

Texas Tech University School of Law

# Honors & Awards Ceremony



*Friday, April 19, 2013  
4:30 p.m.*

*Lanier Auditorium  
Lubbock, Texas*



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Welcome .....	Darby Dickerson <i>Dean W. Frank Newton Professor of Law</i>
Student Bar Association and Class Leadership .....	Joshua Hansen <i>Assistant Director, Student Life</i>
Order of the Coif .....	Jarod Gonzalez <i>Associate Dean, Academic Affairs Professor of Law</i>
Phi Kappa Phi .....	Associate Dean Gonzalez
National Order of Scribes .....	Associate Dean Gonzalez
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges .....	Associate Dean Gonzalez
Law Journal Executive Boards .....	Associate Dean Gonzalez
Board of Barristers Executive Board .....	Robert T. Sherwin '01 <i>Director, Advocacy Programs</i>
Dean's Community Teaching Fellows .....	Amy Jarmon <i>Assistant Dean, Academic Success Programs</i>
Student Ambassadors .....	Laura Urquieta <i>Director, Alumni Relations</i>
Underwood Top Grade Awards .....	Julie Coffman Doss '99 <i>Assistant Dean, External Relations</i>
Service Awards .....	Assistant Dean Doss
Individual Achievement Awards .....	Assistant Dean Doss
Special Recognition Awards .....	Assistant Dean Doss
Outstanding Professor Award .....	Krizia Martinez '14 <i>President, Phi Alpha Delta</i>
Faculty Awards .....	Dean Dickerson
Closing Remarks .....	Dean Dickerson

*Please join us after the ceremony for a reception in the Lanier Atrium*

## Student Bar Association Executive Board, 2012

Pedro "Pete" Diaz IV	<i>President</i>
Austin F. Hartley	<i>Vice-President, Finance</i>
Amanda L. Kuhns	<i>Vice-President, Administration</i>
Megan C. Fescenmeyer	<i>Vice-President, Student Organizations</i>

## Class Leadership, 2012–2013

Torrie C. Taylor	<i>President, Third-Year Class</i>
Katherine E. Owens	<i>Vice-President, Third-Year Class</i>
Keegan B. Etheredge	<i>President, Second-Year Class</i>
Taylor E. Darby	<i>Vice-President, Second-Year Class</i>
Adam M. Nelson	<i>President, First-Year Class</i>
John Roddy Pace	<i>Vice-President, First-Year Class</i>

## Order of the Coif, 2012

*Membership in the only national legal honor society, selected from those students ranking in the highest ten percent of the graduating class whose character and activities in legal education indicate their worthiness for membership.*

Shane M. Bebout	Caroline L. Nowlin
Ricardo J. Bonilla	Jonathan D. Nowlin
Courtney E. Burns	Robert C. Prim
Marc G. Cain	Jacob L. Ramsey
Natalie A. Cepak	Benjamin G. Robertson
Alvin B. Chang	Anna K. Selby
Christina M. Collins	John W. Shanklin
M. Malachi Daws	Andrew D. Smith
Elizabeth G. Hill	Nathaniel D. White
Joseph W. Johnson	Kyle N. Wolf

## Phi Kappa Phi Inductees, 2013

*Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Its chapters are on more than 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.*

Joseph P. Behnke	Lauren E. McDivitt
John W. Conine	Lauren A. Mullins
Jamee M. Cotton	Vanessa A. Rosa
Nadia E. Haghghatian	Lauren D. Serrano
Nicholas J. Hendrix	Tahlia T. Stewart
Stephen J. Humeniuk	Calli A. Turner

## National Order of Scribes, 2012

*The National Order of Scribes was created in 2007 by Scribes – The American Society of Legal Writers as an honorary organization to recognize graduating law students who excel in legal writing. Each year, any law school that is a current institutional member of Scribes nominates up to five students to be inducted into the National Order of Scribes. Nominees will receive a certificate and a one-year complimentary membership to Scribes, which includes a subscription to The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing.*

Joseph P. Behnke  
Kent D. Hansen  
Lauren E. McDivitt  
Amanda R. McKinzie  
Ashirvad Parikh

# Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, 2013

*Membership in one of the most highly regarded and longstanding honors programs in the nation, selected from those students whose outstanding academic achievement and extracurricular involvement indicate their worthiness for membership.*

