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News briefs

1960s

Tom McDaniel ('63) was selected to receive the 2017 Leadership Oklahoma Lifetime Achievement Award. He is president of American Fidelity Foundation and former president of Oklahoma City University. He currently chairs Oklahoma City's Metropolitan Area Projects building initiative.

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



Pat Phelps ('65) received the Distinguished Achievement Award from Sigma Tau Gamma national fraternity. He serves as attorney for the city of Durant, Oklahoma, and chief judge of the Appellate Division of the

Court of General Jurisdiction of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

David L. Russell ('65) received the 2016 Oklahoma Baptist University Alumni Achievement Award. He is a senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, where he has served for 34 years.

Sheppard F. Miers Jr. ('66) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for tax law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Reid Robison ('68) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

1970s

Keith B. Aycock ('72) retired as district judge in Comanche County, a position he had held since 2002. He previously served as special judge and assistant district attorney in addition to being in private practice.

Robert T. Luttrell ('73) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for both banking and finance law and financial services regulation law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft.

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

Deborah C. Shallcross ('74) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for family law. She is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Steven W. Taylor ('74) retired from the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Prior to being appointed to the Supreme Court, he practiced law in McAlester, Oklahoma, and served as associate district judge in Pittsburg County as well as district judge of the 18th Judicial District.

Susan E. Bryant ('75) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 for securities regulation and was named the "Lawyer of the Year" in securities regulation for Portland, Maine. She practices with Verrill Dana LLP.

John Hermes ('75) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder and general counsel of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

John A. Kenney ('75) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for trade secrets law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017, and was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Robert M. Murphy ('75) was honored as an American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law Reunification Hero for his handling of a case in Payne County, Oklahoma, where he served as associate district judge. He currently serves as an administrative law judge in Spokane, Washington.



Micheal Salem ('75) received the Joe Stamper Distinguished Service Award at the 2016 annual meeting of the Oklahoma Bar Association. The award recognized his 27 years of service on the OBA Clients' Security Fund Committee.

He practices at Salem Law Offices in Norman, Oklahoma.



Larry Derryberry

April 22, 1939 – November 19, 2016

Larry Derryberry was born and raised in southwestern Oklahoma, graduating from high school in Altus as the salutatorian of his class. Active in the 4-H Club, he won the first speech contest he entered and eventually was named the 4-H State Public Speaking Champion. Derryberry credited the 4-H program for leading him to his career in government and law. He continued his association with the organization as a member of the 4-H Foundation, which he continued to support throughout his career.

Derryberry attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1961 and a juris doctor degree in 1963. As a second-year student at OU Law, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives representing Jackson County, a post he held for eight years. Following law school graduation, Derryberry married Gale Brazil and they established their first home in Altus, where he practiced law and served in the Legislature. Highlights of his legislative career include authoring the bill creating the Oklahoma Ethics Commission, chairing the Joint Committee on Congressional Redistricting and serving in leadership positions of assistant majority floor leader and speaker pro tempore.

Derryberry was elected attorney general in 1970, and the Derryberry family, which now included son Darren and daughter Dara, moved to Oklahoma City. As attorney general, he established the Consumer Protection Division and the State Narcotics Commission as parts of the AG's office. He also was responsible for the prosecution and ouster from office of a number of Oklahoma politicians.

In 1979, Derryberry returned to the practice of law, establishing a law firm in Oklahoma City. He was recognized as a successful attorney in matters relating to government law, health care and insurance.

Derryberry was a poet, a songwriter and an author. His first children's book, *The Oklahoma Scranimal*, was selected as an Oklahoma Centennial Children's book in 2007. He had seven published books and wrote more than 50 songs, including ballads, children's and religious songs. Derryberry also was a faithful member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors.

He is survived by his wife, Gale; son and daughter-in-law, Darren and Cindy Derryberry; daughter, Dara M. Derryberry; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Sharon Derryberry; niece, Toni Ewing; four grandchildren; and a numerous cousins, nephews and other relatives.

Eric R. King ('76) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for energy law, regulatory enforcement and oil and gas law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Thomas C. Riney ('76) was named to the "Top 100" 2016 *Texas Super Lawyers* list as published in *Texas Monthly*, marking his eighth year to receive this honor. He is a partner with Riney & Mayfield LLP in Amarillo, where his practice focuses on civil trial work.

Thomas Gruber ('77) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for administrative/regulatory law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Kevin Kuhn ('77) was inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP in Denver.

Michael W. Thom ('77) received the 2016 Maurice Merrill Golden Quill Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices in Bethany, Oklahoma, concentrating in the areas of probate, estate planning and fiduciary litigation.

