

# May 2021 Hooding Ceremony



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# Texas Tech University School of Law

## Hooding Ceremony

### May 2021

#### **Welcome**

Jack Wade Nowlin, M.A., J.D., Ph.D.  
*Dean and W. Frank Newton Professor of Law*

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

Mark R. Griffin, J.D. '79  
*Vice Chairman, Texas Tech University System Board of Regents*

Clay Elliott, J.D. '21  
*President, Student Bar Association*

#### **Keynote Address**

The Honorable Ann-Marie Carruth, J.D. '06  
*Presiding Judge, 72<sup>nd</sup> District Court*

#### **Hooding of Graduation Candidates**

Sofia Chapman, M.Ed., Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean, Office for Student Life*

#### **Hooding Professors**

Jorge A. Ramírez  
*Walter and Anne Huffman Professor of Law*

Wendy Tolson Ross  
*Professor of Law*  
*Director, Family Law and Housing Clinic*  
*Director, Diversity*

# About Texas Tech University School of Law

Founded in 1967, Texas Tech University School of Law boasts a rich history. In the 1930s, Alvin R. Allison, a self-described “country lawyer from Levelland,” could not afford to attend one of the three American Bar Association-accredited law schools in Texas. Instead of attending law school, he earned his law license by apprenticing under a local attorney for two years and passing the Texas Bar Examination in 1934.

His struggle to become a lawyer inspired his quest to establish a law school in West Texas at his alma mater, Texas Technological College. The Texas Tech Board of Directors hired Richard B. Amandes as the Law School’s first dean in 1966, and in 1967, the first class, comprised of 72 students, enrolled at Texas Tech Law. The ABA granted accreditation to the school in August 1970. In 1969, Texas Tech Law gained membership to the Association of American Law Schools, and in 1974, was elected to the Order of the Coif, a qualification shared by less than half of the nation’s law schools.

Since opening, the Law School has graduated more than 8,500 students, including the first woman to head a major federal-law enforcement agency, the Army’s highest-ranking legal officer, general counsels of corporations, elected officials, state and federal judges, and some of the nation’s top litigators.

Texas Tech Law offers a robust clinical program, three academic centers, 10 dual-degree programs, three concentration programs, a regional-externship program, a nationally recognized legal-practice program, a public-service graduation requirement, two award-winning law journals, and a nationally competitive advocacy program that boasts 47 national and international championships.

Texas Tech Law attracts professors who are passionate about teaching. In fact, Texas Tech Law has won the University’s Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award three times in recent years, four professors have been recognized with the Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award since Fall 2013, and seven professors are elected members of the prestigious American Law Institute. Texas Tech Law is also the only law school in the country to have had an entire court—the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo—teach a full-year course.

With quality students, talented faculty, and devoted staff, the Law School continues to produce gifted attorneys who practice across the state, region, and country.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Texas Tech University School of Law is to prepare individuals for the effective and ethical practice of law in a rapidly changing, diverse, and interconnected world; to engage in meaningful scholarship; and to foster a culture of public service.

## Vision Statement

To be a premier student-centered law school developing effective, ethical lawyers and leaders for Texas and for the diverse world of the 21st century.



## About the Doctor of Jurisprudence Academic Regalia

### ***Tam***

Instead of the undergraduate or master's degree mortarboard and tassel, law and other doctoral degree graduates wear a velvet tam with a short gold tassel.

### ***Gown***

Texas Tech Law graduates wear a black gown. To distinguish it from undergraduate or master's degree gowns, the Doctor of Jurisprudence gown bears three black velvet bars on the arms and black velvet panels down the front of the gown.

### ***Hood***

As is customary with doctoral degrees, a law graduate carries the hood, and a person with the same degree places the hood on the graduate. The hood's exterior is black while its interior has purple velvet, signifying a degree in the law.



# About the Keynote Speaker



*Theresa Garrett*

FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

**ANN-MARIE CARRUTH**  
PRESIDING JUDGE



Before taking the bench in 2015, **Judge Ann-Marie Carruth** enjoyed a private general law practice. She holds both her undergraduate and law degree from Texas Tech University, where she was named best-oralist in mock trial competitions and received the American Jurisprudence award in International Environmental Law. Judge Carruth has served as judge for Precinct 4 and Court-at-Law #3 in Lubbock County and was recently appointed by Governor Abbott as the judge of the 72nd District Court.

