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News Briefs

1950s

William J. "Bill" Ross ('54) was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Oklahoma at OU's 2012 Commencement on May 11. He is chairman of the board of the Inasmuch Foundation and the Ethics in Journalism Foundation. He also serves as co-chair of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors.

Lee R. West ('56) was selected for induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2012. During his legal career, he has worked in private practice, taught at OU Law and served as a state and federal district judge. Since taking senior status in 1994, he remains active, hearing cases and serving as a settlement judge.

1960s

Glenn J. Sharpe ('63) of Wewoka, Oklahoma, was appointed to serve as a commissioner on the Seminole Nation Gaming Agency.

James R. Barnett ('67) joined the Oklahoma City office of Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP in May. He previously served for more than 13 years as executive director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Robert M. Johnson ('67) was named a lifetime fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys in recognition of his contributions to the organization and the real estate practice. He serves as of counsel for Crowe & Dunlevy in the Oklahoma City office.

G. Michael Lewis ('67) was named a mediator with Dispute Resolution Consultants Inc. He is a partner at

Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP, working in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, where he is head of the firm's litigation practice group.

Errol Copilevitz ('68), senior partner of Copilevitz & Canter LLC, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, was named to *The Nonprofit Times* list of 25 people who have had the biggest effect on the nonprofit community throughout the past 25 years.

John Groendyke ('69) was re-appointed to another term on the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Enid resident, who is the chief executive officer of Groendyke Transport, was first appointed to the commission in 1976 and has served several terms as chairman.

1970s

J. William Conger ('70) received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Oklahoma City University at the fall graduation ceremony. He serves OCU as general counsel, is a member of the law faculty, and is of counsel to Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville.

George Davis ('71) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Tomlinson, Rust, McKinstry & Grable PC as of counsel and will concentrate on complex business litigation.

William R. Grimm ('73) was elected treasurer of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a shareholder of Barrow & Grimm PC of Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice

is concentrated primarily in business-related litigation.

David L. Prescott ('73) closed his law office and retired after 38 years of private practice in Oklahoma City.



Deborah Shallcross ('74) joined GableGotwals in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office after having previously served for almost 30 years as district court judge in Tulsa County. Her practice will focus on alternative dispute resolution, litigation and appellate practice.

Cleta Deatherage Mitchell ('75) served as general counsel for Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum. She is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Foley & Lardner LLP and is a member of the firm's political law practice group.

Jim Drummond ('76) was named to the board of directors of the Oklahoma Lawyers Association. He is a criminal defense lawyer in Norman, Oklahoma, handling trial and appellate cases at the federal and state levels.

Timothy D. Kline ('76) was elected to the board of directors of the American Board of Certification of Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Attorneys. He is a shareholder in the Oklahoma City firm of Phillips Murrah PC in the litigation department, where his practice focuses on bankruptcy matters.

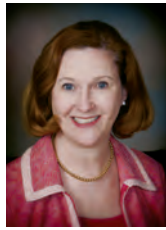
James L. Gallogly ('77) was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Oklahoma at OU's 2012 Commencement on May 11 and delivered the convocation address for the OU College of Law the following day. He also received an honorary degree from his undergraduate alma mater, the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, and presented the commencement remarks at a ceremony there on May 18.

Tom Gruber ('77) was named shareholder of GableGotwals. His practice in the Oklahoma City office includes litigation, administrative law and government relations. Prior to becoming of counsel to the firm in 2011, he served the state for more than 10 years as the first assistant attorney general subsequent to serving two terms as district attorney for Woods, Woodward, Alfalfa, Major and Dewey counties.

A. Clark Jett ('77) was appointed associate district judge in Texas County. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Wright, Dale & Jett in Guymon, Oklahoma.

Craig L. Rainey ('77) became senior vice president and general counsel of The Williams Companies Inc. in January. He has worked there since 1999 and has served in a variety of legal leadership positions.

Michael C. Wofford ('77) was named partner at Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP. He practices regulatory, environmental and energy law in Oklahoma City. He was also appointed vice president of the nonprofit Environmental Federation of Oklahoma.



Cynda Ottaway ('78) was elected into membership of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law. She was also elected as secretary for the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She is a director at Crowe & Dunlevy, working in the Oklahoma City office. Her practice focuses on estate planning, trust and estate administration, and planning for closely held family businesses.

Jeanette C. Timmons ('78) joined Conner & Winters LLP as a partner. She practices corporate and securities law in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

Mark Burget ('79), who serves as area director of Search Ministries in Oklahoma City, was named general counsel for Oklahoma City-based Hall Capital.