Jeffrey D. Anderson	Reagan M. Marble
Juliet Y. Azarani	Mariah D. Mayworm
Brady P. Behrens	Kathryn L. McCracken
William J. Benda	Lauren E. McDivitt
Joseph P. Behnke	John F. McIntyre
David T. Bost	Amanda R. McKinzie
Laurel W. Brenneise	Meredith M. Mills
Cara R. Brewer	Elizabeth H. Morse
Kelsey A. Brock	Jared P. Mallowney
Austin M. Carrizales	Lauren C. Murphree (Dorsey)
Velissa R. Chapa	Kate E. Murphy
Sherry E. Clegg	Lindsay P. Nichols
John W. Conine	Mischeka L. Nicholson
Jamee M. Cotton	Brian H. Oates
Kyle M. Crowl	Katherine E. Owens
Pedro "Pete" Diaz IV	Ashirvad Parikh
Nicholas R. Dillard	Nicolas F. Parke
Ryan G. Ellison	Anna C. Rains
Megan C. Fescenmeyer	Vanessa A. Rosa
Austin Franklin	Cassidy P. Ross
Jonathan D. Groves	Chelsea R. Seaton
Nadia E. Haghghatian	Carl U. Seiler
Neil A. Harris	Lauren D. Serrano
Austin F. Hartley	Taylor Spalla
Tanner E. Hartnett	Neal W. Spradlin
Kalin R. Harvard	Sarah A. Stefaniak
Jessica D. Haseltine	Tahlia T. Stewart
Nicholas J. Hendrix	Andrew K. Strong
Manuel H. Hernandez	Brian J. Sullivan
Stephen L. Higdon	Torrie C. Taylor
Chelsi M. Honeycutt	Suzanne M. Taylor
Stephen J. Humeniuk	Benjamin T. Thomas
Jobe S. Jackson	Travis W. Tolley
Larrisha C. Jackson	Ryan N. Trask
Michael E. Keller	Calli A. Turner
Justin M. Lopez	Brian E. Wilson
Bryan D. Mackay	

# Law Journal Executive Boards

## *Texas Tech Law Review Executive Board*

Brady P. Behrens	<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>
Amanda R. McKinzie	<i>Executive Managing Editor</i>
Kesley A. Brock	<i>Managing Editor</i>
Nicolas F. Parke	<i>Lead Articles Editor</i>
Calli A. Turner	<i>Student Writing Editor</i>
Nicholas J. Hendrix	<i>Business Manager</i>
Lauren E. Schattel	<i>Symposium Editor</i>
Stephen L. Higdon	<i>Online Edition Editor</i>

## *Administrative Law Journal Executive Board*

Taylor Spalla	<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>
Kalin R. Harvard	<i>Executive Managing Editor</i>
Jonathan D. Groves	<i>Business Manager</i>
Ryan G. Ellison	<i>Organizational Development Chair</i>
Velissa R. Chapa	<i>Executive Student Writing Editor</i>
Manuel H. Hernandez	<i>Executive Lead Articles Editor</i>
Marta Hoes	<i>Associate Editor</i>
Joseph P. Behnke	<i>Technology Editor</i>

## *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal Executive Board*

Torrie C. Taylor	<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>
Elizabeth H. Morse	<i>Executive Managing Editor</i>
Lindsay P. Nichols	<i>Executive Symposium Editor</i>
Katherine E. Owens	<i>Executive Comment Editor</i>
Bryan D. Mackay	<i>Business Manager</i>
Sarah A. Stefaniak	<i>Lead Articles Editor</i>
Justin M. Lopez	<i>Online Companion Editor</i>

## Law Journal Executive Boards (cont.)

### *Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety & Biodefense Law* Executive Board

Austin Franklin	<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>
Austin M. Carrizales	<i>Executive Managing Editor</i>
Gabriel P. Sustaita	<i>Lead Articles Editor</i>
Mischeka L. Nicholson	<i>Organizational Development Editor</i>

### *Texas Bank Lawyer* Executive Board

John F. McIntyre	<i>Third-Year Student Editor</i>
Stephanie H. Chipley	<i>Second-Year Student Editor</i>
Allison R. Brauer	<i>Editorial Board, Third-Year</i>
Jonathan D. Groves	<i>Editorial Board, Third-Year</i>
Tanner E. Hartnett	<i>Editorial Board, Third-Year</i>
Alex D. Good	<i>Editorial Board, Second-Year</i>
Katie A. Olson	<i>Editorial Board, Second-Year</i>
Kelsey N. Paris	<i>Editorial Board, Second-Year</i>
Michael J. Zant	<i>Editorial Board, Second-Year</i>

### Board of Barristers Executive Board

Brian J. Sullivan	<i>Chairman</i>
Reagan M. Marble	<i>Vice-Chair of Judges</i>
Neal W. Spradlin	<i>Vice-Chair of Appellate Advocacy</i>
Jared P. Mallowney	<i>Vice-Chair of Trial Advocacy</i>
Jobe S. Jackson	<i>Vice-Chair of Negotiations</i>
Jessica D. Haseltine	<i>Vice-Chair of Administration</i>



