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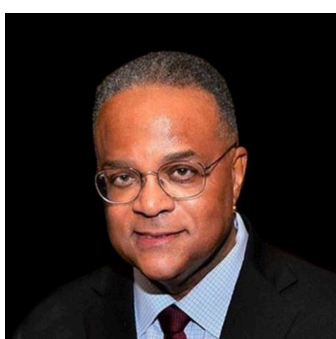
Alumni News & Notes

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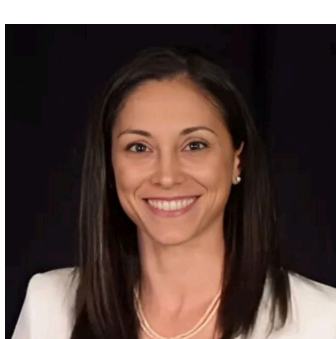
ALUMNI NEWS

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Judge Lindsay '77 to Receive Lott Medal

This trailblazing jurist, accomplished advocate, and dedicated mentor will be honored at a gala dinner on Feb. 19.



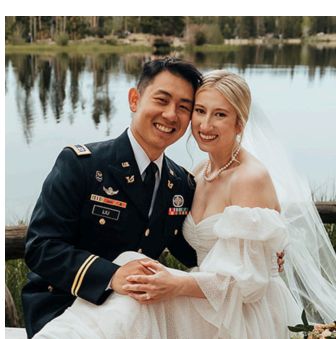
This LL.M.'s Career is Rocketing

Alina Nassar Jorge '02, a top aviation and aerospace law expert, keynoted the 10th Space Traffic Management Conference.



Ashlie Alaman '09 Pays It Forward

From Texas Law to top legal roles, Alaman's journey started with a life-changing gift. Now, she's returning the favor with a new scholarship.



Lawyers in Love: Reunion Edition

From study dates to soulmates, these couples found lasting love at Texas Law.

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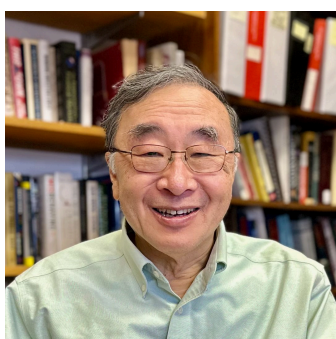
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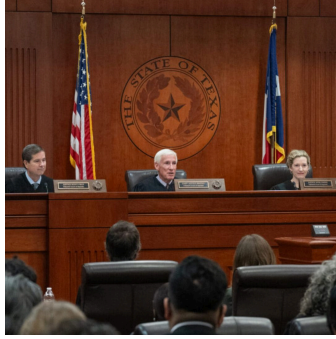
LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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Faculty Profile: Henry Hu

The Wall Street Journal has hailed his specialty in capital markets and corporate governance as "figuring out how finance can go awry in unexpected ways."



Texas Law Hosts 15th Court of Appeals

The state's newest court hears oral arguments on campus, giving the community a unique opportunity to witness the judiciary in action.



Paper Chase Awards Texas Law Students

3L Luca Azzarita claimed top honors, while 2L Grant Shellhouse secured second place in the prestigious annual writing competition.



Law School Honors New Chancellors

Seventeen members of the Class of 2025 with the highest GPAs have been inducted into Texas Law's oldest honor society.

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FACULTY IN THE MEDIA



Texas Law faculty experts were recently quoted in leading national and state news outlets. Click below to see what these thought leaders had to say: **Ariel Dulitzky**, **Denise Gilman**, **Tara Leigh Grove**, **Scott Schneider**, **Elissa Steglich**, **Melinda Taylor**, and **Heather Way**.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Feb. 19 — **Virgil C. Lott Medal Presentation and Dinner** honoring The Hon. Sam Lindsay '77

Mar. 12 — Washington, D.C. Regional Committee Meeting

Mar. 13 — New York Regional Committee Meeting

Mar. 24 — Dallas Regional Committee Meeting

Mar. 26 — Houston Regional Committee Meeting

Apr. 4 — Alumni Association Executive Committee Spring Meeting

Apr. 4 — Center for Women in Law Award Luncheon

Apr. 10-11 — The William Wayne Justice Center at 20 Years

Apr. 24 — Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice 20th Anniversary Gala

