



# TEXAS Law

## Alumni News & Notes

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI



### Law School Kicks Off *What Starts Here* Campaign

The Law School celebrated its own kickoff to the public phase of UT's capital campaign by hosting an inspiring look into the future of Texas Law.

## ALUMNI STORIES

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### Celebrating Women's History Month 2022

For Women's History Month we celebrate the outstanding achievements of all women in the legal profession by highlighting 10 Texas Law alumnae whose careers have followed different paths.



### Seven Alumni Honored with 2022 Texas Bar Foundation Awards

Congratulations to our seven Texas Law alumni who will be honored at The Texas Bar Foundation's annual awards dinner in June.

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## SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM TO BENEFIT FROM 40 FOR FORTY CAMPAIGN

Join Texas Law in supporting the Summer Public Service Program (SPSP), which will provide a fellowship (read: stipend) to every student working in an unpaid summer internship in the public sector. (Our Fall 2021 campaign was a great kickstart!) To join the campaign, save the dates—April 6 & 7—to look for the giving links on social media.



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## CONNECT WITH OUTLAW

OUTLaw is a student organization dedicated to serving the LGBTQ+ community at The University of Texas School of Law. Students in OUTLaw are aiming to connect with supportive alumni. To receive information and updates from OUTLaw, please fill out this short form.



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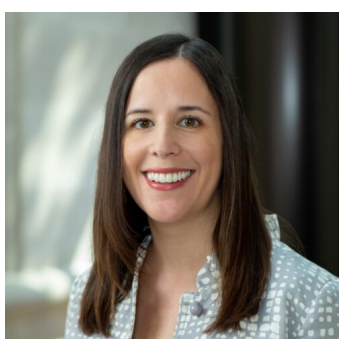
### Students Finish as Semifinalists at National Costello Competition

The Texas Law 2022 interscholastic mock trial team finished as semifinalists at the John L. Costello National Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition.



### Texas Law Is a Top Law School for Environmental Work

Texas Law ranks as the "Top School for Environmental Work at a Major Firm" and the #3 top school with the highest rate of alumni who are environmental attorneys at large firms.



### Prof. Sepper Honored with Lectureship and Award of Excellence

Professor Elizabeth Sepper has been honored with the 2022 McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Memorial Lectureship and Award for Excellence.



### Deputy Director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project Visits Texas Law

The William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law recently hosted Lee Gelernt, Deputy Director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, as a G. Rollie White Scholar in Residence.

## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Faculty in the news for this past month include professors **Erin Busby**, **Bobby Chesney**, **Randall Erben**, **Denise Gilman**, **Angela Littwin**, **Amy Sanders**, **Elissa Steglich**, **Steve Vladeck**, **Wendy Wagner**, and **Heather Way**.

**Professor Chesney** was quoted by KXAN in two stories regarding the Ukraine crisis. **Professor Vladeck's** Supreme Court expertise was referenced in several stories, including those published on KUT, MSNBC and CNN. **Professor Way's** report about tenants' rights in Texas cities was cited by multiple new sources; she also wrote an article for Shelterforce on this topic.

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## ALUMNI EVENTS

**March 26 – TLR Centennial Year Banquet** – Texas Law Review

**April 3 – TLF Excellence in Public Interest Awards Ceremony** – Texas Law Fellowships

**April 6 – Student-Alumni Conversation with Rosann Mariappuram '18, Executive Director, Jane's Due Process** – William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law

**April 8 – TILJ Banquet** – Texas International Law Journal

**April 20 – Arundhati Roy: "Fascism, Fiction, and Freedom in the Time of the Virus"** – Seventh Annual Sissy Farenthold Endowed Lecture in Peace, Social Justice and Human Rights – Bernard & Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights & Justice

**April 28 – Alumni Awards Dinner**

**April 29-30 – Alumni Reunion 2022 - Register Now!**

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## CLASS NOTES

*Ordered by class year, then by last name.*



**Yvonne Puig '78**, chief integration partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, was presented a Pathfinders Award by the Travis County Women Lawyers Association.

**David Calvillo '89** has been promoted to equity shareholder in the Houston-based law firm of Chamberlain Hrdlicka.

**Alistair Dawson '89** was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers at its spring meeting.

**Jeffrey Benz '93** is served as an ad hoc division arbitrator under the Court of Arbitration for Sport at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.

**John Bakht '94** has joined the corporate, M&A and securities team in the Houston office of Norton Rose Fulbright as a partner.

**Ken Parker '94** has rejoined Haynes and Boone, LLP as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group.

**Kathryn Richardson '95**, founder and principal of HR Legal Search, was presented a Pathfinders Award by the Travis County Women Lawyers Association.

**Leticia McGowan '98** has been named Richardson Independent School District's new General Counsel.

**Jeremy Fudge '00** has been named a 2022 Outstanding Director by the Dallas Business Journal.

**Scott Page '00** has joined Carlton Fields in Los Angeles as a member of the firm's national Real Estate and Commercial Finance Practice.

**Basil Umari '00** has joined national law firm Dykema's new Houston office as Senior Counsel.

**Adam Ambrogi '02** has joined the national League of Women Voters as Senior Director for Voting and Elections.

**Diana Perez Gomez '03** has been named one of "Houston's 50 Most Influential Women of 2020-21" by Houston Woman Magazine.

**James Hearn '03** has been nominated for the 2022 Edgar Award for Best Short Story by the Mystery Writers of America.

**Justin Mapes '03** has joined the Real Estate and Real Estate Finance practice group of Locke Lord's Dallas office as a partner.

**Seth Isgur '07** has joined the Houston office of McGinnis Lochridge as a partner.

**Finity Jernigan '08** has been elected to partner at Holland & Hart, based in the firm's Boulder office.

**Lydia Zakhari '08** has been promoted to General Counsel at The Trust (powered by the NFLPA), which supports NFL players following their playing careers.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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Meto Miteff '58

Andrew Lannie '59

Joe Cannon '60

Sidney Ravkind '60

James Bass '61

Thomas Giltner '64

Marion Sanford '66

Patrick Oxford '67

Robert Allen '69

John Winn '69

Jerry Courtney '70

Keith Tucker '70

Joe Easley '71

Ronald Chachere '73

Bruce Caldwell '82

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