Linda Albright Wilkins ('77) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and was named the Dallas Lawyer of the Year for employee benefits law. She practices with Wilkins Finston Friedman Law Group LLP in the firm's Dallas office.

Joseph Bocco ('78) was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Noma Gurich ('78) was elected vice chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. She has served on the Supreme Court since 2011, after prior judicial service on the Workers' Compensation Court and the Oklahoma County District Court.

Brian T. Hermanson ('78) was named District Attorney of the Year from the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. He serves as district attorney for Kay and Noble counties.

Gary W. Derrick ('79) received the 2016 John E. Shipp Award for Ethics from the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices with Derrick & Briggs LLP in Oklahoma City, specializing in corporate and securities law.

Glen D. Johnson ('79) was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. He also was elected treasurer of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Executive Committee and to a fourth term as vice chair of the Southern Regional Education Board. He has served as chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education since 2007.

Graydon D. Luthey Jr. ('79) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for gaming law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) was named one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" for 2016 by industry guidebook, *Benchmark Litigation*. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

1980s

John R. Hargrave ('80) announced his retirement from serving as president of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, to be effective in the spring of 2017. Prior to assuming the position in July 2009, he was managing partner of the Edmonds Cole Law Firm in Oklahoma City.

L. Patrice Latimer ('80) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Diversity Hall of Fame. In 1975, she was the first African American student at OSU to be elected president of the Student Government Association. Her legal career ranged from criminal prosecution in Oklahoma to civil, employment and labor litigation in Washington, D.C.



John M. Settle ('80) was honored with the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual meeting. He serves as the Pawnee County Attorney and Counselor, a position he has held since 1995.

Farley Ward ('80) retired in September from his service as district attorney for Oklahoma District 18, which covers Haskell and Pittsburg counties. He was elected to the position in 2010, but had previously maintained a private practice and served as an assistant district attorney and as a special judge.

Elizabeth Scott Wood ('80) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for employment law – management in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

W. Chris Coleman ('82) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for corporate compliance law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder and industry group leader.

Dean A. Couch ('82) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for water law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Edna Mae Holden ('82) was appointed to the Oklahoma Humanities Council Board. She is of counsel to Gungoll Jackson, and is based in the firm's Enid, Oklahoma, office, in the oil and gas division.

Annual Alumni Luncheon



The alumni luncheon was in honor of the Inasmuch Foundation for its visionary leadership in the establishing the Collaborative Learning Center. **Bill Ross** ('54) and **Bob Ross** ('99) display their awards.



Darin Fox ('92), OU associate dean and director of the law library, updates alumni on the Digital Initiative and Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center.



Brooke Hamilton receives the Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding Senior OU Law School Student Award from **David Porph** ('77), OBA past president and former OU Law assistant dean.

David D. Hunt II ('82) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for oil and gas law and banking and finance law. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Michael J. Hunter ('82) was appointed secretary of state and special counsel to the Oklahoma governor. He previously served as first assistant attorney general.

William S. Leach ('82) was named Tulsa, Oklahoma, "Lawyer of the Year" for product liability defense litigation in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017, and was recognized in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Local Litigation Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Kimber J. Palmer ('82) received the Award of Excellence from the Southwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors. She teaches at the A.R. Sanchez Jr. School of Business at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas, where she serves as the university's pre-law adviser.

Chris Ross ('82) retired as district attorney of Pontotoc County after serving in that position since 2008. He began his almost-35-year career as an Oklahoma prosecutor by working as an intern in the Cleveland County District Attorney's Office while attending law school.

Kay Floyd ('83) received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for her continued support of higher education. She has represented Oklahoma State Senate District 46 since 2014, and previously served for two years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Helen Hodges ('83) was honored by Oklahoma State University as a 2016 Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Champion. She is of counsel to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP in San Diego.

David L. Perryman ('83) was re-elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives representing District 56. He is a partner at Frailey, Chaffin, Cordell, Perryman & Sterkel in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Richard D. Craig ('84) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for tax litigation and controversy law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Renee DeMoss ('84) was named executive director of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation. She had previously practiced law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with GableGotwals.



David L. Kearney ('85) joined Durbin Larimore & Bialick in the firm's energy and environmental practice. He previously practiced with GableGotwals and Hall Estill.

Richard D. Nix ('85) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for employee benefits/ERISA law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Kimberly J. Korando ('86) was included in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for employment law – management and labor law – management. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she leads the firm's employment, labor and human resources practice group.

