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## News briefs

### 1960s

**Richard L. Barnes** ('64) was appointed to the California Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee. He is a health sciences clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco Department of Clinical Pharmacy and an adjunct assistant professor of law at the University of California Hastings College of the Law.



**James L. Cunningham** ('64) received the American College of Real Estate Lawyers Frederick S. Lane Award recognizing his career contributions as a real estate lawyer. He is only the ninth recipient of the award in 38

years, and is retired from the Denver law firm of Sherman & Howard LLC, where he specialized in complex real estate development and loans and transactions.

**James M. Sturdivant** ('64) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Michael B. Arkin** ('65) wrote the legal mystery novel *Judicial Indiscretion*. He has practiced law in California and New Mexico for 50 years after working for the U.S. Department of Justice as a trial lawyer in Washington, D.C.

**Charlie Daniels** ('65) was elected president of the Opportunity Scholarship Fund, a scholarship granting organization under the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act. He also serves as chairman of the board of directors of OK MOZART in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

**Clyde A. Muchmore** ('67) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for appellate practice. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Frank Keating** ('69) received the 2016 American Patriot of Character Award from Character.org. The former Oklahoma governor recently retired as president of the American Bankers Association, and now is a partner of Holland & Knight LLP in the firm's Washington, D.C., and Tysons Corner, Virginia, offices.

### 1970s

**Lynnwood R. Moore Jr.** ('70) was listed in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate law and securities law. He also was recognized in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 in securities and corporate finance. He is of counsel to Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Joe Sam Vassar** ('70) received the Judge of the Year Award from the American Board of Trial Advocates. He serves as district judge Oklahoma Judicial District 24, which includes Creek, Okfuskee and Okmulgee counties.

**Gary Paul Snow** ('71) became a member of the Del City High School Alumni Hall of Fame as part of the 2015 class of inductees. He practiced law in the Oklahoma towns of Holdenville and Seminole for 30 years, and later served as municipal judge in those communities for almost 10 years.

**Bruce W. Day** ('72) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for securities litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Gary R. McSpadden** ('72) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for banking law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**John C. Hudson** ('73) was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in honor of his 38 years of pro bono service as the commissioner of the Sooner Athletic Conference.

**David W. Lee** ('73) became an of counsel attorney with Collins, Zorn & Wagner PC in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on civil rights and employment defense.

**Jerry L. Steward** ('73) was elected to the Integris Southwest Medical Center board of directors. He is president of Oklahoma City Community College.



**Michael S. Burrage** ('74) will be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in November. He has served as a federal judge for all three of the U.S. District Courts in Oklahoma, and currently is the senior managing

partner at Whitten Burrage law firm in Oklahoma City.

**Richard C. Ford** ('74) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for appellate practice. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**James A. Jennings III** ('74) was elected president of the Oklahoma chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a director and founding member of Jennings Teague law firm in Oklahoma City. His practice is focused on complex civil litigation.

**Curtis M. Long** ('74) joined Conner & Winters as a partner in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice is focused on energy, environmental and natural resources administrative and regulatory issues, and telecommunications.



**G. Blaine Schwabe III** ('74) was listed in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is of counsel with GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Jim Waldo** ('74) was named president of the Friends of the Oklahoma History Center. The group provides advisory, planning and financial support for the museum, located in Oklahoma City.

**Harry Birdwell** ('75) received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. He serves as the secretary of the Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office.

**Katherine "Kay" Winfree** ('75) has joined Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe as counsel in its public policy group in Washington, D.C. She previously practiced with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP and served as an assistant in the office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia as well as chief of staff in the Federal Communications Commission Enforcement Bureau.



**Terri Cooper** ('77) was named president of Rotary Club of Oklahoma City. She also received the Dulaney-Browne Library Society Award at the Societies of Oklahoma City University Awards of Excellence luncheon. She is retired from Globe Life and Accident Insurance Company, where she served as assistant general counsel for 20 years.

**James L. Gallogly** ('77) received the 2016 SCI Chemical Industry Medal from the Society of Chemical Industry, America Section. He is the retired chief executive officer of LyondellBasell and a current director of DuPont.

**Michael Jones** ('77) was elected secretary of the Oklahoma chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates. He practices in Bristow, Oklahoma.

