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## News briefs

### 1950s

**William G. Paul** ('56) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for arbitration and mediation. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

### 1960s

**Henry P. Rheinberger** ('61) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for eminent domain and condemnation law, mortgage banking foreclosure law and real estate law. He is of counsel to Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Preston G. Gaddis II** ('62) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for aviation law and equipment finance law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.



**Rex Travis** ('62) received the *Journal Record Award* from the Oklahoma County Bar Association. He practices insurance and personal injury law at Travis Law Office in Oklahoma City.

**Andrew M. Coats** ('63) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for antitrust law, appellate practice, white collar criminal defense and multiple categories of litigation, including bet-the-company, commercial, antitrust, banking and finance, municipal, real estate and product liability. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City and dean emeritus of OU Law.

**D. Kent Meyers** ('64) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for antitrust law, communications law and litigation categories of bet-the-company, commercial, antitrust and bankruptcy. He also was recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a 2018 "Local Litigation Star" and was included in 2017 *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**James M. Sturdivant** ('64) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy law, securities/capital markets law, bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, antitrust litigation and securities litigation. He also was named to 2017 *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Arlen E. Fielden** ('65) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for insurance law, workers' compensation law – employers, ERISA litigation, and labor and employment litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Sheppard F. Miers Jr.** ('66) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for tax law, employee benefits (ERISA) law, and litigation and controversy – tax. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Robert M. Johnson** ('67) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for construction law and real estate law. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Clyde A. Muchmore** ('67) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for antitrust law, appellate practice and litigation in the categories of bet-the-company, commercial, antitrust and First Amendment. He also was named a 2018 "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation* and was listed among the "Top 50" *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2017. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.



**David L. Boren** ('68) announced he will retire as president of the University of Oklahoma, effective June 30, 2018, or at such time as a permanent successor has been named. He will have served as OU president for more than 23 years. During his 51 years of public service, he also has served as Oklahoma governor, U.S. Senator and a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.



**Reid E. Robison** ('68) was named a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where his practice concentrates on business-related litigation.

**John D. Groendyke** ('69) was named a 2017 Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Champion. He serves as CEO and chairman of the board for Groendyke Transport Inc., based in Enid, Oklahoma.

**James H. Holloman Jr.** ('69) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for employee benefits (ERISA) law, litigation and controversy – tax, non-profit/charities law, tax law, and trusts and estates. He also was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Robert A. Reece** ('69) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for closely held companies and family businesses law. He is of counsel to Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

## 1970s

**Burns Hargis** ('70) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Diversity Hall of Fame. Having served as OSU president since 2008, he was recognized for his support in advancing diversity and inclusion at the university.

**Lynnwood R. Moore Jr.** ('70) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate law and securities/capital markets law. He is of counsel to Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Bruce W. Day** ('72) was named by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for securities/capital markets law in Oklahoma City and also was recognized for additional categories of administrative/regulatory law and securities litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**Terry R. Hanna** ('72) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for non-profit/charities law and tax law. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Gary R. McSpadden** ('72) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial transactions/UCC law, equipment finance law, financial services regulation law, banking and finance law, commercial finance law, banking and finance litigation, real estate law, and oil and gas law. He is of counsel to Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**William R. Grimm** ('73) was elected to serve on the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. He is the managing officer of Barrow & Grimm PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Craig W. Hoster** ('73) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Ron D. Burton** ('74) was elected chair of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for 2018-2019. He chaired the foundation's Investment Committee and Fund Development Committee in 2016-2017, and also served as president of Rotary International in 2013-2014.

**Richard C. Ford** ('74) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for antitrust law, appellate practice, insurance law and litigation in the areas of commercial, insurance, mass tort/class actions (defense) and product liability (defense). He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Curtis Long** ('74) was listed in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for energy law, natural resources law, administrative/regulatory law and regulatory enforcement litigation. He is a partner of Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**G. Blaine Schwabe III** ('74) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, bet-the-company litigation and commercial litigation. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**John L. Scott** ('74) retired and closed his law practice in Enid, Oklahoma, at the end of 2017. He had been a sole practitioner in Enid since 1977 and also served as a part-time assistant district attorney for 17 years.



**Deborah C. Shallcross** ('74) was listed in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for family law and arbitration. She is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Jeff R. Beeler** ('75) became of counsel to Jennings Teague PC in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include insurance negligence and products liability.



