



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

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI

## ALUMNI STORIES

### Trailblazing Longhorn Julius Whittier '80 Immortalized on Campus



Julius Whittier—a larger-than-life trailblazer as Texas' first Black letterman, a member of the 1970 National Championship team, a Texas Law alum, and a triple Longhorn—has been honored with a larger-than-life bronze statue in the north end of Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

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### Meet Texas Law's New Chief Development Officer, Magda Herrera '05



Magda Herrera is joining Texas Law as Chief Development Officer starting in January. It's a true homecoming for the Double Longhorn, who graduated from Texas Law in 2005. Welcome back! [Read more >](#)

### Video: Mentoring Program Celebrates Five Years of Alumni Leadership and Student Success



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## ♥ Attention Lovebirds! ♥

For our Valentine's Day newsletter, we want your law school love stories. Did you find a love connection at Texas Law? Are you still together today? Share your story and pictures with us for our annual 'Lawyers in Love' feature.

[Tell Us Your Story](#)

## LAW SCHOOL NEWS

### IN MEMORIAM: Thomas M. Reavley, Texas Legend and Texas Law Adjunct

The Hon. Thomas M. Reavley, who sat on the Texas Supreme Court before his appointment to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States, and who also found time for three separate stints as an Adjunct Professor at Texas Law, died on December 1 in Houston. He was 99. [Read more >](#)

### New Report Reveals the Devastating Toll of COVID-19 in Texas Prisons and Jails

Prof. Michele Deitch is the lead author of a new study showing Texas prisons have COVID rates 5 times higher than Texas as a whole, 35% higher than the rest of the U.S. prison population. [Read more >](#)

### Tarlton Library Launches Online Research Guide on Supreme Court Reform

Tarlton's latest invaluable digital collection traces the last seventy-five years of law, policy and debate on reforming the U.S. Supreme Court. [Read more >](#)

### Off the Walls: Prints from Prof. John A. Robertson at the Blanton Museum

The late professor's dynamic and highly personal collection of artworks on paper are featured in a new exhibit and online resource celebrating his distinctive approach to art and artists. [Read more >](#)

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# ANNUAL GIVING

2020/2021

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## EVENTS

**Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1** – All UT offices will be closed.

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## CLASS NOTES

*Listed alphabetically by last name.*

**Robert P. Braubach '77**, San Antonio International Real Estate Attorney, has been honored by the Government of Belgium by being appointed an “Officer in the Order of Leopold II,” bestowed by King Phillippe of Belgium, for over 25 years of service representing Belgium in San Antonio as an Honorary Consul and foreign trade representative.

**Edward Festeryga '16** has joined the Houston personal injury law firm of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner as an Associate. His practice focuses on a wide range of personal injury matters.

**J. Noah Hagey '01**, co-founder and managing partner of BraunHagey & Borden, has been named by the National Law Journal as one of 2020's most revered "Winning Litigators." Hagey earned back-to-back trial awards and served as lead trial counsel in a \$16 million hedge fund fraud judgement.

**Jasmine M. Harding '16** has joined Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., in Austin, TX. Harding was named by the Austin Monthly Magazine as a Top Employment Lawyer in Austin and was also named as an Up-and-Coming Attorney in the Austin Black Business Journal.

**Richard Krumholz '92** was appointed as the new Global Head of Litigation and Disputes at Norton Rose Fulbright's Global Chief Executive Gerry Pecht. He will lead one of the world's largest Litigation and Disputes Practice Groups.

**Emily Stephens '00** joined Vinson & Elkins LLP as a partner in its Investment Funds practice. Stephens, previously served for more than 14 years in managing director roles for global alternative investment management firm Oaktree Capital Management.

**John Strohmeier '09** was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estates Counsel. ACTEC is a nonprofit association of lawyers and law professors skilled in the preparation of wills and trusts; estate planning; and probate procedure and administration of trusts and estates of decedents, minors, and incompetents.

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## IN MEMORIAM

*Listed alphabetically by last name.*

James H. Arnold '73  
Charles Austin '50  
Monty C. Barber '55  
Stephanie J. Barrera '05  
Marion J. Borchers '62  
Royal H. Brin '41  
H. Dustin Fillmore '57  
Paul E. French '59  
Steve D. Gibson '92  
Dewey J. Gonsoulin, Sr. '54  
R. Gordon Gooch '61  
John Owen Kain '58  
Sam O. Kimberlin '53  
Verne F. Knickerbocker '54  
Jonathan L. Le Bleu '63  
William S. Lee '78

Hollis Anne Mathews '87  
Stan L. McLelland '70  
Charles W. Mohundro '62  
Harold E. Moore '57  
D. Faith Orłowski '78  
Doyle E. Perkinson '61  
Jana M. Ramsay '85  
Rayford A. Ratliff '68  
Humberto "Tati" Santiesteban '62  
Warren W. Shipman '54  
Gerald J. Smith '56  
Joy M. Thomas '93  
Larry D. Thompson, J.D. '64  
Arthur C. Troilo '57  
Richard E. Tulk '68  
Sharon L. Warner '82

**Marion Borchers '62** practiced law in New Braunfels and was a Life member of the University of Texas Exes and an alumni of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

**Royal H. Brin, Jr. '41**, 101, served 4 years in the Navy in World War II and practiced law with the firm of Strasburger and Price for 48 years.

**H. Dustin Fillmore, Sr. '56** held a 42-year career as a civil trial lawyer in Wichita Falls.

**Dewey Jude Gonsoulin '54**, 90, practiced with the Beaumont law firm of Mehaffy Weber for over 60 years. He served as President of the Texas Associate of Defense Counsel, and the Jefferson County Bar Association. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Dewey Jude Gonsoulin, Sr. Endowment for Excellence Scholarship in Law at Texas Law](#).

**R. Gordon Gooch '61**, long-time Washington lawyer and former Law Clerk of Chief Justice Earl Warren, opened the Washington office of Baker & Botts, and later his own firm, Travis & Gooch.

**Sam O. Kimberlin '53** served as foreman of Grand Juries for the 390th Travis County District Court and was elected chief executive officer of the Texas Bankers Association. He was also an active member of UT SAGE and a life member of Texas Exes.

**Verne F. Knickerbocker '54**, 93 established the law firm of Knickerbocker, Abrams & Cowan in Eagle Pass, TX, and was recognized as a long-time philanthropic supporter of the youth and education in Maverick County.

**Dr. Charles W. Mohundro '62**, 82, received his Doctor of Philosophy then taught at Texas A&M University-Texarkana for over 35 years, retiring in 2013.

**Harold E. Moore '55** taught at The University of Texas at Arlington for many years while practicing as an independent arbitrator.

**Jan Marie Ramsay '85** was a partner in Dallas at the firm Gardere & Wynne.

**Gerald Joe Smith '56**, 90, practiced law for over 50 years in El Paso, TX.

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