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News Briefs

1950s

William J. Ross ('54) received the 2011 Urban Pioneer Award from the Plaza District Association to recognize his service to the organization, which is dedicated to revitalizing the Oklahoma City neighborhood commercial district. He is chairman of the board of the Inasmuch Foundation.

John E. Green ('57) was honored by the Southwestern Urban Foundation as one of its founders and the longtime chairman of the board of directors. He is the former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

1960s



Ralph G. Thompson ('61) was the subject of the biography *Gentleman Jurist: The Life of Ralph G. Thompson* recently released by the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

James C.T. Hardwick ('63) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, working in the Tulsa office.

Lee Holmes ('63), of Holmes, Holmes & Neisent PLLC in Oklahoma City, attended the National Aging and Law Institute, hosted by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys in Boston in November.



James F. Howell ('63) received the 2011 Western Regional Trustee Leadership Award from the Association of Community College Trustees. A former regent and trustee of Rose State College, he was recognized for being instrumental in the creation and development of the college.

Tom McDaniel ('63) was named president of the American Fidelity Foundation. He previously served as president of Oklahoma City University.

John H. Tucker ('66) was elected to serve as one of six lawyers on the 15-member Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. He will represent Tulsa and Creek counties. He is a partner in Rhodes Hieronymus of Tulsa.

Phil Horning ('68) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding Service to the Public Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Joe C. Taylor ('68) was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He also serves as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Sac and Fox Nation. His prior judicial service includes 24 years at the district court level and 12 years as a member of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals.

Kirke Kickingbird ('69) will be inducted into the Circle of Honor of the Tulsa City-County Library's American Indian Resource Center in March 2012.

Gary E. Payne ('69) presented a workshop on opinion writing for the National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appellate Boards at the organization's annual training conference in Oklahoma City. He is chief administrative law judge for the Oklahoma State Department of Health and serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary.

1970s

Robert D. Looney, Jr. ('70) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, based in Oklahoma City.

Robert D. Nelson ('71) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. As a shareholder of Hall Estill, he practices in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

William R. "Bill" Grimm ('73) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Joe Stamper Distinguished Service Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

William S. "Bill" Price ('73) of Oklahoma City was appointed to the Oklahoma State Board of Education. He is of counsel with Phillips Murrah PC and is a managing partner and trustee at Price Oil and Gas and Family Trusts.

Don Laudick ('74) was appointed by First American Title & Trust Co. in Oklahoma City as underwriting counsel for the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas.



Curtis M. Long ('74), with Fellers Snider, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Tulsa Energy Law Lawyer of the Year.

Steven W. Taylor ('74), chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association President's Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Thomas S. Walker ('74) was appointed to serve a five-year term on the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. He previously served as district judge in Carter County.

Harry Birdwell ('75) was named secretary to the Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office.

James R. "Jim" Gotwals, Jr. ('75) became president-elect of the Tulsa County Bar Association. He practices in Tulsa with James R. Gotwals and Associates Inc.

John Hermes ('75), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Banking and Finance Litigation Lawyer of the Year.

Robert J. Kee ('75) received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Foundation President's Award at the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Meeting.

John Kenney ('75), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Patent Litigation Lawyer of the Year.

Michael E. Smith ('75) was appointed to the Oklahoma Heritage Association Board of Directors. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill and works in the Oklahoma City office.

Jim Drummond ('76) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Maurice Merrill Golden Quill Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Mike Joseph ('76), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Corporate Compliance Lawyer of the Year.

P. David Newsome ('76), Hall Estill shareholder, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He practices in the firm's Tulsa office.

David Stinson ('76), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Oil and Gas Lawyer of the Year.

Bruce Crum ('77), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year.

Allan DeVore ('77) received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Foundation President's Award at the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Meeting.



Jess Green ('77) was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. His Ada law practice is focused on serving Native American governments.

Robert Henry ('77), president of Oklahoma City University, received the Jasmine Award from the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum in Seminole.

Thomas Rogers ('77), with Jackson Walker LLP in Austin, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.

