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News briefs

1950s



William G. Paul ('56) was awarded the Pace Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Bar Association Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

Homer Paul ('59) received the Regents' Alumni Award presented by the OU Board of Regents and OU Alumni Association. After many years in the banking industry, he retired as president of Citizens Security Bank in Bixby, Oklahoma.

1960s

C.T. Hardwick ('63) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

N. Martin Stringer ('64) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

David L. Boren ('68) was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in the category of public affairs, business and administration. He has served Oklahoma as a state legislator, governor and U.S. senator, and since 1994, has served as president of the University of Oklahoma.



John E. Green Sr.

1929 – 2017

John Edwin Green Sr. was born to Idella and Mack C. Green in Wright City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa and from Morehouse College in Atlanta. Following

his service in the Korean War, Green attended the University of Oklahoma College of Law and graduated in 1957, becoming the college's second black law school graduate.

He entered private practice with the Oklahoma City law firm of Bruce and Rowan. During his time with the firm, he filed and litigated the landmark school desegregation case *Board of Education of Oklahoma City Public Schools v. Dowell*. In 1963, he began a 34-year-long career in the office of the U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, serving over those years as assistant, first assistant and acting U.S. attorney.

Green participated widely in the legal community and was a member of the Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors, Oklahoma County Bar Association, Oklahoma City Association of Black Lawyers and the University of Oklahoma College of Law Board of Visitors.

In "semi-retirement" Green continued to serve the community in many ways, playing a major role in the creation of the Southwestern Urban Foundation, and as a member or board member of the Eastside YMCA, NAACP, St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma County Finance Authority, Oklahoma City Community Foundation and Oklahoma County Community Action Program.

Green was predeceased by his parents, five siblings and his wife, Wanda Sharp Green. He is survived by his son, John E. Green Jr., and a host of nieces and nephews.

Reid Robison ('68) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Frank Keating ('69) was appointed to the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents. The former Oklahoma governor is a senior partner of Holland & Knight and was based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, but now lives in Oklahoma City.

Don G. Holladay ('69) was elected to the board of trustees for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Foundation in Chickasha. He is a founding partner at Holladay & Chilton in Oklahoma City.



Terence C. Kern ('69) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He also was named to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation board of directors. Kern serves on the U.S.

District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma as a senior judge with an active civil docket.

1970s

Michael R. Ford ('70) joined Hall Estill as a shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His transactional practice includes mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, commercial and real estate law.

Burns Hargis ('70) was named as the Big 12 representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors. He has served as president of Oklahoma State University since 2008.

Lynnwood R. "Lynn" Moore Jr. ('70) was inducted into the Washington-Lee High School Hall of Fame in Arlington, Virginia. He is of counsel with Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a practice focused on general corporate matters, securities regulation and mergers and acquisitions.

Robert D. Nelon ('71) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for general commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

David W. Lee ('73) is now of counsel to Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include federal civil rights, employment law and appellate advocacy.

Charles H. Pankey ('74) was recognized by the Oklahoma Municipal League and City of Piedmont for more than a quarter century of service as municipal judge. He is of counsel at Miller Dollarhide in Oklahoma City.

Steven E. Clark ('75) released *Justice Is for the Deserving*, his second novel in the Kristen Kerry legal suspense series. He is the managing partner at Clark & Mitchell PC in Oklahoma City.

John N. Hermes ('75) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

John A. Kenney ('75) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation and intellectual property. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michael E. Smith ('75) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

Michael E. Joseph ('76) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: healthcare. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

C. David Stinson ('76) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Bruce Crum ('77) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Jim Gallogly ('77) received the Alumni and Friends Award from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He is the retired chief executive of LyondellBasell in Houston.

Lloyd T. Hardin Jr. ('77) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real state. He practices with McAfee & Taft, based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.



Tom Gruber ('77) was named senior deputy attorney general and will supervise the legal counsel division and tobacco enforcement unit in the Oklahoma attorney general's office. He previously was of counsel to

GableGotwals and served two terms as district attorney for Oklahoma District 26.

Joseph H. Bocock ('78) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



C. Allen McCall Jr. ('79) was appointed to the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. He retired as a district judge for Cotton and Comanche counties in 2013 after compiling 31 years of judicial service in Oklahoma.

1980s

Mark D. Christiansen ('80) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Virginia Henson ('80) received the Chair Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section at the OBA Annual Meeting. She is a partner at Petersen, Henson, Meadows, Pecore & Peot PC in Norman, Oklahoma.

