TEXAS Law
Alumni News & Notes

NOVEMBER 11, 2026 AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS LAW ALUMNI



STEPPING UP TO SERVE

On Nov. 3, Texas Law alumni were elected to statewide and federal offices, continuing a long tradition of public service.

Chari Kelly '02 and **Gisela Triana '88** secured seats on the Supreme Court of Texas, and will serve alongside Justices Debra Lehrmann '82, Jane Bland '90, and Rebeca Aizpuru Huddle '99. On the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, **Holly Taylor '95** will join Judges Lee Finley '01, David Newell '97, and Jesse F. McClure, III '99. **Nathan Johnson '93** will become Texas Attorney General, and **Sarah Eckhardt '98** will serve as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

And nine additional alumni were re-elected to seats in Congress, the Texas House of Representatives, and in Maryland. **See the full list in Class Notes below**.

TRUSTEES ANSWER THE CALL



Six distinguished alumni have joined the Board of Trustees of the University of Texas Law School Foundation. The new and returning members bring expertise from across the legal profession and a shared commitment to supporting Texas Law. Pictured (top, from left): Barrett Reasoner '90, Hon. Jane Bland '90, Carlos Rodriguez '03; (bottom, from left): Alex Albright '80, Luke Ledbetter '06, and Amanda Bush '03.

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Veteran Strong at Texas Law

From classroom to courtroom, twenty veteran students find community through the Texas Law Veterans Association, and alumni stay supported after graduation.



A Place at the Table

Lisa Young '07 turned her legal aid and family law background into a career in nonprofit leadership. As executive director of the Hays County Food Bank, she's working to put more food on more tables.



Where Public Interest Begins

Alumni shared how they found their calling, and 1Ls left inspired. At this year's Change It Up! event, tomorrow's public interest lawyers found their community.

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HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP

Get new one-of-a-kind fleece tops, hoodies, quilted jackets, and more—all made to order and shipped to your door from C.C. Creations. We're especially excited about the Peregrinus plushie! **The shop closes on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 11:59 p.m.**



Shop the Holiday Collection by Nov. 15

LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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Liberty for All

Led by Professor Steven Collis, the Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center trains students through its Law and Religion Clinic, hoping exposure to the First Amendment's complexities inspires resistance to coercion.



Students Strike Gold with rubi

Deal practice, anywhere, anytime: Texas Law's partnership with rubi gives every 1L a virtual transactional apprenticeship and a first look at its new AI Mentor.



Goal Oriented

For student-athlete Evie Biggs '28, law school is a lot like college sports: you're competing with your friends and cheering them on at the same time. Meet the alumni of tomorrow in our recurring Student Spotlight series.

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NEW EDITION OF CITED & QUOTED

From the future of law firms to Anthropic's IPO to the U.S. Supreme Court's new term, Texas Law faculty are driving the conversation on LinkedIn. Take a look, and be sure to subscribe.

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GIVINGTUESDAY

Join your fellow alumni in supporting Texas Law on Dec. 1 for Giving Tuesday. Your time on the Forty Acres shaped who you are. Help make that same experience possible for the next generation.

Give to The Fund for Texas Law

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ALUMNI EVENTS



Nov. 12 — Collaborative Happy Hour with LBJ, McCombs and Texas Law

Nov. 21 — The 28th Annual Alumni Tailgate: Arkansas vs. Texas | Tailgate starts at noon; game at 2:30 p.m. | **RSVP**

Feb. 3, 2027 — Texas Law on Tour: Fort Worth | **RSVP**

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): Alex Kaplan '04, Siva Barnwell Adams '94, Nicholas McCoy '17, Emily Jolly '07. Pictured (bottom, from left): Chalon Clark '06, Alex Miller '94, Hon. Jan Soifer '82, and Noah Hagey '01.

John Carter '69 has been re-elected to represent the 31st Congressional District in Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Drew Darby '71 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 72.

Maria Luisa "Lulu" Flores '80 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 51.

Henry Cueller '81 has been re-elected to represent the 28th Congressional District in Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Hon. Jan Soifer '82, a judge of the 345th District Court in Travis County, Texas, has received the inaugural Austin Young Lawyers Association's Judicial Service Award.

Theodora R. Lee '87, a shareholder at Littler Mendelson in Walnut Creek, Cal., has been selected as a 2026 fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

The Hon. Gisela Triana '88 has been elected to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas.

The Hon. Versel (Wall) Rush '89 has been appointed and sworn in as the associate judge of the Child Protection Court of the Permian Basin, 7th Administrative Region of Texas.

Sheryl Cole '91 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 46.

Nathan Johnson '93 has been elected as the next Attorney General of Texas.

Siva Barnwell Adams '94 has been named corporate secretary and chief governance officer of Chevron Corporation, effective Jan. 1, 2027.

Alex Miller '94 has received the 2026 San Antonio Corporate Counsel Award for Senior Counsel of the Year for a Large Legal Department from the Association of Corporate Counsel's San Antonio chapter and *The Texas Lawbook*.

Holly Taylor '95 has been elected to serve as a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9.

Thomas Tomlinson '95 has joined Ashurst Perkins Coie in Houston as a partner in the firm's projects, energy, environment, and resources practice group.

Sarah Eckhardt '98 has been elected as the next Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Jessica Adkins '01 has joined Latham & Watkins in Houston as a partner in the firm's project development and finance practice group.

Noah Hagey '01, co-founder and managing partner of BraunHagey & Borden, has been named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Litigators in America.

The Hon. Chari Kelly '02 has been elected to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas.

Shelby Slawson '03 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 59.

Alex Kaplan '04 has joined Kirkland & Ellis in Houston as a partner.

Chalon N. Clark '06 has joined Hunton Andrews Kurth in Dallas as a partner in the firm's commercial litigation practice group.

Richard Peña Raymond '06 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 42.

Emily Jolly '07 has joined Troutman Pepper Locke in Austin as a partner in the firm's energy regulatory practice group.

Oscar Longoria '07 has been re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives for District 35.

Brooke Lierman '08 has been re-elected to serve as Maryland Comptroller.

Josh Pleitz '09 has joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr as a shareholder in the firm's corporate & securities and M&A practice groups.

Nicholas McCoy '17 has been promoted to partner at Proskauer Rose in Washington, D.C., in the firm's corporate department.

Elena Thompson '20, an attorney at Miller Nash, has been elected to the Real Property Council of the Washington State Bar Association's Real Property, Probate and Trust Section.

Evan Kudler '23 has joined Kaplan Kirsch in San Francisco as an attorney working on public infrastructure, environmental stewardship, and matters involving Native American tribes.

Alejandra Chavira '24 has joined Reynolds Frizzell in Houston as a trial attorney.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ordered by class year, then by last name.

Maston Courtney '54
James Bartz '57
Wayne Rohne '58
John "Buck" Chapoton '60
Jack Manning '61
Harold Phelan '61
Richard Williams '61
Michael Casey '66
Finley Edmonds '70
Jo-Ann Grace '70
Michael Schattman '71
Robert Gage '72
Dennis Swift '72
Guy Gray '73
Mark Perlmutter '74
Calhoun Bobbitt '76
Joel Voran '77
Alonso Rodriguez '78
Michelle Marti '81
Janice Jenks '91
Chris Smith '06

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