**Julia T. Brown** ('75) was elected chair of the board of directors of the American Association of University Women. She has served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, as a vice president for Charles Schwab

Bank and as the county manager for Doña Ana County in New Mexico. She was a 2016 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

**Gregory L. Mahaffey** ('75) received the Eugene Kuntz Award at the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Reception held in conjunction with the Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law and Policy. He is co-founder, shareholder and president of Mahaffey & Gore PC in Oklahoma City.

**Cathy Stocker** ('75) was reappointed to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. She previously served for 28 years as the district attorney for District 4, which includes Garfield, Blaine, Canadian, Grant and Kingfisher counties, and as the chair of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council and president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association.

**Dwight W. Birdwell** ('76) was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, recognizing his service in Vietnam for which he was awarded two Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts. He practices law in Oklahoma City and previously served as a member of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court from 1987-1999.

**Eric R. King** ('76) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy law, litigation – regulatory enforcement and oil and gas law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**C. Raymond Patton Jr.** ('76) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate governance law, corporate law, securities litigation, securities/capital markets law and securities regulation. He is partner of Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Charles W. "Chuck" Chestnut** ('77) was elected to serve as the 2018 president-elect of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices in Miami, Oklahoma, focusing on real estate, probate and estate planning.



**Bryan C. Dixon** ('77) is the recipient of the 2017 Neil E. Bogan Professionalism Award, presented annually by the Oklahoma Bar Association. He served as district judge in Oklahoma County for more than 30 years before retiring in September.

**Robert H. Henry** ('77) will step down as president of Oklahoma City University after the 2017-2018 academic year. He previously served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, Oklahoma attorney general, a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and dean of the OCU School of Law. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in October.

**David Elrod** ('78) joined Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton LLP, as a partner in the firm's Dallas office. He represents clients in state and federal litigation involving energy, oil and gas, real estate, bankruptcy and complex commercial litigation. He previously founded and led Elrod PLLC in Dallas.

**John W. Funk** ('78) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for real estate law and banking and finance law. He is a partner of Conner & Winters LLP in Oklahoma City.

**Brian T. Hermanson** ('78) was elected to the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is the district attorney for Kay and Noble counties and has served in that position since 2011.



**Cynda C. Ottaway** ('78) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for closely held companies and family businesses law, non-profit/charities law, tax law, and trusts and estates. A director of Crowe & Dunlevy in

Oklahoma City, she also was included in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* and was recognized by Chambers & Partners as the only Oklahoma attorney ranked in Band 1 in the private wealth law practice area.

**Jeanette C. Timmons** ('78) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate governance law and banking and finance law. She is a partner of Conner & Winters LLP in Oklahoma City.

**Glen D. Johnson** ('79) was recently elected chair-elect of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Executive Committee, and will serve as chair-elect during 2017-18 and as chair during 2018-19. He is chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

**Michael S. Laird** ('79) was named by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for gaming law in Oklahoma City and was recognized for multiple other categories. He also was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for real estate. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy.



**Charlie Laster** ('79) was appointed to the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. In addition to practicing law in Shawnee, Oklahoma, since 1979, he served in the Oklahoma State Senate from 2003 to 2012.

**Graydon Dean Luthey Jr.** ('79) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation, corporate compliance, corporate governance, corporate law, gaming law and Native American law. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Judy Hamilton Morse** ('79) was *The Journal Record* 2017 Women of the Year. She also was named a 2018 "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, was among the "Top 25 Women" and the "Top 10" named in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2017 and was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for multiple categories. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

## 1980s

**Leo J. Portman** ('80) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy law and corporate law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Jared D. Giddens** ('81) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation and bankruptcy litigation. He is a partner and chief financial officer at Conner & Winters LLP in Oklahoma City.

**Linda S. Lepak** ('81) was elected to serve on the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. She is managing attorney for the statewide application line of Legal Aid Services, based in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

**Karen S. Rieger** ('81) was listed among the "Top 25 Women" in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2017. She also was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for corporate compliance law, corporate governance law, corporate law, health care law, mergers and acquisitions law, and non-profit/charities law. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Malcolm E. Rosser IV** ('81) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for construction law, eminent domain and condemnation law, land use and zoning law, real estate law, and land use and zoning litigation. He also was included in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2017. He is director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Dean A. Couch** ('82) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for water law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Harvey D. Ellis Jr.** ('82) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for appellate practice and mass tort litigation/class actions – defendants. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**David D. Hunt II** ('82) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for banking and finance law and oil and gas law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.