Rick Sitzman ('77) retired as assistant district attorney in Cleveland County after serving in the position since 1981.

Douglas E. Burns ('78) received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Foundation President's Award at the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Meeting.

Noma Gurich ('78), justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, was named by *The Journal Record* in its 2011 Woman of the Year event as one of "50 Making a Difference."

Roger H. Stuart ('78) was appointed district judge for Oklahoma County. Prior to his appointment, he served as a special judge in the Juvenile Division of the Oklahoma County District Court.

Jim Covington ('79) of Springfield, Illinois, received the Award for Excellence presented by the Illinois Public Defender Association for his efforts in the legislative arena to abolish the death penalty. He is the director of legislative affairs for the Illinois State Bar Association.

Steven Dobbs ('79) retired from the Oklahoma City firm of Dobbs & Middleton, where he served as managing partner. He will maintain a limited practice of contract trial work and defense of attorneys charged with misconduct.

Graydon Dean Luthey, Jr. ('79) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He practices in Tulsa as a shareholder of Hall Estill.

Jed Morrison ('79), with Jackson Walker LLP in San Antonio, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.

1980s

Jari Askins ('80) was appointed to the board of trustees for Phillips Theological Seminary and was selected as the 2012 Pioneer Woman of the Year by the Pioneer Woman Museum Advisory Board.



Mark Christiansen ('80) was elected treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, an organization for energy and resources law professionals. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, based in the Oklahoma City office.

Jim Calloway ('81) was named one of the Fastcase 50, a designation honoring innovators, techies, visionaries and leaders in the law. He is the director of the Oklahoma Bar Association Management Assistance Program.

Karen S. Rieger ('81) was selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, based in Oklahoma City.

Wes Lane ('81) was appointed to the Department of Human Services Commission for a nine-year term. He is president of the Burbridge Foundation and the former district attorney of Oklahoma County.

Chris Coleman ('82), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Securities/Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year.

Thomas A. Creekmore, III ('82) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill, based in the Tulsa office.

William S. Leach ('82) joined McAfee & Taft as a shareholder in its Tulsa office.

Paul Middleton ('82) became the managing partner for Middleton, Nowakowski & Smith in Oklahoma City.

Patricia Parrish ('82), district judge in Oklahoma County, received the 2011 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Conference in September.

Stephen W. Ray ('82), Hall Estill shareholder based in the Tulsa office, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.



Valerie Couch ('83) was selected as dean of Oklahoma City University School of Law. Couch, who has served as a U.S. magistrate judge in Oklahoma City since 1999, will begin as dean on

or before July 1. She received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Foundation Robert R. Scott Memorial Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Bruce W. Leaverton ('83), a shareholder with Lane Powell in Seattle, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.

Peggy Stockwell ('83) was elected 2012 vice president of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the OBA Annual Meeting in November.

Richard Craig ('84), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year.

Michael T. Keester ('84) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He practices in Tulsa and is a shareholder of Hall Estill.

Teresa Burkett ('85), with Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, was named by *The Journal Record* in its 2011 Woman of the Year event as one of "50 Making a Difference."

Stuart D. Campbell ('85) joined Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson LLP in the firm's Tulsa office.

Cliff Dougherty ('85), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Trademark Lawyer of the Year.

Richard Nix ('85), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Employee Benefits (ERISA) Lawyer of the Year.

Larry G. Ball ('87) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill and practices in Oklahoma City.

Bradley S. Campbell ('87) of the Campbell Law Firm PC has opened an office in Tyler, Texas.

Brita Haughland Cantrell ('87) joined McAfee & Taft as an of counsel attorney in its Tulsa office.



Patrice Douglas ('87) was appointed to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and took office in October.

Daniel J. Glover ('87) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a Hall Estill shareholder based in Oklahoma City.

Tim Bomhoff ('88), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants Lawyer of the Year.

Carol L. Buck ('88) was named a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration assigned to the Office of Disability and Review in Sacramento, California.

