ALUMNI NEWS
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Texas Law Magazine is Back!
After a 10-year hiatus, there’s a new publication for alumni in mailboxes this May. Check out the features, profiles, class notes, and more.

Sunflower Ceremony 2024
The annual commencement offered wisdom, laughter, and lots of confetti. “This is more than a degree; it’s a responsibility,” said speaker Kirk Watson.

Alumni Q&A: Elizabeth Noël Harwerth ’71
How did the daughter of a Laredo rancher receive an OBE from King Charles III? “You start with a bias in your favor when you say, ‘I’m a lawyer from Texas Law,’” she says.

Magazine Sneak Peek: Diane Brayton ’96
The vice president and chief legal officer of the New York Times on media law, digital safety, and protecting the freedom of the press.

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Dean Bobby Chesney helps to demo the 1L classrooms in Townes Hall, which are getting a much-needed upgrade before fall classes start.

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Clinic Defends Religious Liberty
Texas Law students are drawn to the Law and Religion Clinic from across the ideological spectrum.

From the Tonight Show to Law Review
What do producing a late-night TV show and a prestigious law review have in common? More than you might think, according to Sydney Jean Gottfried '25.

20 Years of Impact
The William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law has been supporting thousands of students and helping Texans in need for two decades.

Academic Fellowships Program Launches
Texas Law's new program to support emerging scholars with two-year fellowships will help them with research, writing, and teaching skills.

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This month, leading international, national, and state news outlets quoted Texas Law faculty experts. Click below to see what these thought leaders had to say: Steven Collis, Mechele Dickerson, Ward Farnsworth, Denise Gilman, Mimi Marziani, Lawrence Sager, Amy Sanders, Charles Silver, Elissa Steglich, and Steve Vladeck.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

June 6 – Texas Law Summer Mix and Mingle in Washington, D.C. - RSVP
June 20 – Alumni reception at the State Bar of Texas annual meeting - RSVP
July 9 – Houston Summer Associate Happy Hour
July 17 – Texas Law breakfast at the National Bar Association Annual Convention
July 18 – Alumni reception in Park City, Utah
July 24 – Texas Law on Tour: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Aug. 28 – Mentoring Program Back to School Reception
Sept. 4 – Texas Law breakfast at the annual Judicial Education Conference

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Paula Desel ‘84 was elected to a three-year term on the Rice University Alumni Association’s board of directors.

Richard Mills Jr. ‘84 was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the incoming ambassador to the U.S. Embassy in Nigeria.

John G. Browning ‘89 will receive the Texas Bar College’s Franklin B. Jones Outstanding CLE Article Award for 2023.

Samuel G. Encarnacion ’91 received the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil and Equal Rights Champion Award during its annual meeting.

Timothy Tyler ‘94 has joined Norton Rose Fulbright as counsel in its Houston office.

Diana Saldana ‘97 was recognized as a United Independent School District (Laredo) Community Hero for launching the Kazen Fellowship Program.

Paul Trahan ’97 has been appointed partner-in-charge at Norton Rose Fulbright’s Austin office.

Kari Potts ’99 has been named chief legal officer and compliance officer at Earth Holdings LLC.

Rachael McDonell Rolon ’99 is one of the co-founders of Lawgical Workspace, a co-working space for legal professionals in The Woodlands, Texas.

KC Waldron ’00 has joined Empower as the new chief compliance officer, overseeing the management and development of the company’s compliance program.

Maidie Ryan ’01 is the president and general counsel of Camp Aspen, an elevated loungewear brand.

Jason Boatright ’03 has been appointed to the Texas Racing Commission.

Brooke Colaizzi ’03 has started a new position as co-leader of Litigation, Trials & Appeals at Sherman & Howard LLC in Denver.

Elizabeth Brandon ’05 has earned a place on the 2024 Involve Empower Executive Role Model List for her advocacy work in diversifying the legal and business communities.

Manuel Escobar ’05 has been recognized as the 2024 recipient of the Joseph C. Parker Jr. Diversity Award from the Austin Bar Association.

Elisabeth Kincaid ’05 has been named director of the Institute for Faith and Learning at Baylor University.
Rudy Metayer '06 has been named a Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient.

Lance Currie '08 has been elected to the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Victor Obaseki '08 started as the first diversity, equity, and inclusion director of Alameda County in Oakland, California.

Jaime Vasquez '08 has been named the managing shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's San Antonio office.

Jennifer de Haro '12 has been promoted to managing attorney of the removal and community integration services department at the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services.

Parth Gejji '13 has been elected as a fourth-year representative to the Houston Bar Association's appellate practice section.

Brad Estes '14 has joined the partnership at Lewis & Llewellyn LLP, a litigation boutique based in San Francisco.

Nicholas Bruno '15 is chair-elect to the Houston Bar Association's appellate practice section.

Barrett Robin '15 has been named partner at the plaintiffs' law firm Hamilton Wingo in Dallas.

Ellie Sowanick '15 has been promoted to counsel at Haynes Boone, working with the trademark and advertising practice group in Orange County, CA.

Kayvon Rashidi '16 has been named partner at Powers Kerr & Rashidi PLLC.

Lena Silva '18 was honored with the 2023–24 Outstanding Director Award from the Houston Young Lawyers Association.