Apr. 25-26 — **Texas Law Alumni Reunion** welcomes all alumni and honors class years ending in "0" and "5" from 1960 to 2020 | **Register Today!**

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CLASS NOTES

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Pictured (top, from left): Stephanie Dodge Bigley '19, Gregory Smith '08, Marissa Marquez '07, Thomas Burton '97; (bottom, from left): Peter M. Kelly '90, Erleigh Norville Wiley '88, Joe Lawlor '15, and Sammi L. Renken '95.

Martha Smiley '72 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Stephen Howell '75 has joined Cantey Hanger's transportation practice area in the firm's Fort Worth office.

Andrew Kever '75 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

John K. Boyce III '78, who heads his own San Antonio-based firm, has been appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Class of 2025.

Gary E. Zausmer '79 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Judy Kostura '80, a partner at Sorrels Law, is the recipient of the 2025 Luther (Luke) H. Soules III Award from the State Bar of Texas Litigation Section.

Erleigh Norville Wiley '88, district attorney for Kaufman County, has been honored with the Living Legend Award from the Dallas Bar Association.

Elana S. Einhorn '89 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Ronnie Skloss '89 has joined Holland & Knight as a partner in the firm's Austin office.

Peter M. Kelly '90, a former justice with the Texas First Court of Appeals, has formed Kelly Watkins McPheeters, a statewide appellate law firm.

Michael Calhoon '93 has joined Bourelly George & Brodey, a Washington, D.C.-based boutique litigation firm.

Luis A. Reyes '97 has joined Troutman Pepper Locke as a partner in its regulatory investigations, strategy and enforcement practice group in Austin.

Edward Snyder '94, who heads his own San Antonio-based firm, has been appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Class of 2025.

Bill A. Moore '95 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Sammi L. Renken '95, shareholder and vice president at the law firm Johnson & Bell, has been appointed vice president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates for the 2025-26 term.

Marla D. Broaddus '97 has joined McGinnis Lochridge as a partner in the firm's oil and gas practice group in Austin.

Thomas Burton '97 has joined Steptoe & Johnson's Business Department as of counsel in the firm's Dallas office.

Stephanie E. Kaiser '99 has joined Kane Russell Coleman Logan as a director in the firm's Dallas office.

Melissa A. Lorber '01 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Shelby L. O'Brien '02 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Marcus Brooks '03 has joined Jackson Walker law firm as a partner in the tax practice group in the firm's Dallas office.

Heather Jones Holmes '03 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Ben Love '05 has joined Baker Botts as a litigation partner in the firm's Houston office.

Marissa Marquez '07, manager, labor and employment legal counsel for Houston Methodist Hospital, has been inducted into the Texas Lyceum.

Gregory Smith '08 has been named a partner at Vela Wood in Dallas.

Chad M. Craycraft '10 has been appointed to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

Lisa Magick '10 is the co-founder of Bathe Austin, the city's first bathhouse, which will open in fall of 2025.

Michelle R. Casillas '11, vice president and trust officer for Jefferson Bank Trust, has been appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Class of 2025.

Mason Harry '14 has been promoted to partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in the firm's Houston office.

Jessica E. Soos '14 has joined the specialized advocacy practice group at Butler Snow in Austin.

Joe Lawlor '15 has been promoted to partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in the firm's Houston office.

Reid Barnes '16 has joined Steptoe & Johnson as an associate in the firm's Dallas office.

Marysia Laskowski '16 has been promoted to counsel at Hunton Andrews Kurth in Dallas.

Stephanie Dodge Bigley '19, of counsel at Davis & Santos, has been appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Program Class of 2025.

Anna K. MacFarlane '19, an associate with Pulman, Cappuccio & Pullen in San Antonio, has been appointed to the San Antonio Bar Foundation Fellows Class of 2025.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Edgar Norton '53
Patricia Spearman '55
Mario Martinez '63
John Hughes '66
James Stripling '69

George Kutzschbach '72
William Snider '72
Robert Birnbaum '73
R. Brent Keis '76

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