ALUMNI STORIES

A Profile in Courage: Gloria Katrina Bradford '54

During Black History Month, the Law School is recognizing the central role of impactful Black figures in our past, present, and future, highlighting their achievements and successes. One such pioneering figure is Gloria Bradford ’54, the first African American woman to graduate from Texas Law. Read more >

Lawyers In Love 2021

Texas Law didn’t just give these couples a world-class legal education—it gave them their families! Happy Valentine’s Day from Texas Law and from these lawyers in love! Read more >

Texas Law Alumni Honored at the 18th Annual Austin Bar Foundation Gala

Betty Blackwell ’80 and Judge Tim Sulak ’78 were each recipients of a Distinguished Lawyer Award, Judge Aurora Martinez Jones ’07 received the Joseph C. Parker Jr. Diversity Award, and the David Walter Community Excellence Award was presented to Adam Loewy ’03. Read more >

Brandt Rydell ’96 Named “Citizen of the Year” in Taylor

Rydell, who serves as the Mayor of Taylor, Texas, was honored for his long history of public service to his hometown. Read more >

Frances Valdez ’05 and The Changing Face of Advocacy
Valdez, the Executive Director of the grassroots organization Houston in Action, has been featured by the Ford Foundation as someone “creating a new face of advocacy that’s truly representative of modern America and producing powerful waves of change.”

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### LAW SCHOOL NEWS

#### IN MEMORIAM: Professor Zipporah B. Wiseman

Zipporah Batshaw Wiseman, the Thos. H. Law Centennial Professor Emerita in Law, died on January 20 at age 90. She had a long and distinguished academic career, the final 27 years of which were spent as a faculty member at Texas Law. **Read more >**

#### The Juvenile Justice Clinic Celebrates 45 Years

For nearly half a century, Texas Law students have been getting hands-on experience to develop core skills and become student lawyers, becoming engrained in the operations of the juvenile justice system in Travis County. **Read more >**

#### Pandemic Pro Bono in January Succeeds Despite Challenges

Each year, the Richard and Ginni Mithoff Program organizes a winter break service trip to South Texas: Pro Bono in January, or PBinJ. Due to the pandemic, students did not travel to South Texas in January 2021 — but the tradition continued, online. **Read more >**

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### Stand with Texas Law Students All Year Long

Join our growing community of **Sustaining Scholars** who make sustaining, monthly contributions in amounts that fit their budgets while supporting the law school’s students and programs.

**Set Up a Sustaining Gift**
EVENTS

Feb. 11-13 - Region 10 TYLA National Trial Competition

Feb. 19 - Scholarship Celebration Event


Feb. 26 - Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy (TJOGE) Symposium

March 1-2 – 40 Hours for Forty Acres

March 5 – Texas Environmental Law Journal Symposium Series - Emissions Disclosure and Attorney Ethics (CLE available)

March 10 – Texas Environmental Law Journal Symposium Series - Proving Discrimination in Title VI Challenges to Environmental Programs (CLE available)

April 16 – Texas Law Alumni Reunion

CLASS NOTES

Listed alphabetically by last name.

Carol Bertsch ’92, from The Law Offices of Carol Bertsch, P.C., was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.

Michael A. Blake ’96 is happy to announce the 17th anniversary of his Intellectual Property Law Practice in Milford, CT.

Daniel C. Clemons ’12 has joined McGinnis Lochridge as Of Counsel in the firm’s Corporate and Tax practice group in Austin.

Thomas A. Donaho ’11 was elected to the partnership of BakerHostetler and will focus his practice in Houston on commercial and business litigation.

The Hon. Richard B. Farrer ’05, a United States Magistrate Judge, was
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Lary D. Garrett ’76 was named Mentor of the Year for 2020 by the West Virginia State Bar, selected by the Young Lawyer Section of the State Bar.

Barbara Griffin ’91 was named by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as the new chair of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund forClient Security Board.

Ann Gill Howard ’88 was elected in November 2020 as Travis County Commissioner for Precinct Three.

Scott Keller ’07 co-founded a new national boutique law rm, Lehotsky Keller LLP, with an initial of ce in Washington, D.C.

William B. Kingman ’86, from the Law Offices of William B. Kingman, P.C., was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.

Carmel Martin ’94 has been selected by President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to serve as deputy director of the Domestic Policy Council for Economic Mobility for the White House.

Michael J. Ritter 10, of the Fourth Court of Appeals, was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.

George Luis Salinas, Jr. ’05, from the Law Offices of George Salinas, PLLC, was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.

Basil A. Umari ’00 has joined the national law rm Dykema as senior counsel in the rm’s Bankruptcy Practice Group in Texas.

Erica E. Valladares ’04, of Langley & Banack, Inc., was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.

Dennis J. Windscheffel ’04, of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, was appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program newly-elected 2021 class.
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