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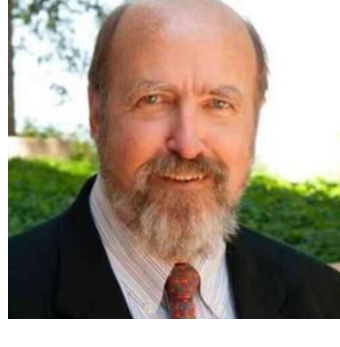
Alumni News & Notes

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI

ALUMNI NEWS

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Remembering a Longhorn Legend: David Hall '69

The Texas RioGrande Legal Aid founder changed public service in Texas—and transformed the lives of countless Texas Law students and alumni.



The Incredible Cisneros Sisters

Edna '55 and Diana '57 were trailblazers, becoming the first Mexican American women to be licensed to practice law in Texas.



Sun Never Sets on Nasdaq's Ed Knight '76

The distinguished alumnus shares insights from his long career in American politics and international finance.



Blair Richardson Loocke '06 to Lead Alumni Association

She'll serve with the Hon. Chari Kelly '02 as vice president. The association is the connector for Texas Law and our 26,000 alumni across the globe.



V&E: Two Decades of Championship Giving

The venerable firm, co-founded by James Elkins of the Class of 1901, was a Texas Law "100% Giving Champion" last year—for the 20th year in a row!

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Celebrating 140 Years!

This year, we're marking 140 years of legal leadership, scholarship, and community.

Consider making a \$140 anniversary gift to The Fund for Texas Law to celebrate that legacy of excellence by providing for our future greatness.

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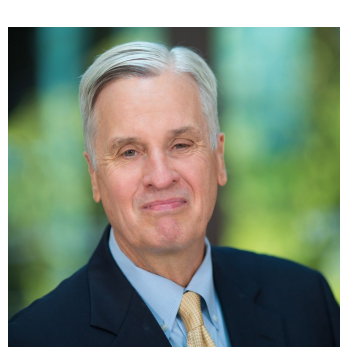
DEAN CHESNEY SPEAKS



Dean Bobby Chesney, renowned for his expertise on counterterrorism, opened an event convened by the Strauss Center, the Clements Center, and the Intelligence Studies Project on the October 7th attack on Israel.

LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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'Their scholarship will have a lasting impact.'

Texas Law celebrates three faculty greats as they head into retirement. Calvin Johnson, Bob Bone, and Scott McCown each made deep and enduring contributions to the law school.



New Summer Fellowships Are a Gamechanger

With more than \$1.3M in stipends for 175 students, the Summer Public Service Program confirms Texas Law as a public service powerhouse.



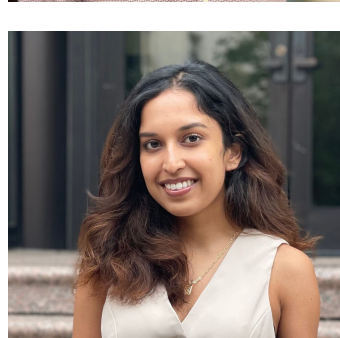
'This is where I have my family.' CHLLSA and Hispanic Heritage Month

Meet CHLLSA president 3L Jessica Martinez and learn what the longtime student organization has planned for this year, and the future.



Faculty Profile: Lee Kovarsky

The Houston native brings deep expertise in capital punishment and habeas corpus to both the courtroom and the classroom.

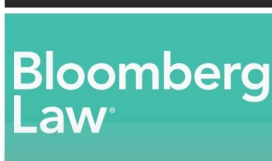


Student Spotlights

Texas Law's talented students all have amazing stories to tell. This month, catch up with 2L Lizeth Badilla García and 3L Mansi Chauhan (pictured).

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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: **Oren Bracha, Norma Cantú, Dean Bobby Chesney, Ward Farnsworth, William Forbath, Denise Gilman, Mike Golden, Tara Grove, Adam Klein, Jennifer Laurin, Jeana Lungwitz, Lawrence Sager, Stacy Rogers Sharp, Elizabeth Sepper, Stephen Vladeck, Wendy Wagner, and Jay Westbrook.**

[Read Faculty in the News](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Oct. 26-27 – Board of Trustees Fall Meeting

Nov. 3 – Alumni Association Executive Committee Fall Meeting

Nov. 4 – 25th Anniversary Alumni Tailgate Extravaganza - Texas vs. Kansas State (**RSVP**)

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

Alumni Association Regional Events

Check out photos from recent Alumni Association events in [Dallas \(Oct. 6\)](#) and [Houston \(Oct. 20\)](#) where alumni gathered for Friday evening pregame parties for Texas Longhorn football.