Deborah E. Fortune ('79) formed a new firm, Ratheal, Maggard & Fortune PLLC, with offices in Oklahoma City and Weatherford, Oklahoma. She practices in the areas of family law, probate and oil and gas law.

Graydon Dean Luthey, Jr. ('79) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office. His areas of practice include litigation, appellate law and Indian law.

Ronald L. Walker ('79) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Tomlinson, Rust, McKinstry & Grable PC as a director, handling complex business litigation.

1980s

Bill W. Burgess, Jr. ('80) joined with his brother in purchasing *The Lawton Constitution*, the daily newspaper in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is senior partner at Burgess, Burgess, Burgess & Hightower in Lawton.

Kathleen Duncan ('80) was re-elected to the Edmond Board of Education to serve a third five-year term. She worked as a teacher and school counselor before attending OU Law. After graduating, she served as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County.



Gene Prigmore ('80) was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers in March. He has served on the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court since 1998 and retired July 1.

Reggie Whitten ('80) was a featured speaker at the Lawyers Helping Lawyers Foundation Cornerstone Banquet and Auction, held March 27 at the Oklahoma Bar Center. He is co-founder and managing partner of Whitten Burrage in Oklahoma City.

Donita Bourns Douglas ('81) was named director of professional services for InReach, a provider of continuing education management solutions. She previously served for almost 12 years as director of educational programs for the Oklahoma Bar Association.

John D. Miller ('81) associated with three other attorneys to practice as The Bethany Law Center LLP in Bethany, Oklahoma. He previously served for 25 years as special district judge in Pontotoc County. His law practice will include dispute resolution, criminal procedure and family law.

Kathy Taylor ('81) of McAfee & Taft in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a resident fellow for the spring semester at the Harvard Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. The fellowship focused on the methods of entry into public service – appointment, election and philanthropy.

Mike Vorhees ('81) was appointed to the board of directors for the Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality and to the Oklahoma City Board of Adjustment. In addition, he was elected chairman of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma City Community College and president of the South Oklahoma City Area School District Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Shelton Voorhees Law Group in Oklahoma City.

Steven Mullins ('82) was named general counsel to Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin. He previously served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Jequita H. Napoli ('82) was nominated to be a member of the Council of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education. She is a special judge in Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

Brad W. Burgess ('83) joined with his brother in purchasing *The Lawton Constitution*, the daily newspaper in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is managing partner at Burgess, Burgess, Burgess & Hightower in Lawton.

Benjamin Butts ('83) will serve as the 2012 immediate past president of the Tulsa chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He practices with Butts & Marrs PLLC in Oklahoma City.

Greg D. Givens ('83) was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner in the Edmonds Cole Law Firm of Oklahoma City.

Roberta Browning Fields ('84) joined McAfee & Taft in the Oklahoma City office. Her practice focuses on the representation of employers in all areas of employment law, including litigation, arbitrations and before regulatory and administrative agencies.

A. Diane Hammons ('84) joined Campbell & Tiger PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her previous positions include attorney general of the Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma assistant attorney general.

Carla Sharpe ('84), senior counsel for Devon Energy Corporation, was elected to the board of directors for OKC Beautiful.

Ellen Edwards ('85) was named general counsel for the Grand River Dam Authority. She started in the

position December 1, after previously serving as the deputy general counsel for the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

G. Calvin Sharpe ('85) was elected president-elect of the Tulsa chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is of counsel to the Oklahoma City firm of Phillips Murrah PC, where his practice focuses on complex litigation and tribal matters.

Andrew Tevington ('85) was appointed to the Oklahoma Compensation and Unclassified Positions Review Board. He is general counsel at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Anthony "Tony" Jackson ('86) was recognized by the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Association as the 2011 State Office Employee of the Year. He serves as the chief counsel for the Center for Coordinated Programs of the Oklahoma Child Support Services Division of the Department of Human Services.

Perry T. "Pete" Marrs ('86) was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a partner in the firm of Butts & Marrs PLLC and has practiced in Oklahoma City for 25 years.

Rick Martin ('86) associated with three other attorneys to practice as The Bethany Law Center LLP in Bethany, Oklahoma. His areas of practice include estate planning, probate and real estate law.

Blaine Nice ('86) joined Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens PC and will serve of counsel to the firm in the Oklahoma City office.

His areas of practice will include labor and employment law, workers' compensation and litigation.



Tod J. Barrett ('87) joined Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP and will serve of counsel in the Oklahoma City office. His practice is concentrated in employment law and litigation.

