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Alumni News & Notes

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ALUMNI NEWS

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What is Space Law?

Caryn Schenewerk '02 is an expert on the topic. Her practice focuses on clearing policy and regulatory obstacles so that progress can soar.



Launching Success

Alumni look back at the role the Long Career Launch Program played in shaping their professional journeys.



Being Accountable

Andrea Meza '15 is a fourth-generation Texan and a tough-as-nails litigator who's found her new career chapter at the Government Accountability Project.

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TAILGATE TURNOUT TRIUMPH

More than 1,500 alumni and friends attended the 27th annual Alumni Tailgate at the Law School before watching Texas beat Arkansas 52-37.

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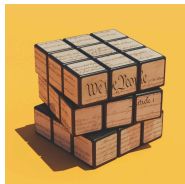
2025

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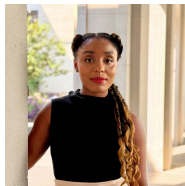
Taming the Monster

Prof. Aaron Nielson takes a longer-term perspective on the administrative state in this new opinion essay.



Measuring What Matters

Forget what you know about law school rankings: How Texas Law cuts through the noise and finds success.



Student Spotlight: Shellie Parker 2L

"Along the way, I've been fortunate to find mentors and peers who have supported me." Meet the alumni of tomorrow in our recurring [Student Spotlight series](#).



Faculty in the Media

This year, our experts were quoted 200 times in national and state news outlets. Read what they had to say.

[Our Latest News](#)

2026 ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS



Honoring the outstanding achievements of our graduates has been a cherished tradition of the Texas Law Alumni Association since 1958. Take a moment to nominate a deserving alum for Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Alum, Distinguished Alum for Community Service, or Outstanding Young Alum.

[Submit a Nomination by January 31](#)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW PRESENTS MENTORPALOOZA 2015 CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2025

ALUMNI EVENTS

Jan. 15, 2026 — [Graduating Class Dinner](#) in Austin (*by invitation only*)

Jan. 23, 2026 — [Mentorpalooza](#) – Celebrating 10 Years of the Mentoring Program | [RSVP](#)

Feb. 17, 2026 — [Texas Law on Tour in Dallas](#)

Apr. 17–18, 2026 — [Alumni Reunion](#) – Honoring classes whose years end in “1” and “6” from 1961 to 2021.



BACK ON THE ROAD

Alumni enjoyed lively conversations and caught up on the latest from Townes Hall during Dean Chesney’s Texas Law on Tour visits to San Antonio and Houston.

[Where will you join us?](#)

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Andrea Hyatt '98, Jared Harrell '05, Nathan Simmons '21, Susan Turley '95; (bottom, from left): Jason Blackmer '09, Anjana Patel '97, William Hopkins '95, and George M. Jirotko '82.

George M. Jirotko '82 has retired after almost 20 years as a circuit court judge in Florida's 6th Judicial Circuit.

William Hopkins '95 has joined Stinson's Dallas office as a partner in the firm's health care and insurance practice division.

Susan Turley '95 has retired from L3Harris Technologies, where she was the corporate director of enterprise contracts and compliance.

Anjana Patel '97 is now managing shareholder of Baker Donelson's New Jersey offices.

Andrea Hyatt '98 has been appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island.

Jared Harrell '05, associate professor of practice and director of the Center for Real Estate at the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University, has been named to the Top 50 Undergraduate Business Directors of 2025 by Poets & Quants for Undergrads.

Jason Blackmer '09 has joined Latitude Legal as leader and founding partner of the company's new regional corporate office in Houston.

Nathan Simmons '21 has been promoted to senior associate at Tully Rinckey in Austin.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

James Puff '60
David Richeson '69
T. Paul Bulmahn '70

Michael Wood '70
Jack Eckels '72
Peter Low '80

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