**David A. Poarch** ('77) was selected for honorary membership in the Order of the Coif by the University of Oklahoma chapter, and joined the board of directors of Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner. He is the immediate-past president of the Oklahoma Bar Association and practices with the firm of Bailey and Poarch in Norman, Oklahoma, where he also serves as the municipal court presiding judge.

**John M. Wampler** ('77) retired after serving more than 25 years as the district attorney of Jackson, Greer, Harmon, Kiowa and Tillman counties. He is the longest-serving district attorney in Oklahoma, and has three times led the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and District Attorneys Council. He also served on the board of directors of the National District Attorneys Association.



**John W. Funk** ('78) was included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for banking and real estate law. He is a partner of Conner & Winters, based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**Cynda C. Ottaway** ('78) was named president of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and was listed in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for estate planning and probate law. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**R. Scott Savage** ('78) returned to Moyers Martin LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he previously practiced for 26 years. His practice is focused on civil litigation with an emphasis on contracts, employment issues, environmental cases, oil and gas and real estate.

**Michael S. Laird** ('79) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for real estate law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Graydon D. Luthey Jr.** ('79) was listed in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Judy Hamilton Morse** ('79) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation, and was selected as a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

## 1980s

**Mark D. Christiansen** ('80) was selected by *Energy Law 360* as one of 14 members of its 2016 national energy advisory board to the legal news service provider. He is the co-leader of the McAfee & Taft energy and oil and gas practice group, and works in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**Leo J. Portman** ('80) became a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City. He practices in the areas of title examination, oil and gas law, corporate liquidation, estate planning, and corporate and securities law.

**Stanley P. Spence** ('80) was promoted to senior vice president of PenFed Credit Union in Alexandria, Virginia. With the organization since 1984, he most recently served as vice president and associate general counsel.

**R. Richard Love III** ('81) was listed in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation and was also recognized in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for general litigation. He is a partner of Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**David W. Parham** ('81) joined Akerman LLP as a partner in Dallas. As part of the firm's bankruptcy and reorganization practice group, he handles a variety of commercial litigation matters in bankruptcy courts as well as federal and state courts. He previously worked at Baker & McKenzie.

**Karen S. Rieger** ('81) was included in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for health care law and was named chairperson of the Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Malcolm E. Rosser IV** ('81) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for real estate law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Douglas A. Branch** ('82) was named CEO of Biolytx Pharmaceuticals Corporation in Oklahoma City. He was formerly a partner at Phillips Murrah.

**Harvey D. Ellis Jr.** ('82) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for appellate practice. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Mark Davenport** ('83) was elected chairman of the board of directors of Quail Creek Bank in Oklahoma City. He has served on the board since 2006.

**Stephen DeGuisti** ('83) was named senior vice president and general counsel of the BP U.S. Lower 48 onshore business in Houston. He previously worked at PostRock Energy Corp. and Crowe & Dunlevy.



**Tom Newby** ('83) received the North Star Award from the Cimarron Council of the Boy Scouts of America in recognition of his support of scouting and other organizations in Enid, Oklahoma, and the surrounding area. He serves as the associate district judge of Garfield County.

**L. Mark Walker** ('83) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for energy and natural resources law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Renée DeMoss** ('84) was included in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. She is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Michael Keester** ('84) was elected to the Hall Estill executive committee. He practices in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, focusing on litigation, with an emphasis on complex business litigation.

**Gary Pierson** ('84) received the Regents' Alumni Award from the OU Board of Regents and the OU Alumni Association. He serves as president and CEO of The Oklahoma Publishing Co., and is chairman of the Board of Visitors for the OU College of Law.

**R. Kevin Redwine** ('84) was included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and oil and gas law. He is a partner of Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Teresa Meinders Burkett** ('85) was listed in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and was named Tulsa "Lawyer of the Year" in health care law. She also was listed in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 in the

area of health care law and was named one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Oklahoma. She is a partner in Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Joel W. Harmon** ('85) was elected as a member of the executive committee of Crowe & Dunlevy. Based in Oklahoma City, he serves in the banking and financial, institutions and bankruptcy and creditor's rights practice groups.

**J. Dean Hinderliter** ('85) joined Thompson & Knight LLP as a partner in the tax practice group of the firm's Dallas office. He previously was a partner at Locke Lord LLP in Dallas.