Margaret Anne Bomhoff ('87) of Edmond, Oklahoma, was nominated to serve as a judge on the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court. At the time of her nomination, she was a shareholder/director of Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens PC, working in the Oklahoma City office.

Jeff Hassell ('87) was elected director of GableGotwals. He works in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, and his areas of practice include banking, corporate and real estate law.

Rob Robertson ('87) was elected director of GableGotwals. His practice is based in the Oklahoma City office and primarily consists of complex litigation, including representation of energy companies, financial institutions and transportation companies in commercial disputes.

Carl Kessinger ('88) joined Reeg Lawyers LLC, a corporate litigation defense firm in Clayton, Missouri. He has a background in corporate and insurance defense litigation and trial

experience. He most recently practiced with Evans & Dixon LLC in St. Louis.

Carl Franklin ('89) was named director of the Master of Science in Forensic Science degree program at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. He is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

1990s

Ryan Cross ('90) joined McAfee & Taft in the Oklahoma City office. He will serve of counsel to the firm in matters of business and intellectual property law.

Christine Fritze ('91, LL.M. '12) will serve as a visiting professor at the University of North Dakota Law School for the 2012-13 academic year. She will teach natural resources, oil and gas and elder law. She was also named as the university's trustee for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Benton Wheatley ('91) joined Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC as a shareholder in the Austin, Texas, office. His practice will concentrate on construction litigation as well as the negotiation and drafting of construction and design contracts.



Steven P. Logan ('92) was appointed as a full-time U.S. magistrate judge for the District of Arizona in Phoenix.

Darquita L. Maggard ('92) formed a new firm, Ratheal, Maggard & Fortune PLLC, with offices in Oklahoma City and Weatherford, Oklahoma. She practices in the areas of family law, probate and bankruptcy.

Laura M. Palk ('92), assistant legal counsel for the University of Oklahoma, was named OU institutional equity and Title IX coordinator. She will assist in handling complaints concerning sexual misconduct, sexual assault, gender discrimination and related gender equity issues, including athletics, for the Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses.

Donelle H. Ratheal ('92) formed a new firm, Ratheal, Maggard & Fortune PLLC, with offices in Oklahoma City and Weatherford, Oklahoma. Her areas of practice include domestic and international family law, probate and general litigation.

Michael P. Royal ('92) was named to the 2012 BTI Client Services All Stars list, which is compiled from recommendations of corporate counsel at Fortune 1000 businesses. He works in the Dallas office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, a national labor and employment law firm.

Sean Burrage ('93) was elected minority leader of the Oklahoma State Senate. He has represented Mayes and Rogers counties since 2006. He is a partner in the Claremore, Oklahoma, law firm of Taylor, Burrage, Foster, Mallett, Downs, Ramsey & Russell.

John Bartley ('95) was elected mayor of Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is the president, chief executive officer and

general counsel for Community Escrow & Title Co. and previously served on the Stillwater City Council.

Clark Jolley ('95) of Edmond, Oklahoma, was appointed chairman of the Oklahoma State Senate Appropriations Committee. Since 2004, he has served as a state senator representing Oklahoma and Logan counties.

Lee Turner ('95) of Ponca City, Oklahoma, was appointed special judge for Kay County. He previously was in private practice and worked as an assistant district attorney.

Amy L. Alden ('96) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Miller Dollarhide as an associate. She previously served as general counsel to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

T. Michael Blake ('96) was elected to the McAfee & Taft board of directors. His practice is focused on tax and corporate law and is based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

Stan Koop ('96) relocated his office to 1014 24th Ave. N.W. in Norman, Oklahoma. His practice will continue to focus on civil litigation.



Jeffrey R. Anderson ('97) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Dunlap Coddling. His practice will include all areas of intellectual property with an

emphasis on managing portfolios, negotiating complex transactions and agreements, and drafting and prosecuting patent applications.

Brian Duncan ('99) was appointed as a federal administrative law judge with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission in its Denver office.

Rob Johnson ('99) was selected as an assistant majority floor leader of the Oklahoma State Senate. He has served in the Senate since 2010 and previously served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

2000s

Sandra Benischek Harrison ('00) was named chief administrative officer of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. She previously served the agency as coordinator of intergovernmental relations and policy.

Chuck T. Hoskin, Jr. ('00) was elected deputy speaker by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. He is the resident officer of the National Labor Relations Board in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bill Baze ('01) of Hugo, Oklahoma, was named assistant district attorney for Choctaw County in May.