**J. Michael Nordin** ('82) was named general counsel for the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Advisory Council. He is a shareholder and leader of the business transactions and finance group at McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

**Douglas M. Rather** ('82) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for tax law. He is of counsel to Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Natalie Shirley** ('82) was named the president and CEO of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. She is the first woman to hold this position. Prior to assuming this position, she concurrently served as the OSU-OKC president and the Secretary of Education and Workforce Development.

**Mike Voorhees** ('82) was elected chair of the political action committee of the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. He also was appointed to the Oklahoma City Riverfront Design Committee. He is a member of the south Oklahoma City firm of Voorhees Voorhees & Byers.



**Tom Colbert** ('83) was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in November. Currently a justice on the Oklahoma Supreme Court, he made history as the first African-American to serve on both the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and the Supreme Court, where he again made history in 2013 when he became the African-American to serve as chief justice.



**P. Kay Floyd** ('83) received the 2017 Guardian Award from the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. She also received the 2016 Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators. She represents District 46 in the Oklahoma State Senate.

**Richard D. Stevens** ('83) was elected to serve as the 2018 vice president of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is in private practice in Norman, Oklahoma, and previously served as an assistant district attorney in Cleveland County.

**L. Mark Walker** ('83) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for clean tech law, energy law, energy regulatory law, environmental law, natural resources law, oil and gas law, water law, environmental litigation, mass tort litigation/class actions (defense). He also was listed in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2017. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Renée DeMoss** ('84) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for insurance law, commercial litigation and employee benefits (ERISA) law. She also was named to 2017 *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*. She is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is the executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

**Robin F. Fields** ('84) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation. She is a partner in the Oklahoma City office of Conner & Winters LLP.

**John Raley** ('84) received the 2017 Clarence Darrow Award from the Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association for his pro bono seven-year battle to free a man wrongly convicted of murdering his wife. He is the senior partner of Raley & Bowick LLP in Houston.

**R. Kevin Redwine** ('84) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate compliance law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and oil and gas law. He is partner of Connor & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Teresa Meinders Burkett** ('85) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for health care law. She is a partner of Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**David R. Cordell** ('85) was listed in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for employment law – management, energy law and labor law – management. He is partner at Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Joel W. Harmon** ('85) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, commercial litigation, commercial transactions/UCC law and mortgage banking foreclosure law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Kiran A. Phansalkar** ('85) has been included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for land use and zoning law, real estate law, bankruptcy litigation and real estate litigation. He is a partner in the Oklahoma City office of Conner & Winters LLP.

**Donald K. Shandy** ('85) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy regulatory law. He is director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.



**G. Rainey Williams Jr.** ('85) served as the 2017 Oklahoma City Beaux Arts Ball King. He is president of Marco Holding Corp.

**Jeffrey A. Glendening** ('86) joined Martin Jean & Jackson in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his practice concentrates on personal injury law.

**Kimberly J. Korando** ('86) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for employment law and labor law – management. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Dennis C. Cameron** ('87) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for energy law, oil and gas law, and the litigation categories of bet-the-company, commercial, environmental and product liability – defendants. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Brita Haugland Cantrell** ('87) was elected as a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses on family law litigation and product liability defense.

**Jeffrey A. Curran** ('87) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for insurance law. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Jeffrey D. Hassell** ('87) was named "Lawyer of the Year" in corporate law for the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018. The publication also recognized him for banking and finance law, debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, banking and finance litigation, bankruptcy, real estate, and trusts and estates. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Victor E. Morgan** ('87) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation, banking and finance litigation, and real estate litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Rob F. Robertson** ('87) was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for business litigation and energy and natural resources and environmental litigation. He is on the board of directors of GableGotwals, based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**Scott Meacham** ('88) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for banking and finance law, financial services regulation law and government relations practice. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**John D. Russell** ('88) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Timothy L. Watson** ('88) was named regional director for the National Labor Relations Board in Fort Worth, Texas, and its resident offices in Houston and San Antonio. Since 1988, he has worked for the NLRB in several capacities, most recently as regional attorney, a position he had held since 2006.

**LeAnne Burnett** ('89) was named by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for water law in Oklahoma City and was recognized for energy law, environmental law and environmental litigation. She also was among the "Top 25 Women" and the "Top 50" named in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2017. She is a shareholder and director of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**Carl Franklin** ('89) has retired from academia and the practice of law. He practiced law in Norman, Oklahoma, and after earning a Ph.D. in 2001, worked at universities in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and California, and authored 17 books. His future plans include sailing and writing.



