ALUMNI NEWS
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Kyle Ryman ’20: The Path to a Patent
The McKool Smith associate received a patent from the USPTO for his educational tool, Scholati.

Black History Month: Gloria Bradford ’54
The first Black woman to graduate from Texas Law was a pioneer in more ways than one.

‘I Know Firsthand the Struggles’
A planned gift from Robert Brauch ‘77 will support 2Ls who bounce back from a tough 1L year.

Lawdragon Legends
Alumni Kurt Arnold ’02, Erica Harris ’96, and Jason Itkin ’01, along with faculty member Bill Reid were recognized for their legal work.

Lawyers in Love: Reunion Edition
These couples from this year’s honored reunion classes made a love connection at Texas Law that stands the test of time.

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Laredo Longhorns Connect
A Texas-size thank you to Ron Rodriguez ’93 for hosting Dean Bobby Chesney and the latest stop for Texas Law on Tour.

Ready to Make an Impact?
A gift to the Fund for Texas Law supports the people and programs that need it most. Make a one-time gift—or set up a monthly contribution to become a Sustaining Scholar.

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Lessons from Dean for a Day
Tran Le Abraham ’24 had the thrill of a lifetime after winning a chance to shadow Dean Chesney.

Linda Mullenix on ‘Revolutionary’ Theory
In her new book, “Public Nuisance,” the longtime professor takes on one of the biggest legal trends.
2024 Distinguished Visiting Professor
NYU’s Barry Friedman, a leading scholar of the law of policing, visits Texas Law this semester.

Winter Break Pro Bono
Nineteen students skipped a chunk of winter break to help those in need.

International Students Bring Global Insights
Lawhorns come from all over the world, sharing backgrounds and experiences that enrich everyone’s education.

Paper Chase Awards Texas Law 3Ls
Sarah Chavey ’24 and Lauren Bush ’24 earned two of the top three spots in the annual writing competition.

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: Richard Albert, Dean Bobby Chesney, Randall Erben, Denise Gilman, Mike Golden, Tara Leigh Grove, Henry Hu, Lee Kovarsky, Sanford Levinson, Susan Morse, Elizabeth Sepper, Charles Silver, James Spindler, and Steve Vladeck.

ALUMNI EVENTS
April 10-12 – **Women’s Power Summit** hosted by the Center for Women in Law

April 12 – **Alumni Association Executive Committee spring meeting**

April 12-13 – **Alumni Reunion Weekend** *(Register Today!)*

May 11 – **Sunflower Ceremony**
David Beck ‘65 has been recognized as a Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer in America.

Jim Smith ‘77 is visiting professor of law for spring semester 2024 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Layne Thompson ‘82 has been appointed as the district attorney for the 159th Judicial District in Angelina County by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Demetrio Duarte Jr. ‘83 has been selected as a foundation fellow by the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

José Angel Moreno ‘84 has retired from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Texas after more than 32 years of service.

Byron L. LeFlore Jr. ‘89 has been selected as a foundation fellow by the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

Julia Jeffrey Rathgeber ‘90 has been appointed as the vice chancellor for governmental relations of the University of Texas System.

Fields Alexander ‘92 has been recognized as a Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer in America.

James Billingsley ‘93 has joined Duane Morris LLP as a partner in the firm’s business reorganization and financial restructuring practice group in its Dallas office.

Yolanda Harris Sayre ‘94 has been appointed as a circuit judge in the 5th Subcircuit of Cook County, Illinois.

Wilhelm Liebmann ‘95 has been appointed to serve as director of Dykema’s business services department.

Brandy Manning ‘00 has been named co-director of Dykema’s energy industry group.

Andrew Sherwood ‘01 has been selected to serve as assistant leader of Dykema’s real estate practice group.
Jessica Mederson ’02 has been elected to Stafford Rosenbaum LLP’s board of directors, overseeing its human resources efforts.

Renee Meisel ’02 has been named executive vice president and general counsel at UnitedLex.

Neill Fuquay ’07 has joined Jackson Walker’s corporate & securities practice group in the firm’s Dallas office.

Elizabeth H. Fry ’08 has been selected as a foundation fellow by the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

Rose E. Jenkins ’08 has been nominated by President Joe Biden to be a judge on the United States Tax Court.

Andréa Villarreal ’10 has been named a partner of Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart PLLC.

Jackie Furlow ’13 has been recognized as a Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer in America.

Alejandra Avila ’14 has rejoined Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick PLLC as of counsel.

Shelisa Brock ’15 has been elected to partnership at Jackson Walker LLP.

Nick Lowrey ’20 has joined Kiasmko Immigration Law Partners as counsel in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Sander Shapiro ’54  W. Majors Harris ’69
Monty Montgomery ’57  Joseph Wicker ’69
Cecil Cammack ’58  Gordon Jones ’70
Franklin Houser ’60  Corby Considine ’71
John Clark ’61  Linda Aaker ’74
George Williams ’62  Boyd Herndon ’75
Michael Sebastian ’63  Celia Castro ’77
Kenneth Glaser ’64  William Farris ’78
Jon Gooch ’65  Rene Oliveira ’79
C. Albert Tatum ’65  Louis Taylor ’82
Paul Buchschacher ’67  Marcia Romberg ’88
Tolbert Dayton ’69  Ellen House ’89
Stewart DeVore ’69  Scott Simmons ’99

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