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Dear Friends,

It has been an extraordinary year at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. This year, we hosted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; two days of hearings by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit; Judge Jeff Sutton, with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit; and numerous dignitaries for a dialogue on the White House National Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct Abroad. Our students would not have such opportunities without the invaluable support of alumni and friends like you.

This issue of Sooner Lawyer celebrates four remarkable alumni inducted into the Order of the Owl Hall of Fame this Spring (p. 22). The contributions of Judge Robin Cauthron, Dean Emeritus Andrew M. Coats and Reggie Whitten are extraordinary, and it was a privilege to honor them. Each with very different careers, they are perfect representatives of OU Law with one common and defining characteristic – service to others. The evening was full of laughter and meaning, and it was clear to all in attendance that OU Law is special.

I hope you enjoy the feature on Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s memorable visit to OU Law (p. 2). She delivered her address in the Dick Bell Courtroom and engaged in a question-and-answer session with our students. As she answered questions, she left the stage and weaved among the rows of the stadium-seated students, stopping to take photographs with as many as possible. Her time with the students was followed by lunch with 200 alumni in the Sandy Bell Gallery of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. She made an indelible impression on us and promised to return to visit us again soon.

This year, the OU College of Law was the first law school in the nation to launch a college-wide Digital Initiative designed to prepare students for success in the digital world (p. 8). We believe tomorrow’s most talented lawyers must be proficient with technology at the inception of their legal career. As the foundation to this initiative, every single student at OU Law received an iPad, at no cost to them. The students are then trained to use the iPads in academic and professional settings through a series of workshops and integrated curriculum. OU Law students will graduate technologically advanced with a distinct advantage in the job market.

A cornerstone of legal education is commitment to service. From the first day of orientation, OU Law impresses upon students that service to society is both an honor and an obligation that comes with being a member of our noble profession. Our students are responding to the call of service beyond one’s self. This year, 97 percent of our incoming class pledged to perform 50 or 100 hours of pro bono service during their law school career. You can read more about OU Law’s commitment to public service on page 16.

OU Law deeply appreciates the role each of you play in making it one of the nation’s premier law schools. We thank you for continuing to be such an important part of our success.

Warmest regards,

Joseph Harroz Jr.
Dean and Professor
Fenelon Boesche Chair of Law
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Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s memorable visit to OU Law
Whispers were heard among the crowd, “I’ve never seen anything like this,” and “Isn’t she remarkable?”

The University of Oklahoma College of Law has been fortunate to host numerous members of the United States Supreme Court over the past several years, including Chief Justice John Roberts, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, and retired Associate Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. However, it will not be disputed by anyone in attendance on September 12, 2014, that Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor is by far the most energetic justice to ever visit OU Law.

Sotomayor arrived at 9 a.m. for a private breakfast with the OU Law faculty in the beautiful Sneed Lounge. She never took a bite. As members of the faculty enjoyed their breakfast, Sotomayor worked her way around each table, making sure to speak with each faculty member present. Everyone was instantly in awe of her personable demeanor and genuine kindness. There was no air of self-importance. Sotomayor immediately felt like a friend; yet, people knew they were standing in the presence of one of the most powerful jurists in the world. She would often take a person’s hand in her own, or place her hand on their shoulder as she spoke to them. Her eye contact was constant and sincere, each person understanding that she genuinely wanted to know them in what few minutes she had with them.

The breakfast was immediately followed by a fireside chat with more than 300 students, faculty, staff and members of the public in the Dick Bell Courtroom and overflow seating in the library sky box and Kerr Student Lounge. President David L. Boren (’68) welcomed the crowd.
"Particularly at the Supreme Court of the United States, our nation must depend upon men and women who set aside their personal biases, who set aside rigid ideologies, who confront each case with fairness, honesty and with the full powers of their intellect," said Boren. "That is exactly what Justice Sotomayor does. That’s why – not just because she is a member of the Supreme Court of the United States, a distinguished justice – it’s for her personal qualities of faithfulness to the rule of law that gives all of us great honor today to welcome her to this university."

For the fireside chat, Sotomayor was seated on stage between Dean Joe Harroz and Professor Joseph Thai, who previously clerked for Justices John Paul Stevens and Byron White. The chat began with short remarks from Sotomayor, where she encouraged students, "don’t forget that the law can be something that is incredibly powerful to the people you affect and to the people who you will represent. Please enjoy it as much as I do; stay as passionate as you can about it. I have been practicing now as a lawyer and judge for decades, and for me to tell you that I still love being a lawyer, I hope says a lot to you."

Following her remarks, Thai moderated a question-and-answer session with the OU Law students, giving them the maximum amount of time to ask questions of a current sitting justice. As soon as the first student stood to ask her question, Sotomayor jumped from her seat and said, "Now, for everybody who gets a question, I will come up and take a picture with you … I’m going to walk into the crowd and I’m going to tell somebody to move over and take pictures so the photographer can get me with a lot of students, but don’t stop asking me questions."

She did just that. She worked her way in and among the aisles of students in the stadium seating of the courtroom – often sitting on the armrest between students and telling them “we can share a seat, come on!” – taking photographs with numerous students, but never failing to answer the questions posed to her. Faculty, staff and students sat in wonder as they watched a United States Supreme Court Justice place herself in the closest proximity possible to the OU Law student body. The down-to-earth, personable nature of Sotomayor was not lost on anyone. Whispers were heard among the crowd, “I’ve never seen anything like this,” and “Isn’t she remarkable?”

Harroz concluded the fireside chat by stating, “Watching everyone’s expressions, it has been more than we could ever ask for in terms of your candor, and your engagement, and your involvement. I’ll never again look into this courtroom without thinking about..."
you sitting in the middle of all of our students. I know on behalf of all the students, faculty and staff — this special community — I cannot say thank you in a more profound way.”

Afterwards, Sotomayor joined 200 OU Law alumni for lunch in the Sandy Bell Gallery at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. No different than the morning activities, Sotomayor took a hand-held microphone as she worked her way in among the closely placed circular tables to answer questions from alumni. Each time she stopped to answer, she had a photograph taken with the person asking the question. Often, as she answered the questions, she would place a hand on the shoulder or arm of someone seated at the table where she was standing. Her warmth radiated through the crowd, and alumni remarked that it was one of the greatest OU Law events they had attended.

Born in June 1954 to Puerto Rican-born parents, Sotomayor became an American icon when she was nominated and confirmed to the United States Supreme Court. She was the first Hispanic and the third woman ever appointed to the Court. Justice Sotomayor earned a bachelor’s degree in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university’s highest academic honor. She went to Yale, where she earned a juris doctor degree and served as an editor of *The Yale Law Journal*.

Upon graduating in 1979, she served as assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office until 1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she made partner. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. She served in that role from 1992–1998 and served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit from 1998–2009. She assumed her role as associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on August 8, 2009.

