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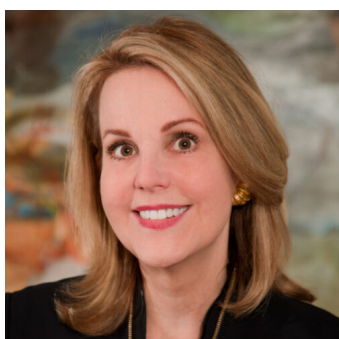
ALUMNI NEWS

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Mike Perrin '71 Honored with Texas Exes Distinguished Alumni Award

The legendary Houston attorney is the 86th Texas Law alumnus who will receive a coveted orange jacket this year.



Carrin Patman '82 Appointed Ambassador of Iceland

Houston attorney and civic leader Carrin Patman has been appointed as the United States ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.



Darren Walker '86 Receives France's Highest Cultural Honor

Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, was named commander of France's Order of Arts and Letters for his work in supporting social justice by funding the arts.

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IS YOUR FIRM A 100% GIVING CHALLENGE CHAMPION?

The Texas Law alumni of Alexander Dubose & Jefferson are "all in" to support their alma mater, making their firm the first 100% Giving Challenge Champion for 2022.



Your firm can earn the title of Challenge Champion this summer too! Just have all the Texas Law alumni in your office **make a donation to the law school before Aug. 31.**

Want to participate? Contact Jennifer Sloan to learn more or make a donation today.

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Welcome to Our New Faculty!

We're excited to welcome three new faculty members who will be joining us for the 2022-23 academic year. Pictured from left: Assistant Professor **Maria Ponomarenko**, Professor and Vinson & Elkins Chair in Law **Tara Leigh Grove**, and Civil Rights Clinic Interim Director **Lia Sifuentes Davis**.



Pipeline Program's First Cohort Begins Journey

A class of 30 undergraduate students and recent college graduates have begun a year-long law school admissions journey together as the premier Cohort Program class of Texas Law's new Pipeline Program.



Graduates Receive Prestigious Public Service Fellowships

Six graduates from the Class of 2022, along with two 2021 Texas Law alumnae, have received national postgraduate fellowships to work for the public good.



Students Win National Susman Godfrey Prize

Rising 3Ls Diana Kensy and Jason Onyediri are two of 12 national winners for having demonstrated academic excellence and overall achievement.

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FACULTY IN THE NEWS

It was a big summer for legal news, and Texas Law faculty served as expert sources for media on a variety of topics and current events.

Faculty who have been quoted in the media over the past few months include: **Jeffrey Abamson, Richard Albert, Erin Busby, Stephen Collis, Michele Deitch, Randall Erben, William Forbath, Lisa Eskow, Denise Gilman, Tara Leigh Grove, Kelly Haragan, Barbara Hines, Adam Klein, Lee Kovarsky, Jennifer Laurin, Sanford Levinson, Scott McCown, Thomas McGarity, Lawrence Sager, Michael Schmitt, Elizabeth Sepper, Chinmayi Sharma, Stephen Vladek, Wendy Wagner, Heather Way, and Jay Westbrook.**

In addition, reviews were published on two books authored by faculty members: **Ward Farnsworth's** book "The Socratic Method: A Practitioner's Handbook," **William Forbath's** "The Anti-Oligarchy Constitution," and **Thomas McGarity's** "Demolition Agenda."

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ALUMNI EVENTS



Sept. 10 – Tailgate Extravaganza – UT vs Alabama – Register Now!

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Steve Peterson '99, Rae Guyse '20, Doanh "Zone" Nguyen '93, and Hilda Galvan '93; (bottom, from left) Harry Reasoner '62, Aashish Kapadia '15, Kristopher Monson '02, and Mary Evelyn McNamara '02.

Harry Reasoner '62 was awarded the Clarence Darrow Award, which recognizes outstanding advocates.

Nelson R. Block '76 has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Reid Phillips '77 was included in the 2022 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, as one of North Carolina's top attorneys in the category Litigation: General Commercial.

James Hill '78 has been selected to receive the Business Law Section's 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Michael "Mike" Lee '85 has been appointed by Governor Abbott to the 256th Judicial District Court in Dallas County.

Jonathan Graham '87 is the recipient of the 2022 Corporate Leadership Award presented by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

Marty Green '88 has been appointed to the Finance Commission of Texas by Governor Abbott.

Alistair Dawson '89 has been elected 2022-2023 chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

John A. Bonnet III '89 has been named a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

Christine Aguilera '92 has been named CEO of MedHealth Partners.

Doanh "Zone" Nguyen '93 has been named new permanent city attorney for the City of Laredo.

Hilda Galvan '93 has been selected as a 2023 Dallas Business Hall of Fame inductee by Junior Achievement of Dallas.

Michael Dierberg '98 has been named the new chairman of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Steve Peterson '99 has co-founded a new Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP office in Houston.

Mary Evelyn McNamara '02 received the 2022 Professionalism Award from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and the Austin Bar Association.

Kristofer Monson '02 has been reappointed by Governor Abbott as chief administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Rebekah Prince '02 has joined Blank Rome LLP's Corporate, M&A, and Securities practice group as a partner in the Los Angeles office.

James Andrew Hearn '03 is a guest contributor for Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine's blog, Trace Evidence.

Jonathan Curth '07 has been named executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of W&T Offshore.

Kevin Robnett '07 has been appointed to the Texas Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors by Governor Abbott.

Alex Toney '13 has joined Bain & Company as counsel for employment law.

Bartholomew W. Nebergall '14 has joined the law firm Polsinelli as counsel in the Dallas office.

Austin Whitmore '14 has joined McGuire, Craddock & Strother as a senior associate, specializing in real estate law.

Aashish Kapadia '15 has joined McDermott Will & Emery as a partner specializing in intellectual property litigation, post-grant trials, and patent prosecution.

Samoneh "Sammy" Schickel '15 has joined McDermott Will & Emery as a partner specializing in patent litigation.

Ethan Glenn '16 has joined the Commercial Litigation group at the international law firm Butler Snow LLP.

Hannah Roblyer '17 has joined the Houston office of appellate firm Alexander Dubose and Jefferson LLP.

Joshua Kelly '19 has joined Austin's Wittliff Cutter as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation group.

Rae Guyse '20 has begun her practice in commercial litigation at Carrington Coleman as an associate attorney.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Joe Moss '50

Jack Holland '55

Ray Moore '55

Francis Maloney '56

Charles Grantham '57

Carol Vance '58

John Brooke '60

Arthur Daniels '60

James Cowles '61

Sylvan Lang '61

Marion Whitehead '63

Floyd Christian '66

Charles Phillips '66

Everett Williams '66

Donald Zwernemann '67

Gilbert Fox '70

Stephen Segal '70

Guy Watts '71

Robert Hirsh '72

Jerry Lewis '73

Glenn Johnson '76

Carlos Salazar '77

Joseph Rodriguez '82

Kristin Goodale '91

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