



SPRING 2019

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOR STUDENTS DURING ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT

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The annual *Student Recognition Event* was held on April 24th in the Lanier Auditorium. A total of 63 students were recognized with a *Certificate of Appreciation* for their dedication and participation in the clinical programs. Professor and Clinical Programs Director Larry Spain welcomed and congratulated the students on another successful year.

Although the Clinical Programs have been in existence since the Fall of 2001 (with the Tax Clinic implemented in 2000), this event marked the 14th year that students have been recognized by the Clinical Programs for their participation, dedication, and commitment to representing low income individuals in the community who cannot otherwise afford to retain the services of an attorney.

Since the inception of the clinical programs which began with the LITC in April 2000, a total of 1198 students have participated in the programs and contributed thousands of student hours and represented hundreds of clients.



Guests in attendance included Judge Ann-Marie Carruth, Dennis Reeves, and Jeff Sheets.

Students recognized participated in the *Advanced ADR Clinic, Tax Clinic, Civil Practice Clinic, Family Law and Housing Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic, Capital Punishment Clinic, and Innocence Clinic.*

CHARLSIE MOORE ADR AWARD

The Dispute Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer organization in Conroe, Texas originally formed by the Montgomery County Bar Association which provides mediation and conflict resolution training to individuals, businesses, agencies, and the courts, funds a scholarship award in honor of a long-time member of their Board of Directors, Charlise Moore, to recognize the top student in the Advanced ADR Clinic for their demonstrated mediation skills. The recipients of this award, selected by the faculty teaching the Advanced ADR Clinic, and recognized during the Honors and Awards Ceremony, were **John Casper** and **Jodee Rankin**. John and Jodee will each receive a scholarship award and have their names inscribed on a permanent plaque displayed in the law school.





From the Desk of Larry Spain - Director of Clinical Programs and Civil Practice Clinic

I had an incredible group of students this year in the Civil Practice Clinic, 8 of which continued during the Spring Semester (**Kiley Aycock, Darrian Matthews, Megan McIntyre, Elliott O'Day, Christal Roethlein, Blake Scott, Eduardo Sosa** and **Spencer Young**) while one student graduated after the fall semester (**Kyle Reding**). These students took very serious their professional responsibility for representing their clients and worked extremely hard as advocates to accomplish their client's objectives. It is gratifying to observe the development of their lawyering skills while participating in the Clinic that they will carry forward throughout their professional careers while, at the same time, becoming more confident in their abilities. I have enjoyed working with each of them and expect great things from them in the future.

Over the course of the spring semester, a total of 21 new client cases were undertaken, 60 cases

were completed and closed and 12 cases remain open and will be carried over to the next academic year. Each of the students, in addition to being exposed to varied legal problems of low-income clients through the evening Pro Bono Clinics, participated in the Night Court Divorce Project and were kept busy with an individual caseload of 4-5 clients at most times throughout the semester and assumed primary responsibility for the representation of clients in matters involving family law, disability claims, wills and other estate planning, consumer disputes, and other civil matters.



I also wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Terri Morgeson, Elma Moreno, and Guadalupe Gurrola and their contributions to the success of the Civil Practice Clinic and their service to students. In addition to directing the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Terri has worked closely with each of the students in the Civil Practice Clinic, making herself available for questions and individual assistance, supervising them on select individual cases, and accompanying them to court or mediations when necessary. And, of course, Elma Moreno and Guadalupe Gurrola have provided valuable administrative support for the students in all of the Clinical Programs.

CIVIL PRACTICE CLINIC

- Focuses on development of professional skills and values in a closely supervised clinical setting
- Students will assume individual responsibility for representing actual clients in all phases of client representation in social security disability claims, family law, wills and advance planning, housing issues, consumer and civil rights claims and other civil cases of interest to students
- Classroom component will provide instruction in substantive and procedural law applicable to cases handled by the Clinic as well as ethical issues and professional values; professional skill development; and case rounds
- Students have individual supervisory sessions with faculty and maintain a reflective clinic journal.



Pictured L to R:

Standing: Blake Scott, Spencer Young, Elliott O'Day, Eduardo Sosa, and Professor Spain

Sitting: Kiley Aycock, Christal Roethlein, Megan McIntyre, and Darrian Matthews



"I loved working in the Civil Practice Clinic! I had a lot of hands-on experience when I worked on cases, something that I would have never learned from class and will help me in the future. If I had to do everything all over again, I would definitely participate in the Clinic!"

Elliott O'day



***Congratulations** to the following students selected for the **Civil Practice Clinic** for the 2019-2020 academic year:*

Eleanor Anderson, Catherine Baldo, Kevin Colpoys, Angela Estrada, Marc Limsiaco, Karla Pizarro, Jodee Rankin, Sheena Teague, and Luke Wallace



From the Desk of Wendy Tolson Ross - Family Law and Housing Clinic Director

This Spring has been a great semester. The students in the clinic this semester are: **Ashley Sosa, Kaylee Long, Paige Lyons, Emily Montoya, Maria Oviedo, and Pooja Patel.**

We have had several family law cases this semester. We had 28 divorces and 1 enforcement case. A few of the divorces with children resulted in settlements, with the parents settling on an agreement for the benefit of the children involved. We had a couple of name change cases. One case involved changing the surname of the child. The child was originally given the last name of a man who was believed to be the father. It was later determined by a paternity test that the child was not this man's child. So, the name change petition was filed because the child wanted to have the true biological father's surname. The other case involved changing a woman's name back to her original maiden surname.

This semester has been the semester of adoptions. We have a record number of adoption cases this semester. We have 4 terminations cases and adoption cases we are working on. One of these cases involves a stepparent adoption. Two of these involve a third-party adoption, and the other adoption involves a grandparent adoption. This was a case where the maternal grandparents were seeking to adopt the grandchildren they had been raising since the children were infants.