Jon A. Epstein ('88) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a Hall Estill shareholder and practices in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

Brad Henry ('88), former Oklahoma governor, was elected to the board of directors of NIC Inc., which assists government agencies in communication by putting essential services online.

Kelly Gaines Stoner ('88) was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She is the director of the Native American Legal Resource Center at Oklahoma City University School of Law.

LeAnne Burnett ('89), with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City, was named by *The Journal Record* at its 2011 Woman of the Year event as one of "50 Making a Difference."

Sarah Hall ('89), judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, was named by *The Journal Record* at its 2011 Woman of the Year event as one of "50 Making a Difference."

Sarah E. Hansel ('89), Hall Estill shareholder, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. She practices in the firm's Tulsa office.

Richard C. Ogden ('89), with Mulinix Ogden Hall & Ludlam in Oklahoma City, was appointed to the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents.

Steven W. Soulé ('89) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He practices in the Tulsa office of Hall Estill and serves on the firm's executive committee and board of directors.

1990s

Trent A. Gudge ('90) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He practices in Tulsa and is a shareholder of Hall Estill.

Sam Fulkerson ('91), with McAfee & Taft, was named by *The Best Lawyers in America 2012* as the Oklahoma City Labor and Employment Litigation Lawyer of the Year.



Stephen W. Lake ('91) became senior vice president, general counsel and assistant secretary of Oneok and Oneok Partners in January 2012.

Michael P. Royal ('92) was named to the 2011 International Who's Who of Management Labor and Employment Lawyers. He is a partner in the Dallas office of Fisher & Phillips LLP.

Paul Vrana ('92), with Jackson Walker LLP in Fort Worth, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*.

Phillip L. Free, Jr. ('93) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a Hall Estill shareholder, based in Oklahoma City.

Michael McBride III ('93) received the 2011 President's Cup Award from the International Masters of Gaming Law during the organization's autumn meeting in Vienna, Austria.

Tracy Speck Neisent ('93), of Holmes, Holmes & Neisent PLLC in Oklahoma City, attended the National Aging and Law Institute, hosted by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys in Boston in November.

Brad Carson ('94) was confirmed as general counsel of the U.S. Army.

Andrew Richardson ('94) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft in its Tulsa office.

Danny White ('96) received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association President's Award at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Marc A. Brockhaus ('97), with Dunlap Coddling, was named the Oklahoma Intellectual Property Attorney of the Year by *Corporate INTL* magazine.

Donald P. Howerton ('97) was a recipient of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award in September. He is director and counsel to Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco.

DeeAnn L. Germany ('98) was named partner in the Burch & George law firm. The Oklahoma City firm will now be known as Burch, George & Germany.

Barrett J. Knudsen ('98) of Oklahoma City joined the aviation law group of McAfee & Taft.

Kajeer Yar ('98) joined the firm of Pray Walker.



Bonnie N. Hackler ('99) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. She is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa office.

Rob Johnson ('99) has become of counsel with Mulinix Ogden Hall & Ludlam of Oklahoma City.

Matt McBee ('99) was named to the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

Robert J. Ross ('99) received the 2011 Urban Pioneer Award from the Plaza District Association to recognize his service to the organization, which is dedicated to revitalizing

the Oklahoma City neighborhood commercial district. He is president and CEO of the Inasmuch Foundation.

2000s

Samantha Benjamin-House ('00) is managing partner in the new Tulsa office of McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips PA, a law firm headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas.

Heather Cooper ('00) has been appointed first assistant district attorney for the 20th Judicial District.

D. Casey Davis ('00) was named an Achiever Under 40 by *The Journal Record*. He was formerly the assistant general counsel to the Grand River Dam Authority and now practices in Miami, Oklahoma, with Johnson & Davis.

Sandra Benischek Harrison ('00) was named chief administrative officer of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Erik Johnson ('00) established the firm Johnson & Davis with Casey Davis. The Oklahoma firm is headquartered in Miami, Oklahoma, with offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.



Shannon Marie Gerhart ('01) was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Colorado District Attorneys' Council. She is the chief deputy district attorney in the Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kiemonn Jones ('01) has attained principal status in Riggs Abney Neal Turpen Orbison & Lewis.