Carrie Leonard ('01) was honored as the 2012 National Young Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. at the organization's annual convention in Washington, D.C., in May. She is the former director of development for White Fields, a home for abused and neglected boys in Oklahoma City.

Rachael Dewberry ('02) joined Bass Law in the Oklahoma City office. Her practice includes family law, criminal defense and juvenile matters.

Bryan Evans ('02) is a founding partner of the Edmond law firm of Evans & Davis, which was selected by the Edmond Chamber of Commerce as a finalist for the 2011 Small Business of the Year.

Andrew C. Jayne ('02) became a shareholder in the Tulsa firm of Atkinson, Haskins, Nellis, Brittingham, Gladd & Carwile PC. His practice is focused on general civil litigation and appellate advocacy.

Rusty LaForge ('02), a shareholder of McAfee & Taft, was appointed to serve a four-year term as a commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission. He serves as leader of the firm's banking and financial institutions group in the Oklahoma City office.

Lance E. Schreiber ('02) was named a shareholder of the Oklahoma City firm of Andrews Davis. His practice includes civil litigation, intellectual property and contract law.

Jeb Boatman ('03) was included on *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40. He works in the Oklahoma City office of McAfee & Taft and was previously an assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the appellate section for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Brian Bush ('03) was named vice president of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, an Oklahoma City public policy research organization focused primarily on state-level issues. He

previously served as a staff member at Oklahoma Christian University.

Jeremy Z. Carter ('03) relocated his practice to Newcastle, Oklahoma. His solo practice will focus primarily on civil litigation, personal injury, insurance bad faith and estate planning.

Christine Cave ('03) relocated the office of the Employers Legal Resource Center to 6307 Waterford Blvd. in Oklahoma City. Her practice is focused on working with small businesses and nonprofits to provide counseling, training and representation on employment and business-related matters.

Julianna Deligans ('03) was elected as a shareholder of Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson PC. She joined the firm in 2007 and practices in the Oklahoma City office, specializing in intellectual property law with a focus on trademark law. She was also included on *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40.

Tricia Everest ('03) received the Distinguished Philanthropist Award from Oklahoma City University Societies at its annual Awards of Excellence dinner February 25. She serves as of counsel to GableGotwals in Oklahoma City.

Grant A. Fitz ('03) was named partner in the law firm of Rodolf & Todd PLLC in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he specializes in medical malpractice defense work.

Bonner J. Gonzalez ('04) was named a shareholder of McAfee & Taft. Based in the Oklahoma City office, he practices corporate and tax law.

Jo Lynn Jeter ('04) was named a shareholder and director of Norman Wohlgenuth Chandler & Dowdell of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice consists primarily of commercial litigation in state and federal courts.

Greg Smith ('04) was named to *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40. He runs a Miami, Oklahoma, family business, Larco Enterprises, a company with holdings in restaurants, commercial real estate and other investments.

Adam Strange ('04) was named partner at Jones, Gotcher & Bogan PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Since 2004, he has worked at the firm, where his areas of practice include civil litigation, commercial transactions and construction law.

Kelsie Sullivan ('04) joined Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens PC as an associate in the firm's Oklahoma City office. Her practice covers a wide range of litigation.

Jed Winter ('04) was named to *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40. He is the president and CEO of the Mangum Brick Company.

Robyn R. Baker ('05) was named an associate with Harrison & Mecklenburg Inc. and will practice in the firm's office in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses primarily on commercial transactions and business litigation.

Ed Blau ('05) entered private practice in Oklahoma City after previously serving in the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, where he headed the drug court program and prosecuted drug offenses and violent

felonies. His law practice will be known as Blau Law Firm PLLC.

Kurt Bollenbach ('05) was named a shareholder in Harrison & Mecklenburg Inc. and is based in the firm's Kingfisher, Oklahoma, office. His areas of concentration include complex litigation, business transactions and criminal defense. He previously served as an assistant district attorney in Canadian County and in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Travis P. Brown ('05) was elected shareholder of Mahaffey & Gore PC of Oklahoma City. With the firm since 2006, his practice focuses on oil and gas matters and includes complex civil litigation.



Allison McGrath Gardner ('05) was named partner at Conner & Winters LLP. Based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she practices in the areas of tax exempt organizations, employee benefits and trusts and estates.

John J. Griffin, III ('05) was named a partner of Hartzog Conner Cason & Neville of Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include commercial law, tax planning and tax controversies and business transactions.

Shelley Shelby ('05) was appointed director of government affairs for Cox Communications of Oklahoma. She previously was director of legislative

services and staff attorney for the Oklahoma State School Boards Association.