**Donald K. Shandy** ('85) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for environmental law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Kimberly J. Korando** ('86) was listed in North Carolina *Super Lawyers* 2016. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina, where her practice focuses on employment law.

**Dennis C. Cameron** ('87) was included in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for energy and resources. He is of counsel with GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Jeffrey A. Curran** ('87) was listed in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for personal injury products (defense). He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in the Oklahoma City office.

**Victor E. Morgan** ('87) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Tom Q. Ferguson** ('87) was named managing partner of Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He represents clients in complex commercial litigation in the areas of energy/natural resources,

electric and gas utilities, health care, insurance and intellectual property.

**Steven L. Rahhal** ('87) was named a "Client Service All-Star" by corporate counsel in the BTI Consulting Group Inc.'s new report, the *BTI Client Service All-Stars 2016*. He is a shareholder in the Dallas office of Littler, where he specializes in employment and management-side labor law.

**Rob F. Robertson** ('87) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Timothy J. Bomhoff** ('88) was elected to the board of directors of McAfee & Taft. Based in Oklahoma City, his trial practice includes energy litigation, mass torts and negligence claims.

**Kevin Kelley** ('88) was elected to the board of directors of the Senior Law Resource Center. He practices in Oklahoma City with Nash, Cohenour, Kelley & Giessmann PC, where his practice includes business and commercial law, bankruptcy law (creditor), civil litigation and property law.

**Michael C. Redman** ('88) was elected president of the board of directors for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma. He practices with Neuens Mitchell Bonds PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, focusing on employment law and civil litigation.

**John D. Russell** ('88) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**LeAnne Burnett** ('89) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for environmental litigation. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Darla Jackson** ('89) became the Oklahoma Bar Association practice management adviser within the OBA Management Assistance Program. She previously served in leadership positions in the law libraries at the University of South Dakota and Oklahoma City University and was a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force.

## 1990s



**Ken M. Darby** ('90) was appointed district attorney for Oklahoma District 3, which includes Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa and Tillman counties. He has served as an assistant in the

district for 20 years and also has been in private practice and served as a part-time municipal court judge in Altus, Oklahoma.

**Trent A. Gudgel** ('90) was named in-house general counsel for Flintco LLC. He previously was an attorney and shareholder with Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Michael F. Lauderdale** ('90) was elected managing director of McAfee & Taft, where he is a shareholder in the Oklahoma City office. His practice is focused on the representation of employers and management in all aspects of employment law and civil litigation. He also mediates Fair Labor Standards Act class actions.

**Craig Lilly** ('90) joined Baker & McKenzie as a partner in Palo Alto, California, where his practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate finance. He previously practiced with Greenberg Traurig LLP.



**Timila S. Rother** ('90) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. She also was named president and CEO of Crowe & Dunlevy. She is a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**Bradley C. West** ('90) was elected vice president of the Oklahoma chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a partner in The West Law Firm in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he specializes in plaintiff's trial work.

**Benton T. Wheatley** ('91) co-authored "Assignment Issues in Construction Contracts," published in the spring 2016 issue of *The Construction Lawyer*. He also was selected to join the editorial board for *Construction Law Journal*. He is a shareholder of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC in Austin, Texas.

**Kevyn Gray Mattax** ('92) opened Mattax Law Firm and Mediation in Oklahoma City. Her practice has focused primarily on family law since 1992 and mediation since 1994.

**Scott Palk** ('92) was nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Since 2011, he has served as OU Law's assistant dean for students.

**Julie S. Rivers** ('92) was elected to the board of directors for the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She practices in Santa Fe with the firm of Gerber and Bateman, specializing in estate planning, mediation, litigation and collaborative services.

**L. Michelle Stephens** ('92) was appointed to the board of directors of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund. She practices in Weatherford, Oklahoma, and previously served as an assistant attorney general.

**D. Michael McBride III** ('93) was elected as second executive vice president for the International Masters of Gaming Law. He also was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for Native American law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**George Zachos** ('93) was appointed executive director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. He previously served as the chief of the Medicaid fraud division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

**F. William Cullins** ('94) was reappointed chief judge of the 14th Judicial District of Kansas, where he presides over cases in Chautauqua and Montgomery counties. He has served as a district judge in the district since 2006.

