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### **News briefs**

### 1950s

**Tony Massad** ('55) was honored at the 2013 Sovereignty Symposium with the Sovereignty Symposium Award recognizing his efforts as an advocate for judicial merit selection. The longtime Frederick, Oklahoma, attorney is now retired, but previously served as a state senator and president of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

**Robert L "Buddy" Pendarvis** ('57), of Norman, Oklahoma, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 for his work in the practice areas of education law and municipal law. He has served as the attorney for the Norman Public Schools since 1991.

#### 1960s



Ray Dean Linder ('60), of Alva, Oklahoma, received the Award of Merit from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in October. He has served as a state district judge since 1983.

**G.W.** "Bill" Newton ('62) received the Tulsa County Bar Association Golden Rule Award. He is a shareholder and director of Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His areas of practice include real estate law and estate planning.

Andrew M. Coats ('63) received the Distinguished
Service Award from the Oklahoma City / County Historical
Society for his outstanding service in the field of law to his
community and state. He is dean emeritus at the College of
Law, where he teaches Family Law and Torts.

James C.T. Hardwick ('63) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for his energy and natural resources practice.
He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**John W. Kinslow** ('65) was elected to the board of governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He lives in Lawton, Oklahoma, and will represent Supreme Court Judicial District 9.



Robert H. Mitchell ('65) was named the first recipient of the OU Physicians Professional Liability Defense Panel Outstanding Service Award. He is of counsel with Sweet Law in Oklahoma City.

**David L. Russell** ('65) received the Rogers State University Constitution Award for demonstrating a strong commitment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution through his life's work. He serves as judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

**Robert H. Gilliland** ('66) was appointed to serve on the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. For 40 years, he has practiced with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, focusing on business litigation.

**Glenn E. Floyd** ('67) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers* in *America* 2014 in the area of municipal law. He practices with the Floyd Law Firm PC in Norman, Oklahoma, focusing on municipal finance, securities, corporation, municipal and real estate law.

**G. Michael Lewis** ('67) received the James C. Lang Mentoring Award from the Tulsa County Bar Association. He is senior counsel to Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his practice focuses on mediation.



Ross O. Swimmer ('67) was honored in October by AARP Oklahoma at the organization's fifth annual Indian Elder Honors event, which honored 50 Native Americans for their contributions to their culture and

Oklahoma communities. He served as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and as special trustee for American Indians at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**W. Roger Webb** ('67) was appointed to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Commission. He is the vice chairman of the board of Citizens Bank of Edmond and previously served as president of the University of Central Oklahoma.

**Randall D. Mock** ('68) joined Conner & Winters LLP as a partner, based in the Oklahoma City office. He specializes in tax-related business matters and estate planning.



Reid E. Robison ('68) received the Neil E. Bogan Professionalism Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association in November. The award is presented to an OBA member, practicing 10 years or more, who best represents the

highest standards of the legal profession. Robison is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

### 1970s

Robert D. Looney Jr. ('70) was included in *Oklahoma* Super Lawyers 2013 for the practice area of general personal injury defense. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, based in Oklahoma City.

**Robert D. Nelon** ('71) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 in the practice area of First Amendment/ media/advertising. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in Oklahoma City.

**Drew Neville** ('72) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for bet-the-company litigation in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 and was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for securities litigation. He is a partner in Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, where his practice focuses on complex litigation.

Julia T. Brown ('75) was named county manager of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. She previously worked in the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office as a grants assistant, monitoring compliance with law enforcement, education and training grants.

Micheal Salem ('75), of Norman, Oklahoma, received the Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association in November. The award recognizes courageous performance in a manner befitting the highest ideals of the legal profession. This was the second time Salem has received this award.

**Michael E. Smith** ('75) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for energy and natural resources law. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, practicing in Oklahoma City.

John J. Morozuk ('76) joined Ross Molina Oliveros PC in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His practice is focused on the oil and gas industry, and includes pipeline gathering and transportation, natural gas storage and processing, and exploration and production law.