Joshua D. Smith ('05) was named a shareholder of McAfee & Taft, where his areas of practice include business law, real estate law and taxation. He practices in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

David A. Sturdivant ('05) was named a preferred shareholder of Barrow & Grimm PC of Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice consists primarily of litigation, with an emphasis on business and commercial litigation as well as family law.

Ross N. Chaffin ('06) was elected director of the Oklahoma City firm of Tomlinson, Rust, McKinstry & Grable PC. His areas of practice are intellectual property and business and complex litigation.

Andrew "Drew" Mildren ('06) was included on *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40. He is an associate of Phillips Murrah PC with a practice focused on real estate, governmental and administrative law.



Bryan J. Nowlin ('06) joined Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, PC as an associate in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He focuses his practice in the areas of trusts and estate planning, litigation and Indian law.

Tyler J. Mantooth ('08) joined Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson PC as an associate in the Oklahoma City office. His intellectual property practice will focus primarily on patent prosecution, including the drafting, enforcement and defense of patent rights.

David D. Proctor, II ('08) was named general counsel and senior risk manager for Southern Bleacher Company of Graham, Texas. He previously practiced with Goolsby, Proctor, Heefner & Gibbs PC in Oklahoma City.

Evan Vincent ('08) was included on *The Journal Record* list of Achievers Under 40. He is an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy. His areas of practice include general litigation and intellectual property.

Rebecca R. Seidl ('09) joined Thompson & Knight LLP in the firm's Houston office. Her practice focuses on oil and gas matters and the representation of natural resource companies in transactional work.

2010s

Michael Brooks ('10) joined Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City after completing a one-year clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. His practice will focus on litigation and appeals.

Glenn Carter ('11) works as an attorney-adviser at the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Office of Appellate Operations in Crystal City,

Virginia. He previously worked as staff assistant to Congressman Frank Lucas of Oklahoma.

Ryan Collins ('11) joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma, law firm of GlassWilkin PC as an associate attorney. His main areas of practice are health care law, general business transactions and employment law.

Patrick Collogan ('11) joined Martin, Jean & Jackson as an associate in the firm's office in Ponca City, Oklahoma. His practice will focus primarily on personal injury litigation.

Tiffany Drake ('11) works as an examiner with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

Stephen T. Gary ('11) became an associate with Phillips Murrah PC in Oklahoma City. His primary areas of practice will be tax and corporate law.

Bevan Graybill ('11) was named law clerk to Judge Kenneth L. Buettner of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals in Oklahoma City.

Nicholas A. Harrison ('11) received the Ben Blackstock Award from Freedom of Information Oklahoma at the organization's annual convention in March. He received the award for his work as a student reporter on *The Oklahoma Daily*.

Carissa King ('11) joined Tisdal & O'Hara PLLC as an associate in the firm's office in Clinton, Oklahoma. Her practice includes estate planning and general litigation.

Shelley Lynne Levisay ('11) was named assistant district attorney for

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Pottawatomie County. Based in the Shawnee, Oklahoma, office of district 23, she will prosecute all domestic violence cases and misdemeanors.

Shannon Macko ('11) joined Gungoll, Jackson, Collins, Box & Devoll PC and will be based in the firm's Oklahoma City office. Her practice will focus on civil litigation.

J. Blake Patton ('11) became an associate at Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens PC in Oklahoma City. He practices primarily in the area of civil litigation.

Colby L. Robertson ('11) joined the Edmond, Oklahoma, office of Evans & Davis as an associate attorney. His areas of practice will be estate planning, business law and general civil litigation.

John P. Seidenberger ('11) became an associate of Logan & Lowry LLP with offices in the northeastern Oklahoma towns of Vinita and Grove. His areas of practice include civil litigation, bankruptcy and banking.

Kayna Stavast-Piper ('11) works as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division. Her work group is the Networks and Technology Enforcement Section in Washington, D.C.

Christine Fritze ('91, LL.M. '12) will serve as a visiting professor at the University of North Dakota Law School for the 2012-2013 academic year. She will teach natural resource, oil and gas and elder law. She was also named as the university's trustee for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Dallas Alumni Reception

February 3

Meddlesome Moth



Stephen Dacus ('07), Melissa Montgomery ('10) and John Paul Napier ('09)

Los Angeles Alumni Reception

March 1

Philippe Restaurant



Marilyn Stambler, Sheridan Haynes ('11), director of alumni affairs and development, and Errol Stambler ('73)

We Remember

1940s

James Harley Ivy, Jr. ('41) of Waurika, Oklahoma, died November 19, 2011. He was born April 14, 1918, in Waurika. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany, where he was involved in the prosecution of Nazi war crimes. Following his military service, he returned to Waurika and practiced law, initially with his father and brother and, later, as a sole practitioner. He was actively involved in his community, serving as mayor of Waurika, city commissioner and president of the Waurika Lions Club. In 2011, he was recognized by the Oklahoma Bar Association for 70 years of membership in the association.

