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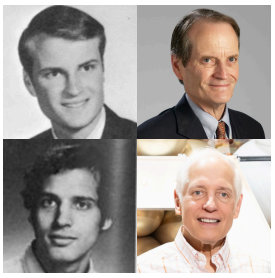
In Memoriam: Joe Long ’58

A champion of Texas Law, UT, and the arts in Austin, he and his wife, Teresa Lozano Long, made many gifts, including giving recent graduates the chance to gain legal experience through the Long Career Launch Program.



The Technical Advantage

Hilda Galvan ’93 built a patent litigation career by digging into the technology itself, from semiconductors to AI. Now she’s helping women-owned healthcare startups protect their IP.



Fifty Years of Yes

Dan Hedges ’74 and Scott Atlas ’75 have given to the Law School every year since graduation, driven by gratitude, family values, and the belief that consistency is a virtue.



A Dean and a Keeton

John Keeton, B.A. ’95, M.B.A. ’02, never expected a night at the Little Longhorn Saloon to end with a gift honoring his grandfather, Dean W. Page Keeton, in support of Texas Law’s new residence hall.

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From Texas newsrooms to national outlets, Texas Law faculty are sharing their legal expertise. Click below to see what they had to say: **Richard Albert**, **Bobby Chesney**, **Steve Collis**, **Mechele Dickerson**, **Kevin Frazier**, **Andrew Granato**, **Tara Grove** , **Paul Gugliuzza**, **Jennifer Laurin**, **Douglas Laycock**, **Sanford Levinson**, **Linda Mullenix**, **Rachel Rebouché**, **James Spindler**, **Elissa Steglich**, **Michael Sturley** , and **Melissa Wasserman**.

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ALUMNI EVENTS



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

Nov. 21 — The 28th Annual Alumni Tailgate: Arkansas vs. Texas | **RSVP today!**

Apr. 16-17, 2027 — **Save the Date!** Alumni Reunion Weekend honoring classes whose years end in "2" and "7" from 1962 to 2022.

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CLASS NOTES

Ordered by class year, then by last name.



Pictured (top, from left): Alexander Ray '24, Keegan Warren '12, Brad Thompson '04, Janet Walker '05. Pictured (bottom, from left): Mindy Montford '95, Jaime Vasquez '08, Buena Vista Lyons '96, and Stan Biderman '76.

Stan Biderman '76 has published his latest book, *The Secularist's Bible and Other Astonishing Absurdities*.

Josiah Daniel '78 has published "Determining the Historiographical Problem of Municipal Bankruptcy: Hatton Sumners and the Enactment and Amendment of Chapter IX, 1933-1979" in *100 American Bankruptcy Law Journal 327-428*.

Mitch McFarland '79, a shareholder at Munsch Hardt in Houston, has been recognized in the 2026 "Texas Super Lawyers" directory.

Sam Waldon '92 has joined WilmerHale's Washington, D.C., office as a partner in its securities litigation and enforcement group.

Allison Kendrick '93 has joined McGuireWoods as a partner in its aviation litigation and product liability practice in Seattle. She previously served as product liability counsel at Boeing.

David Coligado '95, a shareholder at Munsch Hardt in Dallas, has been recognized in the 2026 "Texas Super Lawyers" directory.

Mindy Montford '95 has co-founded the National Cold Case Center, a nonprofit that serves as a national hub for cold cases.

Buena Vista Lyons '96 has joined Jackson Lewis in Dallas as a principal in the employment litigation group.

Kristen Silverberg '96 is now president and CEO of Business Roundtable in Washington, D.C.

Daniel Sternthal '01, a shareholder at Munsch Hardt in Houston, has been recognized in the 2026 "Texas Super Lawyers" directory.

Brad Thompson '04 has been appointed managing partner at Duane Morris in Austin.

Janet Walker '05, a Longhorn tennis icon, has been inducted into the UT Athletics Hall of Honor.

Mason Hester '06, a shareholder at Munsch Hardt in Houston, has been recognized in the 2026 "Texas Super Lawyers" directory.

Jaime Vasquez '08 has been sworn in as president of the San Antonio Bar Association.

Elizabeth Bellows Brockman '10 has joined the UTHealth Houston Development Board.

Adrián Gay Lasa '12 has joined the Mexico office of Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder in its capital markets and finance practices.

Della Sentilles '12 has joined Steptoe's New York office as a partner in its investigations, white-collar defense, and compliance group.

Keegan Warren '12, executive director of the Institute for Healthcare Access at Texas A&M University in Fort Worth, has been named to Equal Justice Works' "40x40 Alumni Changemakers" list, which marks the organization's 40th anniversary.

A**ndres Contreras '15**, a shareholder at Munsch Hardt in Houston, has been recognized in the 2026 "Texas Rising Stars" directory from Super Lawyers.

Christina (Florey) Hightower '17 has joined Kelley Drye & Warren in Austin as a partner.

M**ichael Davis '18** has been promoted to partner at Gibbs & Bruns in Houston.

Austin Nelson '22, an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, received the Best Dissertation Award from the American Political Science Association's American Political Thought Section.

Alexander Ray '24 has joined the business department at Tonkon Torp in Portland.

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IN MEMORIAM

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Daniel Jones '56
Sam Perry '57
Henry Flagg '60
John Roady '60
Ken Jones '61
Florentino Ramirez '65
Michael Carnes '69
Joe Dean '69
Martin Morris '70
Jesus Samaniego '72
Jay Thompson '72
Dan Trammell '72
William Puckett '75
Charles Crook '78
Barbara Rollins '78
William Blair '83
Laura Galaviz '84
Katherine Walters '92
David Barranco '97

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