



 **TEXAS Law**  
*Alumni News & Notes*

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI

## ALUMNI STORIES

### Begala '90, Upton Kea '82 Named Distinguished Alumni by Texas Exes; Will Be Honored with the Orange Jacket



Two Texas Law Alumni, Paul Begala '90 and Arleas Upton Kea '82, are among the six UT alumni to be honored with Distinguished Alumnus Awards presented by Texas Exes this year. [Read more >](#)

## LAW SCHOOL NEWS

### Texas Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program Now Helping More Grads

Exciting changes to the Texas Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) went into effect Sept. 1, 2020, raising the salary cap so that more graduates in public service careers will be able to participate in this program. [Read more >](#)

### Taking Freshlaw Orientation By The Horns



New students got to experience Freshlaw Orientation with the usual excitement, despite extraordinary circumstances. The Law School community's determination to make Fall 2020 memorable for excellence was evident in this year's Orientation.

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## Meet Our New Class of '23 Public Interest Scholars



The William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law is proud to welcome first year students Alyse Munrose, Nicole Steinberg, and Sally Vandenberg – recipients of scholarships awarded to incoming students who have a demonstrated commitment to social justice. [Read more >](#)

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**40**  
HOURS



Support the Law School in UT's online giving drive **40 Hours for the Forty Acres on Sept. 15-16** to help raise funds for student scholarships and other important student support initiatives.

## EVENTS

**Sept. 21 - Nov. 16** - Fall 2020 Colloquium, "Inequality, Labor, and Human Rights: The Future of Work in the Age of Pandemic" | Rapoport Center

**Sept. 30** - Distinguished Lecture Series with Rupangi Faldu and Ashley Phillips | KBH Center

**Oct. 5** - A Discussion with the Authors of *Shortlisted: Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court* | Center for Women in Law

**Oct. 15** - *The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III* | Strauss Center

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*View upcoming [Texas Law Events](#)*

## CLASS NOTES

**Omar J. Alaniz '03**, a restructuring and bankruptcy lawyer, has joined Reed

Smith as a partner in its Financial Industry Group in Dallas, after previously serving as a partner at Baker Botts.

**Daniel F. Collins '12** is governmental affairs manager for the County of El Paso, Texas. He returned to El Paso in 2020 after working as a senior legislative counsel at the New York City Council and serving as a policy counsel at the Texas Senate.

**Miguel Garza '12**, co-founder and CEO of Siete Family Foods, was featured in the Texas Exes' *Alcalde* magazine.

**Brian Michel '07** has been elected to the firm partnership at Allen Matkins, a California-based full-service real estate and business law firm.

**Vincent E. Morgan '00** has joined Bracewell LLP's Houston office as a partner in the litigation group. Morgan most recently was a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, where he was the former managing partner of the Houston office.

**Jonathan Newton '93** has joined King & Spalding, a corporate and securities partner, to its Corporate, Finance and Investments (CFI) Practice Group in Houston.

**Connie Pfeiffer '04** has joined Yetter Coleman as the new leader of its appellate team. Her practice focuses on business disputes, legal malpractice and fiduciary claims, and statutory and procedural issues. She joins the firm after previously serving as a partner at Beck Redden LLP.

**Stephen E. Walraven '75** — Langley & Banack, Inc. attorney Stephen E. Walraven has been elected Fellow to the American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC) by vote of the ACCC Board of Regents.

**Ross Angus Williams '08** — Bell Nunnally Partner Ross Angus Williams has been named among the “40 Under 40” in 2020 by the Dallas Business Journal.

**Jay Zweig '86** has joined Ballard Spahr LLP as a partner. He was previously a partner at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, and has 25 years of experience practicing employment law and commercial litigation.

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## IN MEMORIAM

*Listed alphabetically by last name.*

Elizabeth Joyce Anderson '67

Frederick E. Black '86

Gary Bushell '67

Paul Logan DeVerter '59

Hon. Joseph B. Dorsey '67

Ronnie Earle '67

C. Fielding Early Jr. '66

Woodrow Epperson '67

John Estes '56 — *Memorial Donations: John and Melba Estes Visiting Professorship*

Hon. John W. Fainter '63 — *Memorial Donations: John W. Fainter, Jr. Plan II Scholarship*

Michael P. Finn '81

Donald L. Gaffney '78

Liza Farrow-Gillespie '92

David N. Gray '63

William "Bill" Hilgers '49

LeRoy Morgan Jahn '68

Robert J. Kuhn '62

Derrick Juarez '05

Talmadge D. "Ted" Mayo III '65

Juan Roberto Oaxaca '78

Hon. Robert M. Parker '64 — *Memorial Donations: Judge Robert Parker Endowed Scholarship*

Rachael A. Rawlins '93 — *Memorial Donations: Rachael Rawlins Memorial Fund*

John S. Sellingsloh '50

Gerald Shur '57

Sam D. Sparks '70

Stephen D. Susman '65

Alan Telisman '73

Jimmie B. Todd '63

Randall "Buck" Wood '68

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