While in office Judge Carruth has developed community outreach programs such as Full Court Press, Carruth's Court Camp, and created several other opportunities for the court and community to intersect.

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht has appointed Judge Carruth to the Courthouse Security Task Force, the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, the Landlord-Tenant Forms Task Force, and the Pro Bono Work Group. Judge Carruth has twice been named "Judge of the Year" by the West Texas Justices of the Peace and Constables Association, Young Adult Volunteer of the Year by the Lubbock Volunteer Center and a Women of Excellence by the YWCA. In 2018, Judge Carruth was named the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Ag Communications' Outstanding Early Career recipient and her Saturday Court was named the "Best Practice" in the state of Texas by JPCA. The following year, she was presented with the Texas Tech University CASNR Young Alumni Award.

Judge Carruth is a member of the Texas Tech University School of Law Inns of Court and serves on committees for the Texas Bar Foundation. She also serves on the board for the Texas Bar College, the YWCA, and the Community Foundation of West Texas.

Judge Carruth has served as an adjunct professor for Texas Tech University, Wayland Baptist University, and Texas Tech University School of Law. She also serves as faculty for the Texas Justice Court Training Center and is frequently invited to speak to various legal, professional, and community organizations.

Judge Carruth and her husband, Kyle, have two boys, Thatcher and Baines.



A close-up photograph of a person wearing a black academic gown. A bright red hood is draped over their shoulders, and a blue lining is visible underneath. The person's hands are clasped in front of them. The background is blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

# Hooding Candidates



# Candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

## Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

### Avery Margaret Aiken

*Timothy Keating & Katie Langford '20*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### Mary Oluwakemi Akapo

*Temitope Adeosun*  
B.A., Sam Houston State University

### Macie Alcoser

*Professors Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Patrick S. Metzger*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### Weston L. Allen

*Hooding Professor*  
B.S., Texas Tech University

### Jeremy Drayton Angenend

*Paul Angenend*  
B.S., Texas A&M University - Central

### Anyssa Montez Barbosa

*Associate Dean Wendy-Adele Humphrey '01*  
B.A., Oklahoma Panhandle State University  
M.S., Texas Tech University\*

### Leia Nicole Bates

*Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Wendy Tolson Ross*  
B.A., University of the Incarnate Word

### Sara Bailey Baumgardner

*Professors Brie D. Sherwin '01 & Robert T. Sherwin '01*  
B.M., Texas Tech University

### Eric Baumgart

*Patrick Walsh & Professor Roderick E. Wetsel*  
B.A., Baldwin Wallace University

### Jessica R. Bebawi

*Professors Brie D. Sherwin '01 & Donnell W. Yandell '01*  
B.A., University of Texas - Arlington

### Gabrielle Bechyne

*Professor Alyson M. Drake*  
B.A., West Texas A&M University

### Andrew Bradley Beck

*Hooding Professor*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

## Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

### Kristen N. Beck

*Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Brie D. Sherwin '01*  
B.B.A., Texas Christian University  
M.A., Texas Christian University

### Joseph Claude Best

*John Patrick Best*  
B.S., University of Illinois

### Lane Michael Birkenfeld

*Professors Bryan T. Camp & John L. Watts*  
B.S., Texas A&M University  
M.S., Texas A&M University

### Joseph Garrett Black

*Hooding Professor*  
B.S., University of Oklahoma  
M.B.A., Texas Tech University\*

### Zachary Hunter Blackmon

*Professor William R. Keffer*  
B.A., University of Texas

### Brandy Alexis Booth

*Professor Gerry W. Beyer*  
B.S., Colorado State University

### John W. Brooks

*Gene Walters*  
B.A., Texas Tech University†

### Kurt A. Brown

*Hooding Professor*  
B.A., The College of Wooster  
Law & Science Concentration - Energy

### Neely Brooke Brown

*Michael L. Byrd '84*  
B.A., Baylor University

### Cameron Sean Bush\*

*Professor Bryan T. Camp & Robert Nebb '89*  
B.S., Stephen F. Austin University

### Patricia Cabrera-Sopo

*Professors Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Patrick S. Metzger*  
B.A., University of Oklahoma