We also had 4 housing cases during this semester. Most of these involved repairs cases. A couple of these cases resulted in the client asserting their right to constructive eviction and right to move out.

This year we were able to participate in the Pro Se Divorce Clinic in Judge Ann-Marie Carruth's Court. This clinic was started as a collaboration between Judge Carruth's court and the Family Law and Housing Clinic. Students meet with the pro se litigants to review their final documents and help them finalize and prove up their divorces before the court. Ashley Sosa and Kaylee Long were the 2 students who participated this semester in the pro se divorce clinic. Both students did a great job in the pro se clinic and we are very proud of them!!!

FAMILY LAW and HOUSING CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester—2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 8 students. Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters.

Students assume primary responsibility under faculty supervision of all phases of representation in assigned cases in family law and housing matters. The course focuses on the development of professional skills and values in a closely supervised clinical setting, including interviewing and counseling, case analysis and planning, problem solving, fact investigation, negotiation and mediation, document drafting, written and oral advocacy.

Classroom component will provide instruction in substantive and procedural law applicable to cases handled by the Clinic as well as ethical issues and professional values; professional skill development; and case rounds.



"One of the best tools I have as a judge in Lubbock County is the opportunity to partner with the law school on various projects. The Family Law Clinical students have stepped in to assist low-income self-represented litigants in their divorce prove up hearing. The partnership allows these litigants the chance to know they've completed their paperwork properly and to have a knowledgeable third-year student by their side to handle the prove up."

Judge Ann-Marie Carruth
County Court at Law #3



Pictured L to R:

Standing: Professor Wendy Ross, Emily Montoya, Kaylee Long, and Paige Lyons

Sitting: Maria Oviedo, Ashley Sosa, and Pooja Patel

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Family Law/Housing Clinic** for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Juan Calvo, Sydni Emery, Clinton Jones, Adam Kougias, Vanessa Rubio, and Robert Williams



**From the Desk of
Terri Morgeson -
Director, Low-Income
Taxpayer Clinic**

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic started the 2018-2019 Spring Semester with eight students: **Andrew Craven, Paige Foster, Alexa Grattan, Stephanie Grissom, Michael Hirsh, Mason Leal, Cassy McGinnis** and **Holton Westbrook**. In addition to their clinic duties, the students volunteered four hours a week at Lubbock’s free tax preparation site operated by Coalition of Community Assistance VITA. VITA has been operating under CCAV in Lubbock for 15 years. This year, the program assisted 2, 704

families whose average annual income was \$18,047.00. The average refund was \$1, 725.00. The students volunteered over 257.75 hours between January 23rd and April 15th. At VITA’s award ceremony, Michael Hirsh was honored with the Law School Volunteer Student of the Year award. Michael also received the Professor Marilyn Phelan Tax Award. Our work at VITA allows the clinic to educate the community about our services and boost the local economy.

Despite our long hours at VITA, we continued to represent clients with controversy issues. Since January 1st of this year, we have received 60 referrals and accepted 29 cases. Big wins with IRS are becoming harder to obtain. The TTU tax clinic will continue to fight for the low income tax payers of Lubbock County and the surrounding areas.

**LOW-INCOME
TAXPAYER CLINIC**

This is a full-year 10 credit hours (5 per semester—2 for classroom component and 3 for case work) course limited to 8 students. 2-4 students can possibly be accepted for both summer sessions and students earn a total of 4 credit hours (2 per session).

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic was formed in April 2000 to provide professional skills training to law students and to provide law students the opportunity to gain practical experience in administrative proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service and in judicial proceedings before the United States Tax Court. The clinic serves residents in the West Texas Panhandle area of Texas and Eastern New Mexico by offering representation to taxpayers who are unable to obtain professional tax counsel. Students develop important lawyering skills by interviewing and counseling clients, conducting factual investigations, legal research and analysis, negotiating compromises, drafting documents and litigating.

Students are responsible for their own caseloads but are closely supervised by the clinic director. The director of the clinic assists the students in all phases of their clinical education.



Pictured L to R:

- Andrew Craven,**
- Holton Westbrook,**
- Michael Hirsh,**
- Mason Leal, Cassy McGinnis, Alexa-Rae Grattan, Paige Foster,**
- Stephanie Grissom,**
- and Clinic Director Terri Morgeson**



“My experience in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic was very insightful. Our clinic advisors provide us with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and they gave us the freedom to manage our own cases. I know it will help me become a better attorney in years to come.”

Holton Westbrook

Congratulations to the following students selected for the ***Low -Income Taxpayer Clinic*** for the 2019-2020 academic year:
Phillip Arendall, Chris Egbunike, Alexa-Rae Grattan, Noah Hearn, Orion Hutchin, Brandon Ihle, David Penn, Cristian Perez, J. Riggs, and Daniel Stone



From the Desk of Patrick S. Metze - Director, Criminal Defense Clinic

As is our custom, the students in the 2018-2019 Criminal Defense Clinic were busy all year representing real people in real cases in real time. This year, the students handled 130 cases for 106 clients. Of these cases, 36 are still pending, 46 were disposed of through some type of negotiated plea, and 48 cases were dismissed. Cases consisted of 95 misdemeanors and 35 felonies. This is an average student case load of over 13 clients per student and over 16 cases per student, which is well in excess of the clients and cases promised in the clinic catalogue. Students handled all phases of representation from initial interview through appearance in court. Members of the clinic represented clients in the Lubbock Municipal Court, before the Justice of the Peace, in the Magistrate Court, in both Lubbock County Courts at Law, and in all three felony District Courts of Lubbock. Clinic students during the Spring semester were: **Brianna Argueta, Kasey Chester, Matthew Johnson, Makenzie Keene,**

Mitchell Leonard Meara, Brittany Scée Rodriguez, Ellen Sorrells and Ted Wenske. Please congratulate every one for all their hard work. These students are trained and ready for the practice of criminal law. During the school year, these students performed well in excess of 3000 hours of pro bono representation of the poor. I am grateful for the tireless and invaluable help of Professors **Dwight McDonald, Donnie Yandell, Jim Bethke and Terri Morgeson** who helped guide the students all year. The wide variety of cases, along with the collaborative nature of our clinics, gives the students exposure to the daily challenges of the criminal defense practitioner well in advance of graduation. Most students agree their clinical experience ranks among their best experiences in law school. During the weekly two-hour classroom component, students shared with each other their accomplishments on their cases, their goals, fears and concerns. By freely sharing and participating in these open class discussions, students assisted each other in the learning experience and helped formulate strategies, themes and theories of their cases, while learning to perform very complicated and sophisticated legal analysis. Collaborative class discussions were often very spirited and were always an enjoyable exchange of ideas. We are there to learn and enjoy our work.

