving as the advisor for several student organizations.

He was an invited presenter, either in-person or virtually, at approximately fifty programs for the nation's most prestigious estate planning conferences for attorneys and judges from coast-to-coast and Alaska.

Honors Prof. Beyer earned included receiving the Texas State Bar's Distinguished Probate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award, being named the Hess Memorial Lecturer by the New York City Bar, and being appointed as the Reporter for the Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act by the

Uniform Law Commission. His prolific scholarship included authoring dozens of articles as well as new editions of several books including the popular student-focused book, *Wills, Trusts, and Estates—Examples & Explanations.*



BRYAN CAMP
George H. Mahon Professor of Law

Professor Camp continues his career as what the Wall Street Journal called a "noted tax law blogger." He publishes weekly articles in his popular "Lesson From The Tax Court" series on "TaxProfBlog." Each lesson takes a newly published Tax Court case, explains it, and critiques it. He also publishes regular law review articles and continues to be ranked in the top 1% of scholars on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) as measured by both recent downloads and all-time downloads. He continues to terrorize first-year students in Civil Procedure and upper-level students in Federal Income Tax, and has expanded into teaching Statutory Interpretation.



CATHERINE MARTIN CHRISTOPHER

Dean's Distinguished Service Professor of Law; Director for Bar Success

Professor Christopher is expanding her research on legal pedagogy to take on the structure of the bar exam itself. Her proposal for a "modern diploma privilege" will be published in the Minnesota Law Review, and she has been presenting the article at numerous conferences. She is also pursuing her secondary area of research, blockchain technology, with a piece on governance issues surrounding decentralized autonomous organizations. Her first love, of course, is working with students on their legal analysis skills, and she is enjoying teaching small, writingintensive courses.



JAROD S. GONZALEZ J. Hadley and Helen Edgar Professor of Law

Professor Gonzalez presented his article, "Solving Fair Labor Standards Act Collective Action Law," at the Seventeenth Annual Colloquium on Employment and Labor Law at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. The article is scheduled to be published in a forthcoming edition of the Tulsa Law Review. In this article, Professor Gonzalez advocates for procedural and substantive changes to the law regulating FLSA overtime claims brought as collective actions.



DELEITH DUKE GOSSETT

Jack F Maddox Professor of Law

Professor Gossett was recently named the endowed Jack F Maddox Professor of Law based on her national contributions to child welfare law and policy. Her solicited piece, "The Deportation of America's Adoptees," was recently published in the Court Review: The Journal of the American Judges Association. As chair of the Gender Equity Committee, Professor Gossett recently organized and sponsored a panel presentation, "Alito's Footnote: Is Adoption the Answer to Abortion?", where child welfare experts weighed the impact of the Supreme Court's recent Dobbs decision on both adoption and foster care. In the classroom, Professor Gossett teaches Professional Responsibility and Legal Practice and was honored to receive this year's Spencer A. Wells Award for Creativity in Teaching.



AMY HARDBERGER '05

George W. McCleskey Professor of Water Law and Director of the Center for Water Law and Policy

In addition to teaching, Professor Hardberger's article on the future of Texas groundwater litigation was published by the William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, and she was quoted in several news stories and reports. She participated in a virtual event with her fellow co-authors of a UNESCO paper about groundwater governance in conflict-affected countries at the

THANK YOU to our 2021-2022 adjunct professors!

You enhance our students' academic experience, and we appreciate you choosing to teach at Texas Tech Law.

Brandon Beck '12 **Eric Bentley** Charles "Chuck" P. Bubany B. Allison Clayton '07 Aaron R. Clements '96 Donna L. Courville '94 Richard Davis Ronnie "Ronn" Garcia '08 Sarah M. Gunter '01 Hon. Leslie F. "Les" Hatch '88 Hon. James W. "Wes" Hendrix William H. "Willie" Hornberger Hon, Melissa J. McNamara '94 Don R. Richards '84 Marion Sanford Paul K. Stafford '94 Stephen Stone David N. Strange Gary R. Terrell '77 Lori Truitt '08 D. Gene Valentini

Denette Vaughn '81

Roderick E. Wetsel

World Water Congress in Korea and in the Governance Insights for Groundwater Management Challenges webinar hosted by the International Water Resources Association.

Professor Hardberger is also a part of the research team for the Center for Advancing Sustainable and Distributed Fertilizer Production (CASFER). The center was established with a \$26 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant awarded to Texas Tech University, the largest grant in Texas Tech history. The goal of the project is to protect surface water quality by creating a nitrogen circular economy.

She also continues to serve on the city council appointed San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees and as a member of the San Antonio Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.



