

# TEXAS Law

## Alumni News & Notes

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### ALUMNI NEWS

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#### Texas Law Community Secures SCOTUS Win in *Ramirez v Collier*

Texas Law students, faculty, and alumni — who teamed up on various aspects of the case — are celebrating an 8-1 Supreme Court win on behalf of capital inmate John Henry Ramirez.



#### Alumni Across 64 Years Celebrate *Texas Law Review* Centennial

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the prestigious *Texas Law Review*, more than 900 students, alumni, and friends gathered on March 26 to celebrate the Centennial Year Banquet.



#### Linda Addison '76 Honored by the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life

Congratulations to Linda Addison '76 for being honored with the Shirley Bird Perry Longhorn Citizenship Award presented by the University of Texas Moody College of Communications Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life..

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### THANK YOU!

#### 40 FOR FORTY RAISES \$15K FOR SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone for supporting Texas Law during the spring 40 for Forty campaign! Together, we raised more than \$15,000 for our students to work in summer public service. We are so grateful for your passion and commitment to the program!

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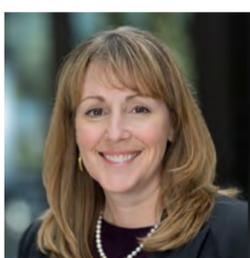
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#### Mike Golden '01 Named Lecturer and Director of Advocacy

Alumnus and longtime adjunct professor Mike Golden has been named lecturer and Director of Advocacy at Texas Law.



#### Prof. Lori Duke '95 Honored with Rutland Award for Excellence in Child Advocacy

Congratulations to Lori Duke for receiving the Fairy Davenport Rutland Award for Distinguished Service to Children and Families by The State Bar of Texas Child Abuse and Neglect Committee.



#### Texas Law Team Wins “Best Brief” at National Admiralty Moot Court Competition

Zachary Badore (2L) and Anna Kate Benedict (1L) advanced to the final round and were awarded “Best Brief” at the 29th Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition.



#### Texas Law Team Wins at National Transactional Law Competition

Gwendelyn Butler (1L), Gaurav Mankotia (LLM) and Sri Vaisakhi Muddana (LLM) placed first in the “sellers” category at the 2022 Interscholastic Transactional Law Competition.

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### FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Faculty were quoted in the media or published in major news outlets this past month, including professors **Philip Bobbitt**, **Hugh Brady**, **Bobby Chesney**, **Michelle Deitch**, **Mechele Dickerson**, **Randall Erben**, **Lisa Eskow**, **William Forbath**, **Denise Gilman**, **Calvin Johnson**, **Adam Klein**, **Michael Schmitt**, **Elizabeth Sepper**, and **Steve Vladeck**.

In addition to the expertise of Texas Law faculty being included through direct quotes in the news stories, their writing talents also have been showcased. The book that **Professor Forbath** co-authored, "The Anti-Oligarchy Constitution," was reviewed by multiple publications including the *Washington Post*, *Democracy Journal* and *Washington Monthly*. Several pieces authored by Texas Law faculty were published in national outlets, including **Professor Bobbitt** on the JustSecurity.org website, **Professor Klein** in *The Hill*, **Professor Schmitt** by the Lieber Institute at West Point, and **Professor Vladeck** in the *Washington Post*, *MCNBC* and *CNN*.

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## ALUMNI EVENTS

**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 20 – The United States Space Force & the Importance of Space in National Security** – General John W. “Jay” Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force – *Strauss Center*

**April 26 – Academic Freedom and Free Speech in the Social Media Age** – Nadine Strossen and Keith Whittington, two of the nation’s leading intellectuals on freedom of speech – *Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center*

**April 28 – Alumni Awards Dinner**

**April 29-30 – Alumni Reunion 2022** – Register now before it’s too late!



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## CLASS NOTES

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



**John W. Cones '74** has been included in Marquis Who's Who.

**Don J. McDermott '84** has moved his practice to Winston & Strawn, LLP.

**Kimberly Allen '84** has been appointed by Governor Abbott as judge of the 69th Judicial District Court.

**Mary Nichols '85**, who has been the general counsel of Texas Mutual Insurance for 26 years, has announced her retirement.

**Daniella Landers '96** has joined the Houston office of Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP as an environmental, health and safety partner.

**Leigh Sebastian '00** has been promoted to the position of general counsel of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

**Kasi Moeskau '02** has been appointed Chief Legal Officer of RPM Living, a real estate management company.

**Eric Opiela '02** has been appointed to the Texas Funeral Service Commission by Governor Abbott.

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

**Rudy Metayer '06** has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 African American Lawyers Section (AALS) Trailblazer Award.

**Sidra Zaheer '06** has been promoted to senior counsel and chair of eDiscovery Practice at Klinedinst PC.

**Wintta Woldemariam '09** has been recognized as one of five distinguished alumni of the Riverwood International Charter School in a recently launched program to honor successful graduates.

**Kerry Potter McCormick '09** has joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner in the firm’s Investment Funds and Asset Management practice in New York.

**Kelli Bills '10** has been promoted to counsel at Haynes and Boone, LLP.

**Hong Shi '11** has been promoted to counsel at Haynes and Boone, LLP.

**Amber K. Dodds '12** has been honored as a “40 Under 40” leader by the *San Antonio Business Journal* for 2022.

**Lynn Abell '13** has joined the Houston office of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher LLP as counsel.

**Justin Constant '08, Chris Stewart '11, Nishi Kothari '13, Jacqueline Furlow '13, Parth Gejji '13, Ryan J. Meyer '13, Nicholas Bruno '15, and Mary Kate Raffetto '15** have been recognized by Super Lawyers as 2022 Texas Rising Stars.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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Albert McNeel '51

Alan Garey '57

Jerry C. Gilmore '57

Louis Neumann '58

Carl Ahrens '59

Walter Williams '60

Frank Scarborough '61

John Mahaffey '63

Jo Szebehely '66

John Niles '68

Harvey Bazaman '72

Jack Magids '72

Stephen Riggs '72

James Ansell '73

Gordon Cannon '73

Mark Greer '75

Lawrence Beck '76

H. Frank Harren '80

Christian C. Navarro '98

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