Shawn E. Arnold ('87) was named to "The Top 10" in 2016 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers*. He practices with Lytle Soulé & Curlee in Oklahoma City, with a focus on civil litigation.

Dennis C. Cameron ('87) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, energy law, environmental litigation, oil and gas law and product liability litigation. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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

Patrice Douglas ('87) has become of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP in the firm's Oklahoma City office. She previously spent much of her career in various public service roles and working with private financial institutions.

Jeffrey D. Hassell ('87) was named by *Best Lawyers* as the 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" for banking and finance law in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.



OU Law young alumni volunteer September 29 at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.



Elizabeth "Libby" Scott ('87) was named chair of Crowe & Dunlevy's administrative and regulatory practice group. She is a director of the firm, based in the Oklahoma City office.

Timothy J. Bomhoff ('88) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for energy law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder and director of McAfee & Taft.

Dan M. Connally ('88) joined Metro First Realty in Oklahoma City as a residential real estate sales associate. He previously served as assistant district attorney for Texas County and worked with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Brad Henry ('88) joined Spencer Fane in Oklahoma City as an of counsel attorney. He represents clients in both the public and private sectors in government and administrative law. He served as Oklahoma's governor from 2003 until 2011.

Catherine Mardon ('88) was awarded the True Grit Award from the Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction of Alberta, Canada. Retired from a practice that included representing homeless, disabled and mentally ill people, she is an author, lecturer and advocate for the disabled.

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

Robert B. Sartin ('88) was named "Lawyer of the Year" for health care law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder and director of Barrow & Grimm PC, where his areas of concentration include commercial, employment, estate planning and health care litigation and transactions.

Joe E. White Jr. ('88) was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates and was named to 2016 Oklahoma *Super Lawyers* for personal injury (plaintiff). He is the senior partner at White & Weddle PC in Oklahoma City.

Shelly A. Youree ('88) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and Texas *Super Lawyers* 2016 for employee benefits law and tax law. She is a partner of Thompson & Knight LLP, where she practices in the firm's offices in Dallas and Los Angeles.

1990s

Michael Lauderdale ('90) was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder and managing director of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Bradley C. West ('90) was recertified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a partner at The West Law Firm in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where his practice focuses on plaintiff's trial work.

Richard M. Carson ('91) was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for energy law and environmental law. He is of counsel to GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sam R. Fulkerson ('91) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for labor law – management in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is office managing shareholder at Ogletree Deakins.

Ricky McPhearson ('91) was named the Professional Advocate of the Year by the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section. He serves as the first assistant district attorney in Oklahoma District 2, which includes Beckham, Custer, Ellis, Roger Mills and Washita counties.

Anthony L. Rahhal ('91) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for copyright law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Jon Starr ('91) achieved the rank of diplomate with the American Board of Trial Advocates. He leads the district court litigation department of McGivern & Gilliard PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bryan Lester Dupler ('92) published *Sentencing in Oklahoma, 2016-17*, a practitioner's guide to Oklahoma sentencing law and procedure. He has served as a judicial assistant at the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals since 2005, and was previously deputy chief of the Capital Post-Conviction Division of the Indigent Defense System.



Steven P. Logan ('92) received the 2016 Public Service in the Military Award from the Burton Awards Program. He currently is a judge of the U.S. District Court of Arizona in Phoenix. For nearly 27 years, he served

on active duty and in the reserves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. He retired from military service with the rank of colonel in May 2016.

Jonathan Nichols ('93) was named vice president for governmental relations at the University of Oklahoma. He previously served 12 years in the Oklahoma State Senate and most recently, as chief of staff and legal counsel for the president pro tempore of the Senate.

Brad Carson ('94) joined The Boston Consulting Group as a senior adviser to its global public sector practice, based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. He previously served as acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness in the Department of Defense, and, was concurrently the undersecretary of the U.S. Army.

Robert Don Gifford ('96) joined the Oklahoma City office of Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll PC as a senior attorney with a practice emphasis in white-collar crime, Indian law and complex civil litigation. He received the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section Cardozo Award for his contributions to the section, and was named its chair-elect.



Tracy Poole ('93) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he joins the firm's energy and oil and gas practice. He previously worked as a corporate executive in the energy industry and outside counsel to various

energy and power companies while in private practice.

L. Don Smitherman ('93) was selected for the McAlester Athletic Hall of Fame. He is of counsel to Moricoli, Kellogg & Gleason PC in Oklahoma City.

Elaine DeGiusti ('94) joined Meyer, Leonard and Edinger PLLC in Oklahoma City. Her practice is focused in the areas of general business and commercial litigation.