David N. Martin ('80) retired as associate district judge of Okfuskee County in Okemah, Oklahoma. He served in the position for 26 years, having previously been in private practice.

Elizabeth Scott Wood ('80) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

W. Chris Coleman ('82) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Mike Hunter ('82) was appointed to serve as Oklahoma's attorney general. He previously served as secretary of state.

Stephen W. Ray ('82) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

Trent H. Baggett ('83) was named executive coordinator of the District Attorneys Council. He has been with the agency since 1997, previously serving as assistant executive coordinator.

Robert W. Dace ('83) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



P. Kay Flood ('83) received the 2016 Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators. She serves as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate, representing District 46, and previously served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

David B. Lewis ('83) was honored in May at the A.C. Hamlin Banquet sponsored by the Oklahoma Black Caucus Foundation. He has served as a judge on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals since 2005 and was the court's presiding judge from 2013-2014.

David L. Perryman ('83) was appointed to serve as the floor leader of the House Democratic Caucus in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he is beginning his third term. He maintains a private law practice in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Clifford C. Dougherty III ('85) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Joel W. Harmon ('85) was appointed co-chair of Crowe & Dunlevy's banking and financial institutions practice group. He is a director of the firm in the Oklahoma City office.

David L. Kearney ('85) was named partner at Durbin Larimore & Bialick PC in Oklahoma City. His litigation practice includes environmental law, oil and gas, eminent domain, products liability, insurance and construction law.

Myrna Latham ('85) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

William T. Fitzgerald ('86) joined the Fort Worth, Texas, law firm of Broude, Smith, Jennings, McGlinchey & Fitzgerald PC as a shareholder. He has practiced in Fort Worth for more than 30 years and is a frequent lecturer on issues affecting the pharmaceutical and medical device industry.

Kimberly J. Korando ('86) was included in 2017 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* and was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA*. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina. She leads the firm's employment, labor and human resources practice group.



Steven L. Rahhal ('87) was recognized by BTI Consulting Group as a 2017 "Client Service All-Star MVP." He is a shareholder of Littler, based in the firm's Dallas office, with a practice concentrated on management-side

employment and labor law.

Timothy J. Bomhoff ('88) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Brad Henry ('88) received a 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences. He formerly served as Oklahoma governor and now is of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP. He also is a founding member of Henry-Adams Companies LLC.

Tony G. Puckett ('88) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Richard C. Ogden ('89) was appointed as a district judge in Oklahoma County. He previously served as an Oklahoma County special judge and as an attorney in private practice.

Timothy S. Posey ('89) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for Native American law. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.



Paul D. Trimble ('89) joined the Oklahoma City office of Spencer Fane LLP as a partner. His practice is focused on oil and gas matters involving complex transactions and litigation. He previously served as in-house counsel for an energy company and practiced with another Oklahoma City firm.

1990s



Robert L. Garbrecht ('90) was elected as a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and also was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michael F. Lauderdale ('90) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder and managing director of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Tricia D. Gardner ('91) was elected president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She is an associate professor within the developmental and behavioral pediatrics section at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Anthony Rahhal ('91) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Margaret Travis ('91) joined the staff of the Oklahoma Bar Association as the part-time coordinator of the Oklahoma Lawyers for America's Heroes Program. A private practitioner since 1991, she currently focuses her practice on bankruptcy.

Benton T. Wheatley ('91) was named managing shareholder for the Austin, Texas, office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC. His areas of practice include arbitration, construction and construction litigation.



Joseph J. Ferretti ('92) was elected president of the International Trademark Association for 2017. He is a vice president and chief counsel at PepsiCo Inc., based in Plano, Texas.

Prior to joining PepsiCo in 2005, he was a shareholder/director at Crowe & Dunlevy, where he led the intellectual property practice group.

Todd A. Nelson ('92) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice includes intellectual property, business transactions and related litigation.

Nathan L. Whatley ('92) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Sean Burrage ('93) was appointed to the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs Board of Directors. He is the president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Phillip L. Free Jr. ('93) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

Todd Hageman ('94) joined Gori Julian & Associates PC in Edwardsville, Illinois, where his practice focuses on personal injury cases. He previously worked in the Office of General Counsel for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

James F. Lea III ('94) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder. Based in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, his practice focuses on intellectual property, and includes foreign and domestic patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Lori Puckett ('94) was sworn in as special judge for Cleveland County. She previously served for 24 years as an assistant district attorney in Cleveland, McClain and Garvin counties in Oklahoma.

