

TEXAS Law

Alumni News & Notes

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ALUMNI TAILGATE!



The Texas Law Alumni Association invites you to the **26th annual Tailgate Extravaganza** on Saturday, November 9. **RSVP Now!**

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Clinic Impacts Nation's Highest Court

The Texas Law Supreme Court Clinic fuels the work of alumni, faculty, and students making their mark in D.C.



Alumni and Students Celebrate Scholarships

Grateful Lawhorns got to connect with alumni donors for a joyous gathering recognizing the power and impact of scholarships.



Habits of a Peace Maker

Prof. Steven T. Collis shares tips from his latest book for having productive exchanges on challenging topics.



Class of 2027 Public Interest Scholars

1Ls Ariana Guerrero, Emily Rose, and Rachel Sznajderman have earned full-tuition scholarships in recognition to their commitment helping others.

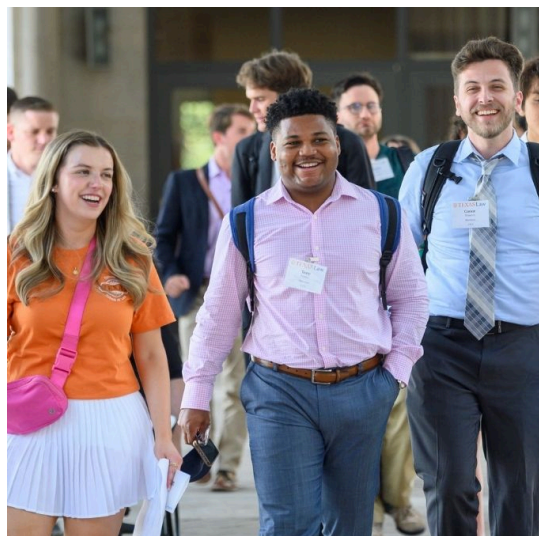
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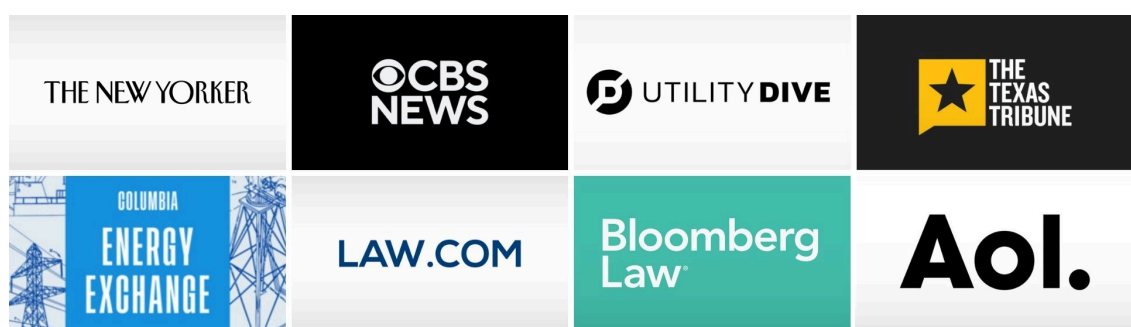
The fall semester is underway, and Texas Law is buzzing with classes, clinics, competitions, and pro bono projects. Help keep our success going with a gift to the Annual Fund!

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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, Jamein Cunningham, Michele Deitch, John Dzienkowski, Mike Golden, Lee Kovarsky, Sanford Levinson, Susan Morse, Charles Press, David Rabban, Elizabeth Sepper, Charles Silver, David Spence, and Heather Way.**

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ALUMNI EVENTS

- Oct. 16** – Texas Law Teaching Legends: **Mechele Dickerson** in Washington, D.C.
- Nov. 8** – Alumni Awards 2024 in Austin (*by invitation only*)
- Nov. 9** – Alumni Tailgate Extravaganza (Florida Gators vs. Texas Longhorns)
- Nov. 18** – Texas Law Teaching Legends: **David Rabban** in Chicago

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Kimberly Pack Wilson '96, Richard Joseph '87, Pamela E. George '77, Kelly Frels '70; (bottom, from left): Stephen Clarke '09, Karen Hansen '87, Michael T. Raupp '12, and Rose Jenkins '08.