**P. David Newsome** ('76) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for securities and corporate finance. He practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is a shareholder of Hall Estill.



**David A. Poarch Jr.** ('77) was elected president-elect of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He practices in Norman, Oklahoma, with the firm of Bailey and Poarch and is the part-time presiding judge of the Norman Municipal Court.

He previously served as assistant dean for external relations at OU Law.

**Thomas T. Rogers** ('77) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014. He is a partner in the Austin, Texas, office of Jackson Walker LLP, where his practice focuses on litigation with an emphasis on class action defense, insurance and insurance regulatory matters, financial institution litigation, and energy litigation.

**Brice Tarzwell** ('77) was named chief legal officer for Par Petroleum Corporation, based in Houston. He previously was a partner at Bracewell & Giuliani LLP and Winstead PC.

**Karl F. Hirsch** ('78) co-founded the law firm Hirsch, Morris & Heath in Oklahoma City. His practice emphasizes natural resources, oil and gas, and real estate.

Ben Loring ('78) received the Alma Wilson Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association at its annual meeting in November. The award recognizes an individual's contribution to improving the lives of Oklahoma children. He is an assistant district attorney in Miami, Oklahoma.

**Gary A. Rife** ('78) was listed in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for professional liability defense. He is a partner of Rife Walters Stanley & Natarajan in Oklahoma City.

Roger H. Stuart ('78) was inducted into the Del City High School Alumni Hall of Fame in November. He is currently a district judge in Oklahoma County. He previously served as special judge in Oklahoma County, assistant general counsel for the Department of Human Services and assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

**John W. Gile** ('79) joined Hall Estill as a leader of the firm's newly established family law practice group in the Oklahoma City office. His previous practice experience includes cases involving large property division, complex child custody issues, and termination of parental rights.

**Glen Johnson** ('79) was elected to serve on the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' 2014 board of directors and was re-elected to a second 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.

Michael S. Laird ('79) was listed in *Oklahoma Super*Lawyers 2013 in the real estate category. He is a director of
Crowe & Dunlevy, based in the Oklahoma City office.

James R. Marshall ('79) was elected to the board of governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is a partner at Henson & Marshall PLLC in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where his main areas of practice include estate planning, real property and commercial law.

**Edgar "Jed" C. Morrison Jr.** ('79) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014, *S.A. Scene* magazine's "S.A. Lawyers: Best of 2013," and *Texas Super Lawyers* 2013. He is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP in San Antonio, Texas.



Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) was named one of the Top 150 Women in Litigation by *Benchmark Plaintiff*, an annual guide to plaintiff litigation firms and attorneys in the United States. She also was included in The Top 50 and

The Top 25 Women by *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013. She is a director in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy, where she chairs the litigation practice group.

#### 1980s

Mark D. Christiansen ('80) was elected secretary of the board of trustees of the Center for American and International Law in Dallas. He practices in Oklahoma City with McAfee & Taft, where he is co-leader of the energy and oil and gas group.

Charles E. Geister III ('80) was named Oklahoma City
Lawyer of the Year in securities litigation in *The Best*Lawyers in America 2014. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger
Cason & Neville with a practice focused on litigation.

**John R. Morris** ('80) co-founded the Oklahoma City law firm of Hirsch, Morris & Heath. He specializes in commercial litigation and oil and gas litigation.

**David N. Smith** ('80) was appointed special judge for Rogers County. His responsibilities include the family law docket in Claremore, Oklahoma. He previously practiced in Ada, Oklahoma.



Melvin C. Hall ('81) received the 2013 Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association Diversity Conference in October. He is a partner with Riggs Abney, focusing on employment law and civil rights

cases in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

**Bert E. Marshall** ('81) was named chief executive officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Prior to joining the Texas health insurer, he served as president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma.

**Karen S. Rieger** ('81) was listed in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 in the area of health care law. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, practicing in the Oklahoma City office.

