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Alumni News & Notes

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI

MENTORPALOOZA 2026



Texas Law's Mentoring Program was celebrated on Jan. 23 with a sold-out gala at the Bullock Museum. Nearly 600 alumni and students enjoyed a festive night of great memories—and making big plans for the future.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Hail to the Chief

Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson '88 has been elected the next president of the American Law Institute.



Distinguished Alumnus Awards Bestowed

Gary Farmer '84 and Del Williams '85, both double Longhorns, were recognized with the Texas Exes' highest alumni honor.



'The Need for Justice Outweighed My Fears'

Reflections from the late Hon. Harriett Murphy '69 on how her law school experiences shaped a life devoted to positive change.

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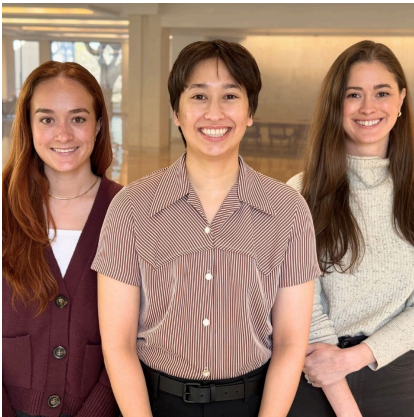
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Chancellors Inducted

Texas Law inducted 16 new members to the school's oldest honor society.



Paper Chase Sweep

For the first time, all three top spots in the Paper Chase Legal Writing Competition have been claimed by a single law school.



Drug Labels on Trial

Prof. Paul Gugliuzza on a big mistake courts are making when it comes to patent infringements —and what it's costing consumers.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Feb. 17 — Texas Law on Tour in **Dallas**

Apr. 17-18 — Alumni Reunion Weekend | *Register by Feb. 23 for Early Bird Discount*

May 9 — Sunflower Ceremony

June 11 — Texas Law Reception in **Houston** at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Daniella Martinez '16, Sam Waldon '92, Parisa Fatehi-Weeks '07, Jonathan Harmon '95; (bottom, from left): Chen Zang '14, Hon. Velva Price '86, Craig Ball '82, and Grace Lentz '16.

Byron Egan '68 has published the fifth edition of “Egan on Entities: Corporations, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies in Texas.”

Jane Beard '77 received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Hardin-Simmons University in recognition of her humanitarian and philanthropic contributions.

Craig Ball '82 is a finalist for the 2025 Gayle O'Connor Spirit Award from the Electronic Discovery Reference Model (EDRM).

Tom Melsheimer '86 has joined King & Spalding in Dallas as managing partner and the global head of trial.

Hon. Velva Price '86 will be honored at the Austin Black Lawyers Association Foundation's 2026 Andrea Pair Bryant Legacy Luncheon.

Hon. Patricia O'Connell Alvarez '87 was inducted into the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. She previously served as a judge on the Fourth Court of Appeals in Texas.

Kim McMath '92 has served as president of the Eanes ISD Board of Trustees since May 2025.

Sam Waldon '92 has been promoted to deputy director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Enforcement.

Jonathan Harmon '95 has been named to the 2026 Virginia Black Business Leaders Hall of Fame.

Kathy Richardson '95 will be honored at the Austin Black Lawyers Association Foundation's 2026 Andrea Pair Bryant Legacy Luncheon.

Kim Altsuler '96 has been named to the executive committee of Peckar & Abramson PC in Austin.

Scott Young '04 will be recognized by the Association of Corporate Counsel's DFW Chapter and The Texas Lawbook with the 2025 Corporate Counsel Award for Achievement in Pro Bono and Public Service.

Chad Walker '05 has joined King & Spalding in Dallas focusing on patent cases and complex commercial litigation disputes.

Parisa Fatehi-Weeks '07 has been appointed executive director of Every Texan, a nonprofit policy institute.

Michael Bittner '08 has joined King & Spalding in Dallas as an intellectual property trial lawyer.

Jonathan Eisenman '08 has been appointed to serve as a judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Erin Fonken '08 has joined Kemp Smith in Austin as a partner.

Rex Mann '10 has joined King & Spalding in Dallas, where he will focus his practice on patent litigation and other complex commercial litigation matters.

Sarah Glaser '11 has been elected managing director of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. in Austin.

Chen Zang, Ph.D. '14 was elevated to partner at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP in Washington, D.C.

Chuck Pinney '15 has been promoted to legal director of the Texas Office of the Secretary of State. He previously served as the office's senior staff attorney.

Alex Robertson '15 has joined Kirkland & Ellis in Dallas as a partner in the corporate practice group.

Jasmine Harding Adams '16 has joined the global internet and technology company Match Group as the employee relations and ethics lead in the legal department.

Grace Lentz '16 has made partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in Houston in the energy and infrastructure group.

Daniella E. Martinez '16 has been elected as a partner at BakerHostetler LLP in Houston.

John Stavinoha '16 has joined Latham & Watkins in Houston as a partner in the firm's M&A and private equity practice.

Reeya Thakrar '16 has been promoted to partner at Faegre Drinker in Chicago.

Leanne Flatter '18 has been elevated to principal at Fish & Richardson in Austin, where her practice focuses on U.S. and international patent prosecution and patent portfolio management.

Montana Ware '18 has made partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in Austin in the technology companies group.

Garrett Brawley '19 has been elected as a partner at Beck Redden in Houston.

Cory Fish '22 has been appointed policy director for the Texas Office of the Governor.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

William Bonham '54
Larry Wadler '60
Fred Hull '61
Frank Cooksey '62
Russell Burwell '67
Jerry Carlton '67
Melvin Eichelbaum '67
James Burk '69
Charles Cappel '69
James Giddings '69
Stan McCormick '71

John Stover '71
Greg Reilly '72
Mary Kell '78
Stephen Utz '79
Mark Beatty '80
Ted Hollembeak '87
Andrew Louis '87
Barbara Horan '88
Rrachelle Douglas'93
Millie Kerr '07
Lisa Kinzer '13

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