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CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 8 students.

Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The CDC provides a community service by representing defendants in criminal cases who would otherwise be unable to afford their own legal representation.

Cases involve misdemeanors, felonies, and juvenile offenses in Lubbock County and the surrounding metropolitan area.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended 3L courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this class and another clinic or externship; all other qualifications being equal, students with no prior clinical or externship for credit experience are given preference for placement in the CDC; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



Pictured L to R:

Professor Metze, Brittany Rodriguez, Ted Wenske, Kasey Chester, Mitchell Meara, Ellen Sorrells, Brianna Argueta, Matthew Johnson, Makenzie Keene, and Dwight McDonald

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Criminal Defense Clinic** for the 2019-2020 academic year:

Elizabeth Balido, Jay'Neisha Davis, Jeffrey Delman, Jon Harris, Christopher Roach, Brianna Weis, and Sidney Wiltshire



From the Desk of Donnie Yandell - Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic

The 2018-2019 Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic has finished classes and the student attorneys are about to graduate. This year's student attorneys were: **Tashika Curlee, Allyson Fuller, William Harrell, Melissa Reyes, Logan Sawyer, Rees Scruggs, Alexandra Taylor and Kelton Vongonten**. The student attorneys this year handled 206 cases. 42 of those cases were felonies, 156 were misdemeanors and 9 were juveniles. The student attorneys closed 32 felonies, 73 misdemeanors and 3 juveniles.

The student attorneys represented clients in all manner of cases including Driving While License Invalid, Driving While Intoxicated, Criminal Trespass, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Identify, Interference with a 911 Call, Theft by Check, Burglary of a Habitation, Fleeing, Evading Arrest, Domestic Violence Assault, Injury to the Elderly, Terroristic Threat, Manufacturing/Deliver of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Dangerous Drug, Credit/Debit Card Abuse, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Resisting Arrest, Aggravated Assault, Accident Involving Injury, Burglary of a Building, Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, Tampering with Evidence,

Obstructing the Highway, and Reckless Driving.

The Caprock Regional Public Defender Office set several cases for trial through the year but fortunately for the client, unfortunately for the students, those cases were dismissed or are still being pursued. Currently, there are approximately five or six cases that we anticipate will go to trial or the case will be dismissed over the summer.

All of these students have done an excellent job. The students logged almost 4,000 hours working cases, often on their own time, in an attempt to represent their clients to the best of their abilities. This is reflected in the results they have obtained for their clients. Additionally, the student attorneys as a whole traveled over 9,000 miles during the year going to court and meeting with clients. This translates into almost 160 hours of travel time.



Due to the student attorneys' hard work for their clients, they have earned the respect of not only their clients, but also the respect of the courts and prosecution offices in the area. This reputation for

zealous representation of indigent defendants has resulted in the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office being added to the Terry County appointment list for felony appointments. Terry County joining the program brings the total number of counties participating in the program up to eleven.

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CAPROCK REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to a maximum of 8 students. Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The CRPDO provides a community service by representing defendants in criminal cases who would otherwise be unable to afford their own legal representation. Cases involve misdemeanor and juvenile offenses in a 10 county region. Students are closely supervised by Donnie Yandell.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this class and another clinic or externship; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



Pictured L to R:

- Standing:** Professor Patrick Metz, Dwight McDonald, Tashika Curlee, Allyson Fuller, Melissa Reyes, Alexandra Taylor, and Donnie Yandell
Sitting: Kelton VonGonten, Rees Scruggs, Logan Sawyer, and William Harrell

Congratulations to the following students selected for the **Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic** for the 2019-2020 academic year: **Cameron Bush, Felicia DeLeon, Dana Dinkens, Chase McCollough, Morgan McNabb, Michael Rinehart, Sam Robbins, and Rebecca Sanders**

From the Desk of Patrick S. Metze - Director, Criminal Defense Clinic (continued from page 5)

Several learning environments are available to the students, including mandatory office hours leading to collaborative learning. The students work in close proximity, sharing ideas and developing strategies while keying off the knowledge of their peers. It is my hope this becomes a custom that will follow them into practice as the criminal defense bar freely shares knowledge and experience with younger attorneys. Other experiential learning was courtesy of the criminal defense bar from throughout Texas and the United States. In April, the CDC participated in the Law School's annual chili cookoff—a departmental tradition. The CDC continues with bragging rights that it produced the “best real chili” at the cookoff—even though the judges were wrong AGAIN. The Clifford Brown Award for 2019 was awarded to **Kasey Elizabeth Gail Chester** for her “excellence in



the art and science of criminal defense advocacy.” I only wish I had awards for all the students ~ they all deserve one. There was significant effort and professionalism shown this year by all members of the Clinic. I hope the experience was meaningful and a jumpstart to a successful practice in criminal law. Additionally, all my students showed a real interest in pro bono work and I know that such a commitment to the poor will continue throughout their entire careers. Or, at least it better. Also, it is my sincere wish that each student remembers Texas Tech Law fondly with particular affection for their clinical

experience. As I tell the students, practicing law is about treating each client as a valuable individual, doing their very best for each client one at a time, representing that client to the best of their ability, and ethically seeking Justice by holding the State to their burden. Preparation is the key. Remember to RGDS and all you need is that Gold Card. While studying for the Bar this summer, no drama, pass the Bar and stay in touch. Come back often.