**Phillip A. Schovanec** ('94) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder in the Oklahoma City office. His practice will focus on civil litigation and transactional law with an emphasis in energy and oil and gas law.



**C. Robert Stell** ('94) became of counsel with McAfee & Taft in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where he is a member of the firm's energy and oil and gas group. He previously served as vice president and associate general counsel for an oil and gas exploration and production company, and worked as a trial lawyer in private practice.

**Christopher Kelly** ('95) founded Emergency Physician Partnerships in Nashville, Tennessee, to assist private emergency medicine practices nationwide to remain independent. He previously served as general counsel for several health care companies, most recently, U.S. Anesthesia Partners.

**Jeremy Tubb** ('95) was appointed honorary consul for the Federal Republic of Germany. In the voluntary position, he assists Germans and Americans with completing and filing legal paperwork, primarily for citizenship issues. He practices with Fuller, Tubb, Bickford & Krahl PLLC in Oklahoma City, where he focuses on labor and employment law and civil litigation.

**Jennifer H. Callahan** ('96) was elected to the board of directors of McAfee & Taft. She practices in Oklahoma City, focusing on employee benefits and tax law.

**Eric S. Fisher** ('96) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for closely held business law. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Andrew A. Ingram** ('96) was recognized for his expertise in real estate in the *Chambers USA* 2016 legal directory list of "Leaders in their Field." He is the real estate practice leader at Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.

**Randolph L. Marsh** ('96) joined Beckmen Law PC in Grapevine, Texas, as of counsel for the firm's energy and corporate practice groups.

**Heather Munzuris** ('96) became an associate at Humphreys Wallace Humphreys PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice is focused on consumer protection law, with an emphasis on automobile dealer fraud.

**Michael Fields** ('97) became president of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council and District Attorneys Association. He serves as the district attorney for Oklahoma District 4, which includes Garfield, Canadian, Grant, Blaine and Kingfisher counties.

**Stan Koop** ('97) was named a shareholder with Lytle, Soule & Curlee PC in Oklahoma City. His complex civil litigation practice includes personal injury, insurance defense, products liability, aircraft title and finance and construction law.

**John M. Thompson** ('98) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation, and was selected as a senior fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Sanford C. Coats** ('99) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the Oklahoma City office. Having previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, he is co-chair of the firm's criminal defense, compliance and investigations practice group.

**Blaine M. Peterson** ('99) was appointed executive director of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants. He previously practiced with Christensen Law Group in Oklahoma City.

**William C. Searcy** ('99) was named a shareholder of Barber & Bartz in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His areas of practice are labor and employment law and human resources management.

**Amy M. Stipe** ('99) was named vice president of finance at GableGotwals. She is a shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office with a civil litigation practice, which includes oil and gas and labor and employment matters.

## 2000s

**Adam W. Childers** ('00) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for employment litigation (defense). He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Desi I. Martinez** ('00) was included in *Top Texas Verdicts & Settlements of 2015*, a special publication of the weekly newspaper *Texas Lawyer*. Both he and his San Antonio personal injury law firm, Martinez & Associates PLLC, were previously recognized in 2012 and 2013.

**Kimberly Biedler Schutz** ('00) joined Schaffer Herring PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses on estate planning and administration and general litigation matters.

**David M. Sullivan** ('00) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for intellectual property. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Christopher B. Woods** ('00) was named to Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015 for business litigation. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Todd Woolery** ('00) was elected shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. His litigation practice is concentrated on litigation and transactional matters affecting the oil and gas, manufacturing and renewable energy industries.

**Dawn M. Rahme** ('01) was elected to the executive committee of Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. She is a director of the firm with a transactional practice focusing on assisting corporations, partnerships and individuals in general tax planning.

**Leah Rudnicki** ('01) joined Hall Estill as a shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where her practice will include oil and gas law and litigation. She previously was a partner at Reed Smith in Houston.

**Raymond "Ray" S. Rudnicki** ('01) joined Hall Estill as a shareholder in Oklahoma City. He comes to the firm after nine years as a shareholder at Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson PC in Midland, Texas, where his work included representing clients in oil and gas acquisitions and divestitures, transactions and general corporate matters.