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### Trevor Owen Chilton

Timothy T. Pridmore & Rebecca Ramirez '05  
B.S., Texas A&M University

### Melissa L. Clark

Donna Edmundson & Professor Nancy J. Soonpaa  
B.A., University of South Florida  
M.A., University of South Florida

### Daisy Contreras

Professor B. Allison Clayton '07  
B.A., University of Texas - San Antonio

### Will Davidson

Assistant Dean Danielle Saavedra '15 &  
Professor Roderick E. Wetsel  
B.S., Texas A&M University

### Logan Scott Dorsett

Professor Dustin B. Benham  
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

### Charlotte Elizabeth Dozier

Professor John L. Watts  
B.S., West Texas A&M University

### Wellesley Anna DuBois

Robert DuBois & Katie DuBois Hudson '10  
B.B.A., University of Texas  
M.H.A., Trinity University

### Cal R. Dunagan

Paul Dunagan  
B.A., University of Texas

### Clay Elliott

Mark Mosley '79  
B.S., University of Louisville  
P.F.P., Texas Tech University\*

### Rodrigo Jose Escobar

Professors Patrick S. Metze & Donnell W. Yandell '01  
B.A., University of Houston

### Austin D. Estelle

Professors Gerry W. Beyer & Eric A. Chiappinelli  
B.S., University of Texas - Dallas  
Business Law Concentration

## Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

### Rebekah Paige Farrimond

Scott Farrimond  
B.S., University of Texas

### Quincy Hope Ferrill

Professors Brandon Beck '12 & Donnell W. Yandell '01  
B.A., Austin College

### Emily A. Fouts

Professors M. Alexander Pearl & Brie D. Sherwin '01  
B.S., Texas Tech University  
Law & Science Concentration - Water

### Cooper Trey Fyfe

Professors Dustin B. Benham & Brian D. Shannon  
B.S., Trinity University

### Angelo Fernando Ganno

Professor Dustin B. Benham & Cameron Smith  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### Andrew W. Gendi

Professors Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Patrick S. Metze  
B.A., Ouachita Baptist University

### Garrett Lee Gibbins

Jennifer Gibbins Durbin & Kristi Ward Stephens  
B.A., Southwestern University

### Cassandra Gonzalez

Professors Eric A. Chiappinelli & Terri M. Morgeson '03  
B.B.A., University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

### Bryan K. Greer

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B.B.A., Texas Tech University  
M.S.A., Texas Tech University

### Wyatt A. Griffis

Phil Griffis & Professor William R. Keffer  
B.A., Baylor University

### Hayden Halbach

Hooding Professor  
B.A., University of Texas

### Colton M. Harris

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B.S., Texas A&M University  
M.A., Angelo State University

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### Bailey E. Hartman

*Professor William R. Keffer & Jared Knight*

B.S., West Texas A&M University

### Justin R. Hawkins

*Hooding Professor*

B.S., Eastern New Mexico University

### Samuel Ethan Higgs

*Hooding Professor*

B.A., University of Texas

M.B.A., Texas Tech University\*

Law & Science Concentration - Cybersecurity

### Delaney Marie Honaker

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### Melissa Brooke Hostick

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B.A., University of Texas

### Teralyn Jo Hurwitz

*Chase Diethrich*

B.A., California State University - East Bay

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B.A., Trinity University

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B.A., University of Alabama

### Logan Bryce Jones

*Professor William R. Keffer*

B.A., Texas A&M University

### Shirley Michelle King

*The Honorable Ann-Marie Carruth '06 &*

*Professor William R. Keffer*

B.A., Texas Tech University

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### John David Kirby

*Cary Kirby '88 & Professor Roderick E. Wetsel*

B.S., Texas A&M University

### Sarah Jo Lambert

*Professors DeLeith Duke Gossett & Robert T. Sherwin '01*

B.A., University of Nebraska - Lincoln

### Benjamin Thomas Laney

*Professor Gerry W. Beyer*

B.S., Texas A&M University

### William Neal Langford

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B.P.A., Texas State University

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### Natalie Shanel Lewis

*Carlos Evaristo Flores*

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### Jesse Mende

*Professor Jarod S. Gonzalez*

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### **Andria Nicole Miller**

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B.A., Texas Christian University

