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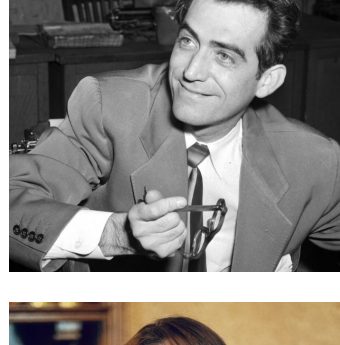
Alumni News & Notes

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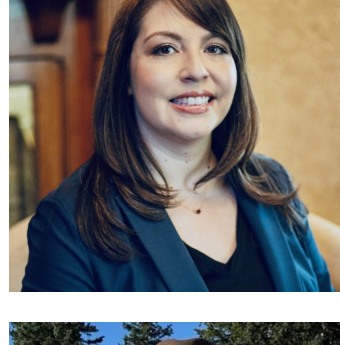
ALUMNI NEWS

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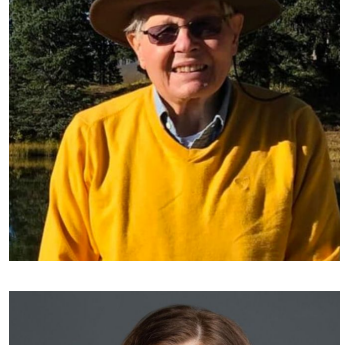
Honoring Gus Garcia '38

We pay tribute to the civil rights pioneer and first Mexican American to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.



Amanda Arriaga '04 and the Council of Firsts

Through a new podcast, this path-breaking alumna spotlights those making a mark on the Texas legal profession.



Donor Story: Terry Lord's Extraordinary Life

Terry Lord '66 started his incredible career with a JD from Texas Law and a passion to make a difference.



Susan L. Blount '81 to lead Law School Foundation

She, Del Williams '85, and Hilda C. Galvan '93 take new board positions and welcome seven newly elected trustees.



Monica Ingram '98 Becomes Vice Provost at Seattle University

The alumna and former dean of admissions credits Texas Law for its meaningful career impact.

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Now More Than Ever

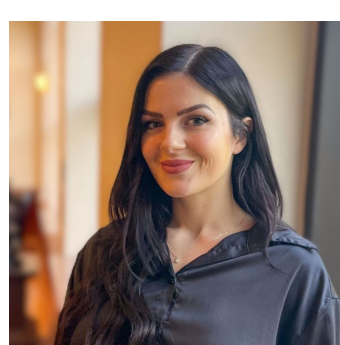
Texas Law alumni are integral to building on our tradition of excellence to become the very best public law school in the nation by our 150th anniversary in 2033. Your support and participation count now more than ever.

If you are inspired to [support and get involved](#) with Texas Law in another way, please email Jennifer Sloan at jsloan@law.utexas.edu.


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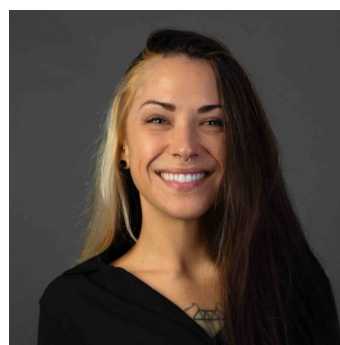
Student Wins Disability Rights Case

Arielle Allen, a 3L in the Disability Rights Clinic, won comprehensive relief for her client.



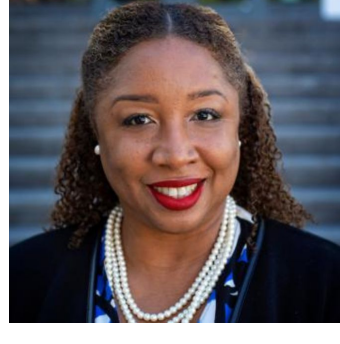
Scholarship Endowments Celebrated

Hundreds of students and donors gathered for an annual lunch honoring the impact of scholarships.



“You Need Humanity”: Thea Posel Profiled

The longtime clinical instructor is featured in The Utopian for her work bridging the worlds of law and social work.



Welcoming Jimmi Nicholson

Texas Law's new Pipeline Program director believes in ensuring pathways to the law for Texas high school and college students.



Student Spotlight: Malcolm Zuckerman 1L

“In every respect, Texas Law is the ideal program for me.” Meet the alumni of tomorrow in our recurring Student Spotlight series.

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FACULTY IN THE NEWS



Texas Law faculty experts were quoted in leading national and state news outlets this month. Click below to see what these thought leaders had to say: **Dean Bobby Chesney**, **Ronen Avraham**, **Michele Deitch**, **Randall Erben**, **Denise Gilman**, **Mike Golden**, **Tara Leigh Grove**, **Susan Klein**, **Lee Kovarsky**, **Maria Ponomarenko**, **Elizabeth Sepper**, and **Wendy Wagner**.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Featured Event:

Nov. 4, 202325th Anniversary
Alumni Tailgate
Extravaganza
[RSVP](#)


Oct. 5, 2023 – Sissy Farenthold Endowed Lecture in Peace, Social Justice, and Human Rights with Kathryn Bond Stockton

Oct. 6, 2023 – Dallas Alumni Pre-Game Party - Texas vs. OU (**RSVP**)

