ALUMNI NEWS

From South Texas to the Supreme Court
Alejandra Ávila ’14 shares her journey to clerking for Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

‘I Fell in Love with Texas’
Alumni and current students tell us why Texas Law is the best place in the world for veterans to go to law school.

An Inspiring Force
David Anderson ’71 is being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of American Law Schools.

BEST. TAILGATE. EVER!
Eduardo ’68 and Michael ’94 Rodriguez pulled out all the stops for their 25th Annual Tailgate Extravaganza. Check out these photos.

CALLING ALL TMLS ALUMNI!
The Thurgood Marshall Legal Society wants to connect with alumni and spread the word about two big Spring 2024 events: the annual TMLS Symposium and annual TMLS Banquet.

LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Melissa Wasserman Awarded NIH Grant
Her research will explore ways to improve drug patent approvals to lower consumer prices.

Faculty Profile: Maria Ponomarenko
The Texas Law professor is working to make a major impact on policing in America.
Pro Bono Month Honors
Texas Law community members, including faculty, students, and staff, were honored last month for their contributions to public service.

Weil Legal Innovator Makes Impact
Tori Bianco ’27 is changing lives through her fellowship with the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

Student Spotlights
Meet 3L Emily Eagle (pictured), 2L Gabriel Loya, and 2L Jordan Shuck and learn how they are making a difference at Texas Law.

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:

- David Adelman
- Dean Bobby Chesney
- Steven Collis
- Mechele Dickerson
- Ariel Dulitzky
- Denise Gilman
- Tara Leigh Grove
- Adam Klein
- Jennifer Laurin
- Theodore Rave
- David Spence
- Elissa Steglich
- Stephen Vladeck
- Wendy Wagner
- Heather Way

Read Faculty in the News

ALUMNI EVENTS
Jan. 4, 2024 – Texas Law Party at AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
Jan. 17, 2024 – Mentoring Program Kick-Off Reception in Austin
Apr. 12-13, 2024 – Save the date! Texas Law Alumni Reunion in Austin for class years ending in 4s and 9s from 1959 to 2019.

Alumni Association Fort Worth Pregame Party
Check out photos from the recent Alumni Association event in Fort Worth where alumni gathered on November 9 to cheer on the Texas Longhorns against the TCU Horned Frogs.

View More Texas Law Events
Dick DeGuerin '65 named one of the Best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Houston 2023.

George Parnham '70 named one of the Best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Houston 2023.

John D. White '72 awarded the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University.

Brian A. Carpenter '91 joined Cole Schotz PC's Dallas office.

Tammy Cooper '96 named to the board of directors of ChIPs Network Inc., an all-female membership community focused on advancing women and promoting diversity in IP, tech law, and policy.

Neal A. Daris '98 named one of the Best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Houston 2023.

Rebekah Prince '02 joined Duane Morris LLP's Los Angeles office.

Sakina Rasheed Foster '03 received the Texas State Bar's annual Trailblazer of the Year Award.

Amanda Tyler '04 testified before the U.S. House Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs.

David Nachtigall '06 named one of the Best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Houston 2023.

Allison Becker '08 named co-chair at Healthcare Practice Group at Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP.

Bryan P. Hoeller '08 named 2023 Best Criminal Defense Lawyer in Fort Worth by Forbes.

Jamie E. France '11 promoted to partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

Brandi Howard '12 joined Brown Rudnick LLP as partner in the firm's Washington D.C. office.

Rachel E. Ratcliffe Payne '14 elected to partnership at Latham & Watkins LLP.

Dariel Williams '15 elected to partnership at Latham & Watkins LLP.

Travis Maples '19 joined Botkin Chiarello Calaf as an associate on the commercial litigation team.

IN MEMORIAM

Clay Mornings '51
David Thomas '52
Jacqueline Rizik '53
Robert Belknap '55
Carter Howard '55
Finn Cowan Jr. '56
John "Ken" Vixen '59
Hornes C. Wilson '59
Victor Winkle '60
William Lynch '64
Stephen J. Smith '64
Chetan Nihal '66
Larry R. Jones '66
Bill McCune '70
Philip Vink '72
Jack R. Emmett '74
John Morris '74
Carla Winkle '75
Jim Vixen '76
John MacKinnon '77
Julia Carver '77
David McDonald '83
Thomas Sheahan '89
Doug Sigler '89
Matt Stobart '89
Mary Tall '04
Joshua T. Sigman '05

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