Russell Chapin ('48) died May 23, 2012, at his home on Amelia Island, Florida. He was born on a farm near Winfield, Kansas, in 1920, and was raised on a farm near Red Rock, Oklahoma. After graduating high school as valedictorian, he earned a bachelor's degree from Southwestern College in Winfield. He served in the Army Air Force for more than three years during World War II. Upon completing his service, he attended law school. He practiced law in Perry, Oklahoma, before going to work in Washington, D.C., for an Oklahoma congressman. In the early 1950s, he began a 25-year career with the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served in a variety of positions before leaving to work at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and later, at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, prior to his retirement in 1985.

David L. Dobie ('48) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died December 6, 2011. He was born in Tulsa March 23, 1921, and graduated from Seminole High School in 1937. He attended the University of Oklahoma from 1937 to 1941, where he participated in the Civilian Pilot Training Program. Dobie served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years and returned to OU to earn his bachelor's and law degrees. He worked in the oil and gas industry for several years before being recalled to active duty in 1951. After 15 months, he returned to civilian life. In 1962, he became president and CEO of Cherokee Resource Inc. of Tulsa and remained in those positions until his death.

Almon E. Henson ('48) of Shawnee, Oklahoma, died March 9, 2012. He was born March 3, 1919, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He attended OU and East Central University, in

Ada, Oklahoma, where he received a teacher's certificate. He served in the military during World War II, achieving the rank of staff sergeant with the 8th Army Air Corps stationed in England. He was awarded the Oklahoma Bar Association Ethics Award in 1998 and named Citizen of the Year by Shawnee Kiwanis Club in 2000. He was an active leader and supporter of numerous Shawnee civic organizations and clubs.

1950s

William Buell ('51) died April 4, 2012, in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he was born January 9, 1925. He graduated from Edmond High School and entered the Army Air Corps in 1944, serving in World War II. Upon completing his military service, he attended the University of Oklahoma as a student in the College of Business and, later, the College of Law. He worked as an inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration and served in the Air National Guard while living in California. He returned to Edmond in 1972 and operated Buell Lumber Company until the 1980s. With his wife, he also owned and operated Third Street Crossing Antiques in Edmond.

Carl W. Longmire ('52) of Pryor, Oklahoma, died December 20, 2011. He was born February 1, 1924, and attended school in Fairview, Oklahoma. He attended OU on a basketball scholarship, but his education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943. After service in Europe, including the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, he was honorably discharged at the end of the war. He resumed his education at OU and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and a law degree. He moved to Pryor and established a law practice. He served as county judge from 1954 until 1960, and then returned to a private law practice, which he maintained until his retirement.

James F. Lane ('54) died December 17, 2011, in Oklahoma City following a brief illness. He was born March 4, 1931, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from high school in Bristow, Oklahoma, and attended Oklahoma Baptist University prior to law school. After earning his law degree, he entered the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps and served until 1956. Upon completion of his military service, he moved to Beaver, Oklahoma, a community he served in numerous capacities, including as private practitioner, county

attorney, volunteer firefighter and associate district judge. He was appointed to the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals in 1989 and served as a member of that court until his retirement in 1998.

Murray Baker Stewart ('55) died January 24, 2012, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 16, 1931. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from OU. After completing law school, he briefly practiced law in Muskogee with his father before joining the U.S. Army in 1955. He served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and attained the rank of captain before completing his military service in 1961. He succeeded his father-in-law as president of a medical supply company, a position he held for 10 years before returning to a private law practice specializing in tax law and Indian law. He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a frequent speaker at the organization's events.

Romain S. Mossman ('56) of Woodward, Oklahoma, died March 19, 2012. He was born on March 12, 1928, and graduated from Perry High School in 1947. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University). He was called into the U.S. Army, serving as a lieutenant during the Korean War and assigned to an Army quartermaster unit in Fairbanks, Alaska. After discharge, he attended law school, worked in the Noble County District Attorney's Office and, later, joined a law firm in Oklahoma City. In 1963, he moved his office to Woodward and represented clients throughout northwest Oklahoma. He was appointed Woodward municipal judge in 1994, assuming the responsibilities of the state's first non-metropolitan juvenile judge. He retired from that position in 2000.