**Linda G. Scoggins** ('81) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding Service to the Public Award for her significant community service. She practices in Oklahoma City at Scoggins & Cross PLLC.

**Mike Voorhees** ('81) was elected vice chairman of the Oklahoma City Board of Adjustment. He practices with the Shelton Vorhees Law Group in Oklahoma City.

**Tom Colbert** ('82) was named a recipient of the 2013 Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association Diversity Conference. He serves as the chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

**Dean Couch** ('82) joined GableGotwals as of counsel in the firm's Oklahoma City office, where his practice will focus on water law. He previously served as the general counsel of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

**Thomas A. Creekmore III** ('82) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, practicing in the firm's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Donald F. Heath** ('82) co-founded Hirsch, Morris & Heath in Oklahoma City. His practice is focused on oil and gas title examinations and oil and gas transactions for Oklahoma independent oil companies.

**Stephen W. Ray** ('82) was listed in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 in the business/corporate law category. He practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a shareholder of Hall Estill.

**Chris Ross** ('82) was elected president-elect of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association. He currently serves as the district attorney for the 22nd Judicial District, which covers Pontotoc, Hughes and Seminole counties.

Monica Amis Wittrock ('82) was named senior vice president of First American Title Insurance Company. She will be responsible for oversight of operations in seven states in the central United States.

**Michael Ashworth** ('83) received the Tulsa County Bar Association President's Award for his work with the Bench and Bar Committee and the Think Project. He practices with Schroeder & Associates in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Elizabeth Kemp Brown ('83) was appointed to the board of directors of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association. She is a shareholder of Phillips Murrah PC and also serves as the chief executive officer of Gloria Corporation, an oil and gas exploration and production company based in Ada, Oklahoma.



Peggy Stockwell ('83) was elected to serve on the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. She practices family law in Norman, Oklahoma, and is also a mediator, arbitrator and guardian ad litem in family law cases.

**Renee DeMoss** ('84) was sworn in as president of the Oklahoma Bar Association for 2014. She is a shareholder in the law firm of Gable Gotwals, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where her practice focuses on commercial litigation, ERISA, insurance law and general business matters.

**Deirdre O'Neil Dexter** ('84) was elected to the board of governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association as a member-at-large. She practices in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, focusing on alternative dispute resolution.

**Roberta Fields** ('84) was named a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. She is a trial lawyer whose primary practice is focused on the representation of employers in all areas of employment law.

**Michael T. Keester** ('84) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for civil litigation defense. He is a Hall Estill shareholder, practicing in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

Andrew B. Morsman ('84) joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma, firm of Coffey, Gudgel & McDaniel LLC as an associate attorney. His practice will emphasize insurance defense, primarily of interstate trucking companies. He previously worked in the Tulsa office of Bonham & Howard PLLC.

**Lyndon Taylor** ('84) was named a recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award by Oklahoma State University. He is the executive vice president and general counsel for Devon Energy Corporation in Oklahoma City.

Lauren Austin Thomas ('84) was named 2013 Attorney of the Year by the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association. She is an assistant district attorney and managing attorney for the Payne and Logan counties district attorney's child support divisions.

Jerry Stritzke ('85) was named president and chief executive officer of Recreational Equipment Inc., based in Seattle. He previously served as president and chief operating officer for Coach Inc.



John D. Robertson ('86) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for mergers and acquisitions law in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville with a practice in business

transactions, securities and employment law.

**M. John Kane** ('87) was elected as the president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. He is a district judge in Osage County.

Laura McConnell-Corbyn ('87) was named one of the Top 250 Women in Litigation by *Benchmark Litigation* for her family and employment law practice. She is a partner of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City.

Joseph L. McCormick ('87) was named senior vice president, general counsel and assistant secretary of ONE Gas Inc., a newly formed company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to the formation of the company, he was vice president and associate general counsel of ONEOK Inc.

Jon A. Epstein ('88) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 in the practice area of First Amendment/ media/advertising. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in Oklahoma City.