### **Kristopher Kent Mincey**

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*Professors William R. Keffer & Roderick E. Wetsel*  
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### **Mikaela Ree Mitcham**

*Holly O'Neil '87*  
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### **John R. Moore**

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### **Kaitlyn Nicole Moreno**

*Professors Q. Dwight McDonald '93 & Patrick S. Metzger*  
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### **Michael Null**

*Michael Glenn Null*  
B.A., University of Texas

### **Mariam Omodele**

*Professor Sally M. Henry*  
B.S., University of Texas

### **Jared Anthony Opperman**

*Justin Opperman*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

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### **Drake E. Pamilton**

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A.A., Cedar Valley College

### **Cole Anthony Patterson**

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B.A., Texas A&M University  
M.B.A., Texas Tech University\*

### **Kaitlin Frances Paule**

*Professor DeLeith Duke Gossett*  
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Jacy Lorraine Pawelek**

*Ellen Sorrells '19*  
B.A., Texas State University

### **Tate Perkins**

*Austin Schnell*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Austin Michael Potts**

*Professor Gerry W. Beyer*  
B.A., Texas A&M University

### **Kevin J. Price**

*Richard Price*  
B.S., Texas Tech University

### **Matthew McClellan Price**

*Cooper McDaniel '17 & Holley Owens '17*  
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Rachel Pungwe**

*Professor Vaughn E. James*  
B.B.A., University of Texas - Arlington

### **Hugo Alfredo Ramirez Jr.**

*Associate Dean Catherine M. Christopher*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Brandon Rex Reese**

*Chuck Lanehart '77 & Fred Stangl '99*  
B.A., University of North Texas

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### **Spencer Alec Reyes**

*Sam Reyes & Chloe Reyes-Garces '18*  
B.A., Abilene Christian University

### **Monica D. Reyes Ibarra**

*Professors Larry R. Spain & David N. Strange*  
B.A., University of Texas

### **Jakob Mark Reynolds**

*Professor Brandon Beck '12*  
B.A., Texas Tech University  
M.M., Texas Tech University

### **Jordan Taylor Rhodes**

*Professor Brie D. Sherwin '01*  
B.A., University of Texas

### **Riley Kay Richardson**

*Ronald Phillips '94*  
B.B.A., Texas Tech University  
Law & Science Concentration - Energy

### **Avery JoAnn Rios**

*Professors Brie D. Sherwin '01 & Donnell W. Yandell '01*  
B.B.A., Texas A&M University

### **Grant Alexander Rodgers**

*Professor Sally M. Henry*  
B.A., Texas A&M University

### **Raul A. Romero Talamantes**

*Lee Tyner*  
B.A., Texas Christian University

### **Karla Denise Rosales**

*Matthew Lopez '10 & Noe Valles '93*  
B.A., Sam Houston State University

### **Alexandra Elizabeth Rossetti**

*Professor Sally M. Henry & Ronald G. Rossetti, Jr.*  
B.A., The Ohio State University

### **Jarod Landon Russell**

*Bill Brian*  
B.A., University of Texas  
M.Ed., West Texas A&M University

### **Zayne Christine Saadi**

*Alexander Saadi '18*  
B.S., Texas Christian University

## Candidate · Hooding Attorney/Professor

### **Dania Z. Sadi**

*Associate Dean Catherine M. Christopher*  
B.A., University of Texas

### **Trevor Yoshiaki Sako**

*Professors William R. Keffer & Jorge A. Ramírez*  
B.S., Texas A&M University

### **Michael Arturo Samaniego**

*Elisa Samaniego & Richard Samaniego*  
B.B.A., University of Texas - El Paso

### **Kaitlyn Dian Schiraldi**

*Ryley T. Bennett '18*  
B.S., University of Texas

### **Taylor L. Seaton**

*Professor B. Allison Clayton '07 & Shane Seaton*  
B.F.A., Angelo State University

### **Ryan Thomas Sherer**

*Associate Deans Wendy-Adele Humphrey '01 & Victoria V. Sutton*  
B.B.A., Lamar University

### **Chloe Rose Shrode**

*Professors M. Alexander Pearl & Robert T. Sherwin '01*  
B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Hunter Mack Sutterfield**