## Dean's Community Teaching Fellows

*The Dean's Community Teaching Fellows assist with the law school's partnership with the Estacado High School Law and Justice Magnet Program (LJMP). Ninth through twelfth graders interested in careers in the legal profession and law enforcement are enrolled in elective courses in the program. The fellows assist in classroom teaching, coaching the LJMP mock trial and skills competition teams, mentoring the students, and hosting for law school events to which the students are invited.*

Cory A. Clements  
Denise D. Hernandez  
Mischeka L. Nicholson (Fall 2012)  
Angelica Rolong  
Chelsea R. Seaton

## Student Ambassadors

*The Texas Tech University School of Law Student Ambassador Corps is a student organization formed at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Second- and third- year law students applied to become members of this prestigious new organization. Following the interview process, fourteen students were selected to become inaugural Ambassadors. The Ambassador Corps is focused on strengthening alumni and community relations, and will participate in law school events throughout the year in order to promote Texas Tech Law and its mission.*

Sara E. Norman	Chief Ambassador
Jack W. Withem	Deputy Chief for Communications
Sean M. Buckley	Deputy Chief for Alumni Relations
Katherine M. Kassbian	Deputy Chief for Scheduling
Sherry E. Clegg	Deputy Chief for Faculty
Lauren P. Allen	Cristina Mulcahy
Kelsey A. Brock	Jared P. Mallowney
Michael J. Hanson	Abigail M. Rosen
Stephen L. Higdon	Taylor Spalla
Reagan M. Marble	

# Underwood Top Grade Awards

*The Underwood Top Grade Award in Contracts is designed to recognize Texas Tech University School of Law students who have demonstrated academic excellence by receiving the highest grade in their section of Contracts. This award is sponsored by The Underwood Law Firm.*

Joshua D. Frost      Jennifer E. Lax  
Rachel L. Stuteville      Jamie L. Vaughan

## Service Awards

### *Excellence in Service Award*

This award is donated by Donna Courville ('94) and Lee Ann Reno ('94) to recognize a third-year student who is a current member of *Law Review*, a current or former member of Board of Barristers or a current or former SBA officer or class officer who has excelled in service to the law school.

### *Cheri Livermore and Donna Williams Student Award*

This award is given annually to a member of the Admissions Office's Student Recruitment Council who reflects the best of Texas Tech Law: a student dedicated to the mission of the law school and committed to public service, particularly serving prospective students. Donated by Cynthia Hall ('09).

### *Elma Moreno Pro-Bono Award*

This award recognizes a law student whose pro-bono activities best exemplify the lawyer's obligation to ensure equal access to justice. The award is named in honor of Elma Moreno, original coordinator for the Private Attorney Involvement for West Texas Legal Services, whose professionalism in serving clients is an inspiration to others. The award is funded by donations by Tamara Duncan ('00), the first recipient of this award.

### *Brendan B. Murray Public Service Award*

The Student Bar Association funds the Brendan Murray Public Service Award. The award honors Lubbock native Brendan Murray, a second-year law student when he passed away in 2006, who began working for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association while an undergraduate student at The University of Texas at Austin.

# Individual Achievement Awards

## *John C. Akard Scholarship*

The John C. Akard Scholarship was established by the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar to honor John C. Akard, United States Bankruptcy Judge (retired), Lubbock Division of the Northern District of Texas. It is awarded to a second-year student who demonstrates an interest in commercial law and bankruptcy, and who is interested in participating in activities of the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar.

## *American Bankruptcy Institute of Medal of Excellence*

Deans and bankruptcy law faculty select graduating students with the highest grade in a bankruptcy course or those who show the greatest promise in a career in bankruptcy practice. Winners receive engraved medals and certificates suitable for framing, as well as a one-year complimentary ABI membership.

## *Frank R. Murray Award*

The Frank R. Murray Award is sponsored by the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association. The Murray Award is presented to the student with the highest grade in Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy. The Award is a cash award in memory of the Honorable Frank R. Murray, a well-respected bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. Judge Murray served as the bankruptcy judge for the Lubbock Division for 30 years, from 1949–1979, when he retired at the age of 88. In 1985, when he was 94, Judge Murray was reappointed bankruptcy judge on an interim basis. At that time, he was the oldest active bankruptcy judge in the country.

## *Kenneth H. Burns Award*

This award was established by members of the Victor H. Lindsey Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity to honor their outstanding Houston alumnus. It is given to students who are members of the national organization, in good academic standing, and actively involved in the local Senate. Mr. Burns has also been a generous contributor to this fund.