Michael E. Smith ('01) was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. He is a Hall Estill shareholder, based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

John Spencer Bryan ('02) became a co-founder of a law firm in downtown Tulsa to be known as Bryan Terrill PLLC.

Kimber L. Shoop ('02) was named an Achiever Under 40 by *The Journal Record*. He is senior attorney with OGE Energy Corp.



Ryan M.T. Allen ('03) joined the Little Law Firm PLLC in Madill after practicing law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for seven years.

Jeb Boatman ('03) joined McAfee & Taft in the firm's Oklahoma City office. He formerly served as assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the appellate section for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Stanley L. Evans ('03) received a Governor's Service Commendation for his years of service on the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission. In addition, Evans received the Oklahoma Bar Association Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Tricia Everest ('03), with GableGotwals in Oklahoma City, was named by *The Journal Record* in its 2011 Woman of the Year event as one of "50 Making a Difference."

Kyle D. Lankford ('03) was named an Achiever Under 40 by *The Journal Record*. He is the communications coordinator for the Mid-Continent Comprehensive Center, University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education/Outreach.

Kaleb Hennigh ('04) was elected 2012 treasurer of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting. He also was elected to the board of directors of the OBA YLD.

Jenny E. McElroy ('04) joined Kirk & Chaney as an associate and will practice family law.

Nathan B. Schlinke ('04) joined First American Title & Trust Co. in Oklahoma City as commercial underwriting counsel.

Krista Steuart ('05) is an attorney in the Tulsa West Child Support Office of the Department of Human Services.

Joe Vorndran ('06) was elected 2012 chairperson-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the OBA Annual Meeting in November.

Jeff Trevillion ('07) was elected to the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Nick Tricinella ('07) was appointed to the Oklahoma Task Force on Comprehensive Tax Reform. He is a tax attorney at Chesapeake Energy.

Michael P. Winkler ('07) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.



Ruth J. Addison ('07) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the firm's Tulsa office.

Laura Long ('08) joined McAfee & Taft in the Oklahoma City office as a member of the litigation group.

Lane Neal ('08) was elected to the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the OBA Annual Meeting in November.

Carson Smith ('08) joined Holden & Carr as an associate in the Tulsa office.

Corey Tisdale ('08) was named an assistant district attorney in Tulsa County.

Blake Lynch ('09) was elected to the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

2010s

Conor Cleary ('10) was elected to the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Lauren Lindsey ('10) has joined Norman Wohlgemuth Chandler & Dowdell of Tulsa as an associate.

Julia Mills ('10) joined the Norman law office of Cindy Allen as associate counsel.

Brandi N. Nowakowski ('10) was elected to the board of directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association at the 2011 OBA Annual Meeting.

Barbara Coke Reid ('10) is an associate with Doran, Sims, Wolfe & Kundin in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Christopher M. Staine ('10) was elected to the board of directors of First Tee of Metropolitan Oklahoma City, an organization that teaches life skills and character education to youth through the game of golf.

Charles Ward ('10) is deputy managing editor of the *Juneau Empire* in Juneau, Alaska.

Charlie Wolfe ('10) opened Wolfe Law Firm LLC in Antlers.

Kristen L. Warren ('10) joined the Little Law Firm PLLC in Madill.

Nathan H. Aduddell ('11) joined Thompson & Knight LLP as an associate. He will be in the firm's trial department in the Dallas office.

William "Will" Banowsky ('11) was named director of development for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Meredith J. Caldwell ('11) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.

Christa Evans ('11) was named general counsel of Encompass Financial Advisory Services, based in Enid.

Danae V. Grace ('11) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.

Alumni Authors

John "Jake" M. Krattiger ('11) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.

Caleb N. McCoy ('11) joined Conner & Winters LLP as an associate in the firm's Oklahoma City office.

Lindsey W. Mulinix ('11) joined Mulinix Ogden Hall & Ludlam of Oklahoma City as an associate.