**Scott Meacham** ('88) was appointed to the Oklahoma Governor's Science and Technology Council. He is the current president and chief executive officer of i2E, a private nonprofit corporation focused on growing innovative small businesses in Oklahoma.

Michael C. Redman ('88) was elected to the board of directors for the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. He practices with Neuens Mitchell Freese PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Robert Sartin ('88) received the Tulsa County Bar Association President's Award for his service on the TCBA executive director search committee. He is a shareholder and director of Barrow & Grimm PC, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a practice focused on commercial, employment and health care transactions and litigation.



Shelly Youree ('88) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 in the areas of employee benefits (ERISA) law and tax law. She was also selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers* 2013. She is a partner in

Thompson & Knight LLP, where she practices in the Los Angeles and Dallas offices of the firm.

Sarah E. Hansel ('89) received the 2013 Roger R. Scott Community Service Award from the Tulsa County Bar Association. She is a shareholder with Hall Estill in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where her primary areas of practice are corporate/commercial and intellectual property.

**Debbie Maddox** ('89) returned to the Oklahoma Bar Association as assistant general counsel after serving as general counsel for the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. Prior to first joining the OBA in 2009, she was in private practice for five years in Norman, Oklahoma.

**Steven W. Soulé** ('89) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for the practice area of bankruptcy. He practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is a shareholder of Hall Estill.

#### 1990s

**Nicholas D. Rouse** ('90) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 in the fields of patent law and trademark law. He is the managing shareholder at Dunlap Codding PC in Oklahoma City.



Derek S. Casey ('91) was named to the 2013-14 board of editors for the Journal of the Kansas Association for Justice. He practices in Wichita, Kansas, with Triplett, Woolf & Garretson LLC.

**M. Carter Crow** ('91) was named partner-in-charge of the Houston office of Norton Rose Fulbright. His practice encompasses a wide range of litigation and arbitration matters, with a focus on employment litigation.

**Robert F. Dougherty** ('91) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for business/corporate law. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, practicing in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Gaylene F. McCallum** ('91) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service at the association's annual meeting in November. She practices part time in law offices in Hugo and Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

**Glenn Coffee** ('92) was named general counsel of the State Chamber of Oklahoma. He formerly served as Oklahoma secretary of state and president pro tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

**Laura Shaeffer** ('92) joined the Office of District Attorney for District 21 as an assistant district attorney in Garvin County and is based in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

**Paul E. Vrana** ('92) was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014. He is a partner in Jackson Walker LLP, working in the Fort Worth, Texas, office, where he is cochair of the firm's energy practice group.

**Ed Evans** ('93) joined the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review as an administrative law judge. He previously served as chief hearing officer for the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

Phillip L. Free Jr. ('93) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for intellectual property litigation, and was listed as a Top 50 Lawyer in Oklahoma. He is a Hall Estill shareholder, based in the Oklahoma City office.

D. Michael McBride III ('93) was appointed to the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission and was elected treasurer of the International Masters of Gaming Law. A director in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office of Crowe & Dunlevy, he was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for Native American law.



David Prater ('93) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award for courageously performing in a manner befitting the highest ideals of the legal profession. Prater is the

district attorney for Oklahoma County.

**Steven C. Kendall** ('94), of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, was appointed associate district judge in Garvin County. He previously practiced with Garvin, Agee, Carlton & Mashburn PC.

**Stephanie Dinsmore Phipps** ('95) joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma, firm of Johnson & Jones PC as an of counsel attorney with experience in all phases of civil litigation. She previously served as general counsel for an oil and gas company.

Whitney Mackey Eschenheimer ('96) was named shareholder of Johnson & Jones PC, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses on catastrophic injury, transportation and business litigation, as well as bad faith and insurance disputes.

Robert Don Gifford ('96) was named the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section 2013 Professional Advocate of the Year as a prosecutor. He is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

**Andrew Ingrum** ('96) was included in *Texas Super Lawyers* 2013 and in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 in the area of real estate law. He is the real estate practice leader for Thompson & Knight LLP, based in the Dallas office.