From the Desk of Donnie Yandell - Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic (continued from page 6)

In my Fall Newsletter, I made the comment that this year's student attorneys had big shoes to fill considering the student attorneys who have come before them. I am happy to report that this year's class not only filled those shoes, they actually increased the size of the shoes to be filled in the future.

One student in particular added to the reputation of the clinic and expectations for future students. During his time at the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office, he represented clients in 51 cases, closing 27. He handled 16 felonies, 31 misdemeanors and 4 juvenile cases. He handled at least twice as

many cases as any previous year's student attorneys handled. Due to the number of cases he handled as well as the amazing results he achieved for his clients, he was awarded the Robert J. and Ann Burbridge Award. This student was Logan Sawyer.

This summer, the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office will have one student attorney, Sam Robbins. Sam will work with the Chief Public Defender handling cases and helping with the cases possible going to trial over the summer mentioned above. Sam will then help with orientation for the incoming students in August.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the student attorneys who participated in the Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic this year. You all did a great job and I look forward to seeing you down the road. Remember to RGDS and good luck on the bar exam!

ADVANCED ADR CLINIC

- Students receive intensive mediation and conflict resolution skills training and course qualifies as the 40 hour basic mediation training
- Students will have the opportunity to observe mediations, co-mediate and solo mediate actual disputes through the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center
- Class format will consist of a combination of lecture, class discussion and interactive participation, skills exercises, mediation role plays, videotape review
- The course will provide students with the opportunity to develop skills essential to effective problem-solving that can be integrated in the practice of law as well as advise, counsel and prepare clients for mediation.

Congratulations to the following students selected for the *Advanced ADR Clinic* for the 2019 Fall semester:

Kacy Altum, Travis Boltz, Brandy Booth, James Brooks, Michaela Daniels, Kathleen Goegel, Joshua Logsdon, Cody Lyon, Ryan Matson, John Myers, Lauren Ogle, Phillip Roach, Melissa Waggoner, Julian Whitley, and August Zimmerman



From the Desk of Allison Clayton - Director, Innocence Clinic

The Innocence Clinic worked over 2000 hours this year in service to its clients. In that time, it produced five briefs in incredibly complicated cases. In these briefs, the Clinic defended innocent Native Americans sent to prison based on racist beliefs and outdated medical theories; an innocent man sent to prison on the lies of a self-proclaimed expert in the already-questionable field blood-spatter interpretation; an innocent man sent to prison based on now-disproven understandings of arson science; and an innocent woman sent to prison based on a coerced confession, a terrible trial attorney, and reprehensible behavior by a number of people.

In addition to the immense amount of work represented by each court filing, the student attorneys spent hours upon hours reviewing transcripts, learning about different forensic

disciplines, working with and visiting clients, and tracking down witnesses, evidence, and documents in their cases. They did this work for the least of our society, without expectation of even a thanks, because it was the right thing to do, and this group of students only knows how to do things above and beyond and exceptionally well. Being outstanding for them was simply what zealous representation looks like. They leave the clinic better and more seasoned advocates; they leave their clients one step closer to freedom; they leave the justice system closer to becoming just.



INNOCENCE CLINIC

This is a full-year 12 credit hours (6 per semester - 2 for classroom component and 4 for case work) course limited to 4 students.

Students accepted into the clinic must be registered for both Fall and Spring semesters. The *Texas Tech Innocence Clinic*, working in conjunction with the Innocence Project of Texas, provides a clinical opportunity to students interested in post-conviction appellate criminal law. The Texas Tech Innocence Clinic provides legal representation and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove their innocence of felonies for which they have been convicted.

Prerequisites include: Students must be 3L status, not be on academic probation, and have taken Evidence, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Recommended 3L courses include Texas Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and/or moot court or mock trial experience.

Students may not be concurrently enrolled in this clinic and another clinic or externship; all other qualifications being equal, students with no prior clinical or externship for credit experience are given preference for placement in the clinic; students may not have outside employment if enrolled in this clinic, however, exceptions can be made; and students may not sit for the February bar exam.



Pictured L to R:

- Joelle Gonzales,
- Megan Soliz,
- Allison Clayton,
- Weston Mumme,
- Stephen Grant,
- and Professor Metze



Congratulations to the following students selected for the *Innocence Clinic* for the 2019-2020 academic year: **Jessica Aycock, Tracie Dionne, Sara Jaeckle, and William Keffer**



“Being a student attorney for the Innocence Clinic has been the most rewarding part of my law school career. Simply put, it’s been an amazing year of hard work and good times with great people. Thank you Allison, Stephen, Megan, and Joelle for making this such an unforgettable experience.”

Weston Mumme



From the Desk of Patrick S. Metz - Capital Punishment Clinic

The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases office welcomed it's eleventh Capital Punishment Clinic this past Spring semester. This office is the only statewide defender for capital cases with eight regional offices throughout Texas. Our clients are, each of them, in the unenviable position of prolonged incarceration, generally single celled, alienated from family with little hope of eventual release. This semester one student was chosen from those that completed the Fall 2018 Capital Punishment Seminar. Completion of the seminar indoctrinates the chosen students into the unique world of the capital defender. The student chosen this year was **Amanda Byrne**. She was immediately assimilated into the framework of not only the capital trial teams assigned to each case, but into the entire fabric of the office. She was instructed in the various office protocols, as well as the roles of the fact investigators, the mitigation specialists, and the line attorneys. With that limited exposure, she was quickly utilized by all of the RPDCC staff and morphed immediately from observer to valued contributor. Assignments included the mundane (research and drafting motions), spending time with clients in jails, the nerve wracking, and the exhilarating (resolution of a client's case with a sentence other than death). Biweekly office staffings are a critical communication technique utilized by the RPDCC. Each case is thoroughly discussed, and various strategies vetted with all staff