Sotomayor is the author of the autobiography *My Beloved World*, published in 2014. In her book, she details a childhood of growing up in a Bronx housing project, and her journey that ultimately led her to the federal bench. Diagnosed with childhood diabetes, she learned to give herself insulin shots and knew that she must depend upon herself. “It then dawned on me: if I needed to have these shots every day for the rest of my life, the only way I’d survive was to do it myself.” She tells of her experience with an alcoholic father who passed away when she was only 9, and her mother’s following depression and grief. Sotomayor turned to books and reading, and despite her mother’s struggles, credits her for speaking English with her children and buying them *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

The book gives little insight into the justice’s politics or legal philosophy, but instead shares a personal look into her person and heart. She reveals her battle with diabetes, the loss of her father, her cousin’s death from AIDS, her nicotine addiction, her divorce and her regrets of not having children. Her goal? That she be an example of hard work and a happy ending. She writes:

“...The challenges I have faced — among them material poverty, chronic illness, and being raised by a single mother — are not uncommon, but neither have they kept me from uncommon achievements. For many it is a source of hope to see someone realize her dreams while bearing such burdens.
Having caught people’s attention in this way, I’ve thought long and hard about what lessons my life might hold for others, young people especially. How is it that adversity has spurred me on instead of knocking me down? What are the sources of my own hope and optimism? Most essentially, my purpose in writing is to make my hopeful example accessible. People who lived in difficult circumstances need to know that happy endings are possible."

Emily’s dream is to someday become an attorney and judge. For Christmas, Emily’s grandfather gave her Sotomayor’s book and told her he knew she could grow up to be just like Sotomayor.

Not unlike her book, a few OU College of Law faculty and administrators were fortunate to witness a true look into the person and heart of Sotomayor. The day before her arrival, OU Law administrators received an e-mail from Barbara Merckx, stepmother of Norman seventh-grader Emily, who was a “huge fan” of Justice Sotomayor. Merckx explained that Emily was a young Hispanic girl who had endured difficult circumstances in her early childhood while living in another state. Emily was brought to Norman to live with her father, and has thrived for the past five years.

Merckx explained Emily’s dream is to someday become an attorney and judge. For Christmas, Emily’s grandfather gave her Sotomayor’s book and told her he knew she could grow up to be just like Sotomayor. He died of a massive stroke three days after presenting her with the book.

Merckx asked if it would be possible for Emily to attend the fireside chat. Moved by her story, Harroz and OU Law staff quickly arranged a front row seat for this kind, quiet girl. Sotomayor had not been told about Emily’s attendance or story.

Following the fireside chat, and before the alumni luncheon, Sotomayor was taken to the private judges’ chambers off the courtroom. As Harroz was escorting her out, he spontaneously motioned for Emily and Merckx to follow them into the judges’ chambers. Sotomayor immediately approached them and inquired as to who they were.

Merckx stepped forward and shared Emily’s story with Sotomayor. Sotomayor immediately grabbed Emily in an embrace, and then lowered herself to her knees to meet Emily eye-to-eye and took each of her little shoulders into her hands. She spoke in hushed tones, but everyone could hear as she stressed to Emily that she was amazing, and she was confident Emily would do great things in her life.
It was clear by the passion on Sotomayor’s face that at that moment, Emily was the only person in the room despite it being full. As she stood, Sotomayor gave Emily another hug and extended a heartfelt invitation for Emily and her family to join Sotomayor in Washington, D.C. Merckx later shared that as Emily left that day she said, “I think this is what someone who wins the lottery might feel like.”

In her book, Sotomayor writes, “I have ventured to write more intimately about my personal life than is customary for a member of the Supreme Court, and with that candor comes a measure of vulnerability. I will be judged as a human being by what readers find here. There are hazards to openness, but they seem minor compared with the possibility that some readers may find comfort, perhaps even inspiration, from a close examination of how an ordinary person, with strengths and weaknesses like anyone else, has managed an extraordinary journey.”

In that moment, watching Emily and Sotomayor, there was not a dry eye in the room. The openness and vulnerability of Sotomayor as a human being was nothing short of remarkable. At that moment, it did not matter a person’s political affiliation, ideologies, legal philosophy, gender, or age – everyone in that small chamber room could not hold back their tears. It was a privilege to witness the person that is Sonia Sotomayor. She is genuine, she is real, and she is an incredible person. Anyone who came in contact with her that day felt just like Emily – like they had won the lottery. | SL |
OU Law’s Digital Initiative: Charting the course for legal

By Jonella Frank

By providing iPads to each student in the J.D. program at the beginning of the 2014 fall semester, the OU College of Law became the first law school in the nation to launch a college-wide Digital Initiative. Taking a giant step in tailoring its legal education experience to meet the demands of the 21st-century legal profession, OU Law reinforced its commitment to innovation by ensuring graduates are technologically adept in the digital world and have a competitive edge in the job market.

As part of One University – OU’s campuswide digital initiative – the College of Law’s iPad program is designed to position graduates to hit the ground running as technologically proficient lawyers. They will be at the forefront of the technology proficiency learning curve, with increased professional marketability. OU Law’s Digital Initiative also provides a substantial cost savings on books. The number of textbooks and study aids available in electronic format is growing, and the cost of an e-book is generally one-third less than print. In addition, the law library now subscribes to the most heavily used study aids, like nutshells and hornbooks, online.

OU Law Dean Joe Harroz served on the task force responsible for launching One University. He realized the importance of developing a program for the College of Law and its students.

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— OU LAW DEAN JOE HARROZ
in the digital medium. From the office to the boardroom to the courtroom, they must be skillful in employing software applications to enhance their effectiveness and efficiency,” said Harroz.

Survey results compiled by the American Bar Association demonstrate that point. For more than a decade, the ABA has annually surveyed practicing attorneys about their use of technology, publishing the results in a Legal Technology Survey Report. The 2011 report showed 20.2 percent of the attorneys had tablet computers in their law firms. Three years later in the 2014 report, the percentage stood at 54.3, representing a 34.1 percent increase in a profession often labeled as slow to change.

The 2014 report also indicated that of those tablets used in law firms, 83.9 percent were iPads. First introduced in April 2010, the iPad’s use has expanded from general productivity activities like email and calendaring to law-specific functions. Legal research, organization and presentation of trial materials, as well as case management also can be done on an iPad. More than 2,000 law-related iPad apps are available in the iTunes store.

In early spring 2014, Harroz called on Darin Fox (’92), associate dean and director of the law library, to develop, coordinate and lead OU Law’s Digital Initiative. Fox had returned to his alma mater in 2005 with 11 years’ experience in computing services and information technology at the University of Southern California Law School, where he served as associate dean of information technology and law library prior to returning to Oklahoma.

Fox enthusiastically took on the project and began writing a proposal, developing curriculum and coordinating the various facets of the Digital Initiative. The program was approved, and three months later, nearly 500 iPads were distributed during the first two weeks of the fall semester. Each student was assigned an iPad Air (16 GB, Wi-Fi, with keyboard case) to use while enrolled at the College of Law.

Students are trained to use the iPads in academic and professional settings through a series of workshops and integrated curriculum offered throughout their law school career. First-year students learn how to use the device for general productivity and study. Functions taught include email, calendaring, contacts and note-taking. In their Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy course, 1Ls are taught how to conduct legal research and manage the resulting information.

In the second and third years of law school, students are instructed on how to use an iPad in practice. In practice skills courses, including Evidence, Trial Techniques and Legal Clinic, students learn to use the iPad in a law office and courtroom setting. They are taught how to work with electronic documents, organize case files and present information in meetings and in court.