Riley W. Mulinix ('11) joined Mulinix Ogden Hall & Ludlam of Oklahoma City as an associate.

Zachary A.P. Oubre ('11) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.

Jonathan Rector ('11) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.



Ann M. Robl ('11) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Dunlap Codding as an associate.

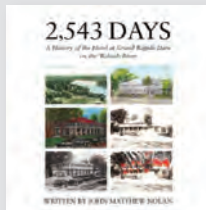
Paula M. Williams ('11) joined GableGotwals as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.



Sharon Doty ('91) of Tulsa published her second book, *Evil in Our Midst*, in September 2010.

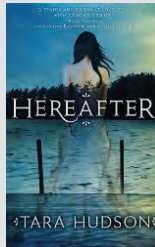
The book teaches parents and other adults how to protect children from sexual predators by recognizing potentially risky behaviors exhibited by adults in interactions with children and stopping those behaviors before abuse occurs. Doty, who is nationally known for her work in prevention of child

sexual abuse, explains the grooming techniques used by sexual offenders, providing adults with the tools they need to interrupt the process.



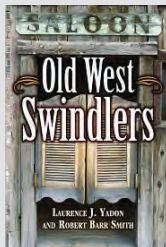
John Matthew Nolan ('10) was inspired to write *2,543 Days: A History of the Hotel at Grand Rapids Dam on the Wabash River* following a conversation with his grandmother about the Grand Rapids Hotel and her grandfather, who founded it. The book tells the 1920s story of the

prominent hotel in southeastern Illinois that slowly expanded to become a full resort, complete with a nine-hole golf course and its own baseball team, which reportedly counted among its guests members of the Chicago crime syndicate. Prior to the Stock Market Crash of 1929, the hotel was destroyed under mysterious circumstances and was never rebuilt due to the financial crisis that gripped the nation during the Great Depression.



Tara Hudson ('07) A childhood memory of a visit to a family cemetery spawned a ghost story about a young woman "waking up" in a cemetery and not realizing she is dead. That short story, written by Hudson for a college class, evolved into *Hereafter*, the first in a trilogy of novels about 18-year-old Amelia, a ghost who only knows that she drowned in a river. With the

help of high school student and love interest Joshua, she tries to unravel the mystery of her death.



Laurence J. "Larry" Yadon ('74) and co-author Robert Barr Smith, OU Law professor emeritus, collaborated on their fifth book with *Old West Swindlers*. In it, they illustrate that bunco artists helped put the "wild" in the Wild West. The role of the conmen in the making of the American West is well documented in this collection of sham

transactions and fraudulent practices that can compete with any modern day scam. In some instances, the grifters became victims themselves, showing how quickly greed can lead to stupidity.

Alumni Events

Class of 1981 Reunion

September 17, 2011



Karen Rieger, Kathy Taylor, Obie Moore and Linda LePak gather for a photo in the Boren Atrium.



Donita Douglas, Ken Farley and Deborah Farley enjoy visiting prior to lunch and a tour of the building.



Classmates Fred Summers and Mary Grethen are pictured at the reception, one of three events for the Class of 1981.



David Poarch, assistant dean for external relations, explains some of the changes that have occurred since the Class of 1981 graduated.



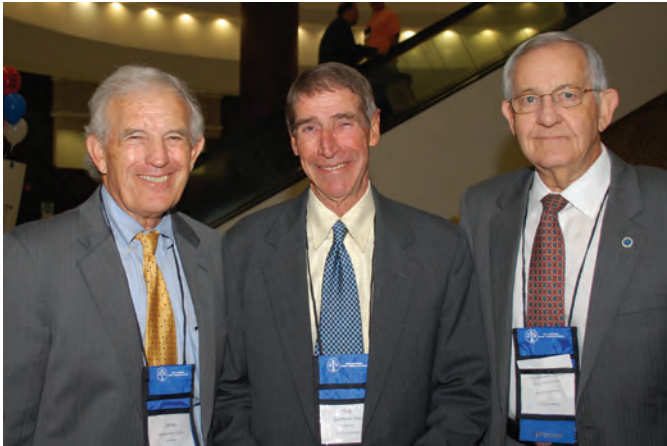
John David Miller, Glenn Hammonds, Pam Hammonds and Terry Hawkins attended the reunion event held at the College of Law.