members participating. The student attorney not only attended the staffings, but was a regular contributor to the development of the mitigation and litigation plans for each client. As a capital trial began this semester, the student was utilized in the most important jury selection process. In addition, she prepared and presented pretrial motions to the court in three separate capital trials. She was a real part of the team. This is a very unique opportunity given to only a few to view a capital trial from the defense perspective. Whereas the RPDCC focused on the "how to" aspect of defending the capital case, many discussions emphasized the "why" aspect -why the defense teams function in a particular way. Methodology and its underlying foundation is critical to the success of the capital defense practitioner, and is literally a matter of life and death for the client. During the semester the student saw progress in many capital cases and fully participated as a member of the trial teams. As a result of winning the 2013 University Departmental Award for Teaching Excellence given by the University Teaching Academy and the University Provost, each year we treat the school to lawyers, teachers, storytellers, and activists committed to the rights of the individual. In October 2018, world famous anti-death penalty advocate, Sister Helen Prejean of New Orleans, spoke to the students on their role in the administration of Justice. She spent time with the students and met one on one with them discussing their futures. In April 2019, the four Criminal Defense Clinics in association with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association were honored to present former clinical student, attorney Chris DeAnda of Midland, Texas, to speak on his establishing his private practice of criminal law.

WORDS FROM OUR STUDENTS

"The clinic has been the most invaluable experience during my time in law school. I learned more about the law in one year than I did the entire first two years of law school."

Logan Sawyer
CRPDO Clinic

"Being a part of the Caprock Regional Public Defenders Clinic has been an opportunity of a lifetime. I have learned more during these two semesters than I ever imagined. I am grateful for having been a part of this clinic. Thank you Professor Yandell, Professor McDonald, and Professor Metz for a wonderful year."

William Gaines Harrell
CRPDO Clinic

"Trying to summarize my clinic experience into two sentences is a fruitless endeavor. At the end of the day, it has shown me the fruits of being the change you want to see in society. And Allison Clayton is just a gem."

Stephen Grant
Innocence Clinic

"If you like getting manicures and pedicures, Caprock is for you! Donnie LOVES his monthly spa days!"

Melissa Y. Reyes
CRPDO Clinic

"The Criminal Defense Clinic was my favorite part of the law school experience. Being able to help real people with real situations by using the law brought everything together for me in a very impressionable and significant way. Reading the statutes is no joke, but by studying the law and looking meticulously at the facts, I know if I practice and hone the skill set I established this year, I will be successful as an advocate for the underrepresented and misunderstood."

Brianna E. Argueta
Criminal Defense Clinic



Pictured L to R:

Professor Patrick Metz, Jeff Sheets, Amanda Byrne, and Dennis Reeves



LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

by Nancy Mojica, Community Outreach Coordinator



Wow Spring 2019! How time flies when you are having fun. It has been a great Spring a little colder than usual but it's been good. After the holidays, it was time for a different pace not just at work, but at life itself. I got off

to a great start with both direct and in-direct outreach as well as some educational workshops in Lubbock and the surrounding service area. I kicked off the tax season with some educational videos displayed each Wednesday at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. Each Wednesday through April 15, 2019, I played a continuous set of 12 videos to educate the taxpayers in our community. While these taxpayers are waiting in the lobby area and filling out their initial paperwork at the VITA site they had the opportunity to receive educational income tax information. The topics included: Filing Status, Premium Tax Credit (Changes in Circumstances), Individual Shared Responsibility-Overview, Security Summit Identity Theft Tips, Dirty Dozen, Tax Scams, Missing W-2, Amending My Return, Phishing-Malware, Owe Taxes But Can't Pay, Miscellaneous Income, Is Social Security Taxable? Retirement Plan & IRS Rollovers; and When will I get my refund?



On Saturday, January 26, 2019, I participated as a vendor at the Charles E. Warford Activity Center's Free Community Health and Resource Fair. The event offered free medical screenings, free eye-

exams, low-cost immunizations, free hair cuts and a ton of free community resource information including all of our services. The event was hosted by Haven Health, City of Amarillo Public Health, City of Amarillo Parks & Recreation and West Texas A&M University.

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, I was invited to partake at Parson's Elementary along with multiple community agencies to set up a booth and share our program information at their

Family Night event. There were well over fifty booths at this great event. They even provided a great meal for all of the families and participants. It truly was a great family night especially being around nice people makes it even better. Thank you Monica for letting me be a part of this great event. I can't wait until next year.

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, the Travis Middle School Resource and Health Fair invited me to be a vendor at this event. They offered free medical screenings from the Texas Tech



University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy, Wal-Mart offered free eye exams, Amarillo College Dental Hygiene offered free dental screenings, Child ID Cards by Potter County Sheriff's Office and over 30 other vendors were on hand to distribute their valuable material and goodies (swag) plus a ton of door prizes.

On Friday, April 12, 2019, I participated at the Law Conference and Resource Fair sponsored by Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Amarillo Office, Wienerschnitzel,



Amarillo College and Happy State Bank & Trust Company. Conference topics included Updates on Immigration & Immigration Relief, Family Law, Disability, Medicaid, Medicare & SSA, Home Ownership, Driver's License Surcharges, Guardianship, Landlord/Tenant, Wills, Advance Directives and Trust, as well as Taxes. This was a two-day event held on Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13, 2019. I only participated at the Friday April 12th event and had the opportunity to network with each of the vendors. Great event with lots of great resources.

PRO BONO DIVORCE NIGHT COURT CLINIC

This project is co-sponsored by Texas Tech University School of Law Clinical Program, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and Lubbock County Courts.