“With the Digital Initiative, our students will learn the law through the immersive use of technology,” said Harroz. “The iPad provides a common tool and platform. The college-wide scale of this project will foster collaboration and facilitate instructional innovation.”

The College of Law recommends all students download 14 general-use software applications, which are free, or available through university license. Additionally, law-related apps, such as TrialPad, TranscriptPad, iJuror and Clio, for use in legal practice, are downloaded at training sessions.

Training sessions also have been offered to OU Law faculty. Six voluntary sessions held during the summer were well-attended. Faculty members were instructed on basic iPad functionality; accessing, organizing and annotating files in teaching and research; presenting information; conducting research and...
collaborating; creating video; and key iPad apps used in legal practice.

Fox is pleased about the level of acceptance the program enjoyed in its first semester. “It has generated a buzz among the students,” he said. “They are excited about it. Students are learning how they can use their iPads for study and practicing law, and they are teaching each other.”

In addition, Fox said a number of faculty members have embraced the use of technology and are serving as trailblazers, utilizing the iPad in different ways in the courses they teach.

Brian McCall, associate dean for academic affairs, taught a new experiential learning class – Transactional Law Practicum – during the fall semester. The students learned about transactional law by participating in a simulated business transaction between two public companies.

The iPad was integrated into several different phases of the course. Students were divided into law firms representing the parties to the transaction. The firms participated in conference calls, using BaiBoard, a collaborative whiteboard app that allows users to create, collaborate and share in real time. Other apps used were OneDrive for online storage and sharing documents; Notability for marking documents to make and receive comments; and Clio for law practice management matters such as time reporting and billing.

McCall and his students learned how to use the technology at the same time, utilizing training videos produced by the app providers and some live training. Explaining his students’ reaction to using their iPads in class, McCall said, “Some students were slightly apprehensive at first, but overall, they were enthusiastic by the end of the course. The class provided a safe environment in which to learn how to make use of emerging technology. These students gained experience that other law graduates will not have as they enter the profession.”

Mary Sue Backus, director of experiential learning and academic support, incorporated iPad use into two courses with varied class sizes. In her Education Law course, 13 students used the iPad app, Socrative, to respond to a question or fact situation presented to them.

Socrative is a student response system that allows students to respond in text, in addition to multiple choice and yes/no formats. Backus used the app, which is free and easy to use, to get discussions started in the class.

In her Evidence class of 78 students, BaiBoard was used in discussing rules of evidence. The text of the relevant rule would be displayed on the whiteboard and Backus would call on a student to
provide annotation or highlighting in response to a question she posed.

Additionally, Backus asked the students to video record themselves making an evidentiary objection regarding relevance and upload it to the course website. They were then required to watch and comment on the objections of five of their classmates.

Backus was pleased with the results and intends to incorporate more of this type of assignment in future classes. “This exercise provided multiple levels of learning,” she said. “Having to make your objection is valuable, but even more valuable is watching yourself make the objection. Self-critique is most rewarding.”

Reacting to being characterized as a trailblazer, Backus said, “The students will be the real innovators. The students will take it and run with it.”

In the Trial Techniques course taught by Professor Ted Roberts, students got hands-on experience using their iPads in simulated trial situations. After a 30-minute software training session on TrialPad, the students were required to use the app for an assignment. “I wanted them to use it, to experiment with it,” said Roberts.

Roberts stressed to his students that any technology should be used as a supplement to, not a substitute for, lawyering skills. He also discussed the possibility of a technological failure and the necessity of having a backup plan. “In the event of a total, or even a partial system failure, the technology that was meant to be an advantage can turn into a disadvantage in the courtroom if you have no backup plan,” explained Roberts.

Although he did not require his students to use TrialPad in their final trials, all of them did. Roberts was pleased with how effectively the students used the technology. In the future, he plans to have students use the iPads during witness examination for note-taking and pulling up depositions.

Third-year student Jesse Muth considers the iPad an effective tool. “We used TrialPad in almost every class,” he commented. “Everything from admitting exhibits, to impeachment of witnesses, examining and cross-examining experts and even in our final trial.”

After talking with practicing attorneys about the cost of hiring graphic design firms to prepare visual aids for use at trial, Muth sees the use of TrialPad as a game-changer for litigators. “Especially for a smaller firm, TrialPad on an iPad is a great way to be able to do many presentational-type things in the courtroom that, in the past, were only open to firms willing to spend a lot of money,” he said.
Muth’s classmate, Joe Trail, also was impressed with the usefulness of the iPad and TrialPad. “The app has some great features, that not only made using it a breeze, but made the whole experience and presentation very professional and efficient,” Trail said. “TrialPad’s built-in laser pointer and the ability to extract portions of text make it a state-of-the-art trial tool.”

Third-year student Kim Beight is president of the OU Law Board of Advocates, the student organization responsible for hosting several intra-school and inter-school competitions. Beight is excited about the role iPads can play in the competitions the group hosts. The iPads will allow more efficient communication and greatly improve the BOA’s ability to run a smooth, successful competition.

“It really takes a village to plan a competition, and there are many moving parts in play at any given time,” she said. “A centralized source of administrative documents will ensure we each have consistent access to the most up-to-date information on the status of each task. When we host competitions, we represent OU Law, and we want to put our best foot forward and give participants the best possible experience.”

Technological advancements continue to alter the landscape in all sectors of modern society. Your physician maintains electronic medical records; the car dealership relies on a digital service history of your automobile; and you are able to log in to the “parent portal” at your child’s school to access grades, attendance records and other pertinent information.

More and more professions and businesses will adapt and react to developing technology. The legal profession is no exception. Historically, new technology has brought change to the legal profession. Think electric typewriters, fax machines, mobile phones, personal computers, the Internet, laptops, email and electronic filing.

“Law firms have increasingly expressed an interest in students who have advanced technology skills,” said Casey
Delaney, assistant dean for external affairs. “From conducting legal research online, to utilizing technology in trial that was formerly outsourced, advanced technology has become a crucial skill for a new associate to offer prospective employers.”

On the topic, Oklahoma City attorney David Donchin (’84) pulls no punches. “I think it’s imperative for schools like the University of Oklahoma College of Law and any law school to embrace technology,” he said. “It needs to be part of a curriculum. You’ve got to produce lawyers who understand technology and can use it and apply it in practice.”

Jeremy Tubb (’95), who also practices law in Oklahoma City, concurs. “I can’t imagine how you’d be able to come into the law practice, doing the kind of thing we do now, without being very familiar with and able to utilize technology,” he stated. “I’m constantly looking on my iPad and at the app store to see what other apps are available that will enhance my practice. I couldn’t possibly do the things I do if I didn’t have this technology.”

Abby Nathan, a 3L in Roberts’ Trial Techniques class, expects to use her iPad in practice after graduation. “I’ve even shown a few attorneys how to use the iPad to become more effective inside the courtroom and in everyday practice,” she said. “I absolutely think my knowledge of this technology will help after graduation. The Digital Initiative has given me a distinct advantage as a future attorney.”