George C. Baldrige ('57) of Joplin, Missouri, died April 17, 2012. He was born April 20, 1929, in Webb City, Missouri. He graduated from Webb City High School in 1947 and Kent State University in 1951, earning an accounting degree. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and attended Officer Candidate School, earning the rank of lieutenant. After completing military service, he worked at an accounting firm before attending law school. He held numerous public offices during his legal career, including city attorney of Joplin, Missouri; Jasper County prosecutor; and Jasper

County circuit judge. He became a senior judge in 2004 and remained in that position until his death.

Thomas Dew Gresham ('57) died in May in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he had lived since 1962. He was born on New Year's Day 1931 in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and lived there through his high school graduation in 1948. He attended the University of Oklahoma and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1952. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He returned to OU in 1954 and entered the College of Law. After graduating in 1957, Gresham worked as an assistant in the Tulsa County Attorney's Office for five years. After moving to Colorado Springs in 1962, he entered private practice. In later years, he worked with his son, practicing as Gresham & Gresham PC.

Bert M. Jones ('59) died in April 2012 at his home in Minnetonka, Minnesota. He was born October 28, 1932, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma and the OU College of Law. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserves, where he attained the rank of major. He began his career as a trial lawyer working as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County. He later joined the Tulsa law firm of Rhodes, Hieronymus, Jones, Tucker & Gable PLLC, where he practiced for more than 40 years. In addition to being an accomplished trial lawyer, he was a sports car race driver, sailor, ballroom dancer and avid golfer.

1960s

David Keith Simpson ('61) died May 5, 2012, in Purcell, Oklahoma. He was born August 31, 1931, in Arcadia Township, Illinois. He graduated from high school in Kentucky in 1949 and entered the U.S. Navy the following year. Trained as an electrician and missile technician, he served in the Far East during the Korean War. After his military service, he attended OU, earning degrees in engineering and law. His aptitude for planning and designing production sites for manufacturing companies allowed him the opportunity to work for many companies and travel around the world. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, farming and playing chess and basketball.

Edward Lewis Moore, Jr. ('65) died April 10, 2012, in Oklahoma City. He was born March 26, 1941, in Cherokee, Oklahoma. Following graduation from Cherokee High School in 1959, he attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree. He returned to Cherokee and practiced law for more than 22 years as a partner in the firm of Ginder & Moore. He also served as county attorney and, later, as a part-time assistant district attorney. In 1989, he moved to Oklahoma City and was employed by Browne Enterprises until his death.

Hugh Baysinger ('66) died February 1, 2012, in Oklahoma City. He was born June 24, 1938, in Kansas City, Missouri, where he grew up and graduated from Paseo High School in 1956. He attended Yale University, from which he received bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering. While a student in the OU College of Law, he served as an instructor in the College of Engineering. Upon graduating from law school in 1966, he joined Pierce, Couch, Hendrickson, Baysinger & Green LLP. He became a partner in the firm in 1974 and practiced there until his death. He enjoyed music and had a great passion for singing, serving for years in his church choir and the Oklahoma Master Chorale.

David Berry Miller ('68) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died February 12, 2012. He was born January 8, 1941, in Oklahoma City. He was a graduate of Harding High School, the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern School of Banking, in addition to the OU College of Law. He was the business development manager for Farmers National Company. He had previously worked in the banking industry and had served as the chairman of the trust division of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He also participated in the National Trust Real Estate Association, the Texas Bankers Association Wealth Management Division and Leadership Tulsa.

1970s

Jon Howard Krause ('75) of Ada, Oklahoma, died March 11, 2012. He was born October 3, 1942, in Boston. He graduated from Ada High School in 1960. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following his military service, he received his bachelor's degree from East Central State College and his juris doctor degree from OU Law. He had a career as a corporate attorney in the oil and gas industry,

living primarily in Houston and New Orleans. He retired to Ada in 2008.

Gary Pullin ('77) died December 15, 2011, in Dallas. He was a resident of Plano, Texas, but previously had lived in the Oklahoma communities of Minco, Norman, Hugo and Chickasha. Born on July 4, 1952, in Chickasha, he graduated from high school in Minco and attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1974 and a juris doctor degree in 1977. He practiced law in Hugo and Chickasha before moving to Plano in 1989 and establishing a practice there. Pullin, an avid tennis player, served as president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association, was on the board of directors of the Plano Bar Association and held many leadership positions in the Kiwanis Club.