Law students meet with the qualified applicants and help them file for a divorce under the supervision of the Civil Practice Clinic and Family Law/Housing Clinic professors. Law students prepare the paperwork, file it with the courts, and finalize the divorces before the Honorable Leslie Hatch.

Clinics are held once a month from August thru November during the Fall semester and January thru March during the Spring semester. Clinic offices are used for the interviews and all prove-ups are held in the Don Hunt or Allison Courtrooms.

For an individual to qualify for these services they must meet the following requirements:

- Meet the income guidelines which are based on family size;
- Must not have children of the marriage;
- Minimal to no property;
- No physical abuse during the marriage; and
- Be a Lubbock County resident.

LANWT screens all individuals and schedules the appointments.

CONGRATULATIONS CLINIC STUDENTS HONORED DURING HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Several clinic students were honored on April 18th during the Texas Tech University School of Law Honors and Awards Ceremony. As a disclaimer, these do not include all the recognitions and awards received during other events!



Recipient of the **Professor Marilyn Phelan Tax Award** was **Michael Hirsh** (Tax Clinic). One award is given in honor of Horn Professor Emeritus Marilyn Phelan by Michael Denham ('99) to a graduating student who

“has excelled in the Tax Clinic”.

Stephanie Grissom (Tax Clinic) was the recipient of the **Edward R. Smith and Norton Baker Tax Award** which is an award presented to a student who intends to practice in the tax area and is permanently endowed by Karl Clifford ('72) and Steve Krier ('77).



Brianna Argueta (Criminal Defense Clinic) was the recipient of the **Linda J. Kamp Service Award**. The award is presented to a graduating law student whose service to the law school best represents the dedication, service and spirit of Linda Kamp. The award is named in honor and loving

memory of Linda Kamp who served the law school community for twenty-one years and was the Registrar from 1991-2002. the award was established and is funded by the Class of 2002.

The **Robert J. and Ann Burbridge Criminal Clinic Award** was presented to **Logan Sawyer** (CRPDO Clinic). This is an award created through an endowment given by Ann Burbridge who was a long-



time registrar at the law school. It was created in memory of her husband and is given to a third year law student in a criminal defense clinic who has provided zealous advocacy for those accused of committing crimes in rural or underserved communities of Texas.

Weston Mumme (Innocence Clinic) was the recipient of the **State Bar Appellate Section Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy** for her demonstrating the most potential to excel in appellate advocacy upon graduation.



Kasey Chester (Criminal Defense Clinic) was the recipient of the **Clifford W. Brown Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Award** (this award recognizes excellence as a student attorney in the Texas Tech Criminal Defense Clinic and is funded by the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association).



Allyson Fuller (CRPDO) was recognized as the recipient of the **Frank R. Murray Award** which is sponsored by the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association and presented to the student with the highest grade in Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy in memory of the Honorable Frank R. Murry



The **Fortney Award for Ethics** was presented to **Tashika Curlee** (CRPDO). This award is given in honor of former Tech Law Professor Susan Fortney to the law student who exhibits outstanding moral and ethical conduct among his or her peers while attending law school.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CIVIL CLINIC – Class of 2018:

Shelby Broaddus – Jackson Lewis P.C. – Dallas
Michael Chase Price – Blaies & Hightower, LLP – Fort Worth
Allie Winkle – Blue River Partners – Dallas

FAMILY LAW/ HOUSING CLINIC – Class of 2018:

Julia Handt – Solo practitioner - Dallas
Desiree Hemphill – Wilson & Associates Law, P.C. – Flower Mound
Nicole Ordonez – Lewis, Birsois, Bisgaard, and Smith
Chloe Reyes – Reyes Law Firm – Abilene
Taylor Smith – Koons Fuller Law Firm – Dallas
Jennifer Wallace– WNG Capital LLC – Dallas

TAX CLINIC – Class of 2018:

John Davis – Brown, Pruitt, Wambsgans, Ferrill & Dean – Ft. Worth
Kaitlyn Foley – Foley & Lardner LLP – Dallas
Sergio Herrera – Herrera Law & Associates PLLC – Austin
Christopher Mitchell – Law Firm of Mark T. Bessent – Brownwood
Alex Pennetti – Bowman & Brooke – Plano
Joshua Radabaugh – Law Office of Donald R. Loving – San Antonio

CONGRATULATIONS CLINIC STUDENTS HONORED DURING HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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Makenzie Keene (Criminal Defense Clinic) was recognized with the *Elma Moreno Graduating Pro Bono Student of the Year* (more information on page 13) and the *Judge Ken G. Spencer Award* which is given to the student whose propensity to survive in law school by dogged persistence, or ability to adapt to adversity, or sheer force of personality or charisma, appeals to the admiration of the faculty.



Congratulations to the following clinic students who were also recognized with the *Pro Bono Honors Award* for completing at least 60 hours of pro bono work over three years where at least half of their hours were legal-related pro bono:

Advanced ADR Clinic: India Fender, Addison Kirk, Matthew Morris, Spencer Nealy, and Grace Steinhurst

Civil Practice Clinic: Christal Roethlein and Eduardo Sosa

Criminal Defense Clinic: Kasey Chester and Ellen Sorrells

Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic: Allyson Fuller and Melissa Reyes

Tax Clinic: Holton Westbrook

Innocence Clinic: Megan Soliz

Congratulations to the following clinic students who were also recognized with the *Pro Bono Achievement Award* for completing at least 150 hours of legal-related pro bono work over three years:

Advanced ADR Clinic: Jesse Kizewski

Civil Practice Clinic: Kiley Aycock and Elliott O'Day

Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic: Tashika Curlee, William Harrell, and Logan Sawyer

Criminal Defense Clinic: Makenzie Keene, Brittany Rodriguez, and Ted Wenske

Family Law Clinic: Paige Lyons and Maria Oviedo

Thank you for your service to Tech Law!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLINICAL PROGRAMS VISIT:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/clinics-and-externships/clinics/index.php>