**William "Bill" W. O'Connor** ('89) joined Hall Estill as a shareholder in the firm's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice concentrates on litigation, including complex commercial issues, insurance law and intellectual property law.

## 1990s

**Tammy D. Barrett** ('90) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy law. She is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## We Remember

**Robert D. Allen** ('55)

**Rufus Y. Bandy** ('48)

**Stanley Lloyd Cunningham** ('63)

**Stephen Paul Dixon** ('79)

**Edward John Eagleton** ('56)

**James Elder** ('72)

**James Meegan Erikson** ('97)

**Michael D. Evans** ('73)

**Richard W. Gable** ('63)

**James Wiley George** ('57)

**Nita R. Giles** ('74)

**Robert Bruce Green** ('57)

**John D. Hastie** ('64)

**Kelly Anthony Hays** ('77)

**Thomas Patrick Hester** ('63)

**John William Hron IV** ('73)

**Jack G. Kennedy** ('48)

**David Woodson Kirk** ('85)

**Gretchen Lyn Loard** ('93)

**William E. Maddux** ('51)

**Robert Terry McLain** ('57)

**Howard D. McCloud** ('50)

**Daniel C. McClung** ('66)

**Vincent M. Nathan** ('61)

**Robert R. Nigh Jr.** ('86)

**Derek Shane Parks** ('99)

**Preston L. Pulliam** ('72)

**William D. Reneau** ('56)

**Neal E. Stauffer** ('89)

**Gerald W. Thomas** ('53)

**Jerry A. Warren** ('68)

**Allan C. Wilcox** ('76)

**Mary Frances Williams** ('82)

**Sharon Parker** ('90) retired from Norman Regional Health System, where she has worked for more than 45 years, most recently serving as the administrative director of legal and regulatory services. She has served in both clinical and administrative roles since she began working there in 1971.

**David C. Phillips** ('90) retired as assistant Tulsa County public defender after more than 14 years of service. He previously held a similar position in Oklahoma County and was in private practice.

**Timila S. Rother** ('90) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for insurance law, and was named a 2018 "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City, and also serves as the firm's president and CEO.



**Bradley C. West** ('90) was included in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for personal injury general (plaintiff). His practice focuses on medical malpractice, product liability, vehicle collisions and class actions.

**Richard M. Carson** ('91) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for energy law and environmental law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**LeAnn Drummond Ellis** ('91) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for trusts and estates. She is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Steve Lake** ('91) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After starting his legal career at GableGotwals, he worked for nine years in the energy industry before returning to the firm, focusing his practice on mergers and acquisitions, corporate and securities law, and corporate finance.

**R. Richard Love III** ('91) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation. He is a partner of Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Malinda S. Matlock** ('91) was elected to the board of directors of USLAW NETWORK Inc. She is a partner at Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green in Oklahoma City, where her practice includes general civil litigation and professional liability matters. Prior to her election to the USLAW board, she served as chair of the organization's professional liability practice group.

**Todd A. Nelson** ('92) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for copyright law and patent law. He also was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Scott Palk** ('92) was confirmed to serve as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Since 2011, he had been assistant dean of students at OU Law. He previously served as a prosecutor for nearly 20 years, first at the state level and later, in the federal system.



**Jill C. Weedon** ('92) received the 2017 Award of Judicial Excellence at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Bar Association. She serves as the associate district judge in Custer County.



**Phillip Free Jr.** ('93) was named a "Trademark Star" in *Managing Intellectual Property* IP STARS 2017. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in Oklahoma City.

**Barry Hafar** ('93) received the Judge of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section. He serves as a special judge in Oklahoma County.

**D. Michael McBride III** ('93) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for gaming law and Native American law, and was recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a 2018 "Local Litigation Star." He also was elected as first vice president of International Masters of Gaming Law, a nonprofit organization focused on scholarship, ethics and professionalism in the gaming industry. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**F. William Cullins** ('94) was reappointed to a two-year term as chief judge of the 14th Judicial District of Kansas. He has served as district judge in that district since 2006 and chief judge since 2015.



**Jon K. Parsley** ('94) received the Oklahoma Bar Association 2017 Joe Stamper Distinguished Service Award for volunteer service to further the goals of the OBA. He serves as the district judge of Cimarron, Texas, Beaver and Harper counties.