*Donna Easterling & Antoinette Jackson*  
B.B.A., Texas Tech University

### **Kordell Tindle**

*Professor Sally M. Henry*  
B.S., Eastern New Mexico University

### **Lauren Michelle Trevino**

*Professors Alyson M. Drake & M. Alexander Pearl*  
B.B.A., University of Texas

### **Carolina G. Truesdale**

*Professor Bryan T. Camp & Jeff S. Ford '07*  
B.A., Baylor University

### **Rachel Katherine Tyra**

*Tommy Prud'homme*  
B.B.A., Texas Christian University

## Candidates for the Doctor of Jurisprudence

### **Candidate** · Hooding Attorney/Professor

#### **Melissa Brooke Waggoner**

*Professor John L. Watts*

B.S., Lubbock Christian University

M.S., Texas Tech University

Law & Science Concentration - Energy

#### **Hunter Chase Wallen**

*Hooding Professor*

B.A., Oklahoma State University

#### **Taylor Madison Walls**

*Professor Brian D. Shannon*

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

#### **Thomas O. Wendt**

*Bryan Wendt '88*

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

B.A., Texas Tech University

#### **Drew White**

*Professors Jarod S. Gonzalez & Brie D. Sherwin '01*

B.A., Louisiana State University

### **Candidate** · Hooding Attorney/Professor

#### **R. William Whitmer**

*Professor Gerry W. Beyer & Dana Legler '92*

B.A., University of Texas

#### **Jared Seth Widenbaum**

*Professors Sally M. Henry & Alison G. Myhra*

B.S., University of Arizona

B.A., University of Arizona

M.B.A., Texas Tech University\*

#### **Mitchell Williams**

*Stephen Williams '84*

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

#### **Jacqueline Jude Wyatt**

*Professor Q. Dwight McDonald '93 &*

*Assistant Dean Danielle Saavedra '15*

B.S., Texas A&M University

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## Final Degree Evaluation

The listing of candidates and degrees in this program is preliminary and subject to final degree-requirement evaluation. A candidate earns a degree after the Registrar determines that the candidate has satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements and posted final grades on the official record. The diploma of Texas Tech University School of Law, signed and sealed by its appropriate officers, is the official public document evidencing that a degree has been awarded.



# CONGRATULATIONS

To the Class of 2021!

Best of luck on the bar exam and  
your future endeavors.

Continue to Strive for Honor and  
always remember to Wreck 'em!