SALLY M. HENRY

John E. Krahmer Banking and

Commercial Endowed Professor of

Professor Henry received the 2021-22 Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award. This award represents the most prestigious honor granted to faculty members throughout the Texas Tech University System. She has been busy with research and has a forthcoming article in the SMU Law Review, which addresses changes to the Texas Uniform Commercial Code and recent banking case law. This past summer, she published an article in Business Law Today, discussing recent changes to the Bankruptcy Code. Professor Henry also continues to serve as chairelect of the Bankruptcy Section of the Federal Bar Association and faculty advisor to the Texas Bank Lawyer, a monthly publication for members of the Southwestern Association of Bank Lawyers.



WENDY-ADELE HUMPHREY '01

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Brock Professor of Law; Director of Assessment and Director of the Texas Tech University Pre-Law Academy

Professor Humphrey holds local, state, and national leadership roles. Among her leadership roles, she was the 2022 Chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs & Research, and she is a current member of the national Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Board of Directors. In 2022, she presented at the LWI Biennial Conference, the Southeastern Association for Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, and the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference. This past year, she received the Texas Tech President's Excellence in Teaching Award and the President's Excellence in Gender Equity Award. She also remains very active in the State Bar of Texas, serving on the Local Bar Services Committee and the Law Focused Education Inc. Board of Directors.



WILLIAM R. KEFFER

Professor of Practice; Janet Scivally and David Copeland Endowed Professor of Energy Law; Director of Energy Law Lecture Series; Assistant Director of Bar Preparation Resources

Professor Keffer continues to grow Texas Tech's Energy Law Program with the launch of a new online publication, the Journal of the Energy Law Practitioner (JELP). The journal will be published twice a year, in the Fall and Spring. Visit the website at https://ttujelp. org. In addition to the energylaw field trips that Professor Keffer has been overseeing for the oil-and-gas law, windand-solar law, and mineraltitles courses every year, he led students in his Legislative Process course on an inaugural trip to Austin this Fall and hopes to offer that bonus feature from now on. He also helped JELP and Texas Tech Law Review plan this year's annual symposium on energy, with the theme of "Occupying the Same Space."



DWIGHT MCDONALD
'93

Clinical Instructor

Professor McDonald was elected to represent District 16 on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors for a 3-year term beginning in June of 2021, while also serving on the Criminal Justice Council of the SBOT. He also continues to serve as a board member for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA) and was an instructor at TCDLA's Trial College in March 2022. He was elected President of the Lubbock Area Bar Association for the 2022-2023 term. Professor McDonald also serves as the 2022 Chair of the Community Foundation of West Texas.



PATRICK METZE
Professor of Law and Director of
Criminal Defense Clinics

Professor Metze shared in receiving the President's Excellence in Engaged Scholarship Award given this year to Tech Law's Clinical Programs for their outreach and service to the community. For the third year he was nominated by Dean Nowlin for the President's Academic Achievement Award. Professor Metze continues to serve as a board member on the Texas Tech University Institutional Review Board and as a member of the Rhodes, Marshall and Truman Scholarship selection, preparation committee. In December, Professor Metze lectured remotely to the felony trial division of the Harris County Public Defender's Office, Houston, Texas, on the topic "Punishment Enhancements." In July, he moderated a panel on Constitutional Law and the Supreme Court at the New Scholars Workshop held in conjunction with the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual

meeting, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. But most proudly, he continues to serve as the Director of Tech Law's four criminal clinics including the country's only law school operated public defender office.



ALYSON OUTENREATH '00

Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Erwin and Elaine Davenport Endowed Professor of Law

Associate Dean Outenreath fills an important role in the life of the Law School as the associate dean for Faculty Development where, among other responsibilities, she oversees the Faculty Scholarship Colloquium series. She continues to serve in the State Bar of Texas Tax Section on the Past Chair Advisory Board, as a council member where she serves as

a Law School representative, as co-chair of the Law School Outreach Committee. and as a vice chair of the CLE Committee. Her most recent article, "Behind the Label: Exploration of U.S. Wine Label Laws" was published by the Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal.