TEXAS LAW BY THE NUMBERS

A snapshot of bar passage rates and employment outcomes for the Classes of 2022 and 2023.

Bar Passage Rates

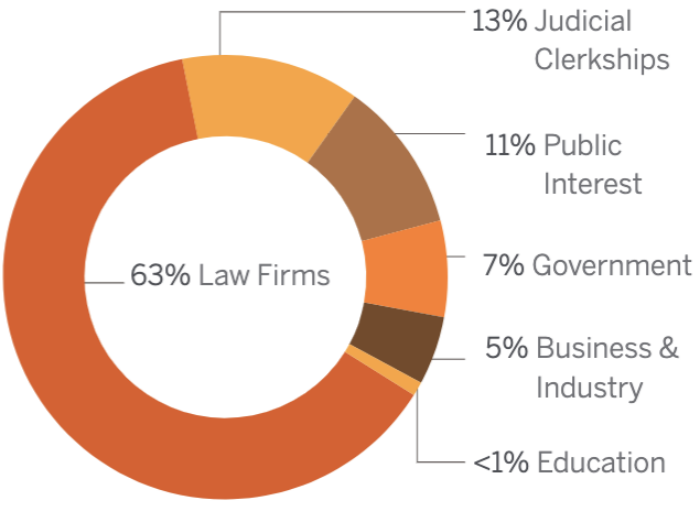
TEXAS BAR (2023)	NEW YORK BAR (2022)	CALIFORNIA BAR (2022)
93%	96%	100%

Employment Snapshot

CLASS OF 2022 BY EMPLOYMENT TYPE

95%

of the Class of 2022 had full-time, long-term, bar passage required/J.D. advantage employment or were enrolled in graduate studies within 10 months of graduation.



CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Courtney York '01, James Lloyd '11, Joshua Kelly '19, Lori Gobillot '93; (bottom, from left): Shawn Raymond '99, Rachel McKenna '16, Warigia M. Bowman '94, and Jayme Partridge '91.

David J. Beck '65 earned the Top 100 Trial Lawyers, National Practice Area Star, and Litigation Star Awards in Benchmark Litigation 2024.

Larry Fallek '65 was named the 2023 Man of the Year by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Warren Mithoff '71 was recognized as one of Texas' top trial lawyers in the 2023 Texas Super Lawyers Top 10 list.

Wayne Haglund '75 has been selected as a Texas Super Lawyer for the 20th consecutive year for his work in school law.

Judge Bill Henderson '76, former district judge of Harris County Family Court and later legal advisor to County Judge Ed Emmett, has retired.

Stephen R. Pattison '78 joined Hunton Andrews Kurth as special counsel.

Fidel Rodriguez Jr. '80 was recognized as one of Texas' top trial lawyers in the 2023 Texas Super Lawyers Top 10 list.

Alistair B. Dawson '89 earned the Litigation Star Award in Benchmark Litigation 2024.

Kimberly S. Winick '89 was selected as president of the board of directors of the Pasadena Symphony and POPS.

Jayme Partridge '91 joined Spencer Fane's patent litigation practice as a partner.

Fields Alexander '92 earned the Litigation Star Award in Benchmark Litigation 2024.

Janet McQuaid '92 joined Frost Brown Todd as a partner.

Warigia M. Bowman '94 published her first book, "Digital Development in East Africa: The Distribution, Diffusion, and Governance of Information Technology."

David Tamisiea '94 was named executive director of the North Dakota Catholic Conference.

Karen C. Burgess '96 was recognized as one of Texas' top trial lawyers in the 2023 Texas Super Lawyers Top 10 list.

Shawn Raymond '99 received the Anti-Defamation League's Karen H. Susman Jurisprudence Award.

Courtney York '01 joined Greenberg Traurig as a corporate practice shareholder.

Brad Caldwell '03 was recognized as a Lawdragon 500 Leading in America.

Jessica Dean '03 was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer.

James Andrew Hearn '03 published a short story "Home Is the Hunter" included in The Best American Mystery and Suspense 2023.

David Weiss '06 joined Mayer Brown as a partner in their Houston office.

Matt Gates '09 joined Wittliff Cutter as senior counsel.

James Lloyd '11 was promoted to Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation in the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

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

Rachel McKenna '16 was named a Texas Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers for her work in business litigation.

Joshua Kelly '19 joined Botkin Calaf as an associate.

Claire Demers '22 joined Bracewell LLP as an associate.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Jimmy Vollers '54	David Hall '69
Roger Bonney '56	Chris Cox '74
Lorence Bravenec '60	Leland McKeeman '77
Herbert Haschke '63	James Myart '88
Ed Auler '69	Tracy Cox '05

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