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC - Class of 2018:

- Marta Acosta** - Law Firm of James R. Rey - El Paso
- Case Donovan** - Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner - Austin
- John Garcia** - Anderson and Alexander - Corpus Christi
- Bailey McGowan** - Florida Public Defender Office
- Andrea Nfodjo** - Assistant Dallas County District Attorney

INNOCENCE CLINIC - Class of 2018:

- Kristen Gavigan** - Dunham & Jones - Dallas
- Janet Moreno** - Assistant Tarrant County District Attorney - Fort Worth
- Christian Nisttahuz** - Norton, Rose, Fulbright - Dallas
- Ryley Bennett** - Thompson & Knight - Dallas

CRPDO CLINIC - Class of 2018:

- Kaitlin Gates** - Bergquist Law Firm - Dallas
- Jason Judd** - Assistant Potter County Attorney - Amarillo
- Bailey McShane** - Pastrano Law Firm - San Marcos
- Kelsey Robbins** - Assistant Colorado Public Defender
- Travis Warner** - Assistant Denton County District Attorney

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CLINIC —Class of 2018:

- Savannah Edwards** - Assistant Colorado Public Defender
- Amanda Gunn** - Assistant Bowie County Public Defender
- Kyra Leal** - Hamilton & Grant, Lubbock

THANKS TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS SUPPORTING *PRO BONO*

Thanks to the following faculty who assisted at Pro Bono Clinics co-sponsored by the Law School faculty and held in conjunction with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas during the spring semester: Professors **Gerry Beyer** (2 clinics), **Wes Cochran** (1 clinic), **Tracy Pearl** (1 clinic), **Wendy Ross** (1 clinic), **Rob Sherwin** (1 clinic), and **Larry Spain** (6 clinics); Law Library Faculty **Jamie Baker** (2 clinics), and **Marin Dell** (1 clinic); and Clinic Supervising Attorney **Dwight McDonald** (1 clinic).

The Law School faculty co-sponsored two Pro Bono Clinics held at St. John's United Methodist Church on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of February; a Clinic at Mae Simmons Community Center on the first Thursday of February; and three evening Pro Bono Clinics on the first Tuesday of February, March, and April that various law students

participated in that were coordinated by Elma Moreno, Director for Pro Bono Projects. In addition, all students in the Civil Practice Clinic and Family and Housing Clinic conduct intake at the Pro Bono Clinics as part of their clinical work. The following law students assisted at the Pro Bono Clinics during the spring semester as part of their pro bono requirements: **Macie Alcoser, Gabrielle Bechyne, Neely Brown, Courtney Brumfield, Amanda Byrne, Patricia Cabrera, Dwight Chacko, Kevin Colpoys, Andrew Gendi, Ramon Hernandez, Erica Lux, Monica Reyes, Ryan Zach Ross, Jarod Russell, Rees Scruggs, Aubrey Stutler, Sheena Teague, Carolina Vargas, and Travis Yandell**

If you are interested in participating in a future Pro Bono Clinic, contact Director for Pro Bono Projects **Elma Moreno** at elma.moreno@ttu.edu for more information.

The *Elma Moreno Pro Bono Service Award* was created in 2000 by Timothy and Daisy Floyd and is named in honor of Elma Moreno, original coordinator for the Private Attorney Involvement Program for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, current Legal Assistant/Office Manager for the TTU School of Law Clinical Programs, and current Director of Pro Bono Projects. This award recognizes a law student whose pro bono activities best exemplify the lawyer's obligation to ensure equal access to justice. The award is currently funded by the first award recipient and managing attorney at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Tamara Duncan (2000).

Congratulations Makenzie Keene (Criminal Defense Clinic) who was selected as the recipient of the *Pro Bono Graduating Student of the Year Award* which recognized her with the *Elma Moreno Pro Bono Service Award* for demonstrating a steadfast commitment to pro bono work throughout her time in law school.



NIGHT COURT DIVORCE PROJECT



Since 2007, the Civil Practice Clinic and the Family Law & Housing Clinic of Texas Tech University School of Law have partnered with the Lubbock County Courts to address the large numbers of *pro se* litigants in divorce cases which resulted in increasing demands on the time and resources of the courts, court staff, and the clerk's office. The Night Court Divorce Project was implemented to streamline the process of intake, referral, filing, and completion of simple divorces of parties without children that were financially eligible for services through Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas but were not a priority for their office as a result of insufficient staff resources. As part of the project, one of the judges would conduct final hearings in the evening at the law school to allow clients the convenience of not having to take time off from work or who might have difficulties with child care. Judge **Les Hatch** of the 237th Judicial District

Court, continues to volunteer with this Project by presiding over cases heard in one of the courtrooms at the law school. We thank Judge Hatch for his contributions in providing greater access to the justice system by low-income individuals.



"The divorce night court provides an opportunity for indigent spouses in failed marriages to obtain a proper divorce with the thorough guidance of TTU Law faculty and students. The prove-ups are scheduled so that the party does not have to miss work, and the students learn marriage dissolution law with real clients and issues while helping people navigate what is to them an overwhelming process. This program merges the "attorney AND counselor" roles and the students leave knowing how to handle a divorce from start to finish."

Judge Les Hatch
237th District Judge

CCAV HONORS LAW STUDENTS WHO ASSISTED LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS DURING TAX FILING SEASON



2019 marked the 16th year the *Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers* (a partner of the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic) has administered the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. An estimated 140 volunteers were certified using the online training provided thru Link N Learn which is an IRS provided training site. Luncheon began with welcoming remarks from Elma Moreno (CCAV Board of Directors President).