“Listening to employers’ needs and expectations, OU Law has responded and is on the leading edge, offering law firms the most technologically advanced law graduates in the nation,” Delaney said. “We are giving our students the technological skills necessary to stand out in the marketplace.”

The Digital Initiative has created a more dynamic classroom experience by providing students with the tools they will need to succeed. To ensure its graduates will be prepared to take their places in the rapidly evolving legal profession, the College of Law has embraced digital technology, facilitating instructional and scholarly innovation, and producing the first generation of digital legal natives who possess capabilities to practice law more efficiently. Everybody wins – the students, the legal profession and legal consumers.

— CASEY DELANEY, Assistant Dean for External Affairs
More from the students...

My use of the iPad is twofold: (1) I use my iPad as an organizational tool – between iCal, Reminders and Evernote, my life runs on my iPad; and (2) I use my iPad as a second screen for research and writing. I view documents on my iPad in pdf form, which allows me to easily move through and annotate, and I write on my laptop using Microsoft Word.

The iPad has changed the way I do law school. I love using Evernote. It is very easy to format and paste pictures or documents, which allows me to organize my notes, pictures of diagrams and documents in a single notebook in a neat, organized and logical order.

The iPad program at the OU College of Law has provided me with an understanding of how to use present technology while also providing me with experience in adapting to new technologies that will hopefully motivate and compel me to do so again in the future.

— JONATHAN WEDEL, 2L

I initially thought of iPads as techie toys. The training sessions helped me to see how they could be used by professionals in practical settings. Training transformed my iPad from a toy to a legal practitioner’s tool.

The iPad has allowed me to integrate my technology usage with the rest of the law school community. Documents can clash and acquire formatting errors when opened on a Mac versus a PC. Now, everyone has a common tool in the iPad. It has become easier to collaborate with other students on projects using apps like Dropbox.

I recently started working in a District Attorney’s Office. On my first day of work, I witnessed an ADA use an iPad in the courtroom to stay updated on the emerging facts of cases and collaborate with staff. The courtroom and the surrounding offices have Wi-Fi networks. The law practice of today demands competency in technology. From my own experience I see that iPads are becoming increasingly common in the courtroom.

— JONATHAN BREWER, 3L

I learned of the iPad program through an email received after I was accepted into OU Law. I thought it set OU apart from other law schools. The other schools seemed to be bragging about what they have done in the past, while OU Law was already letting me know the great things they would be doing for the future.

With the use of iPads in the workforce continuing to rise, I feel this knowledge will help me immensely. I believe it will put me one step ahead of other graduates.

— LAURA COCHRAN, 1L

We are able to do so much on our iPads. I have used my iPad for note-taking, research, word processing and email correspondence – pretty much everything.

This technology will be so helpful. I went to one lunch and learn on technology and being a lawyer. There is so much that is done and can be done as a future attorney.

Thank you, OU, for spearheading this initiative. I am so excited and grateful!

— GENNI ELLIS, 1L

The training sessions have been extremely helpful. They offer a forum to learn the ins and outs of the iPad that I cannot figure out on my own, and increase the usability of my iPad and my efficiency.

The iPad has been a great tool to supplement my law school experience.

My use of the iPad in my professional career is where I truly see the digital initiative paying off. The iPad is small and I can take it anywhere. I plan on utilizing it to its full potential after I graduate.

— MITCHELL SPENCER, 1L
The concept of providing legal work pro bono publico is historically rooted in the desire that justice not be a commodity to be bought and sold. Rule 6.1 of the American Bar Association Rules of Professional Conduct begins by stating that “[e]very lawyer has a professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay.” At OU Law, that professional responsibility begins the moment students walk in the door the first day of orientation when they are invited to pledge to perform 50 or 100 hours of pro bono service during their law school years. This year, 97 percent of the entering 1L class made that pledge, with more than half of the students committing to 100 hours of pro bono service before graduation.

In spring 2004, a pro bono program was formalized at the OU College of Law. Initially named Students for Access to Justice, the student-driven organization is now known as the Public Interest Law Student Association. The organization’s stated mission is to promote a culture of public service commitment by connecting students with meaningful pro bono volunteer opportunities. PILSA defines pro bono work as law-related and supervised by a licensed attorney. In addition, the work must be with a government agency, court, public interest organization or a private attorney handling a matter for free or at a substantially reduced fee.

PILSA helps students connect with qualified volunteer placement opportunities by working with the Office of Career Development to coordinate the Public Interest and Pro Bono Career Fair. Public service employers are invited to participate in the event held early in the spring semester. Students are able to visit with employers to learn about pro bono opportunities and submit their resumes for summer internships.
Prior to this year’s fair on February 25, PILSA hosted a lunch and learn program on January 21 to provide interested students information about the fair and a variety of pro bono opportunities available. Students who had previously served in some of these placements described their experiences, answered questions and offered advice.

At the end of each spring semester, PILSA hosts a recognition reception for all students and faculty who have volunteered 25 or more pro bono hours during the academic year. Recognition also is given to the student from each class with the highest number of volunteer hours and the graduating student who has volunteered the greatest number of hours during his or her law school career. All graduating students who have provided 50 and 100 hours of pro bono service are awarded cords to be worn with graduation regalia.

Since the inception of the pro bono program, students have volunteered more than 82,511 hours of pro bono service. Organizations or government entities that have benefited from the students’ work include state and federal prosecutors’ offices, public defenders’ offices, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, American Civil Liberties Union, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Tribal
Justice, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals and U.S. Agency for International Development. In addition to serving in positions in Oklahoma, students have completed pro bono service in Texas, Ohio, California, Florida, Washington, D.C., London and Ethiopia.

To encourage students to seek summer pro bono work, the College of Law has fellowships that provide financial assistance for students working a minimum of 200 hours in the summer.

David L. Boren and Molly Shi Boren Public Interest Fellowship
John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship
GableGotwals Public Service Fellowship
Marjorie P. Maute Memorial Public Service Fellowship
Cindy Foley Memorial Fellowship
Values Fellowship
Native American Law Students Association Fellowship

The number of fellows, and the amounts awarded, are based on availability of funds. More than $55,000 will be available to assist students with expenses incurred while completing their pro bono service during summer 2015. To be eligible to apply for a fellowship, a student must secure unpaid summer employment with a public service or public interest organization. Students selected as fellows are introduced at the spring PILSA recognition reception.

In 2014, 26 OU Law students were awarded summer public interest fellowships totaling $57,000. They completed 7,082 hours of pro bono service while working for a wide range of organizations. The students got hands-on experience drafting court opinions, serving as second chair at trial, participating in plea negotiations, researching and writing briefs and other documents, negotiating settlements and more.

Other student pro bono opportunities are available through two programs in which OU Law has participated for a number of years. In 2006, OU law students began working in an Internal Revenue Service program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, in which help with filing simple federal and state income tax returns is provided to people whose annual income is $53,000 or less. Before volunteering with VITA, students complete online training and pass a certification test administered by the IRS.

From late January until mid-April, on every Wednesday and Thursday evening, law students are present at the Norman Public Library Central to assist community members in preparing and filing their income tax returns electronically.
In a typical year, about 25 OU Law students spend more than 500 hours preparing tax returns for about 400 low-income and elderly taxpayers,” said Brooke Folsom, VITA student director. “These numbers help show how important this program is to the community, but it is also an invaluable learning experience for our volunteers.”