From the 2021–2022 Texas Tech Law Student Bar Association

Dylan Meyer, President

Ellen Platt, Vice President of Student Organizations

Carson Ogle, Vice President of Finance

Rebecca Brogan, Vice President of Administration





## Student Organizations

### **Aggie Bar Association**

**2019–2020**

Will Davidson, *Vice President*

Benjamin Thomas Laney, *Treasurer*

Lane Michael Birkenfeld, *Secretary*

Ashley Nicole Harrison, *Social Media Chair*

**2020–2021**

Will Davidson, *President*

### **Agricultural Law Association**

**2019–2020**

Emily A. Fouts, *Vice President*

Melissa Brooke Waggoner, *Treasurer*

Lane Michael Birkenfeld, *Philanthropic Chair*

Charlotte Elizabeth Dozier, *Social Media Chair*

**2020–2021**

Emily A. Fouts, *President*

Melissa Brooke Waggoner, *Vice President*

Lane Michael Birkenfeld, *Treasurer*

Charlotte Elizabeth Dozier, *Fundraising Chair*

### **APALSA**

**2019–2020**

Mary Oluwakemi Akapo, *Director of Internal Relations*

**2020–2021**

Angelo Fernando Ganno, *President*

### **Black Law Students Association**

**2019–2020**

Mary Oluwakemi Akapo, *Secretary*

Rachel Pungwe, *Historian*

**2020–2021**

Mary Oluwakemi Akapo, *President*

Rachel Pungwe, *Vice President*

### **Business Law Association**

**2019–2020**

Rachel Katherine Tyra, *Treasurer*

Elliott Smith Mason, *Business Manager*

Cassandra Gonzalez, *Professional Outreach Chair*

**2020–2021**

Elliott Smith Mason, *President*

### **Christian Legal Society**

**2019–2020**

Jarod Landon Russell, *Chaplain*

**2020–2021**

Bailey E. Hartman, *Treasurer*

Jarod Landon Russell, *Chaplain*

### **Criminal Law Association**

**2019–2020**

Michael Arturo Samaniego, *Vice President*

Taylor L. Seaton, *Treasurer*

Rodrigo Jose Escobar, *Volunteer Chair*

**2020–2021**

Taylor L. Seaton, *Vice President*

Andrew W. Gendi, *Secretary*

Avery Margaret Aiken, *Social Chair*

Hunter Mack Sutterfield, *Pro Bono Chair*

### **Diversity Advisory Board**

**2020–2021**

Mary Oluwakemi Akapo

Clay Elliott

Angelo Fernando Ganno

Andria Nicole Miller

### **Energy Law Interest Group**

**2019–2020**

Melissa L. Clark, *Secretary*

Shirley Michelle King, *Treasurer*

**2020–2021**

Shirley Michelle King, *President*

### **Family Law Society**

**2019–2020**

Neely Brooke Brown, *President*

Gabrielle Bechyne, *Vice President*

Patricia Cabrera-Sopo, *Secretary*

Rebekah Paige Farrimond, *Treasurer*

### **Federalist Society**

**2019–2020**

Cole Anthony Patterson, *President*

Kurt A. Brown, *Treasurer*

Jared Seth Widenbaum, *General Secretary*

Taylor Madison Walls, *Communications Director*



## Student Organizations

### **Hispanic Law Students Association**

**2019–2020**

Rodrigo Jose Escobar, *Secretary*  
Karla Denise Rosales, *Alumni Relations Chair*  
Cassandra Gonzalez, *Fundraising Chair*  
Leia Nicole Bates, *Community Service Chair*

**2020–2021**

Rodrigo Jose Escobar, *President*

### **Immigration Law Association**

**2019–2020**

Daisy Contreras, *Vice President*  
Karla Denise Rosales, *Secretary*  
Michael Arturo Samaniego, *Pro Bono Chair*

**2020–2021**

Daisy Contreras, *Secretary*

### **Intellectual Property Student Association**

**2020–2021**

Angelo Fernando Ganno, *Vice President*

### **Longhorn Bar Association**

**2019–2020**

Lauren Michelle Trevino, *President*  
Tessa Kay Meredith, *Vice President*  
Samuel Ethan Higgs, *Treasurer*  
R. William Whitmer, *Secretary*

### **Organization of Women Law Students**

**2019–2020**

Tessa Kay Meredith, *President*  
Chloe Rose Shrode, *Vice President*  
Lauren Michelle Trevino, *Treasurer*  
Kaitlin Frances Paule, *Secretary*  
Andria Nicole Miller, *Social Chair*

**2020–2021**

Bailey E. Hartman, *Vice President*

### **Phi Delta Phi**

**2019–2020**

Cooper Trey Fyfe, *Magister*

### **Sports & Entertainment Law Society**

**2020–2021**

Anyssa Montez Barbosa, *President*  
Drew White, *Social Chair*

### **Student Wellness Advisory Council**

**2020–2021**

Natalie Shanel Lewis, *President*  
Rachel Pungwe, *Vice President*

### **Tech Health Law Association**

**2019–2020**

Wellesley Anna DuBois, *President*  
Gabriel Luke Lively, *Vice President*  
Will Davidson, *Treasurer*  
Brandy Alexis Booth, *Secretary*  
Quincy Hope Ferrill, *Social Media Chair*

**2020–2021**

Wellesley Anna DuBois, *Treasurer*  
Bailey E. Hartman, *Vice President*

## Service Awards

**Excellence in Service Award**  
Sara Bailey Baumgardner

**Brendan Murray Public Service Award**  
Jessica R. Bebawi

## Individual Achievement Awards

**Charlsie Moore ADR & Mediation Award**  
Mariam Omodele

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*Best Preliminary Round Advocate (Shrode)*

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**2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Mock Trial Competition**

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**2020 ABA Arbitration Competition**

Drew White  
*National Runner-Up; Regional Champion*

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**2020 National Moot Court Competition**

Sara Bailey Baumgardner  
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**2020 Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition**

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*National Runners-Up, Best Brief*

**2021 National Online Moot Court Competition**

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**2021 ABA Client Counseling Competition**

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**2021 TYLA National Trial Competition**

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