Regina Gregory ('96) was appointed senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of American Midstream Partners LP in Houston. She previously served as general counsel, vice president and corporate secretary of Traverse Midstream Partners LP.

Andrew A. Ingram ('96) was included in 2016 *The Legal 500 US*, *Texas Super Lawyers 2016* and *The Best Lawyers in America 2017* for real estate law. He is the real estate practice leader for Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.

Brandon R. Webb ('96) was named human resources director for the Joplin School District in Joplin, Missouri. He has previously served as staff attorney for the Oklahoma State School Boards Association and associate general counsel for the Oklahoma Education Association.



Erika Bright ('97) was listed in the 2017 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for insurance law. She is a partner at Wick Phillips in Dallas, where her practice areas include commercial, construction and insurance coverage litigation.

Christa Sullivan ('97) joined Meyer, Leonard and Edinger PLLC in Oklahoma City. Her practice includes real estate, commercial law, and business and financial transactions.

Jeff L. Todd ('97) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for water law in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*, and was named a "Local Litigation Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Jennifer Wheeler ('97) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for securities regulation law in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Alumni receptions

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We Remember

Thomas M. Bartheld ('84)

Jo Barton ('55)

Charles Wayne Brown ('80)

Donald L. Deason ('79)

James F. Deaton ('81)

Larry Derryberry ('63)

Dennis J. Downing ('54)

Broc L. Elmore ('11)

James "Jim" M. Erikson ('97)

Kathryn L. Flood ('83)

David R. Garrison ('67)

Hyla Hyde Glover ('83)

Larry Eugene Goins ('92)

Rex Edgar Herren ('74)

William P. Huckin Jr. ('47)

Elton L. Johnson Jr. ('66)

Donald A. Kihle ('67)

Jack Roy Lawrence ('62)

Derril Wayne McGuire ('64)

John Card McMurry ('71)

Kermit M. Milburn ('83)

Val R. Miller ('49)

Thomas Clifton Morgan ('53)

C.D. Northcutt ('38)

Nellie Catherine Perry ('82)

Preston Pulliam ('72)

Robert F. Riddle ('97)

Fred J. Shaeffer ('78)

George David Sherrill Jr. ('70)

William C. Shirey ('56)

Jessie Dan Swift ('56)

Albert Lewis "Lew" Tait ('80)

Elizabeth Cynita Thomas ('09)

John S. Thomas ('73)

Norman Jean Walker ('93)

Larry M. Weber ('67)

Roy H. Wells ('59)

James C. Winterringer ('59)

Susan A. Winters ('90)

Richard L. Wynne Jr. ('97) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 and *Texas Super Lawyers* 2016 for intellectual property and patent litigation. He is a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.



Dawson Engle ('98) was appointed associate district judge for Pottawatomie County. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in McClain, Pottawatomie and Oklahoma counties, maintained a private practice and served as special judge in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.



Gregory S. Luster ('99) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office. He is a member of the firm's corporate and securities and energy, environment and natural resources practice groups.

Gregory R. Rasnake ('99) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where he is a member of practice groups for aviation and commercial space, criminal defense, compliance and investigations and administrative and regulatory. He previously worked with the Federal Aviation Administration Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

Amy M. Stipe ('99) was selected as one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in the United States for 2016 by *Benchmark Litigation* and was named to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America* list for commercial litigation and oil and gas law. She is a shareholder with GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

2000s

Jolisa Melton Dobbs ('00) was named to *2016 Who's Who Legal 100* for her expertise in energy law and was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017 for energy law and oil and gas law. She is a partner at Thompson & Knight LLP, based in the firm's Dallas office.

Todd Woolery ('00) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder on the Oklahoma City office of McAfee & Taft. His litigation, transactional and business practice is concentrated in the energy and manufacturing industries.

Jennifer Chance ('01) was named general counsel to the Oklahoma governor. Prior to this appointment, she served as deputy general counsel to the governor and assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County.

Mark E. Fields ('01) was elected to the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors. He practices in McAlester, Oklahoma, with Steidley & Neal.

Jonathan A. Mitchell ('01) joined Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan in Carbondale, Illinois. As a partner, his practice areas include civil litigation, insurance defense, workers' compensation, business and employment law.

Jared Sigler ('01) was appointed as special judge for Washington County, based in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Prior to his appointment, he served as first assistant district attorney for the 11th Judicial District for five years.

J. Craig Buchan ('02) was elected as a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. Based in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, his practice areas include products liability, oil and gas litigation and commercial litigation.

Stephanie Chapman ('02) was named Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" for closely held companies and family businesses law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2017. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft.

Ron Shinn ('02) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City with a civil litigation practices focused on complex business disputes.

