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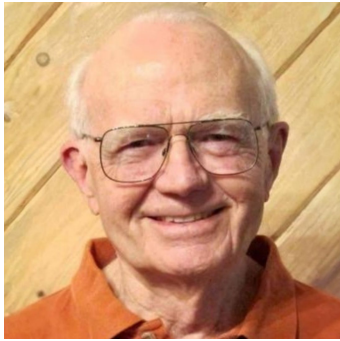
ALUMNI AWARDS ANNOUNCED



The Alumni Association will honor the following, who represent the best of Texas Law, at the **2026 Alumni Awards** this fall: William O. Whitehurst '71, Lifetime Achievement; Hilda C. Galvan '93, Outstanding Alumna; George Slover '80, Distinguished Alumnus for Community Service; and Miguel Garza '12, Outstanding Young Alumnus. Look for each of them in our **Alumni Voices series**.

ALUMNI NEWS

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In Memoriam: Bill Gibson '56

An alumnus, professor, and longtime associate dean for administration and academic affairs, his many accomplishments include driving CLE efforts in Texas.



Texas Bar Foundation Honors Two Alumni

Fred Hagans '72 and Jane Webre '89 earned prestigious statewide awards for excellence in trial and appellate advocacy.



New Grads Earn Clinical Award

Amy Grace Humber and Shelby Alexander, both '26, received recognition from the Clinical Legal Education Association for their work as students in Texas Law's Immigration Clinic.



Fighting for Fair Markets

George Slover '80 has gone from writing antitrust rules in Congress to enforcing them at the DOJ to now defending consumers against AI-era pricing collusion at a DC nonprofit.

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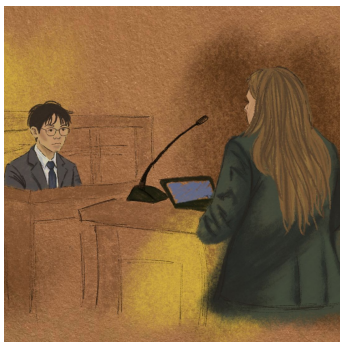
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TEXAS LAW MAGAZINE WINS BIG AGAIN



Our magazine earned a Gold Medal and a Sibley Award finalist nod from CASE, as well as Gold and Silver Medals from the Society of Publication Designers—the only law school to be honored by both this year.



Practicing for the Real Thing

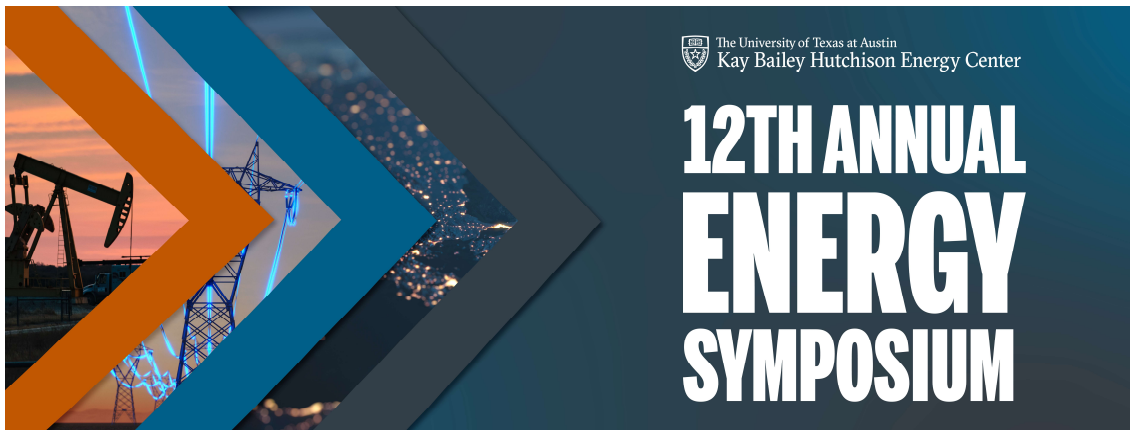
For 10 years, Texas Law and Dell Med have teamed up on a mock murder trial, pairing law students with real psychiatric residents as expert witnesses, which sharpens both sides for the real thing.



Shaping Landmark Torts Restatement

Serving as a Reporter with the American Law Institute, Professor Emeritus Douglas Laycock’s work is now the definitive word on how courts award damages and injunctions in tort law.

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Join the KBH Energy Center on Sept. 11 to explore power demand and AI to capital flows, supply chains, and geopolitical risk.

ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni in Washington, D.C., attended our Texas Law on Tour with Dean Chesney last month for an engaging conversation, community, and an inside look at what’s happening in and around Townes Hall, including the construction of our new residence hall. **See more photos on Flickr!**

July 29 — **Texas Law Breakfast** at the National Bar Association Convention in Nashville | **RSVP by July 22**

Sept. 9 — **Alumni Breakfast** at the Judiciary Education Conference in Round Rock | **RSVP by Sept. 2**

Sept. 18 — **2026 Alumni Awards** in Austin

Sept. 23 — **Mentoring Program: The Closing Reception** in Austin

Oct. 2 — **Scholarship Celebration 2026** in Austin

Oct. 24 — **Washington, D.C. Alumni Watch Party: Ole Miss vs. Texas**

Nov. 21 — **Save the date!** Alumni Tailgate 2026: Arkansas vs. Texas

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Visit **Texas Football** to print or add to your calendar the upcoming Texas Football season, which kicks off Sept. 5 at home against Texas State.

CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Ajay Thomas '01, Dani Sanchez '05, William E. Routt III '08, Cynthia Dunn Raibourn '94; (bottom, from left): Elena Thompson '20, Scott A. Keller '07, Hon. Alia Moses '86, and Marlen Whitley '01.

Max Sherman '60 has published his third book and first novel, “A Testament to Wind and Stone”.

James Perry “J.P.” Bryan Jr. '65 has been selected by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to serve on the Texas Bicentennial Commission.

Mary McKerall '69 received the Tiffany Star Award from the Houston Association of Women Attorneys in recognition of her role as a founding member.

Frederick W. “Rick” Addison III '77 has been named to D Magazine’s “Best Lawyers in Dallas 2026” list for environmental law.

Tom Wright '80 has been recognized by the Chambers USA 2026 Guide for appellate litigation.

Brian D. Miller '83 has been appointed the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Robert Levy '86 retired from the Exxon Mobil Corporation and has joined the U.S. Department of Justice’s Environment and Natural Resources Division as senior counsel.

The Hon. Alia Moses '86 has been honored with a portrait unveiling at the U.S. courthouse in San Antonio, recognizing her trailblazing role as chief U.S. district judge for the Western District of Texas.

Jack Hicks '87 has joined the advisory board at the Elon University School of Law.

Mark Taylor '87 has been recognized in the Chambers USA 2026 Guide for bankruptcy/restructuring.

Lisa S. Blatt '89 has been named to Forbes’ “America’s Top Women Lawyers” list for appellate law.

Hilda Galvan '93 has joined the board of trustees of the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Cynthia Dunn Raibourn '94 has been named a partner at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal in Dallas in the firm's family law section.

David Coligado '95 has been named to D Magazine's "Best Lawyers in Dallas 2026" list for real estate law and D CEO's 2026 "Dallas 500" list.

Walter "Casey" Berger '96 has been named a partner at Latham & Watkins in Houston in the firm's securities and M&A litigation practice.

Bill Nelson '97 has been promoted to partner in Latham & Watkins in Houston in their capital markets and public company representation practices.

Irina B. Plumlee '97 has been named to D Magazine's "Best Lawyers in Dallas 2026" list for immigration law.

Angela A. Hunt '98 has been named to D Magazine's "Best Lawyers in Dallas 2026" list for land use/zoning law.

Stephanie E. Kaiser '99 has been recognized in the Chambers USA 2026 Guide for general commercial litigation.

Robert Griffin '00 has been promoted to partner at Skadden in Abu Dhabi in the firm's investment management group.

Ajay Thomas '01 has been selected as the next chair-elect of Southwestern University's Board of Trustees.

Lisa Tsai '01 has been named to Forbes' "America's Top Women Lawyers" list for litigation.

Marlen Whitley '01 has been named director of operations and partner-in-charge of Townsend & Lockett's newly opened Houston office.

Jessica Dean '03 has been named to Forbes' "America's Top Women Lawyers" list for litigation.

Allison K. Perry '03 has been named a partner at Bracewell in Houston in the firm's tax department.

Sarah Stasny '04 has been named to Forbes' "America's Top Women Lawyers" list for investment funds and asset management.

Dani Sanchez '05 has been recognized as the 2026 Outstanding Mentor of the Year by the Houston Young Lawyers Association.

Luke Ledbetter '06 has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the Finance Commission of Texas.

Scott A. Keller '07, former Solicitor General of Texas, is now general counsel at Chevron and will resume the role as its chief legal officer on Jan. 1, 2027.

Marissa Marquez '07 has been recognized as the 2026 Senior Counsel of the Year for a Nonprofit or Governmental Agency by the Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter and The Texas Lawbook.

Kim Bueno '08 has been named to Forbes' "America's Top Women Lawyers" list for litigation.

William E. Routt III '08 has joined Bass, Berry & Sims as a senior litigation attorney in the firm's newly launched Chicago office.

Peter Idziak '08 has been promoted to principal at Polunsky Beitel Green in the firm's Dallas Office.

Brian Haley '09 has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. by Gov. Greg Abbott

Amy Davis '10 has been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel at Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union.

Nicole Edgeworth '12 has published her debut novel, "The Laboratory Assistant," under the pen name Natalia Loya.

Ernesto Alvarez '15 has been named to the 2026 Lawdragon 500 X The Next Generation list.

Aaron Reitz '17 has been appointed the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

Carson Young '17 has joined Latham & Watkins LLP's Houston office as a partner in the complex commercial Litigation practice in Houston.

Olive Smith '19 has joined Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice as an associate in the firm's Portland office.

Elena Thompson '20 has been appointed co-chair of the Legal Foundation of Washington's 2026 Associates Campaign for Equal Justice.

Katherine Spry '25 has been selected as a 2026 fellow with the Immigrant Justice Corps.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

William Archer '51
Bill Gibson '56
John Rebman '57
Bill Kemp '59

Roland Anderson '69
Bill Bednar '70
Maynard Green 70
Steven Pfister ' 71

Tom McMahan '61
John Nelms '63
Robert McCreary '64
Richard Coan '66
Keith Griffin '66
Bill Petmecky '66
Lahroy White '66
Harvey Morton ' 67
Patty Wilkes '67

David Wiggs '71
John Mozola '73
Charles Hooks '75
Rhonda Fellers '80
Brent Howard '80
Chris Reynolds '82
Curtis Kantor '85
Chris Kirk '91
Daniel Ortman '96

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