**Heather Hillburn Burrage** ('02) was honored as one of *The Journal Record's* "Achievers Under 40." She practices with the Burrage Law Firm in Durant, Oklahoma.

**Rebecca Wood Hunter** ('02) joined Fellers Snider in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses on estate planning. She previously worked for Eller & Detrich in Tulsa.

**Patrick L. Hullum** ('03) was named shareholder in Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. He specializes in complex litigation.

**Travis H. White** ('03) joined Collins, Zorn & Wagner PC in Oklahoma City, where his practice is focused on civil rights defense litigation. He previously served as general counsel for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

**Ashley Kemp** ('04) was named executive director of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. She previously served as the commission's deputy director, general counsel to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, deputy general counsel to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and assistant general counsel to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

**Daniel A. Nickel** ('04) has joined GableGotwals as an of counsel attorney in the Oklahoma City office. His practice is focused on oil and gas law and commercial law. He previously served as in-house counsel to the operations division of an Oklahoma City energy company.

**Douglas R. Scott** ('04) was named as a partner in Steidley & Neal PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He focuses his practice on insurance defense litigation.



**Jeremy M. Black** ('05) was elected shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. His practice includes federal and local tax planning for businesses as well as individuals, tax structuring of complex business transactions and general business advisory services.

**Jeremiah M. Mayfield** ('05) was included in "Texas Rising Stars" 2016 in *Texas Monthly* for business/corporate law. He is a partner in Thompson & Knight LLP, where he works in the Dallas office focusing on corporate and security matters.

**Emily Pittman Smith** ('05) opened her law office, Emily P. Smith PLLC, in Oklahoma City. Her practice is concentrated on oil and gas law, specifically Oklahoma Corporation Commission matters. She previously worked in-house for an oil and gas company.

**Brandon Baker** ('06) was added as a partner to the Edmond, Oklahoma, firm of McAlister, McAlister, Baker & Nicklas PLLC. His practice focuses on business formation and transactional work in the areas of business, real estate and oil and gas.

**Ryan Brannan** ('06) was reappointed as commissioner of the Division of Workers' Compensation for the Texas Department of Insurance. He was first appointed to the position in 2014.

**Brad K. Cunningham** ('06) became a partner of Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice is focused on family law and domestic relations matters.



# Alumni reception

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**Ryan J. Duffy** ('06) was elected as a shareholder in Andrews Davis in Oklahoma City. His practice includes estate planning and administration, transactional law, and commercial litigation with a specific concentration on tax controversies and business development.

**E. Talitha Ebrite** ('06) was named a "Rising Star" in energy and resources in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. She is of counsel with GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Ryan J. Fulda** ('06) joined Schaffer Herring PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on representing clients in business and insurance disputes, as well as personal injury and property damage claims.

**Drew T. Palmer** ('06) was named a "Rising Star" in intellectual property litigation in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.



**Tom R. Russell** ('06) became senior attorney with the law firm of Evans & Davis in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he will lead the firm's corporate and transactional divisions. He previously served as general counsel for two

energy companies and was in private practice.

**Ellen A. Adams** ('07) was named a "Rising Star" in civil litigation (defense) in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. She is a shareholder in GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.



**Ruth J. Addison** ('07) was named one of the "Top 20 Oklahoma Women Who Rock" by *ExcelStyle* magazine and a "Rising Star" in criminal defense law (white collar) by Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. The Tulsa, Oklahoma, associate of Crowe & Dunlevy also was a recipient of the 30/30 NextGen Award from *iON Oklahoma Online*.

**Adam A. Allgood** ('07) was listed in "Texas Rising Stars" 2016 for intellectual property litigation in *Texas Monthly*. He is an associate of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Houston, where his practice focuses on complex commercial and intellectual property litigation.

**Joshua L. Edwards** ('07) was named practice group leader of the transactional practice group of Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. He is a director of the firm and represents clients in a broad range of commercial transactions, with an emphasis in the insurance, health care and life sciences industries.

**Matthew B. Hickey** ('07) was named a "Rising Star" in tax law in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Thomas J. Hutchison** ('07) was named a "Rising Star" in business/corporate law in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Michael A. Schade** ('07) returned to Dunlap Codding as senior counsel and biotechnology practice group leader. His practice includes intellectual property law including patent, trademark, copyright, technology and e-commerce.