Oct. 16, 2023 – Jacob Mchangama - The History of Free Speech

Oct. 19, 2023 – Before and After Chile 1973: Recovering a More Just Future

Oct. 20, 2023 – Houston Alumni Pre-Game Party - Texas vs. University of Houston (**RSVP**)

Nov. 3, 2023 – Alumni Association Executive Committee Fall Meeting

Nov. 9, 2023 – Fort Worth Alumni Pre-Game Party - Texas vs. TCU (**RSVP**)

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On the Road (Again)

Dean Chesney's travels this summer included an amazing stop at the Lonesome Pine Ranch that is part of the [Texas Ranch Life](#) ranch resort east of Austin owned and operated by John '72 and Taunia Elick and their family. A Texas-size thank you to the Elicks for hosting an unforgettable day!



CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Stephen K. Moulton '15, Darcell Walker '88, Robert L. Soza '86, Leisa Talbert Peschel '07; (bottom, from left): Kate Higginbothom '08, Ned Sherman '94; Brenda Barrett '98, and Dymond Mensah '19.

David J. Beck '65 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

D. Ronald Reneker '71 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial litigation.

Robert C. Trenchard Jr. '72 was recognized by *Forbes Advisor* as one of the best personal injury lawyers in El Paso.

Joe W. Redden Jr. '75 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Frederick W. “Rick” Addison III '77 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in environmental law.

Marvin Blum '78 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in trusts and estates law, making this his ninth year being selected for the honor.

Josiah M. Daniel III '78 has published "Cooptation of the Carmack Amendment by the Railroads, 1906-1917: A Study in Associational Lawyering" in the *Kentucky Law Review* and "AI Chatbots Are Useless for Bankruptcy Lawyering" in *The Texas Lawbook*.

D. Mitchell McFarland '79 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial litigation.

Richard O. “Rick” Kopf '81 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in leisure and hospitality law and real estate law.

Susana Alemán '84 was featured on the Austin Bar Association's "Council of Firsts" podcast.

David Kinder '84 was elected to the San Antonio chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

David T. Moran '84 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Robert L. Soza '86 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Darcell Walker '88 has co-developed a new app called Huemind to help inventors, artists, businesses, and others identify the appropriate protection for their ideas.

Jay M. Wallace '88 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in labor and employment litigation.

James M. “Jim” Bettis Jr. '89 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in insurance law.

Alistair B. Dawson '89 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Jayme Patridge '91 has joined Spencer Fane’s patent litigation practice as a partner in their Houston office.

Fields Alexander '92 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Lori A. Gobillot '93 has joined the board of directors of ONEOK, Inc.

John Adcock '94 was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer.

Ruby Bolton '94 has been named a “Lawyer of Distinction” for her work in family law.

Jean Pierre Boyea '94 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in real estate law.

Ned Sherman '94 was recognized as one of the top in-house entertainment attorneys by *Variety*.

E. David Coligado '95 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in real estate law.

Walter A. Buchanan '96 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in banking and finance.

Brenda Barrett '98 is now a partner in Husch Blackwell’s Energy & Natural Resources Industry Group in the firm’s Austin office.

S. Brad Brown '98 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Angela A. Hunt '98 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for her work in real estate law.

Stuart F. Miller '98 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in health care law.

Karen L. Hart '01 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for her work in commercial litigation.

Kassandra G. McLaughlin '01 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for her work in real estate law.

Daniel Z. Sternthal '01 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in real estate law.

Geoff Gannaway '02 was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer.

Mary Evelyn McNamara '02 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and received the 2023 Joseph W. McKnight Award for the Best Family Law CLE Article from the State Bar of Texas.

Stephanie Townsend Allala '02 received the Member of the Year Award from the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Texas Chapter for her outstanding service.

Chris Hamilton '04 was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer for his work in high-stakes personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits.

Mason P. Hester '06 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in construction law.

Leisa Talbert Peschel '07 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Kate Higginbothom '08 has been named chief administrative officer at the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Adrienne N. Wall '09 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for her work in banking and finance law and real estate law.

David G. Webster '10 was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial litigation.

Nicolas A. Gavrizi '11 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory.

Jana M. Lambro '11 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory for her work in real estate law.

Kelly E. Wise '11 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory.

Charles Fowler '12 returned to McKool Smith’s Austin office as a principal.

Jacqueline M. Furlow '13 was recognized as a *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Austin B. Light '13 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory for the second consecutive year.

Elizabeth F. “Liza” Eoff '14 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory for her work in commercial litigation and real estate law.

Connor D. Best '15 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory for his work in construction law.

Andres Contreras '15 was recognized in *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” directory.

Stephen K. Moulton '15 has joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP’s Dallas office as a senior attorney.

Obadele Thompson '15 was elected to the Barbados Olympic Association Board of Directors.

Dymond Mensah '19 was crowned 2023 International Ms.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Billy Kerr '52	Garland Andrews '66
Peter Quoyeser '52	John Kinard '67
Harry Jung '56	Orie Dinkins '69
Edwin Bluestein '58	Bob Glasgow '70
Bobby Young '61	Robert Neal '76
J. Blair Cherry '64	Maria Jordan '79
Joseph Colbert '64	Alfonso Soliz '83
William Thau '65	

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