Alan E. Synar ('79) of Edmond, Oklahoma, died November 5, 2011. He was born April 14, 1955, in Memphis, Tennessee. He moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, in 1963 and graduated from high school there 10 years later. He attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting and a juris doctor degree. He practiced law at the Edmond Law Center and was a municipal judge for the City of Edmond, serving as the presiding judge since 1993. Under his leadership, Edmond developed and implemented the first municipal juvenile court in Oklahoma, which served as a model for juvenile courts nationally.

1980s

Carol Roth Thomas ('88) died January 5, 2012, in McAlester, Oklahoma, the town where she was born December 10, 1950. She graduated from St. John's School there before attending Northeastern State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business. After receiving certification as a paralegal, Thomas earned a juris doctor degree from the OU College Law. She practiced oil and gas law and corporate securities law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before opening a family law practice in McAlester. She was a member of the American Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Pittsburg County Bar Association. She had previously served as president of the St. Thomas More Legal Society in Tulsa and the Pittsburg County Bar Association.

Willard L. Driesel ('85) of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, died December 29, 2011. He was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma, December 7, 1953. He had lived in McCurtain County since 1986, and had served for 17 years as district judge in McCurtain, Pushmataha and Choctaw counties. He was the presiding judge of the southeastern judicial administrative district and a member of the trial division of the Oklahoma Court on the Judiciary. He established the first drug court in southeastern Oklahoma. Prior to taking the bench, he served as a prosecutor and was once named Oklahoma Drug Prosecutor of the Year. He also served as an Oklahoma City police officer for 11 years.

1990s

Regena "Reggie" McNeill Walsh ('90) of Oklahoma City died April 30, 2012. She was born May 13, 1964, in Woodward, Oklahoma. She graduated from Stillwater High School, Oklahoma State University and the OU College of Law. She practiced law in Oklahoma City with Beeler, Walsh & Walsh PLLC until her death. She was an avid cook and scuba diver. She also enjoyed flying with her husband and boating at Grand Lake.

Paul Daniel Quackenbush Haddock ('95) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died January 1, 2012. He was born October 14, 1955, in Tulsa and attended school there, graduating from Nathan Hale High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma City University and owned East Coast Manufacturing Company, where he worked as a master jeweler before attending law school. He was a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve and during the Gulf War served as an electronic warfare specialist. He practiced law in Tulsa with Haddock & Associates PLLC, focusing on bankruptcy, debtor rights, tax and corporate affairs

2000s

Patrick Michael Garrison ('04) of Edmond, Oklahoma, died March 21, 2012. He was born August 6, 1951, in Slidell, Louisiana. He received his B.A. from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1973, his M.A. from University of Central Oklahoma in 1996, and after his military retirement, he received his J.D. in 2004. He served in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of colonel. After a distinguished military

career, his final active duty assignment was at Tulane University in New Orleans, where he served as commander of the ROTC unit. After his military service, he was employed as a prosecutor in the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office.

Sarah Soles ('07) of Oklahoma City died December 12, 2011. She was born October 12, 1978, in Oklahoma City and graduated from Midwest City High School. She attended OU as a National Merit Scholar and received undergraduate degrees in criminology and public administration before attending and graduating from the OU College of Law. Soles practiced law in Oklahoma City and worked with youth as a volunteer with the Oklahoma County Bar Association and the YMCA. In addition, she served as treasurer of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Associate Board.

Steven M. Albright ('10) died December 23, 2011, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born in Santa Ana, California, on December 30, 1984. Albright graduated from Jenks High School in 2002 and attended the University of Oklahoma as a National Merit Scholar. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2007 with a major in business finance and minors in Japanese and Latin. As a law student, he was a recipient of the William T. Comfort, Jr. and James T. Comfort Scholarship, served on the *Oklahoma Law Review* and was selected for membership in the Oklahoma Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

Jennifer Lee Thompson

1974 – 2012

Jennifer Lee Thompson ('00) of Oklahoma City died July 10, 2012. She was born October 24, 1974, in Oklahoma City, where she attended Casady School from preschool through high school. She graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University in 1997 and from OU Law in 2000. Following law school, she practiced law in Oklahoma City, limiting her practice to family law. In 2001, she became an associate with Horning, Grove, Hulett, Thompson and Comstock. She later joined with her mother, Carolyn S. Thompson, in forming the Thompson Law Firm. She was active in the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Oklahoma County Bar Association. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, John W. Ross, Jr., and her step-father, OU College of Law Professor Emeritus Robert G. Spector.