In fall 2009, PILSA, then SATJ, began a program called Victim Protective Order Assistance to assist domestic violence victims seeking victim protective orders in the Cleveland County District Court. After completing training, law students staff an office at the Cleveland County Courthouse and guide individuals through the process of obtaining the VPO. Students do not provide legal advice or representation, but do maintain strict confidentiality.

Since the program began, 293 student volunteers have provided 2,676 hours of service to assist 185 individuals seeking victim protective orders. “Many petitioners have something traumatic happen that pushes them to fill out an application for a protective order,” explained Matt Price, student program coordinator. “People come in really needing help organizing their thoughts. Volunteers in the program help provide clarity. It is comforting to have someone walk you through the process.”

Price also points out that the benefits of the Victim Protective Order Assistance program run both ways. While providing a service to the community, law student volunteers gain valuable experience interacting with clients, adding another dimension to their legal education.

To increase the number of pro bono opportunities available to students, Professor Mary Sue Backus, director of experiential learning and academic support and PILSA faculty adviser, has attended training sessions for two new programs – The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program and the Clemency Project 2014.

OU Law students began working with The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program in fall 2014. The program provides veterans and other U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs claimants, whose appeals have been previously denied by the VA’s Board of Veterans’ Appeals, with free attorney representation in appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
“Students reported working 12,618 pro bono hours in 2013-14, and we have already exceeded that for this year.”

Claims. The consortium consists of four veteran service organizations: The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the National Veterans Legal Services Program, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The consortium evaluates appeals for merit, and recruits and trains attorneys to represent claimants with meritorious claims.

OU Law students become involved when cases are assigned by the consortium to Backus as lead attorney. On the first assigned case, first-year students Ashley Goins and Jeremy Otis volunteered their time organizing the record, researching similar cases and preparing findings and conclusion for Backus to use in determining how to proceed in the case. They also observed a settlement conference and assisted in researching and writing the appellate brief.

Goins and Otis both have fathers who served in the U.S. Army, and for them, their involvement in the program had a strong emotional component. Goins expressed similar feelings. “The Army has played such a large role in my life, and I have seen the sacrifices military members make for their country up close. I am humbled to be able to give something back to them.”

The fact that this experience was available to them in their first semester as 1Ls was not lost on either student. “My involvement in the program has also affected me professionally because I have been given a real-world legal experience in my first semester of law school! This opportunity is rare, and I am incredibly thankful to Professor Backus for allowing me be involved,” Goins exclaimed.

Calling the experience “a rare opportunity to learn practical legal skills in the first semester of law school,” Otis went on to explain its potential impact on his future legal career. “After graduation, I’m hoping to apply to the Army JAG Corps. The experience I get from the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program will definitely be relevant to the Army later.”

Clemency Project 2014 is a collaborative effort of the American Bar Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, the Federal Public and Community Defenders, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. It provides pro bono assistance to federal prisoners, who, had they been sentenced today, likely would have received shortened sentences. Potential clemency petitioners are identified and attorneys are recruited and trained to assist them in seeking clemency. Backus has completed training for the program and is exploring ways to involve students.

OU Law also encourages students’ participation in other organizations’ pro bono programs by making training easily accessible. In October, a Coats Hall classroom was the site for a training session conducted by Oklahoma Lawyers for Children. Forty students completed training to represent children in the juvenile division of the Oklahoma County District Court.

Another training opportunity was available in February when Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Inc. trained students as LiveHelp volunteers who serve as LASO website navigators. Through live online chats, students help visitors to the LASO website locate information about civil legal problems.

As a member of Equal Justice Works, a nonprofit organization promoting public service for lawyers, OU Law sent students to the Equal Justice Works Conference.
Volunteering can become a habit for OU Law students, even when the hours don’t count for pro bono credit. PILSA members Chance Counts, Monica Guzlar, Zach Underwood, Morgan Pinkerton, Jessica Jacobsen and Foster Dobry stand outside the new home of the Center for Children and Families, where they volunteered to help get its new building ready by painting bathrooms.

“Our student commitment to pro bono and public service is impressive,” said Backus. “Students reported working 12,618 pro bono hours in 2013-14, and we have already exceeded that for this year. That total doesn’t even reflect all unpaid work. For students enrolled in externships, PILSA counts only the hours they work in excess of the 140 required for externship credit. So the total amount of unpaid public interest and government work is even more impressive!”

PILSA’s successful promotion of a culture of public service commitment at OU Law is evidenced by these numbers.

Another example of how students have embraced the concept is illustrated by the story of the origin of the Native American Law Students Association Fellowship. To raise money to fund the fellowship, NALSA members procured in-kind donations from tribes and individual members, and held a silent auction during last year’s symposium presented by the American Indian Law Review and the OU Native American Studies Department. The student awarded the fellowship spent the summer working at the Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice in Washington, D.C. A second student organization, the Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law, will provide a summer fellowship in 2015 to support a student working in the area of women’s issues.

OU Law students discover that by committing themselves to pro bono and public service they enhance their educational and professional development while serving people who need them and the legal services they are able to provide. In evaluating their pro bono placements, students made the following comments.

“I went to sleep every night feeling proud that I got to be part of an organization responsible for ensuring so many of the rights I get to enjoy every day.”

“[My internship] taught me things that cannot be learned in the classroom.”

“One of the most educational experiences of my life.”

“I know I will be a stronger advocate for my clients and a better practitioner because of this opportunity.”

“Working in the public interest sector, I was able to help underserved individuals who were in desperate need of legal services, which was often a matter of their survival. By utilizing the free legal resources provided by Legal Aid, I witnessed victims of domestic violence begin to feel hopeful, independent, and empowered.”

As these students learned, pro bono work can be good for the heart as well as the career. That lesson is a cornerstone of the OU Law educational experience.
Three prominent OU Law graduates were honored with induction into the Order of the Owl Hall of Fame on March 12 in front of the largest crowd ever to attend the annual event. Nearly 500 people filled the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in Oklahoma Memorial Union to witness Robin J. Cauthron (’77), Andrew M. Coats (’63) and Reggie N. Whitten (’80) become the fourth class of inductees to receive the College’s highest honor.
Following a video of the academic convocation capping off the 1L orientation for the Class of 2017, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Steven W. Taylor (’74) welcomed alumni and friends of the College of Law and introduced Dean Joe Harroz, the evening’s master of ceremonies.

Harroz introduced special guests and dignitaries in attendance prior to acknowledging 14 members of the Class of 2015 elected into the Order of the Coif honorary scholastic society. Also recognized were honorary member Charles A. Johnson (’55), recently retired from the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals after 25 years of service, and new faculty member Monika U. Ehrman, associate professor of law.

Harroz’s pre-dinner announcement of a $500,000 planned gift to the OU College of Law made by longtime law librarian Marilyn Nicely drew a warm response from the audience. Asking Nicely to stand and be recognized, Harroz said, “We are deeply grateful to Marilyn, here with us tonight, for her 39 years of service to OU Law, her incredible work, and her transformative and inspiring gift.”