Clark Jolley ('95) was appointed to a six-year term on the Oklahoma Tax Commission. He previously served 12 years in the Oklahoma Senate.

T. Michael Blake ('96) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: tax. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Paul Hesse ('96) was appointed Canadian County district judge. He previously served as first assistant in the Canadian County District Attorney's Office and worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Susan Eads ('98) was selected to complete an unexpired term on the city council of Midwest City, Oklahoma. She works as deputy general counsel for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

2000s

D. Casey Davis ('00) joined Jacquelyn Ford Law as an associate partner in Oklahoma City. He previously served as an assistant attorney general, assistant general counsel for the Grand River Dam Authority and maintained a private practice.

Steven R. Porch ('00) was appointed circuit judge of the Arkansas 10th Judicial District, Fourth Division. He has served as managing public defender for the district since 2008 and prior to that, as deputy prosecuting attorney.

Amy Beth Dobbins ('01) published her first book, *The Last Leg: A Belt Creek Novel*, about a young girl growing up in a fictional Texas town. Dobbins maintains a private practice in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Shannon Gerhart ('01) was appointed judge of El Paso County Court in Colorado. She previously served for 16 years in the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office, most recently as the chief deputy district attorney.

Michael H. Smith ('01) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.



Andrew M. Gunn ('02) was named partner of Durbin Larimore & Bialick PC in Oklahoma City. His civil litigation practice includes cases involving trucking litigation, automobile liability, uninsured motorist, construction defect,

personal injury and breach of contract.



Phillip D. Hart

1936 – 2017

Phil Hart, a retired partner with McAfee & Taft and one of the state's foremost authorities on oil and gas law, died

April 12, 2017. Hart graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma in 1958 and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law two years later.

After completing law school, Hart moved to the Washington, D.C., area, where he worked for Hogan & Hartson. He joined the JAG Corps in 1962 and served for two years as a captain in the U.S. Army. In 1964, Hart and his family moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked as an attorney for the Kerr Davis law firm before joining the Fowler Rucks firm, which eventually evolved into McAfee & Taft.

For more than 55 years, Hart centered his practice on oil and gas litigation and on an appellate practice that spanned the spectrum of civil litigation. His expertise and achievements earned him continuous recognition

in multiple categories in The Best Lawyers in America since its inaugural edition in 1989. He was one of only eight lawyers in Oklahoma to be initially named to the publication's mineral and environmental law section. In recognition of his contributions to natural resources law and policy, Hart was honored with the Eugene Kuntz Award in 2000.

Over the course of his career, Hart was a frequent author and speaker on oil and gas law and most recently served as the sole compiler, editor and commentary author of *Oil and Gas Contracts—Cases and Materials* (Second Edition, 2015). Hart taught as an adjunct professor at the OU College of Law teaching Energy Law, Oil and Gas, and Oil and Gas Contracts. He also taught at Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Hart is survived by his wife, Carolyn, daughter, Sarah Winchester, and her husband Bruce, two grandchildren, and countless family members, friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip D. Hart Jr.



Julianna P. Deligans ('03) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. She is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

John H. Graves ('03) joined the National Litigation Law Group in Oklahoma City as director of consumer litigation. He previously was in private practice.

Lance B. Turlington ('03) was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. He serves as staff judge advocate for Joint Task Force Civil Support at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Emily Babb ('04) was named assistant vice president for Title IX Compliance at the University of Virginia. She previously worked as an attorney in the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education in Dallas and Cleveland.

Spencer W. Haines ('04) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: tax. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in the Oklahoma City office.



Amy Steele Neathery ('04) was named partner in the Oklahoma City office of Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green LLP. Her practice focuses on insurance defense.



Ryan Sears ('04) joined Gray Reed & McGraw as a partner in Houston. As part of the firm's energy team, his practice includes upstream and midstream transactions and a variety of matters relating to the exploration for and production of oil and gas.

Michael S. Booze ('05) joined Hall Estill as special counsel in Oklahoma City. His practice includes oil and gas legal services, including Corporation Commission matters, oil and gas title examination and general legal practice.

Joshua D. Smith ('05) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Ryan Brannan ('06) was reappointed commissioner of workers' compensation at the Texas Department of Insurance. Since 2014, he has served in this position within the division charged with regulating the Texas workers' compensation system.