## *Fortney Award for Ethics*

This award is given in honor of Professor Susan Fortney to the law student who exhibits outstanding moral and ethical conduct among his or her peers while attending law school. Funding is provided by Russell Devenport ('98), Lincoln Goodwin ('98), and Michael Holley ('99), the first recipient of this award.

## Individual Achievement Awards (cont.)

### *Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin Oil and Gas Award*

This award, from the Midland, Amarillo, Roswell and Santa Fe law firm, recognizes the student achieving the highest grade in a section of oil and gas law.

### *Edward R. Smith and Norton Bake Tax Award*

This award is presented to a student who intends to practice in the tax area, and is permanently endowed by Karl Clifford (72) and Steve Krier (77).

### *Professor Marilyn Phelan Tax Award*

This award is given in honor of Horn Professor Emeritus Marilyn Phelan by Michael Denham (99) to a graduating student who has excelled in the Tax Clinic.

### *William R. Moss Award*

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in a trial advocacy course. The award was created by William R. Moss, a partner in the Lubbock firm of Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam. Mitch Moss (92), a litigator in El Paso and the son of William R. Moss, continues the award.

### *Professor Dean G. Pawlowic Award*

This award was established by former students of Professor Pawlowic: Michael Denham (99), R. Lee Barrett (00), and Wade King (03). It is presented to a second-year or third-year student based on the following criteria:

- 1) Demonstrated interest, ability, or aptitude in any aspect of commercial law, including, but not limited to: bankruptcy, banking law, or business entities.
- 2) Potential development of keen legal analysis, based in part on classroom participation, interaction with other students or attorneys in the area of commercial law, and any applicable work outside of the class. The recipient's grade from any of Professor Pawlowic's upper-level classes may also be considered.

### *Clifford W. Brown Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Award*

This award recognizes excellence as a student attorney in the Texas Tech Criminal Defense Clinic.

### *Judge Meade F. Griffin Award*

This award from Judge Griffin's former briefing attorneys is given to the graduating law student who, through industry, perseverance, integrity, and character, has best utilized the law-school experience to improve and prepare for service to the profession and to mankind.

### *George W. and Sarah H. Dupree Award*

This award is given to the member of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the student's colleagues, best exemplifies the ability desired in one soon to join the legal profession.

### *Robert J. and Ann Burbridge Criminal Clinic Award*

The Robert J. and Ann Burbridge Criminal Clinic Award is given to a third-year student attorney in a criminal defense clinic of the Texas Tech University School of Law who has provided zealous advocacy for those accused of committing crimes in rural or underserved communities of Texas, diligently promoted the causes of justice and equality, and fought to protect the Constitutional obligation to provide legal assistance to the poor. This is a new award created through an endowment given by Ann Burbridge, long-time registrar of the law school, in memory of her husband.

### *Legal Practice Top Brief Award*

This award is presented to a second-year student whose first-year Legal Practice Appellate Brief, in the opinion of the Legal Practice Faculty and a panel of independent judges, is deemed to be the best brief submitted. Awards are also given for the two runners-up. This award is funded by money received by the Legal Practice Program for winning the Teaching Academy's Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award in 2010.

# Special Recognition Awards

## *Judge Ken G. Spencer Award*

This award is given to the student whose propensity to survive in law school by dogged persistence, or ability to adapt to adversity, or sheer force of personality or charisma, appeals to the admiration of the faculty. Established by the late Judge Ken Spencer of Crane, in memory of Bertha and George Whipple.

## *The Linda J. Kamp Service Award*

This award is presented to a graduating law student whose service to the law school best represents the dedication, service and spirit of Linda Kamp. The award is named in honor and loving memory of Linda Kamp, who served the law school community for 21 years and was registrar of the law school from 1991 to 2002. The award was established and is funded by the Class of 2002.

## *ALI-ABA Scholarship & Leadership Award*

This award is presented to the graduating law student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership – the qualities embodied by the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association. The award includes a one-year subscription to the *Practical Lawyer*, published by ALI-ABA, and a copy of *From Law School to Law Practice: the New Associate's Guide, Second Edition*.

## *Outstanding Professor Award*

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity honors the teaching, scholarship, and service of Professor Daniel H. Benson by recognizing the outstanding faculty member elected by the student organization.

# Faculty Awards

President's Excellence in Teaching Award – 2013 .....	Vaughn E. James
Alumni Association New Faculty Award – 2013 .....	DeLeith Duke Gossett
Texas Tech Parents Association Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award .....	Brian D. Shannon
Texas Tech Parents Association Spencer A. Wells Award for Creativity in Teaching .....	Patrick Metzger
Outstanding Researcher from School of Law .....	Gerry W. Beyer
TTU Teaching Academy's Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award .....	Criminal Law Clinical Program





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