David J. Beck '65 was named a top litigation attorney by Benchmark Litigation in its 2025 rankings, a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation, and a 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Kelly Frels '70 was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 Texas Legal Awards.

Elizabeth Noël Harwerth '71 was appointed as independent non-executive director at Hansard Global.

Arthur M. Nathan '75 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in mergers and acquisitions.

Pamela E. George '77 was named by South Texas College of Law Houston as the Stanley J. Krist Distinguished Professor of Texas Law.

D. Mitchell McFarland '79 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Tom Mason '81 was appointed to the Texas Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Suzanne Milton '85 was appointed as chief audit and compliance executive of Virginia Commonwealth University's audit and compliance services unit.

Edward Guzman '87 was promoted to senior vice president/chief legal and ethics officer of the San Antonio Water System.

Karen Hansen '87 has joined the San Antonio Water System executive management team as vice president of environmental law and regulatory compliance.

Richard Joseph '87 was named interim dean of the Knauss School of Business at the University of San Diego.

Marc W. Taubenfeld '87 has joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. as a shareholder in the firm's bankruptcy, restructuring and insolvency section in Dallas.

Alistair B. Dawson '89 was named a top litigation attorney by Benchmark Litigation in its 2025 rankings, a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation, and a 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Brian N. Hail '90 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Fields Alexander '92 was named a top litigation attorney by Benchmark Litigation in its 2025 rankings, a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation and a 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Sam Waldon '92 was appointed acting deputy director of the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission.

John Adcock '94 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in appellate law.

E. David Coligado '95 was promoted to CEO at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas.

Kimberly Pack Wilson '96 was elected to the State Bar of Texas Family Law Section Council.

Scott Clark '98 was named as one of The Best Lawyers in America for intellectual property lawsuits.

Robert "Bryan" Gantt '98 was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to the 471st Judicial District Court in Collin County.

Michelle Schulz '01 is the founder and managing partner of the Dallas-based Schulz Trade Law.

Geoff Gannaway '02 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation and a 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigator in America.

Melissa Shultz '02 was named assistant dean for legal writing and professor of law at St. Mary's University School of Law.

Brad Caldwell '03 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in intellectual property.

Leah Gillum '03 was elected secretary of the administrative and public law section of the State Bar of Texas.

Allison Standish Miller '04 was named a 2024 Texas Super Lawyer in professional liability-defense.

Drew Baldinger '05 has joined King & Spalding's Houston office as a partner in its corporate practice group and energy industry team.

Catherine Bellah '06 was appointed to the Texas Department of Information Resources.

Mason P. Hester '06 was named a Texas Super Lawyer in construction litigation.

Rose Jenkins '08 was nominated by President Joe Biden as a judge to the United States Tax Court.

Michael McBride '08 was named one of The Best Lawyers in America for intellectual property lawsuits.

Stephen Clarke '09 was promoted to general counsel at Preston Hollow Community Capital in Dallas.

Chris Stewart '11 was named to the 2024 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under list.

Michael T. Raupp '12 is a finalist for the Young Lawyer of the Year—Litigation award, which will be presented Nov. 13 at The American Lawyer's Industry Awards in New York City.

Jackie M. Furlow '13 was named a 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigator in America commercial litigation.

Taylor LeMay '18 was elected as an ICC Young Arbitration and ADR Forum Representative for North America for the 2024–26 mandate.

Zoraima Pelaez '22 was promoted to staff attorney with the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project.

Alex Anderson '23 has joined Spencer Fane's Plano office as an associate in the banking and financial services practice group.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

William Rattikin '57
Lawrence Mann '62
Fred Weldon '62
Samuel B. Moore, Jr. '70
Alan Moravcik '72
Sharon Feather '73
Marleen Lowenthal '76
James Neel '76
Cynthia Leigh '84

Sarah Foster '85
Melvin V. Priestler '85
Robert Sherman '87
Nadine Markham-Itteilag '90
Clint Harbour '00
Daniel Sharp '01
Alexander Hughes '13
Jacob Loehr '21

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