Alumni Events

Alumni Reception and Luncheon

November 2, 2011

Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Meeting, Tulsa Hyatt Regency Hotel



James Payne ('66), Guy Clark ('65) and Gerald Stamper ('59) are pictured at the reception before the 2011 alumni luncheon.



Dean Joe Harroz with luncheon speaker Gerry Clancy, president of OU-Tulsa and dean of the School of Community Medicine, who spoke on civic involvement and leadership at the city level.



Diane Hammons ('84) and Glen Hammonds ('81) chat at the alumni reception.



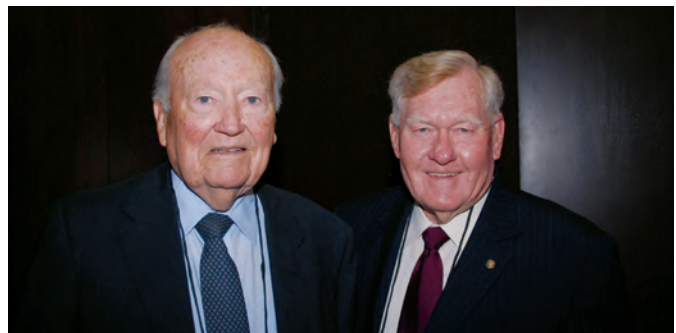
First-year student Alix Newman, recipient of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation's Chapman-Rogers Scholarship, stands with Brittany Mayes ('10) prior to the luncheon at which she was recognized as the scholarship winner.



David Petty ('64), Bill Sullivan ('66), Jim Sturdivant ('64), Gary Lumpkin ('74) and John H. Tucker ('66) visit at the reception.



Kaci Trojan ('09) and Jami Rhoades Antonisse ('05) check in for the event.



C.D. Northcutt ('38) and John Raley ('59), both of Ponca City, visit before entering the ballroom for the luncheon.

We Remember

1930s

Paul D. Cummings ('39) of Midwest City died April 8, 2011. Born in Enid January 24, 1915, he earned his undergraduate degree at Northwestern State College prior to attending law school. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II and was awarded the Legion of Merit. Following the war, he returned to Oklahoma and practiced law in Alva but was later recalled to active duty during the Korean War. Upon completing his service, he again returned to Oklahoma in 1953, settling in Midwest City and joining Globe Life Insurance. He was president of the company when he retired in 1980.

1940s

F.E. McAnally ('42) was born September 3, 1919, in Coyle. He died at the age of 92 on November 10, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War, earning the rank of captain. After his military service, he practiced private and corporate law in Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas. He also served as the district attorney of Logan County.

James Crabtree Reed ('48) of Miami, Oklahoma, died July 2, 2011. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 17, 1919. Prior to entering law school, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for five years, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. After graduating from the College of Law, he established a practice in Miami and was elected county attorney for Ottawa County in 1950. He was later elected as the first district attorney for the area. He served on the Oklahoma Board of Bar

Examiners for 27 years and retired from private practice in 1994.

Gervase Duan "G.D." Spradlin ('48) of San Luis Obispo, California, died July 24, 2011, at the age of 90. He was born August 31, 1920, near Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma and, after serving in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, returned to OU for law school. He worked as an attorney for Phillips Petroleum Company and later became an independent oil producer, retiring in 1960. Following his appearance in three local theater productions, his interest in show business motivated him to relocate to Los Angeles in 1966. His acting career spanned more than 30 years and included performances in television and film. A character actor known for playing authority figures, his credits include appearances in "The Godfather: Part II" and "Apocalypse Now."

1950s

Clifton D. Blanks ('54) of Oklahoma City died July 13, 2011. He was born in McAlester on August 14, 1929. He earned a bachelor's degree in geology from OU and, after graduating from law school, spent most of his professional career as a legal officer in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of colonel.