**Michael A. Brooks** ('95) was elected to the Oklahoma Senate to represent District 44. He is president and managing attorney of Michael Brooks-Jimenez PC in Oklahoma City, which specializes in immigration law, criminal defense, workers' compensation and personal injury law.

**David W. Hummel Jr.** ('95) was named as the 2017 "Judge of the Year" by the West Virginia Association for Justice. He has served as a judge for West Virginia's 2nd Judicial Circuit Court since 2009.

**Rachel C. Mathis** ('95) serves as a director-at-large of the Tulsa County Bar Association. She practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the firm of Aston Mathis Jacobson Campbell Tiger PLLC.

**Eric S. Fisher** ('96) was named by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for health care law in Oklahoma City and was recognized for business organizations and closely held companies/family businesses law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**J. Ryan Sacra** ('96) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate law and securities/capital markets law. He is a partner in Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Charles B. Goodwin** ('97) was nominated to a judicial position on the U.S. District Court for the Western District Court of Oklahoma. He has served as a magistrate judge in that court and also has been a partner and litigator with a large Oklahoma law firm.

**Angela Wright Marsee** ('97) was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. She has been a prosecutor for 20 years and since 2015, has served as the district attorney for Beckham, Custer, Ellis, Roger Mills and Washita counties.

**Eric S. Smith** ('98) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for employee benefits (ERISA) law. He is a partner of Connor & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Jason S. Taylor** ('98) was included in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation. He is a partner of Connor & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**John M. Thompson** ('98) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for banking and finance law, bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law, commercial finance law, mortgage banking foreclosure law and litigation in the areas of bet-the-company, commercial, construction, banking and finance, and real estate. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Sanford C. Coats** ('99) was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Kayci B. Hughes** ('99) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for bankruptcy litigation. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**J. T. Petherick** ('99) was named divisional vice president for government relations and public affairs for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. He previously served as the organization's director of legislative and tribal relations.

**Amy M. Stipe** ('99) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for commercial litigation and oil and gas law. She is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

## 2000s

**Adam W. Childers** ('00) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for employment law – management, labor law – management and labor and employment litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Steven D. Goodspeed** ('00) became a shareholder at Anthony & Middlebrook PC in Grapevine, Texas. His practice focuses on transactional law.

**John D. Hadden** ('00) was appointed clerk of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. He previously served as an assistant attorney general.

**Sandra Benischek Harrison** ('00) was named director of regulatory and legal affairs at the Oklahoma Hospital Association in Oklahoma City. Prior to joining OHA in 2013, she worked at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, serving as legislative relations and policy coordinator, chief administrative officer and interim chief operating officer.

**Brian K. Morton** ('00) was elected to serve on the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors as a member-at-large. He practices with the Hunsucker Legal Group in Oklahoma City. He previously served as assistant general counsel with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and as an assistant district attorney in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

**Kelly Priegnitz** ('00) became chief compliance officer for Healogics, a national network of advanced wound care services based in Jacksonville, Florida. She previously served as senior vice president and chief compliance officer for Kindred Healthcare.

**Julie D. Stanley** ('00) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for trusts and estates. She is of counsel to Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**David M. Sullivan** ('00) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for copyright law, information technology law, patent law, technology law, trade secrets law, trademark law, intellectual property litigation and patent litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Christopher B. Woods** ('00) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for banking/finance and real estate litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Jenna Rader Johnson** ('01) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for copyright law, information technology law, trademark law, trade secrets law, intellectual property litigation and patent litigation. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Jodi Jayne** ('02) was selected to serve as a magistrate in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. She has previously served as a law clerk in the Northern District.

**Lee Peoples** ('02) was appointed interim dean of Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he has served in multiple capacities since 2002. His research and scholarship is focused on comparative law and on the impact of technology on legal research, the judiciary and the law.

**Kimber Shoop** ('02) joined Crooks Stanford & Shoop PLLC as a partner in the Edmond, Oklahoma, law firm. He previously worked as senior counsel and managing director for legal at Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.



**Michael D. Tupper** ('02) was appointed district judge for Oklahoma District 21, which includes Cleveland, Garvin and McClain counties. He previously served as a special judge and as an assistant district attorney in Cleveland County.

**Julianna Deligans** ('03) was named a "Trademark Star" in *Managing Intellectual Property* IP STARS 2017. She is a shareholder of Hall Estill in Oklahoma City.