Stanley L. Evans ('03) received the 2016 Trailblazer Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association, and was appointed to the Board of Trustees for Langston University-Oklahoma City and Langston University-Tulsa. He is the former assistant dean for students at OU Law, where he now serves as a recruiter and adviser.



Rodney K. Hunsinger II ('03) was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* inaugural "Under 40 Hot List" and was recognized as a "Future Star." He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where he maintains a state and federal litigation and arbitration practice.

Chris Hammons ('04) competed on season 33 of the reality competition television series, "Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X." He practices at Laird Hammons Laird in Oklahoma City focusing on personal injury litigation.

Nick Merkley ('04) joined GableGotwals as a new shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His primary practice will focus on litigation in the areas of energy and products liability.

Sommer Kendall Robbins ('04) became an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma District 3. She previously served as managing attorney for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Support Services and was in private practice in Altus, Oklahoma.

C. Brent Dishman ('05) was promoted to lieutenant colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserve. He practices with Dishman Military Advocates PLLC, based in Oklahoma City.

Jodi Dishman ('05) was recognized as a "Future Star" in the 2017 edition of *Benchmark Litigation*. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Emily Pittman Smith ('05) joined Gungoll Jackson as a senior attorney in the firm's Oklahoma City office. She is an oil and gas attorney with a specialty in matters before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Trisha Wald ('06) was named chair of the Department of Business and Computer Science in the Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. She has taught at SWOSU since 2008.

Rachel Holt ('07) became general counsel for the State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. She previously served as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County, working in the juvenile division.

Cara Rodriguez ('07) was named first assistant in the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General, where she previously served as general counsel and assistant solicitor general. Prior to joining that office, she clerked for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.



Reagan E. Bradford ('08) joined The Lanier Firm in the Houston office, where he will be a member of the commercial litigation team. He previously served as deputy general counsel and assistant corporate secretary for Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

Andre' B. Caldwell ('08) was named to the National Black Lawyers list of "Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Oklahoma City" and to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List ." He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy and serves as co-chair of the firm's diversity committee.

Breea Clark ('08) was elected to the City Council in Norman, Oklahoma. She is the associate director of academic integrity programs at the University of Oklahoma.

Jacob Sparks ('08) became of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP and is based in the firm's new Dallas office, where his practice focuses on complex commercial disputes and bankruptcy negotiations and litigations. He previously worked at Scheef & Stone LLP in Frisco, Texas.

Evan G.E. Vincent ('08) was included by *Benchmark Litigation* on its "Under 40 Hot List." He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy based in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on complex litigation.



Tyler P. Evans ('09) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he joins the firm's energy and oil and gas practice. He focuses on transactions, mergers and acquisitions, oil and gas title examination, and general corporate matters.

2010s

Michael J. Davis ('10) was promoted to director of compliance and safety at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He previously was coordinator of disability services.

Julia Mills Mettry ('10) has been named partner in the Norman, Oklahoma, firm now known as Allen & Mills PLLC. She has been an associate of the firm since 2011, where her areas of practice include bankruptcy, criminal law, family law and estate planning.

Jordan Russell ('10) was named to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. He previously practiced with Gungoll Jackson in Oklahoma City.

Andrew Foster Shi ('11) was inducted into the Seminole High School Hall of Fame. He is an associate at Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP in San Francisco, where his practice focuses on professional liability defense and complex civil litigation.

Bert Ferrara ('13) was promoted to deputy general counsel with Legacy Reserves LP, an oil and natural gas exploration and production master limited partnership in Midland, Texas. He previously served as associate general counsel.

Jared R. Ford ('13) joined Fellers Snider in Oklahoma City as an associate. His practice focuses on commercial and real estate law. Prior to joining Fellers Snider, he practiced with two firms specializing in oil and gas law.

Kathryn N. Taylor ('13) was appointed senior policy adviser for the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. She previously served as director of human resources at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies.

Jason L. Callaway ('14) became an associate at Johnson & Jones PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on insurance defense, general civil litigation, and commercial litigation. He previously served a clerkship with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

David Clay Floyd ('14) rejoined the Floyd Law Firm in Norman, Oklahoma, after earning an LL.M. in Taxation from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in Chicago. He acts as bond counsel for county and municipal political subdivisions, focusing on the tax implications of financing capital improvement projects.

Joshua Merrill ('14) joined the Dallas office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as an associate. His practice focuses on public and private mergers and acquisitions, with an emphasis on representing private equity firms and their portfolio companies.

John S. Wolfe ('14) became an associate of Barrow & Grimm PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on tax matters, including business transactions and estate planning.



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