**Richard L. Wynne Jr.** ('97) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2014 for intellectual property litigation. He is a partner with Thompson & Knight LLP in the Dallas office.

**Thad Balkman** ('98) was appointed district judge for Cleveland County, based in Norman, Oklahoma. Prior to his appointment, he worked as a consultant and lobbyist after serving as a state legislator.

Michael S. Crooks ('99) co-founded Crooks Stanford PLLC in Edmond, Oklahoma. He will continue to represent clients in transactional matters, as he did in his prior position with the Crooks Law Firm.

#### 2000s

Jolisa Melton Dobbs ('00) was selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers* 2013. She is a partner in Thompson & Knight LLP, based in the Dallas office, where her practice concentrates on oil and gas acquisition and disposition transactions.

**A.** Ainslie Stanford II ('00) opened a new law firm, Crooks Stanford PLLC, in Edmond, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on litigation. He previously was a partner at Corbyn Hampton PLLC in Oklahoma City.



Jenna Henshaw McBee ('01) was appointed special judge for LeFlore and Latimer counties. She formerly practiced law in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**Todd Glass** ('02) joined The Humphreys Fund, of Oklahoma City,

as director of acquisitions. Previously, he was associate portfolio manager with Covenant Global Investors.

Matthew C. Kane ('02) was added to the list of counsel who may be appointed to represent suspects and victims in proceedings before the International Criminal Court, based in The Hague, Netherlands. He is partner at Ryan Whaley Coldiron Shandy PLLC in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on federal criminal defense and other complex litigation.

Phillip V. Sumner ('02) was elected shareholder of Foland, Wickens, Eisfelder, Roper & Hofer PC, of Kansas City, Missouri. His litigation practice focuses on the representation of individuals and businesses in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability and insurance defense.

Michael N. Clark ('03) joined DeBee Gilchrist Attorneys & Counselors in Oklahoma City and will focus on estate planning. He previously practiced law in Edmond, Oklahoma.

**Julianna P. Deligans** ('03) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for intellectual property. She is a shareholder of Hall Estill, based in the Oklahoma City office.

**Natalie Carlgren** ('04) was elected to partner status at Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP in Fort Worth, Texas. Her practice is focused on corporate and securities transactions.

Jeremy R. Fitzpatrick ('04) joined RKI Exploration & Production LLC in Oklahoma City as legal and regulatory director. He previously served in various capacities at Kirkpatrick Oil Company Inc.

**Kaleb Hennigh** ('04) will serve as the 2014 chairperson of the Oklahoma Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and as a result, also will serve on the OBA Board of Governors. He is a founding partner of Ewbank, Hennigh & McVay PLLC in Enid, Oklahoma.

**Duane Croft** ('05) received the Golden Quill Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association's annual meeting in November. Croft, who practices in Norman, Oklahoma, won the award for his article "Encryption, Privacy and the Dark Side of the Internet," which appeared in the March 16, 2013, issue of *The Oklahoma Bar Journal*.

**Seth A. Day** ('05) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for civil litigation defense. He is a shareholder with Hall Estill in Oklahoma City.

**Jodi Dishman** ('05) was named a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. She is a trial lawyer who handles complex litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country.

**R. Gene Stanley** ('05) was listed as a "Rising Star" in medical malpractice defense in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013. He is a partner at Rife Walters Stanley & Natarajan in Oklahoma City.

**Thomas K. Ventura** ('05) joined the Oklahoma City office of Carr & Carr Attorneys at Law, where his practice is focused on personal injury law. He previously worked for eight years with another Oklahoma City firm.

**Maria Gonzalez** ('06) was named a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. Her practice focuses on aviation matters.

**Bryan J. Nowlin** ('06) was included in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013 for business litigation. He is a shareholder in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office of Hall Estill.