JORGE A. RAMÍREZ Walter and Anne Huffman Professor of Lan

Professor Ramírez continues serving in a variety of roles for local and international organizations, including as an editor of the Baltic Journal of Law & Politics at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania; as a Steering Committee Member of the ABA International Law Section's Contracts Committee; and as a Member of the Covenant Health System Board of Directors and a Board Member of the Lubbock Methodist Hospital System. The University Provost appointed him as a Co-Director of the University's Faculty Mentoring Program, and he is under contract with West Publishing to update their NAFTA/USMCA coursebook. He continues to teach international law courses as well as a required course in Commercial Law, and he moderated several panels throughout the year, including two on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



RICHARD ROSEN Glenn D. West Endowed Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Military Law & Policy

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2022-2023 edition of Military Law: Criminal Justice & Administrative Procedure, a 2200+-page treatise on military justice and related administrative processes, was published by Thomson Reuters. The Texas Tech Law Review published "Deterring Pre-Viability Abortions in Texas Through Private Lawsuits," an article about the Texas Heartbeat Act and the Lubbock Sanctuary City for the Unborn Ordinance. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal publishes monthly "It's Debatable" columns in which Professor Rosen and attorney Charles Moster debate issues ranging from the constitutionality of President Biden's student-loan forgiveness plan to whether government should control social media. Professor Rosen has also announced his retirement from full-time teaching at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.

BRANDON BECK '12

Assistant Professor of Law



Professor Beck joined the Texas Tech faculty in 2022 teaching in the Legal Practice Program.

Prior to joining the faculty full-time, he was an appellate attorney with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Northern District of Texas. In 2019, he argued and won United States v. Davis, 139 S. Ct. 2319 (2019) before the United States Supreme Court.

In the past year, he filed around fifty appellate briefs, argued two cases before the Fifth Circuit, and persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court to grant certiorari and remand in Bates v. United States, 141 S. Ct. 2782 (2021), resulting in a

new sentence of time served. This past summer, he presented on federal criminal restitution at the 2022 Federal Criminal Defense Seminar in Dallas, Texas.

In his past life, Professor Beck was a civil litigator, the editor-in-chief of a literary journal, a graduate student in the history of ancient religion, a high school mathematics and Latin teacher, and a victim witness coordinator for the Travis County Attorney's Office. While in law school, he won the National Moot Court Competition as both an oralist and brief writer. In 2012, he was inducted into the National Order of Barristers and National Order of Scribes.



WENDY TOLSON ROSS
Professor of Law; Director of the
Family Law and Housing Clinic;
Director of Diversity

Professor Ross taught "Race and Racism in the Law" which focused on equality, civil and legal rights, discrimination, and many other important areas. She continues to oversee the implementation of Law School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives as a Director of Diversity. Professor Ross served on the panel "Inspirational Women Talk about Achievements and Challenges, Leveraging Community Resources, and Connecting Women for the Empowerment of Women and Girls" at the Texas Tech University Women's Conference and as a panelist examining what being named a Hispanic Serving Institution means for Texas Tech University. She also continues to serve on the YWCA Board.



BRIAN SHANNON

Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor and Texas Tech University Faculty Athletics Representative

Horn Distinguished Professor Shannon is widely regarded as the state's leading expert on mental health law. He continues to serve as a Commissioner on the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health, and he chairs the Commission's Criminal Law Legislative Subcommittee. He also organized and was course director for the Texas Tech Law Review's 4th Mental Health Law Symposium in April 2022. The webinar attracted over 500 attendees.

Professor Shannon also continues in his role as Texas Tech's NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). In that role he served as the Parliamentarian for the NCAA's special convention in January 2022 that adopted a new NCAA constitution, and he was recently elected by his peers in the Big 12 Conference to serve on the board of directors for the national 1A FAR association.



BRIE D. SHERWIN '01

President's Excellence in Research Professor of Law and Dean's Scholar and Director of Interdisciplinary Research

Professor Sherwin has taught in the Texas Tech Legal Practice Program for 11 years. She also teaches Environmental Law as part of Texas Tech's Interdisciplinary Master of Science degree program. Her designation as a President's Excellence in Research Professor was

recently renewed by the university in recognition of her research of the Salem Witch Trials. This year, she was appointed as the Dean's Scholar and Director of Interdisciplinary Research at the Law School. Her scholarship focuses on environmental law and environmental justice, as well as the use and potential misuse of scientific evidence in trials and in the policymaking process.



ROBERT T. SHERWIN '01

Champions in Advocacy Endowed Professor of Law and Director of Advocacy Program

Under Professor Sherwin's stewardship, Texas Tech Law's advocacy teams claimed two national championships in the 2021-2022 academic year, bringing its total to 50. That fiftieth championship came at the 72nd Annual National Moot Court Competition, hosted by the New York City Bar Association and American College of Trial Lawyers. The program's successes led to a numberthree ranking by the Blakely Advocacy Institute and a number-seven ranking in the ABA Competitions Championship. Additionally, Professor Sherwin was named one of eight University-wide "Integrated Scholars" by the Provost's Office. According to Provost Ron Hendrick, "Integrated Scholars are not

only outstanding in teaching, research, and service, but they are also able to generate synergy among the three functions. Faculty members who are Integrated Scholars consistently promote active learning and infuse the results of their research and scholarship in courses and other learning experiences. Integrated Scholars publish results of their teaching innovations in peerreviewed journals. Finally, Integrated Scholar faculty members plan and execute service commitments to complement their teaching and research goals."



