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Alumni News & Notes

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ALUMNI NEWS

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Balancing Act for 'Law Moms'

Alumnae Susan Arenella '98, Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch '08, and Amy Mitchell '04, along with adjunct Nadia Bettac, have co-authored a new book on work and parenthood.



Bidwell & Blatt at SCOTUS

Anya Bidwell '16 and Lisa Blatt '89 argued opposing sides of *Gonzalez v. Trevino* last week, the first all-alumnae face-off at the highest court in the land.



In Memoriam: Paul Alexander '84

Known to many as 'the man in the iron lung,' Alexander overcame extraordinary odds to become a successful attorney and memoirist.



Matthew Wurst '23 Wins Writing Award

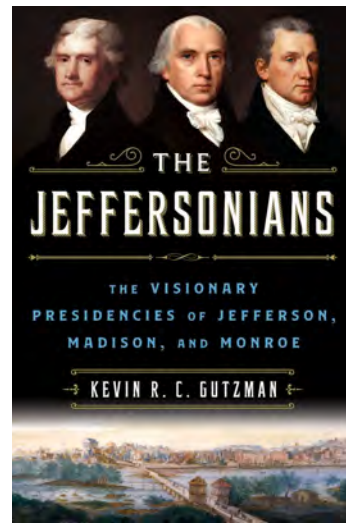
The Winston & Strawn associate placed second in a national writing competition for a paper composed in his 3L year.

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Putting Pen to Paper

'The Jeffersonians' is one of the books—both fiction and nonfiction—that our multitalented Texas Law alumni community has authored. See what else is on the Alumni Bookshelf.

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Recognition Report

We're proud to share our annual Recognition Report to say **THANK YOU** to our donors for making such a positive impact at Texas Law.

4,154 alumni gave generously to Texas Law from September 2022 to December 2023. We are so grateful!

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Simply the Best

Texas Law's Thurgood Marshall Legal Society has been named Chapter of the Year by the National Black Law Students Association.



Students Drive Parole Project

Ana Cruz '24 (left) is one of 70 students working on this project of the Mithoff Pro Bono Program.



Faculty Profile: John Golden

The professor uses his science and history background to focus on innovation and intellectual property.



National Champions!

A Texas Law team won the 32nd Annual Conrad Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition in New York.

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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: **David Adelman, Michele Deitch, Ward Farnsworth, Denise Gilman, Henry Hu, Adam Klein, Lee Kovarsky, Elizabeth Sepper, Jordan Steiker, Steve Vladeck, Heather Way, and Abraham Wickelgren.**

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Ready to Run?

Lace up those running shoes and join us for every Longhorn's favorite 5K and 10K race, the **Longhorn Run**, on Saturday, April 13. Rémi Ratliff '95 heads up the team for the Law School. Meet us by the Texas Law Reunion flag at the Gregory Gym before the start of the race. Be sure to register under the team name 'Texas Law Reunion.' See you there!

[Register by April 12](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



March 28 – Houston Young Alumni Community Table: Pros and Cons of Participation in Bar Activities (**RSVP**)

April 10-12 – Women's Power Summit hosted by the Center for Women in Law

April 11 – Houston Young Alumni Community Table: Corporate Women in Big Law (**RSVP**)

April 12 – Alumni Association Executive Committee spring meeting

April 12-13 – Alumni Reunion Weekend (**Register by April 5**)

April 13 – Longhorn Run 2024 (**Register by April 12** under the team name, 'Texas Law Reunion')

May 11 – Sunflower Ceremony

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Tracy Carson '16, Leonard Dougal '91, Hon. Brooke Lierman '08, Jonathan P. Harmon '95; (bottom, from left): Shannon Zmud Teicher '04, Parth Gejji '13, Jasmine Harding Adams '16, and Meghan Griffiths '04.

Richard Pena '76 has received the National Conference of Bar Presidents' 2024 Fellows Award.

Paul Watler '81 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide as one of the top lawyers in the U.S. for First Amendment litigation and was recognized by The Texas Lawbook for the defense of one of the nine most significant lawsuits handled by Texas attorneys in 2023.