Joe Vorndran ('06) received a President's Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association annual meeting recognizing his service to the bar as the chairperson of the Young Lawyers Division. He is a partner in Stuart,

Clover, Duran, Thomas & Vorndran LLP in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

### Justice Taylor speaks at alumni luncheon



OU Law alumni gathered for the annual alumni luncheon on November 13 in Oklahoma City at Red PrimeSteak. Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Steven W. Taylor ('74) admitted he was probably "preaching to the choir" as he addressed the group on the importance of judicial independence. Pictured above at the event are Howard "H.K." Berry Jr. ('58), Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Gary L. Lumpkin ('74) and Justice Taylor.

**Dara Wanzer** ('06) received a 2013 Jim Thorpe Courage Award at the Integris Courage Award Gala in August. The award highlighted her rehabilitation effort following a traumatic brain injury sustained in a motor scooter accident during her third year of law school. She currently works as an attorney with the Integris Health Network.

Matthew J. Allen ('07) joined Conner & Winters LLP as an associate in the Oklahoma City office. He specializes in oil and gas conservation matters before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

**Crystal A. Johnson** ('07) was named partner at Conner & Winters LLP. Based in the firm's Oklahoma City office, she concentrates her practice on complex litigation, bankruptcy and employment law.



André Caldwell ('08) was named to the "Lawyers of Color Hot List" as one of 100 early- to mid-career minority attorneys from the Southwest. He also was appointed to the American Bar Association Leadership Fellow Program

for its litigation section. He is an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy.

**Kyle D. Evans** ('08) was named a shareholder of Fellers Snider. He practices in the firm's Oklahoma City office, focusing on civil litigation.



Four members of the Class of 2011 were selected to participate in LOYAL (Linking OKC's Young Adult Leaders), a program of Leadership Oklahoma City, Inc. Pictured above, they are Christa Evans, Amanda Essaili, Alicia Wiley and Jake Krattiger.

**Robert S. Jackson** ('08) opened his solo practice in Oklahoma City and will focus on criminal and family law. He previously worked as an assistant federal public defender in the Western District of Oklahoma.

**Tyler Mantooth** ('08) was listed as a "Rising Star" in intellectual property law in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013. He is an associate of Hall Estill, practicing in Oklahoma City.

**Amanda Swain** ('09) became an associate of Conner & Winters LLP. Based in the firm's Oklahoma City office, her practice focuses on business transactions, estate planning and tax matters.

### 2010s

**John M. Bunting** ('10) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Phillips Murrah PC as an associate in the litigation department, where his practice is concentrated in general business litigation and insurance litigation. He previously was an associate with a Dallas law firm.

**Conor P. Cleary** ('10) was named a "Rising Star" in business litigation in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* 2013. He is an associate in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office of Hall Estill.

**Kristen Evans** ('10) joined Hall Estill in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma office. She is a litigation attorney, with an emphasis in trial and appellate motion practice. Matthew R. Gile ('10) joined Hall Estill as a leader of the firm's newly established family law practice group in the Oklahoma City office. In addition to family law, his practice is focused on criminal law and civil litigation.

**Michael D. May** ('11) joined Pray Walker PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate. His practice is primarily concentrated in the areas of energy law and title examination.

Allie Spears ('11) received the Excellence in Action
Against Domestic Violence Prosecutor of the Year Award
in October, as part of the Oklahoma observance of
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She works
in Norman, Oklahoma, as an assistant district attorney in
Cleveland County.

**Elizabeth F. Cooper** ('12) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the Oklahoma City office, where her practice concentrates on litigation. She previously served as a term clerk in the U.S. District Court for Western District of Oklahoma.

Amy K. Lewis ('12) became an associate at Hiersche, Hayward, Drakeley & Urbach PC in Dallas, where her practice is focused on civil litigation. She previously served a judicial clerkship in the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.



Mitch D. McCuistian (\*12) was named by ion Oklahoma Online as a recipient of the 30 Under 30 Next Gen 2013 Award, which recognizes young Oklahomans for their leadership qualities in their career or community

involvement. He is an associate at Evans & Davis in Edmond, Oklahoma, where his practice focuses on estate planning and corporate business representation.