Herbert Dwight Smith ('58) of Alva died July 1, 2011. Born on his family's farm east of Alva February 10, 1926, he graduated from Alva High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II, including more than three months as a prisoner of war in Germany. After the war, he returned to Oklahoma and earned a chemical engineering degree

from OU. He served one term in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Following graduation from OU Law, he established a law practice in Alva, where, during a long legal career, he served in multiple positions of public service, including city attorney.

Barry Ray Simms ('59) of Oklahoma City died October 3, 2011. He was born September 6, 1931, in Lindsay. He graduated from Kemper Military Academy and served in the U.S. Army. He attended Oklahoma State University and graduated from the OU College of Law in 1959. He was honored in 2009 by the Oklahoma Bar Association for 50 years of service.

Virgil L. Upchurch ('59) of Norman died October 23, 2011. He was born February 14, 1930, in Anadarko. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of the Anadarko Rotary Club and the OU Alumni Association. He also served as president of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity.

1960s

Robert Harold "Bob" Macy ('61) of Newalla died November 18, 2011. He was born in Indianapolis July 5, 1930. He attended Earlham College, graduating in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in geology and religion. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and spent much of his service time in Oklahoma. After leaving the military, he worked as an Oklahoma City police officer at night while attending law school during the day. Upon graduating from law school, he moved to Ada, where he worked as an assistant county attorney. In 1981, he was appointed district attorney in Oklahoma County

and served in that position for 21 years, becoming well-known for his trademark "string tie" and his aggressive prosecution of violent criminals. Following his retirement, he became a founding member of Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Kenneth Terry "K.T." Anderson ('62) of Lawton died June 3, 2011. He was born August 23, 1937, at Fort Sill and served in the U.S. Army, earning the rank of captain. Before practicing law, he worked as an assistant administrator of continuing education at OU, served as an editor for the OU Press and wrote manuals for the U.S. Postal Service.

Roger Johnston ('64) of Enid died October 3, 2011. He was born August 23, 1934, in Tipton, where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1952. He joined the U.S. Army in 1954 and served for two years, spending one year in Korea. He attended Oklahoma State University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University, graduating from the latter in 1958. After graduating from the OU College of Law in 1964, he practiced law in Enid for more than 45 years. He was a member of AMBUCS and numerous other state and local civic organizations.

Duane Miller ('65) of Yukon died July 23, 2011. He was born February 9, 1941. Following law school, he served in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps, retiring as a lieutenant commander. Prior to entering private practice in Yukon, he worked in the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Kenneth Raymond Webster ('65) of Edmond died June 27, 2011. Born in Enid May 14, 1941, he graduated

from Cascia Hall High School in Tulsa before attending Notre Dame, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1962. Following his graduation from OU Law in 1965, he served in the JAG Corps at the Pentagon. He later returned to Oklahoma City and practiced for more than 20 years with McKinney, Stringer & Webster prior to retiring in 1993.

Robert M. "Bob" Jernigan ('67) of Oklahoma City died August 17, 2011. Born in Oklahoma City September 28, 1935, he graduated from Enid High School before serving in the U.S. Army. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Oklahoma and later established a general law practice with emphases on municipal and telecommunications law. He served as city attorney for Warr Acres and Newcastle, as well as municipal judge for Bethany.

1970s

Mary Sue "Susie" Pritchett ('71) of Cashion died June 22, 2011. She was born October 6, 1941, in Houston. After earning a bachelor's degree in education from OU and a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, she taught school for several years prior to attending law school. After serving in the Oklahoma County Public Defender's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office, she became the first woman judge elected in Kingfisher County, where she served as associate district judge for 16 years. She was posthumously awarded the 2011 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award at the Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Conference in September 2011.

Neil Anthony Whittington ('71) of Atoka died January 3, 2011. He was

born January 15, 1946, in Ada, where he graduated from high school. He was a longtime Atoka-area resident and in addition to engaging in the private practice of law, he also served as an assistant district attorney.