Todd L. Grimmett ('06) joined The Lanier Law Firm in Houston as a member of the firm's commercial litigation team. He previously served as an in-house counsel for Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake Energy Corporation.



Trisha Wald ('06) won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2017 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is chair of the department of business and computer science in the Everett Dobson School of

Business and Technology at SWOSU.

Cara Rodriguez ('07) joined Glenn Coffee & Associates in Oklahoma City. Her practice includes election law, administrative law, state questions, initiative petitions and commercial transactions. She previously served as first assistant in the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General.

Ashley Smith ('07) was named to the *Journal Record* "Achievers Under 40." She is co-founder and CEO of CrowdSeekr.com, a directory and search engine for private real estate investments. She was previously general counsel of QuiBids.

We Remember

Robert B. Breitenbach ('79)

Roy Marion Lewis "Cal" Calvert ('84)

C. Bart Fite ('84)

James D. Foliart ('49)

Anna Maria Goodwin Benn ('94)

Sam H. Johnson ('63)

Ronald R. Mason ('92)

Anthony M. "Tony" Massad ('55)

John Richard McCandless ('63)

Tom R. McConnell ('76)

George Edward Meisel Jr. ('75)

Val Ray Miller ('49)

Kevin Hunter Pate ('89)

Jack Dempsey Pointer Jr. ('70)

Victor W. Pryor Jr. ('65)

A. Carl Robinson ('50)

Susan Gail Seamans ('75)

Steven E. Smith ('57)

Neal E. Stauffer ('89)

Clifford O. Stone ('57)

Dino Edgardo Viera ('85)

Charles Robert Warren ('13)

James Matthew Williams ('93)

Patrick Wyrick ('07) was appointed to serve as justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court from the 2nd Judicial District. He previously served as solicitor general in the Oklahoma attorney general's office, worked as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and was in private practice.

Andre Caldwell ('08) became of counsel to the Oklahoma City office of Ogletree Deakins. He previously was a civil litigation partner at another Oklahoma City firm and served as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Geoffrey D. Long ('08) opened GDL Legal PLLC in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on government and administrative law with an emphasis on Oklahoma ethics law. He previously served as general counsel of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

Nathaniel T. Haskins ('09) was elected shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office. He works primarily in the areas of labor and employment, corporate, property tax and general litigation.

H. Cole Marshall ('09) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michelle Millben ('09) was honored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as one of the "40 Under 40" for 2017. She currently is an associate pastor at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She previously served as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and as an adviser to President Obama.



Jenny Rosenfelt ('09) began working at BancFirst Ardmore as loan administration officer. Her responsibilities include coordinating and supervising loan operation functions to ensure compliance and operational

efficiency. She previously worked in the energy industry.

Curtis J. Thomas ('09) was elected shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. His litigation practice includes business and commercial litigation as well as labor and employment matters.



Megan Tilly ('09) was appointed to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. She has worked as an assistant attorney general since 2011, after serving for two years as an assistant district attorney in Logan and Payne counties.

2010s

Max Rhodes ('10) joined Trust Company of Oklahoma as assistant vice president in the personal trust division in Oklahoma City. He previously was in private practice.

Brandon Watson ('10) was promoted to shareholder status at GableGotwals, and is based in the firm's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on business transactions.

Allyson Dow ('12) received the Chair Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section at the OBA Annual Meeting. She practices with Petersen, Henson, Meadows, Pecore & Peot PC in Norman, Oklahoma.

Justin Grose ('12) became an associate of Ogletree Deakins in Oklahoma City. He was formerly as assistant attorney general in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office.

Jared R. Ford ('13) joined Hall Estill as an associate in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on commercial and real estate law.

Brandon Kemp ('13) is an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Ogletree Deakins. His practice includes all areas of labor and employment litigation.



Gauri Nautiyal ('13) joined Ogletree Deakins as an associate in Oklahoma City. She previously worked in the University of Oklahoma Office of Legal Counsel.

Molly E. Tipton ('13) joined Phillip Murrah in Oklahoma City. She represents privately owned and public companies in oil and gas matters, with a strong emphasis on oil and gas title examination.



Alex Duncan ('15) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate with a practice focused on civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation. He previously worked as an associate of King & Spalding LLP in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Lewis ('16) joined the Oklahoma City law firm of Tomlinson McKinstry as an associate. She practices in the firm's intellectual property law and civil litigation areas.