John Beckworth '83 received the 2024 Ernest Smith Lifetime Achievement Award at the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Symposium.

William McClellan "Mac" Thornberry '83 has been appointed to Booz Allen Hamilton's board of directors.

Alfie Meyerson '84 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for his real estate practice.

David Moran '84 has been named in Lawdragon's 2024 list of top 500 leading litigators in America.

Tim Taylor '85 has been appointed to the 2024 board of directors and executive committee of the Real Estate Council of Austin, both of which he previously chaired.

Bill Dahlstrom '86 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for his real estate practice.

Thomas M. Melsheimer '86 has been named co-chair of Winston & Strawn's litigation department.

Jeff Drummond '87 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for his healthcare law practice.

Pete Olson '88 has been named chairman of the board of the Lone Star Flight Museum.

Robert Soza '89 has been named in Lawdragon's 2024 list of top 500 leading litigators in America for his product liability practice and has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for his general commercial litigation practice.

Leonard Dougal '91 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for his environmental law practice.

Carolyn D. Roch '94 has joined Kean Miller's Houston office as a partner, practicing with the labor and employment law, casualty litigation, and commercial litigation groups.

Jonathan P. Harmon '95 has been featured in 'The Power 50,' Virginia Business's ranking of the top 50 most powerful executives in the state.

Marty Meekins '97 co-founded the recently launched Emory Oak Partners, a firm specializing in real estate and service industry business equity and enhanced credit strategies.

Brad Brown '98 has become one of 11 Texas lawyers to obtain aviation law certification from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Lisa E. Davis '00 has joined Wittliff Cutter as senior counsel.

Christy Lea '00 has been appointed co-chair of the medical device litigation group of Knobbe Martens in Orange County.

Dana Davis Paul '01 has been selected for inclusion in the 2024 edition of the Best Lawyers in America for her work in real estate law.

Gerami Granello '03 has joined the real estate practice of Holland & Knight in Houston.

Virginia Alverson Mimmack '03 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide for her healthcare practice.

Meghan Griffiths '04 has been elected as firmwide chair of Jackson Walker's environmental, regulatory, and legislative practice.

Shannon Zmud Teicher '04 has been named in Lawdragon's 2024 list of top 500 leading litigators in America.

Jessica Bayne '05 has joined the estate planning and administration practice group at Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek as of counsel.

Leisa Talbert Peschel '07 has been named in Lawdragon's 2024 list of top 500 leading litigators in America.

The Hon. Brooke Lierman '08 has been inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame.

Stephen Calhoun '09 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide as Texas: San Antonio & Surrounds Up and Coming lawyers.

George Hinchey '09 has rejoined Haynes and Boone, LLP as partner in the firm's San Antonio office and real estate practice group.

Jennifer Johnson '09 has joined Enstor Gas as general counsel.

Taylor Halcomb '10 has been ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide as an Up and Coming lawyer in environmental law.

Jackie Furlow '13 has been named a 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer and recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

Parth Gejji '13 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

Colin Watterson '13 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

Nicholas Bruno '15 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers and recently became board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Taylor Markway '15 has been named partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in the firm's Kansas City office.

Mary Kate Raffetto '15 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

Jasmine Harding Adams '16 has joined the global toy and entertainment company Mattel as the manager of investigations in the legal department.

Garrett Brawley '16 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

Tracy Carson '16 has joined Munck Wilson Mandala as a senior associate, focusing his practice on complex commercial litigation.

Mariah Berry '18 has been recognized as a 2024 Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

John Davidson '54
James Shatto '57
Carl A. Parker '58
John Winslow '60
Kenneth Clark '61
David Cleveland '63
Campbell Gillespie '63
Paul Jones '65
James Keeshan '66
William Rittenhouse '66
Charles Arbaugh '69

Michael McLeaish '70
Glen Rosenbaum '72
Norvell Jackson '75
William Blanton '76
Richard Chapman '78
John Tunnell '81
Paul Alexander '84
David Holmes '84
Theresa Couch '85
Mark Partin '85

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