NANCY SOONPAA

Professor of Law and Dean Richard B. Amandes Senior Scholar in Legal Practice

During 2022, Professor Soonpaa served as the Chair of the Section for New Law Professors and on the Executive Committee of the Section on Teaching Methods for the Association of American Law Schools. Also, she was recently named Chair of the 2024 Workshop for New Law Teachers.

Professor Soonpaa presented at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference and at the annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (for which she also serves on three committees). She coached teams for

the ABA Negotiation Competition for Law Students, the Southwestern Negotiation Tournament, and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Sports Law Negotiation Competition.

Professor Soonpaa is also serving a three-year term on the Executive Council of the Texas Tech Teaching Academy.



LARRY SPAIN Alvin R. Allison Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs and the Civil Practice Clinic

Professor Spain continues to chair the Advisory Board of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Lubbock County; regularly volunteer at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas Pro Bono Clinics, which have returned to inperson clinics and volunteer as Advisor for Title IX Complaints with the

University. He also presented a CLE through a Webinar sponsored by the Office of Dispute Resolution on "Recent Cases involving Mediation" to mediators across the state.



VICKIE SUTTON Associate Dean for Digital Learning and Graduate Education; Paul Whitfield Horn Distinguished Professor; Director of the Center for Biodefense, Law and Public Policy and Director of the Law and Science Certificate Program

Professor Sutton, an enrolled member of the Lumbee Indian Nation, wrote, produced, and directed a short documentary on Archaeology and Indigenous cultural and legal issues that has been selected for 8 film festivals with selections for 2 semi-finalist awards, 1 finalist award, and award for "best narrator." She also launched a writing platform where she posts weekly articles that analyze issues in areas of law, indigenous legal issues, technology and environment and any governance issues. You can find the platform, "unintended consequences," online at https:// profvictoria.substack.com.



A former Army intelligence officer and judge advocate general, Professor Corn joined the faculty as the George R. Killam Jr. Chair of Criminal Law and the director of the Center for Military Law & Policy in the fall 2022 semester.

Professor Corn comes to the Law School from South Texas College of Law Houston where he was the Gary A. Kuiper Distinguished Professor of National Security.

He is a prodigious author, having penned multiple books on national security and

GEOFFREY S. CORN

George R. Killam Jr. Chair of Criminal Law and Director of the Center for Military Law & Policy

constitutional law, and was the army's top adviser for law of war issues. He has appeared as an expert witness at the Military Commission in Guantanamo, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and in federal court.

Professor Corn's dedication to his students throughout their law school experience is clear. Over his sixteen years of teaching, he has been awarded student recognition for faculty excellence fourteen times and recognized for accessibility and mentorship thirteen times.

Over the 2021-22 academic year, Professor Corn published several book chapters and law review articles. He also made numerous contributions to news stories and reports and published several editorials related to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, the conflict in Ukraine, gun

control, and U.S. compliance with the laws of war.

He was a featured speaker at, among others, the National Black Prosecutors Association annual meeting, the Institute for International Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy, the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies in Newport, Rhode Island, the Houston Bar Association. the Federal Bar Association, and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces annual CLE program. He also continued his important work as the principal legal advisor to the Hybrid War Task Force established by the Jewish Institute for National Security in America, and the ongoing project to obtain clemency for the 113 African American soldiers convicted in a rush to judgment following the infamous Houston Camp Logan mutiny of 1917.

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Stephen is a claims consultant and expert witness with 35-plus years of insurance industry experience. Following law school and private practice, he was in-house with national insurers to manage complex litigation including bad faith actions (dozens of attorneys reporting to him) and claims compliance. He later became the chief claims executive at two national insurance companies where all claims personnel and functions reported to him. He was on insurers' boards of directors. Stephen's deep background in developing and implementing best industry practices is an edge in his role as an expert witness in large scale disputes.



Hon. Sharen Wilson '81

Sharen took office as Tarrant County's first female criminal district attorney in January 2015. Before her election as Tarrant County DA, Sharen served 23 years as judge of Criminal District Court No. 1, where she spearheaded the award-winning docket-management system for the criminal district courts and was presiding judge for the Felony Alcohol Intervention Project. She also served as a prosecutor in the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office and in private practice as a criminal defense attorney and a civil litigator. She is board certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and was honored as a Distinguished Alumni by the Law School in 2016.



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