**Ensieh Mohajeri** (LL.M. '12) teaches at the Petroleum University of Technology in Iran. She teaches English Legal Text in the university's Petroleum Law Program.

**Grayson M. Barnes** ('13) joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma, firm of Crutchmer & Barnes as an associate attorney. His practice is focused on oil and gas law.

**David E. Burget** ('13) joined Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll PC as an associate in the Oklahoma City office. His areas of concentration include employment law and business formation, in addition to civil litigation.

**Benjamin K. Davis** ('13) became an associate with Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll PC. He is based in the Oklahoma City office and his areas of practice include agriculture and natural resources law, banking law and general civil litigation.

**Scott M. Delaney** ('13) joined McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City as an associate. As a corporate attorney, his practice includes a broad range of complex business transactions, as well as counseling clients on corporate structure, governance and internal operations.

**Lauren D. Fagala** ('13) became an associate at Pignato, Cooper, Kolker & Robertson PC in Oklahoma City. Her practice will focus on insurance coverage disputes and general insurance defense.



Jaklyn F. Garrett ('13) joined Crutchmer & Barnes, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate. Her practice is concentrated on oil and gas law and title examination.

Allison E. Hay ('13) was named legal counsel for Integris Health Inc. She is based in Oklahoma City, where she represents Lakeside Women's Hospital and the Integris Health system's departments of graduate medical education, intellectual property and durable medical equipment.

**Elizabeth A. Knox** ('13) joined Phillips Murrah PC as an associate. She works in the Oklahoma City firm's litigation department representing clients in a wide range of commercial litigation, with an emphasis on construction-related matters.

**Halli Martin** ('13) joined Martin, Jean & Jackson as an associate attorney, based in the firm's Stillwater, Oklahoma, office. Her practice is focused on personal injury law.

**Andrew J. Morris** ('13) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate and will work in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His practice is focused on general civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation and appeals.

**Gauri Nautiyal** ('13) joined Johnson & Jones PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate. She will practice in the firm's litigation department.

**Drew O'Gwynn** ('13) became an associate attorney at Henson & Marshall PLLC in Shawnee, Oklahoma.



Allison Osborn ('13) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office. Her practice is concentrated in business and complex litigation matters.

**Kaycee R. Spears** ('13) joined Pray Walker in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate. Her practice will include energy law and oil and gas title examination.

**Alex F. Trinidad** ('13) became an associate at Titus Hillis Reynolds Love Dickman & McCalmon PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Megan A. Winter** ('13) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Pignato, Cooper, Kolker & Robertson PC as an associate. She will practice in the areas of insurance coverage disputes and general insurance defense.

# We remember

Robert S. Baker ('61) Robert M. Beck ('78)

Ruth Ann Box ('82)

Mary H. Brumback ('91)

**George Wendell Cathey** ('67)

Paul C. Duncan Jr. ('64)

Roger O. Housley ('70)

Frank Hesketh Jaques ('58)

Richard James ('49)

Chester Randall "Randy" Jones ('81)

J. Richard Kunkel ('59)

Norman Landa ('63)

James Duke Logan ('55)

John D. Luton ('51)

**Jack Taylor Massey** ('57)

**Albert Ray Matthews ('60)** 

**Benjamin L. McCullar** ('92)

**Donald T. McDevitt** ('73)

C.D. "Dale" McDoulett Jr. ('70)

Monica E. McKnight ('76)

James A. McNeese ('47)

**Steven Mortimer** ('03)

Gary E. Payne ('69)

Kenneth C. Rhoads ('87)

K. David "Dave" Roberts ('71)

**Robert Sterling Settles** ('77)

John Romig Smith ('59)

Stephen W. Smith ('71)

Godfrey "Budge" Sperling Jr. ('40)

Sam E. Taylor ('54)