**Rodney K. Hunsinger** ('03) co-founded HB Law Partners PLLC in Norman, Oklahoma. He maintains a wide-ranging litigation practice in state, federal and appellate courts.

**R. Trent Shores** ('03) was confirmed as the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma. He previously served as assistant U.S. attorney in the office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He also was appointed to the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys.

**Jeremy Fitzpatrick** ('04) was named a director of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board. He is vice president of land, legal and business development for Oklahoma City-based Valorem Energy.

**Nicholas V. Merkley** ('04) was named to 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for business litigation, energy and natural resources, and personal injury – general. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.



**Maxey Reilly** ('04) was appointed as associate district judge for Okfuskee County. She previously practiced with the Stinnett Law firm in Okemah, Oklahoma, and served as an assistant district attorney for Creek and Okfuskee counties.

**Jane Teixeira** ('05) was promoted to senior associate commissioner of the PacWest Conference in Irvine, California. She has worked there since 2011, previously serving as an assistant commissioner and associate commissioner.

**Brandon L. Bloom** ('06) rejoined Thompson & Knight LLP in the firm's Dallas office as a partner in the tax practice group. He previously practiced at the firm for more than seven years before becoming managing tax counsel at Vistra Energy Corporation for two years.

**E. Talitha Ebrite** ('06) was named a "Rising Star" for energy and natural resources, employment litigation and environmental law in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. She is a shareholder in GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Drew T. Palmer** ('06) was named by *The Best Lawyers in America* as the 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for intellectual property litigation in Oklahoma City and was recognized for copyright law, information technology law, patent litigation and trade secrets law. He also was named a 2018 "Oklahoma Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**Ellen A. Adams** ('07) was named a "Rising Star" for civil litigation, employment litigation, and energy and natural resources in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. She is a shareholder in GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Scott Biggs** ('07) was named Oklahoma state director of USDA Farm Services Agency. He previously served for five years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives representing Grady, Stephens and McClain counties.

**Eric J. Cook** ('07) was promoted to vice president and trust officer at Vision Bank in Ada, Oklahoma. Prior to joining the bank in 2016, he was an attorney for Thomson Reuters Inc. in Carrollton, Texas.

**Stephen Dacus** ('07) became general counsel of Ecoark Holdings Inc., based in Rogers, Arkansas. Prior to joining the holding company, he was a partner in Kutak Rock LLP in Fayetteville.

**Matthew B. Hickey** ('07) was named in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for closely held companies and family businesses law, non-profit/charities law and tax law. He also was named a "Rising Star" in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Thomas J. Hutchison** ('07) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for real estate law. He also was named a "Rising Star" for business/corporate, banking, mergers and acquisitions, and securities and corporate finance in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Elizabeth Burris Garner** ('08) earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Houston in August. She currently lives in Los Angeles, where she is completing a post-doctoral residency with an emphasis on forensic psychology.

## Alumni events

July 2017 | Tulsa



August 2017 | Houston



August 2017 | Dallas



October 2017 | Oklahoma City





November 2017 | Washington, D.C.



November 2017 | Oklahoma City



▶ Young alumni volunteer at Food Bank



The OU Law Young Alumni group joined other volunteers at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City one evening in October. In two hours, the volunteers loaded nine pallets and filled 2,562 backpacks with 8,458 pounds of food, which represents 7,045 meals.

**Geoffrey D. Long** ('08) serves as the risk management and legal affairs contact for members of the Oklahoma Association of Realtors. He practices law with GDL Legal PLLC, and is a realtor and broker with Long Family Real Estate, both located in Oklahoma City.

**Evan G.E. Vincent** ('08) was recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a 2018 "Oklahoma Future Star." He also was named a "Rising Star" in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is a director in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy, where his practice focuses on complex litigation at both the trial and appellate levels.

**Gregory P. Chansolme** ('09) is co-founder and managing director of Chansolme Harroz Schnebel in downtown Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on real estate, business organization, commercial litigation and estate planning.

**Andrew R. Harroz** ('09) joined with two OU Law classmates to form the new Oklahoma City firm Chansolme Harroz Schnebel. He is a managing director of the firm with a transactional practice, which includes a focus on working with entrepreneurs and small businesses.

**Chase H. Schnebel** ('09) co-founded Chansolme Harroz Schnebel in Oklahoma City. As a managing director, he uses his accounting background to lead the firm's tax, wealth planning and estate administration practice areas.