**Andre' B. Caldwell** ('08) was named a "Rising Star" in criminal defense law (white collar) in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.



**Christopher Carter** ('08) was elected as a shareholder of Hall Estill in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a member of the firm's real estate and corporate transactions group.

**Bobby Dolatabadi** ('08) was named a shareholder of Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City. He represents clients in real estate transactions, including acquisitions, divestitures, leasing, development and land-use.



**Laura J. Long** ('08) was elected shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. Her practice focuses on energy litigation and complex business and commercial litigation.



**T.J. Mantooth** ('08) was elected as shareholder of Hall Estill. He works in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where he has an intellectual property practice focusing primarily on patent prosecution.



**Kristin M. Simpson** ('08) was elected shareholder of McAfee & Taft. She is based in Oklahoma City, where her practice primarily focuses on general civil and business litigation and labor and employment law.

**Evan G.E. Vincent** ('08) was named a "Rising Star" in general litigation in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Jared W. Buchan** ('09) was promoted to assistant vice president of Trust Company of Oklahoma in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He previously served as an investment officer for the company.

**Mary Kathleen Davidson** ('09) became a member of the State Bar of Texas Pro Bono College, an honorary society recognizing attorneys who perform 75 or more hours of pro bono legal services. She practices with the McCleskey Law Firm in Lubbock, Texas, focusing on family law matters.



**John Paul K. Napier** ('09) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the bankruptcy and creditor's rights and banking and financial institutions practice groups.

## 2010s

**Michael L. Brooks** ('10) became a partner in The Brooks Law Firm LLC, formerly Gary L. Brooks & Associates, in Oklahoma City. His practice is focused on appellate advocacy, constitutional matters and personal injury cases. He previously worked at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville and for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

**Katherine R. Morelli** ('10) joined the University of Tulsa College of Law as associate director of professional development. She previously practiced at Rhodes Hieronymus Jones Tucker & Gable and Bonham & Howard in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Christopher M. Staine** ('10) was named a "Rising Star" in bankruptcy (business) in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is an associate of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

**Brett Behenna** ('11) joined Blau Law Firm in Oklahoma City, where his practice includes criminal defense trial and appellate work, civil rights litigation and professional licensing board matters. He previously served as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County.

**Carissa King** ('11) became an associate with Graft & Walraven PLLC in Clinton, Oklahoma. She practices in the areas of real estate, estate planning and probate.

**John "Jake" Krattiger** ('11) was named a "Rising Star" in business litigation in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. He is an associate of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**Christa Evans Rogers** ('11) is the director of institutional and strategic giving at Folds of Honor. The nonprofit organization, based in Owasso, Oklahoma, provides scholarships to the dependent family members of fallen and disabled service men and women.

**Paula M. Williams** ('11) was listed as a "Rising Star" in business litigation in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. She is an associate of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

**David R. Gleason** ('12) became a shareholder and officer of Moricoli Kellogg & Gleason PC in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include oil and gas, title examination, environmental, and state and federal regulation as it applies to oil and gas exploration and production.

**Barbara Moschovidis** ('12) was named a "Rising Star" in civil litigation (defense) in Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* 2015. She is an associate at GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



**Amanda Pennington** ('12) became an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Dallas, where she will work in the firm's litigation department. She previously worked in another large international law firm in Dallas and the

OU Office of Legal Counsel.



**Benjamin K. Davis** ('13) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the real estate, banking and financial institutions and corporate and securities practice groups.

**Paige Hoster Good** ('13) became an associate at McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. She is a member of the firm's labor and employment group with a practice including all phases of labor and employment law and a broad range of other workplace issues.

**Courtney D. Hilliard** ('13) was appointed to the City of San Antonio Ethics Review Board. He practices in San Antonio with The Law Offices of Hilliardlegal PLLC.



Three OU Law alumni currently are serving in the U.S. Army JAG Corps at Fort Hood, Texas. Pictured are Capts. January Turner ('12), Corey Tisdale ('08) and Callie Hall ('10).