After dinner, Harroz introduced the inductees, reciting highlights of their exceptional legal careers, and reading comments from friends and colleagues. As a symbol of membership in the Order of the Owl, each was presented an owl sculpture by a student with a special connection to the honoree. Each inductee spoke briefly following his or her presentation.

The celebration closed with the singing of the OU Chant, led by first-year law students Leslie Gile and Joey Geresi.
Robin J. Cauthron is a judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. She joined the court in 1991 after being nominated by President George H.W. Bush. Cauthron served as chief judge of the court from 2001-2008.

Born in Edmond, Oklahoma, Cauthron graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor’s degree in 1970 and a juris doctor degree in 1977. Cauthron also earned a master’s degree in 1974 from Oklahoma Central State University.

Cauthron was a law clerk for Judge Ralph Thompson of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma from 1977 to 1981, staff attorney for Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma Inc. until 1982, and a private practice attorney until 1983, before being appointed to serve as special judge for Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 17 from 1983 to 1986. Cauthron was a federal magistrate judge on the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma from 1986 to 1991.

She served the Judicial Conference of the United States as a member, and later chair, of the Defender Services Committee, district judge representative to the Conference, and member of the Executive Committee.

“The honor graduate I was lucky enough to hire as one of my law clerks in 1977 has gone on to become not only a distinguished colleague on the court, but chief judge of the court and, by appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States, a leader at the highest level of the federal judiciary itself. Judge Cauthron’s exemplary career makes us all proud. During her years as a law clerk, she made me look good. On the bench, she has made the entire court look good.”

– RALPH G. THOMPSON (’61)

“I met Robin Cauthron during what was then an entire week of orientation before law school classes began. I needed an entire week of orientation, but I soon learned Robin would have been fine with about two or three hours. Our friendship has continued some 40 years later even as our careers have kept us both busy. I can honestly say I know of no one in our law school class, or any other for that matter, more deserving and suited to be a United States District Judge than my friend Robin.”

– DAVID A. POARCH JR. (’77)
Andrew M. Coats is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He was an officer in the United States Navy and after serving at sea, became an adviser to the Republic of China naval forces in Taiwan from 1957 to 1960. Coats returned to the University of Oklahoma in 1960 to attend the College of Law, where he was an editor of the Oklahoma Law Review, president of the Student Bar Association and member of the Order of the Coif. He was honored by the Oklahoma Bar Association as the 1962 outstanding law student in Oklahoma and was selected as OU’s outstanding law graduate of 1963. After graduation, he joined Crowe & Dunlevy in the firm’s Oklahoma City office, becoming a partner within six years, and later serving as the firm’s president.


Coats was president of the American College of Trial Lawyers during 1996-97, and was charter president of the American Board of Trial Advocates in Oklahoma. He is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and was selected as a trustee of the United States Supreme Court Historical Society in 1995.

On July 1, 1996, he became dean of the OU College of Law. On April 30, 2002, in recognition of his leadership, the OU Board of Regents named the law school building Andrew M. Coats Hall, in his honor.

Coats was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2005. In 2007, he received the Human Rights Award from the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission in recognition of his life-long dedication to improving opportunities for women and minorities in Oklahoma. Since June 30, 2010, Coats has served as dean emeritus of the OU College of Law.

“I first encountered Andy Coats not long after I began teaching at the law school many years ago. I was serving as a moot court judge when this skinny second-year student grinned all the way through his absolutely brilliant performance. His brilliance was confirmed when I later taught him in my classes on evidence and trial practice. For more than 50 years, I have marveled at his lightning-fast wit and his gift for generating laughter and good will. Andy Coats is easy to envy, but he is impossible to dislike.”

– LEE WEST (‘56)

“Andy Coats has been best in show in every aspect of the legal profession. He has been a superb trial and appellate lawyer in private practice, a leader in a host of professional associations, and a distinguished public official. If he had done nothing else, he would be one of the outstanding graduates of the College of Law. But Andy did far more. He became dean of the College of Law during challenging times and led its return to greatness.”

– W. DEVIER PIERSON (’57)
Reggie N. Whitten, co-founder and senior partner of Whitten Burrage Law Firm, is from Seminole, Oklahoma. He was the first of his family to graduate from college, receiving a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1977 and a juris doctor degree in 1980. During law school, he worked in the law library and participated in five moot court competitions, honing his skills as a future trial lawyer.

Whitten started with the firm of Foliart, Mills and Niemeyer, first as an intern and later as a lawyer. In 1984, he became a partner in the firm of Mills and Whitten. His practice area has always been trial work, and he has been involved in complex litigation on both the defense and plaintiff side. Whitten has participated in more than 100 jury trials during the past 34 years. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Whitten is a past president of the Oklahoma Association for Justice, and has received a number of honors, including The Journal Record Leadership in Law Award, the Oklahoma Association of Justice Tommy D. Frasier Award, and the Oklahoma Bar Association Trailblazer Award.

In 2004, Whitten co-founded the Whitten Newman Family Foundation in memory of his oldest son, Brandon, who died in 2002 as a result of a traffic accident caused by alcohol and drug addiction. Six funded initiatives of the foundation – the Brandon Whitten Institute for Addiction and Recovery, FATE (Fighting Addiction Through Education), ExplorOlogy, Native Explorers, Pros for Africa and Sisters United – have impacted people in the state of Oklahoma and around the world.

As part of his involvement in and support of these programs, Whitten has co-authored two books. Sewing Hope focuses on the life of Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe, a Catholic nun in Uganda whose schools provide a home and job training for girls formerly held captive by warlord Joseph Kony. The other book, What’s Your Fate?, is about his son’s addiction and death.

In 2013, the Oklahoma Heritage Association honored Whitten with induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

“Without a doubt, Reggie is one of the greatest trial lawyers to come out of OU, and he has the track record to prove it. He has the candid ability to make a jury see his client’s virtues in a case. He is a great friend and law partner. He has compassion for those who have not been as fortunate as others. We have tried many cases, and every case is “the best case we’ve ever seen!” I look forward to trying these “best cases we’ve ever seen” together and fixing the law that he seems to think gets in his way.”

– MICHAEL BURRAGE (’74)

“I am so glad to see my good friend, Reggie Whitten, inducted into the Order of the Owl. It is a good thing he is being inducted into the Order of the Owl because we were not even close to being inducted into the Order of the Coif. I am so proud to have known Reggie Whitten for over 40 years. From a state champion high school debater at Seminole High School, to a moot court champion at OU law school, he possesses a creative mind, a quick wit, and a big heart. Reggie is a skilled trial lawyer. He is a good friend and a worthy foe.”

– JOHN HARGRAVE (’80)
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|      | W. DeVier Pierson (‘57)  
|      | William J. Ross (‘54)   |
| 2012 | Thomas R. Brett (‘57) 
|      | James T. Comfort (‘57)  
|      | William T. Comfort Jr. (‘61)  
|      | J. Hugh Roff Jr. (‘55)  
|      | Alma Bell Wilson (‘41) *In Memoriam*  |
| 2013 | Michael Burrage (‘74)  
|      | Kathy Taylor (‘81)  
|      | Ralph Thompson (‘61)  
|      | Lee West (‘56)  |

The 2015 class of inductees — Andrew M. Coats (‘63), Robin J. Cauthron (‘77) and Reggie N. Whitten (‘80)
News briefs

1950s

William J. “Bill” Ross (’52) received the lifetime achievement award from Oklahoma City University’s Meinders School of Business, and was chosen to serve as king of the Beaux Arts Ball, which benefits the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. He is chairman of the board of directors of the Inasmuch Foundation and the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation.