Donald Thomas McDevitt ('73) of Bedford, Texas, died on August 4, 2011. He was born December 5, 1936, in Philadelphia. He attained the rank of major during a decorated military career as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army from 1958-1967. After his military service, he attended OU Law.

Gary Swimley ('75) of Ripley died June 13, 2011. He was born March 8, 1946, in Mooreland and graduated from Norman High School. He attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in physics in 1967 and a juris doctor degree in 1975. He practiced law in California for five years, but returned to Stillwater, where he worked at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Inc. and later, as a sole practitioner.

Warren H. Ellis, Sr. ('79) of Noble died September 21, 2011. He was born in Medford, Massachusetts, April 17, 1931. After attending Northeastern University, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for 26 years, retiring in 1976 as a lieutenant colonel. He then moved to Oklahoma, attended OU Law and following graduation, practiced law in Norman for 24 years until his second retirement in 2003.

1980s

Gaillynn Brooks Coopridier ('80) of Edmond died November 3, 2011. She was born February 9, 1951, in Chicago. She attended Northern Illinois University and, after moving to

Oklahoma, completed her accounting degree at the University of Central Oklahoma. She worked at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and later attended and graduated from OU Law. After retiring from her law practice, she continued doing pro bono legal work. She also became a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist.

John C. Wynne ('86) of Houston died July 24, 2011. He was born May 5, 1961, in Oklahoma City and graduated from Edmond Memorial High School. He attended OU, receiving his bachelor's and juris doctor degrees. After law school, he joined Andrews Kurth LLP in Houston, where he practiced corporate litigation for 25 years.

1990s

Kelly L. Gage-Hogan ('90) of Edmond died December 29, 2010. She was born November 4, 1963, in Oklahoma City. She grew up in Yukon, graduating from high school there prior to attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the OU College of Law.

Judy Copeland ('93) of Edmond died November 6, 2011. She was born in El Paso, Texas, on January 28, 1969. After graduating from Stroud High School in 1987, she attended Northeastern State University, earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1990. Following her graduation from the OU College of Law in 1993, she began a legal career of public service. At the time of her death, she was general counsel for Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin.



Daniel G. Gibbens

1933 – 2011

Dan Gibbens ('59), Regents' Professor Emeritus, died June 5, 2011. He was born March 4, 1933, in Oklahoma City to Myron and Grace Gibbens. He graduated from Classen High School and attended Yale University, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1954. Gibbens earned a juris doctor degree in 1959 from the OU College of Law, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Oklahoma Law Review* and was

awarded the Order of the Coif. He later earned his LL.M. in 1965 from Columbia University.

He served as a law clerk for Judge Alfred P. Murrah of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit from 1959 until 1960. During the next two years of his career, Gibbens practiced law with the Oklahoma City firm of Fuller, Smith, Mosburg & Davis. He joined the OU Law faculty in 1962 and for almost 50 years, taught classes in Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Sports Law and First Amendment Church-State Relations.

For nearly 39 years, Gibbens served as the faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Big 8 Conference and the Big 12 Conference. He was a nationally recognized leader among academic and faculty representatives of intercollegiate athletics and served on the NCAA Governance Structure Committee. In 2000, he received the National Football Foundation Outstanding Faculty Representative Award.

In addition to serving the university, Gibbens was a leader in local, state and national bar associations. He served as president of the Cleveland County Bar Association, was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association Strategic Planning Committee for 10 years and served for two years as the project director of the American Bar Association Empirical Investigation on Omnibus Hearing Effects on State Criminal Processes. Gibbens also served on the Massad Commission advising the Cherokee Nation Council during a constitutional crisis and was recognized for this work with a 1997 Oklahoma Bar Association Presidential Citation "for Distinguished Pro Bono Service to the Cherokee Indian Nation."

Other civic service included membership in the U.S. Naval Reserve, from which he retired in 1991 with the rank of commander. Gibbens also served on the board of directors and executive committee of the Norman Alcohol Information Center for more than 30 years. He was a founding member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Norman and served the church in a variety of capacities, including as a member of the Oklahoma Episcopal Diocese Ecclesiastical Court.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and their two sons, Mike and Bob.