As a result of the efforts of sponsors, students, and community volunteers a total of **2,704** families whose average income was **\$18,047** had their tax returns prepared for free at the VITA site. This saved them over **\$400,000** in tax preparation fees. The low income residents helped received an estimated **\$2 million** in Earned Income Credits and more than **\$4 million** in refunds were returned to families within the community. An appreciation luncheon was held on May 3rd at Skyviews Restaurant honoring all volunteers.

Law students, Tax Clinic director, and staff contributed a total of 555.75 hours and were recognized with *Certificates of Appreciation* for taking time to assist in tax preparation and the quality review process. The law students who volunteered during tax filing season included all students enrolled in the Tax Clinic, as well as the following law students: **Phillip Arendall, Cullen Cook, Cassandra Gonzalez, Angel Gutierrez, Sonam James, Sina Moghadassi, Elizabeth Oliveros, David Penn, Cristian Perez, Dan Reynolds, J. Riggs, and Lauren Trevino.**



Nancy Mojica (LITC Community Outreach Coordinator) and **J. Newton Riggs** (2L) were recognized with special plaques for their Assistant Site Coordinator roles. Nancy has been an assistant site coordinator for 7 years and this was J's first year although this was his second year of serving as a volunteer.



Michael Hirsh (Tax Clinic student) was recognized with the "*Law School Volunteer of the Year Award*"



All community partners, VITA sponsors and Community Partners (including the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic accepted by Clinic Director, Terri Morgeson) as well as luncheon sponsors were recognized with a plaque or certificate. Special recognitions were given to the Building Success Campaign Donors, The CH Foundation, Helen Jones Foundation, Centennial Bank, and Vista Bank for their contributions to the *Building Success Campaign*.

A special thanks to the South Plains Community Action group who help promote the virtual vita program and for their continued support.



The site would not have been able to operate without the assistance of all these volunteers. Thank you for representing Tech Law!

If you are interested in volunteering next year, please visit the CCAV website at: <https://www.ccalubbock.org/> or Contact Elma Moreno at elma.moreno@ttu.edu



This is a great opportunity for law students to earn law-related pro bono hours to meet the Public Service Graduation requirement!

Thanks to the Board, all our student volunteers, community volunteers, and sponsors CCAV had another successful year!



WORDS FROM OUR STUDENTS

"Here is my comment for the newsletter (if it's not too late): The Tax Clinic has been one of the best experiences in law school. At the beginning of the year, I did not realize how much we could accomplish for our clients, and also, just how much our clients appreciate the work we do. I learned so much more than tax law, and I could not be more grateful for this experience!"

Cassy McGinnis
Tax Clinic

"Being in clinic has been my favorite experience in all of law school. I have learned the law, valuable life lessons, and client relations."

Alex Taylor
CRPDO Clinic

"I would NEVER, ever do law school again. However, I would do clinic again. I have had the best experience in clinic and learned more about the practice of law than in any other course. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to fight for my clients, even if that means sometimes fighting my clients."

Tashika Curlee
CRPDO Clinic

"Working in the Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic has been an amazing experience. The practical experiences of clinic are more valuable than anything I learned sitting in a regular classroom. After working in the clinic for two semesters, I feel more prepared to practice law."

Allyson Fuller
CRPDO Clinic

"The Caprock Clinic has been the most rewarding experience of my entire law school career. The wealth of knowledge and experience provided by clinic faculty and staff, especially Chief Public Defender Donnie Yandell, was without measure, and I am certain that the practical experience that I gained from the Clinic will prove instrumental in my success after the bar as I begin my career as solo criminal defense attorney."

Rees R. Scruggs II
CRPDO Clinic

"The Innocence Clinic has been one of the greatest experiences of my law school career. I have learned more in the last year than I have in the last two years I have been in law school. The Innocence Clinic has enhanced my writing skills, elevated my legal analysis ability, and provided me with a slew of real-world experiences. Allison has been the best mentor, motivator, and leader we could have asked for; she is beyond brilliant and I feel fortunate to have been under her charge."

Megan J. Soliz
Innocence Clinic

"Working in the Criminal Defense Clinic was the pinnacle of my entire law school career. I had the opportunity to zealously advocate, in and out of the courtroom, for indigent people of Lubbock County. I was fortunate enough to work under some great attorneys and with some great friends to advance the cause of indigent defense. With my practical experience, I feel ready to go out and began defending others."

Ted Wenske
Criminal Defense Clinic

"Working in the clinic has been an enlightening experience. I feel more prepared to enter the workforce now that I have some experience dealing with clients and going before a judge. I know how I will handle a wide variety of disputes that I definitely will encounter once I start working and I'm thankful that I will be ahead of the curve on that."

Ellen Sorrells
Criminal Defense Clinic

"The Criminal Defense Clinic has been the highlight of my law school experience. When we started the clinic at the beginning of the year I was nervous to speak in court, negotiate with prosecutors, and even interview my clients. However, as the year progressed I became more comfortable and gained confidence through my experience and from the encouragement of my fellow clinic students. I am leaving Tech Law with a year of experience as a criminal defense attorney and friendships made that will follow us all into our careers."

Brittany Scee Rodriguez
Criminal Defense Clinic

"Clinic has been the most difficult yet rewarding experience throughout my three years of law school. I have come to trust my instincts and my education by applying them to real world situations. I have been changed for the better through the representation of my clients and the continuous support of my fellow clinic students and my professors. Clinic will be what I miss the most about my Tech Law education and I will strive to enhance its reputation through my own practice."

Kasey Chester
Criminal Defense Clinic

"I appreciate the hands-on practical experience I gained from CDC. Each week something new, unexpected, or strange would push me to learn and understand how to better engage with criminal procedure and criminal law simultaneously. My favorite part was probably plea negotiations and preparing for them."

Mitch Leonard Meara
Criminal Defense Clinic

Snapshot Corner



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CONGRATULATIONS MAY GRADUATES!
Good luck with the Bar Exam!

***Congratulations to all students who passed the
 February Bar Exam!***

Job well done!!!

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