Joe C. Houk (’55) retired as city attorney for Fairview, Oklahoma, after 48 years of service. He is a partner in Houk & Church in Fairview.

William G. Paul (’56) received the 2015 National Conference of Bar Presidents Fellows Award recognizing his accomplishments as a past bar president who has demonstrated continuing leadership and service to the work of the organized bar and the NCBP. He is of counsel to Crowe & Dunlevy in the firm’s Oklahoma City office.

1960s

Richard L. McKnight (’63) was named Citizen of the Year by the Enid, Oklahoma, Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he received the 2014 Walk of Fame Award recognizing a lifetime of service to the Enid community. He is of counsel with Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll PC.

John H. Trudgeon (’64) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for estate planning and probate. He is of counsel with the Oklahoma City firm of Hartzog Conger Cason and Neville, where his practice areas include estate planning, probate, employee benefits and nonprofit organizations.

James R. Cox (’65) became of counsel to Ewbank, Hennigh & McVay PLLC in Enid, Oklahoma. His practice includes general civil matters, oil and gas and estate planning.

Gene Livingston (’65) was named to Best Lawyers in America 2015 for administrative/regulatory law, environmental law, government relations practice, and environmental litigation. He is a shareholder of Greenberg Traurig LLP, based in Sacramento, California, where his areas of practice include litigation, government law and policy, and environmental law.

Robert H. Gilliland (’66) received the Professional Service Award from the Oklahoma County Bar Association at the organization’s annual award luncheon. He is a commissioner on the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Commission.

Sheppard F. Miers (’66) was named Tulsa Lawyer of the Year in tax law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He also was recognized by the Oklahoma Bar Association Taxation Law Section for outstanding contributions. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Duane A. Woodliff (’66) retired as associate district judge of Okmulgee County, a position he had held since his election in 2006. He previously served as special judge for five years.

Pat D. Bowlen (’68) was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame for 2015. He owns the Denver Broncos and served as the organization’s chief executive officer until July 2014.

Lynn Burris (’68), of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, was sworn in as a justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court in January. He previously served as a judge for the Cherokee Nation Administrative Appeals Board, where he presided over Tribal Employment Rights Office appeals.

Jack A. Mattingly Sr. (’68) was inducted into the Seminole Hall of Fame. He practiced law in Seminole, Oklahoma, for 43 years following service as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and as a member of the legal staff of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

John D. Groendyke (’69) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame. He serves as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Groendyke Transport Inc. in Enid, Oklahoma.
Don Holladay ('69) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award for his pro bono work challenging Oklahoma’s ban on same-sex marriage. He also was honored with the Oklahoma County Bar Association Pro Bono Award. His practice at Holladay & Chilton PLLC in Oklahoma City includes constitutional litigation, complex business litigation, and professional liability malpractice actions.

Terence C. Kern ('69) was presented the 2014 Judge of the Year Award by the Oklahoma Association for Justice at the organization’s annual meeting. He serves as a senior judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

1970s

Len Cason ('72) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for business/corporate law. He is a partner at the Oklahoma City firm of Hartzog Conger Cason and Neville, where his practice includes business law, tax law and estate planning.

Michael R. Collins ('72), of Ponca City, Oklahoma, is the 2015 president of the Cimarron Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He practices law in Ponca City, and for many years, served as the city attorney of Tonkawa.

Joe B. Harrison ('72) was included in Texas Super Lawyers 2014 for business litigation. He also was listed in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for commercial litigation, antitrust Litigation, construction litigation, securities litigation, and personal injury litigation defense. He is a partner in the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Drew Neville Jr. ('72) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for securities litigation and was ranked as the No. 1 Oklahoma attorney. He is a partner of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City, where his practice focuses on business litigation with an emphasis on federal securities litigation.

Jeff F. Raley ('72) was elected as a fellow of the American College of Bond Counsel. He practices bond law in Norman, Oklahoma, with the Floyd Law Firm, where he has worked for 12 years. He previously served as the city attorney in Norman for 17 years, and in Blackwell, Oklahoma, for 12 years.

Rex Herren ('74) joined the Oklahoma City office of GableGotwals as of counsel. His practice includes oil and gas, real estate and Indian law. He previously was in private practice and also served as assistant regional solicitor with the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gary L. Lumpkin ('74) was elected vice presiding judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals for 2015-16. Appointed to the court in 1989, he previously served as district attorney, associate district judge and district judge.

James R. Gotwals ('75), of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected to the board of governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He also was named Outstanding Family Law Mediator by the Family Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is the founder of James R. Gotwals and Associates Inc., where his practice includes civil litigation, family law, real estate and probate law.

Katherine Winfree ('75) joined the Washington, D.C., office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP as a partner in the state attorneys general practice group. She previously served as chief of staff for the Federal Communications Commission Enforcement Bureau.

Joe H. Enos ('76) retired as district judge for Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 5. He served Stephens County for 32 years, first as associate district judge, and since 2005, as district judge.

Eric R. King ('76) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year in energy law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.
Thomas S. Landrith (’76), of Ada, Oklahoma, received the Oklahoma Bar Association Award of Judicial Excellence for his leadership in the renovation project of the Pontotoc County Courthouse and Justice Center. He has served as a district judge in Pontotoc County since 1994.

James L. Gallogly (’77) retired as chief executive officer of LyondellBasell, a petrochemical company. He previously worked for Conoco Phillips and Phillips Petroleum Company.

David A. Poarch (’77) became president of the Oklahoma Bar Association on January 1, 2015. He practices with the Norman, Oklahoma, firm of Bailey and Poarch and serves as presiding municipal court judge. From 1997 until 2011, he was OU Law’s assistant dean for external relations.

Thomas T. Rogers (’77) was selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for bet-the-company litigation, commercial litigation, insurance law, and litigation – regulatory enforcement. He is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP, based in Austin, Texas.

Bryce Tarzwell (’77), of Dallas, was elected to the board of directors of NexBank Capital Inc. He is the chief legal officer of Par Petroleum Corporation.

Barbara L. Hoffman (’79) retired after 14 years of service with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. She previously worked in Oklahoma City as an environmental attorney for Kerr-McGee Corporation and McKinney & Stringer law firm.

Glen D. Johnson (’79) was elected to the executive committee of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, and was appointed chair of the Southern Regional Education Board’s newly formed Commission on College Affordability. He is the chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and currently serves as vice chair of the SREB.

Michael S. Laird (’79) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year in land use and zoning law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy with a practice concentrating on commercial real estate, financing, construction and leasing.

Edgar C. “Jed” Morrison Jr. (’79) was included in Texas Super Lawyers 2014, and was named San Antonio Lawyer of the Year in health care law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He practices at Jackson Walker LLP, in San Antonio, focusing on the regulatory and transactional aspects of health care law.