## 2010s

**Michael W. Cromwell** ('10) became an associate of Capes Sokol in St. Louis. He is a member of the firm's litigation practice group working on civil litigation matters, including toxic tort and environmental matters, corporate governance disputes and personal injury cases.



**Christopher M. Staine** ('10) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2018 for bankruptcy litigation and bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law. He also was named a "Rising Star" in 2017

Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is an associate of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City and Dallas.

**John M. "Jake" Krattiger** ('11) was named a "Rising Star" for business litigation and energy and natural resources in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He is an associate of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Paula Williams** ('11) was named a "Rising Star" for employment litigation, business litigation, general litigation and environmental appellate litigation in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. She is an associate of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Elizabeth Cooper** ('12) was named a "Rising Star" for bankruptcy, business litigation, and securities and corporate finance in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. She is an associate of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Jason Kennedy** ('12) opened a new Oklahoma City location of the restaurant syrup., first opened in Norman in 2012. Proceeds from the restaurant are used for projects in South Africa, where he served an internship with the South African Human Rights Commission.

**John A. Krahl** ('12) joined the firm of Mulinix Goerke & Meyer PLLC in Oklahoma City. His practice includes civil and criminal law.

**Barbara M. Moschovidis** ('12) was named a "Rising Star" for civil litigation in 2017 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. She is an associate of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Andrew J. Morris** ('13) was honored by the Central Oklahoma Association of Legal Assistants as "2017 Attorney of the Year." He is an associate of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on general civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation and appeals at the state and federal levels.



**Richard D. Dusenbury** ('15) joined Munck Wilson Mandala LLP as an associate in Dallas, focusing on corporate law matters, including private equity, corporate governance, real estate and venture capital law. He previously maintained a corporate practice with another Dallas firm.



**Elizabeth Isaacs** ('15) became an associate at McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. She focuses on civil litigation, including insurance and ERISA litigation. She previously worked as a judicial clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

**Nick Coffey** ('16) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in Oklahoma City. He focuses his civil litigation practice primarily on business litigation, with specific emphasis on matters affecting the energy industry. He formerly worked as a judicial clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

**Kevin A. Easley** ('16) became an associate at Higgins Law Office in Claremore, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on criminal law and family matters.



**Samuel J. Merchant** ('16) was appointed to serve on the five-member Oklahoma City Board of Adjustment. He is an associate of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on business and commercial litigation. He also serves as a certified peacemaker for the Chickasaw Nation.

**Micah L. Adkison** ('17) joined Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City as an associate. He is a member of the energy, environmental and natural resources practice group.



**Simon W. Bright** ('17) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His areas of practice include business transactions/finance, energy/oil and gas, real estate and securities.



**Leslie D. Gile** ('17) became an associate of Hall Estill in Oklahoma City. She concentrates her practice on family law.



**John C. Gotwals** ('17) joined James R. Gotwals and Associates Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate. His practice focuses on providing business law and civil litigation services to closely held businesses and their owners in both federal and state courts.



**Jacqueline E. Hensley** ('17) joined the Floyd Law Firm PC in Norman, Oklahoma, as an associate attorney. She previously served a two-year internship with the firm, which specializes in municipal bonds, public finance law and business law.

**Mark E. Hornbeek** ('17) joined Phillips Murrah as an associate in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the litigation practice group.



**Kayla M. Kuri** ('17) became an associate of Hall Estill in the firm's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focus is on corporate law with an emphasis on tax and real estate law.



**Emma Land** ('17) became an associate at McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. Her transactional practice is focused on representing clients in the buying, selling, leasing, registration, ownership and operation of aircraft.

**Lyman G. Lenker IV** ('17) joined Miller & Johnson as an associate attorney in Oklahoma City. He previously worked at the firm as a law clerk during his final two years of law school.

**Ashley E. Quinn** ('17) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the firm's Oklahoma City office. Her practice concentrates on state and federal litigation.

**Hayley Scott** ('17) joined Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City as an associate. She is a member of the administrative/regulatory, bankruptcy/creditor's rights, and litigation/trial practice groups.

**Evan Way** ('17) became an associate of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the administrative/regulatory and litigation/trial practice groups.

**Ryan K. Wilson** ('17) joined Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City as an associate. He is a member of the administrative/regulatory, Indian law/gaming and litigation/trial practice groups.