**Michelle Nabors** ('13) became assistant general counsel for the Oklahoma State University Foundation. She previously practiced with Harrison & Mecklenburg Inc. in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Dylan Erwin** ('14) joined Andrews Davis in Oklahoma City, where he practices in the criminal law division as well as the civil litigation, trial and appellate division. He previously served as an assistant district attorney in Comanche and Cotton counties.

**John R. Arrowood** ('15) became an associate at Moricoli Kellogg & Gleason PC in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include oil, gas and energy law, environmental law and business and real estate transactions.

**Grant A. Carpenter** ('15) joined Sherwood, McCormick & Roberts in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice includes business litigation, nonprofit law, personal injury and elder law.

**Kelsey N. Frobisher** ('15) joined Foulston Siefkin LLP in Wichita, Kansas. Her practice focuses on insurance defense litigation and commercial and complex litigation.

**Luke J. Hann** ('15) became an associate at Helms & Underwood in Oklahoma City. His practice is focused on employment law and civil litigation.

**Derek H. Haysom** ('15) joined Shell Oil Company as legal counsel in Houston, where he previously clerked during the summer before his 3L year. He currently works in the ethics and compliance office, focusing on antitrust, import/export controls, and anti-bribery and corruption issues.

**Chantel James** ('15) joined Lytle, Soulé & Curlee PC as an associate in Oklahoma City. Her civil litigation practice includes insurance defense, civil rights and constitutional law, bankruptcy and creditor law and construction law.



**J. Blake Johnson** ('15) became an associate of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the firm's litigation and trial, Indian law and gaming and product liability practice groups.



**Harry "Skeeter" Jordan** ('15) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the Oklahoma City office. He is a member of the firm's intellectual property and litigation and trial practice groups.



**Melissa McDuffey** ('15) became an associate at Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City. She is a member of the firm's labor and employment and litigation and trial practice groups.

**Drew D. McNeil** ('15) became an associate of Atkinson, Haskins, Nellis, Brittingham, Gladd & Fiasco in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He practices in the areas of appellate advocacy and civil litigation, with an emphasis in research and writing.



**Alexandra Shipley** ('15) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is a member of the firm's energy, environment and natural resources and litigation and trial practice groups.

**Erin Smith** ('15) became an associate at Lytle, Soulé & Curlee PC in Oklahoma City. Her litigation practice includes product liability, insurance defense, architectural and engineering litigation and commercial law.

**Ge'Andra Johnson** ('16) was selected for the Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program. She will work with Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Oklahoma, Inc. monitoring fair housing complaint intakes and screenings, investigating complaints to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and serving as a fair housing advocate for petitioners.

## We Remember

**Charles C. "Chuck" Baker** ('57)

**Jay C. Baker** ('59)

**Wilfred L. Barber** ('59)

**Joel W. Barr** ('72)

**Frank L. Bollinger** ('66)

**Larry C. Brawner** ('73)

**Elvin J. Brown** ('50)

**Glen M. Burdick** ('66)

**Gary M. Chubbuck** ('75)

**Don. W. Cihak** ('59)

**Michael J. Edwards** ('82)

**Elliott Fenton** ('37)

**Hugh F. Fitzsimons** ('57)

**Bill Larson** ('48)

**Tom A. Lucas** ('64)

**Heriberto "Ed" Martinez** ('91)

**Mike McDanel** ('73)

**Timothy L. Mize** ('80)

**Edward Harold Moler** ('48)

**Carl Edmond Moslander** ('51)

**George Lindsay Peters** ('53)

**Paul H. Petersen** ('72)

**Frederick Oliver Plater** ('81)

**G. William Rice** ('78)

**G. David Ross** ('79)

**Bobbie Thomas Shell** ('82)

**Gomer G. Smith Jr.** ('42)

**Herbert N. Standeven** ('59)

**Thomas Joseph Wilcox** ('83)

**Corie O'Rourke** ('16) was selected for the Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program. She will work in Washington, D.C., with Ayuda to provide legal support for immigrants in various situations, including family-based immigration applications, humanitarian applications and naturalization petitions.

**Mary Beth Williams** ('16) was selected for the Gallogly Family Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Program. She will work with Oklahoma Indian Legal Services serving low-income Native American citizens of Oklahoma in status-related civil legal issues such as the Indian Child Welfare Act, trust and restricted land ownership, Indian wills and probates and sovereignty.