Judy Hamilton Morse (’79), a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. Her practice focuses on litigation and trial practice, as well as bankruptcy and creditors’ rights.

Dynda Post (’79) retired as district judge of Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 12 after 25 years on the bench. Prior to becoming a district judge for Rogers, Mayes and Craig counties in 1994, she served as special judge and assistant district attorney.

Linda Albright Wilkins (’77) was listed in Texas Super Lawyers 2014 in the area of employee benefits, and is listed in Best Lawyers in America 2015 in the area of employee benefits. She is a founder of the Dallas-based firm of Wilkins Finston Friedman Law Group LLP, practicing employee benefits, ERISA and executive compensation.

James T. Latting (’78), of Palm Desert, California, was appointed to a judgeship in the Riverside County Superior Court. Prior to being appointed to the bench, for 12 years he was of counsel at Roemer and Harnik LLP in Indian Wells, California.

Billy M. Croll (’79) was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City. His practice includes litigation, oil and gas and property law.
1980s

Charles E. Geister III (’80) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for business litigation and was included in the Top 50 ranking of Oklahoma attorneys. He is a partner in the Oklahoma City firm of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville whose practice focuses on litigation.

John R. Hargrave (’80) was honored by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity with the 2014 Alumni Award at the organization’s international convention. He has served as president of East Central University of Oklahoma since 2009, and was previously managing partner of the Edmonds Cole Law Firm in Oklahoma City.

Leo J. Portman (’80) became of counsel to GableGotwals in the firm’s Oklahoma City office. He focuses on title examination, oil and gas law and estate planning. He previously was a sole practitioner at Portman & Associates.

Ken Graham (’81), of Duncan, Oklahoma, was elected district judge in Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 5. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced law in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Karen S. Rieger (’81), a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for corporate compliance law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. Her practice includes representation of health care institutions and practitioners throughout Oklahoma and surrounding states on a broad range of health law issues.

Malcolm E. Rosser IV (’81) was named Tulsa Lawyer of the Year for construction law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, based in the firm’s Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, where he is in charge of the commercial real estate practice.

Tom Spencer (’81) was named executive director of the Oklahoma Teachers’ Retirement System after serving as interim executive director since April 2014. He previously served as executive director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

William S. “Bill” Leach (’82), a shareholder of McAfee & Taft, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is based in the firm’s Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, where his focus is on litigation and an appellate practice.

Steve Murdock (’82) was named Edmond Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Since 1987, he has served as the city attorney for Edmond, Oklahoma.

Natalie Shirley (’82) was named to the Oklahoma governor’s cabinet as secretary of education and workforce development. She is president of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City.

Mike Voorhees (’82) co-founded the Oklahoma City firm of Voorhees Voorhees & Byers. The firm’s areas of practice include small-business representation, estate planning, real estate and general civil litigation.

Monica Amis Wittrock (’82), of Oklahoma City, was appointed as the public member to the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. She is senior vice president of First American Title Insurance Company.

Michael S. Ashworth (’83) received the Earl Sneed Continuing Legal Education Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association for his continuous efforts teaching CLE classes and involvement with the Tulsa County Bar Association. He practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the Cheek Law Firm.

Steven C. Davis (’83) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for mergers and acquisitions. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City. His practice areas include tax law, estate planning and business law.

Kay Floyd (’83) was a recipient of the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Committee. She has served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives as well as the Oklahoma State Senate, and in 2014, received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Association of Justice. She is an associate at Riggs Abney in Oklahoma City.
L. Mark Walker ('83) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year in environmental law by Best Lawyers in America 2015. A director of Crowe & Dunlevy, his practice includes state and federal litigation, as well as matters before state regulatory agencies.

Deirdre Dexter ('84) received the Oklahoma Bar Association President’s Award in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding leadership, commitment and service to the OBA. Her practice focuses on alternative dispute resolution and is based in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area.

David Donchin ('84) was appointed managing partner of Durbin, Larimore & Bialick PC in Oklahoma City. With the firm since 1988, his litigation practice includes insurance, personal injury and environmental law.

Jan Grant-Johnson ('84) received the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Committee. She practices family law with the Johnson Law Firm in Norman, Oklahoma.

Rebecca Sherwood ('84) became president of FirsTitle Commercial Services LLC, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has more than 30 years of experience in commercial real estate and business transactions.

Lisa Tipping Davis ('84) was a recipient of the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Committee. She is a district judge in Oklahoma County, where she serves as the presiding juvenile judge.

Marjorie L. Welch ('84), of Norman, Oklahoma, was recognized for her outstanding contributions by the Oklahoma Bar Association Taxation Law Section during the OBA’s annual meeting in November 2014.

Alison Cave ('85) received the Oklahoma Bar Association President’s Award in recognition and appreciation of her outstanding dedication, commitment and service to the OBA. She works for Oklahoma Attorneys Mutual Insurance Company, where she is vice president, claims.

David L. Kearney ('85) became a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office. He joined the firm’s energy and natural resources practice.

Suzanne McClain Atwood ('86) received the Founder’s Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section. She is the executive coordinator for the Oklahoma District Attorney Council.

Greg A. Castro ('86) was elected to the executive committee of Fellers Snider. Based in the firm’s Oklahoma City office, he concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, including business torts, intellectual property and patent infringement.

Daniel E. Holeman ('86) was inducted into the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. He is the managing director of Holeman Mediation in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Kimberly Korando ('86) was included in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for employment law – management and labor law – management. She is a partner at Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she leads the firm’s employment, labor and human resources practice group.

Janice D. Loyd ('86) was appointed as a bankruptcy judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. She previously was managing partner at the Oklahoma City firm of Bellingham & Loyd PC, where her practice focused on bankruptcy law.

R. Blaine Nice ('86) became a shareholder of the Fellers Snider Law Firm, based in the Oklahoma City office. His areas of practice include litigation, workers’ compensation and labor, employment and employee benefits. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a municipal attorney for the City of Norman.

Elizabeth K. Brown ('87) was named to the board of directors of the National Stripper Well Association. She is a director of Phillips Murrah PC in Oklahoma City, where she is primarily a tax and transactional lawyer with a special emphasis in the energy industry.
Vaughn A. Ary (’87) was recently appointed as the convening authority for military commissions and will oversee the war court at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. He retired July 2014 after 27 years as a Marine Corps officer and judge advocate, which included service on the staffs of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. His final active duty military assignment was as staff judge advocate to the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Jeffrey A. Curran (’87) was promoted to shareholder status at GableGotwals. He practices in Oklahoma City, focusing on product liability defense, insurance matters and intellectual property litigation, as well as commercial litigation.

Laura McConnell-Corbyn (’87) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for family law, and also was included in the Oklahoma attorney rankings of The Top 50 and The Top 25 Women. She is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City. Her practice includes litigation, family law and employment law.

Victor E. Morgan (’87) was named Tulsa Lawyer of the Year in litigation – real estate by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a director of Crowe & Dunlevy and has a practice focused primarily on litigation and trial matters.

Rob F. Robertson (’87) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year in real estate litigation by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a shareholder of GableGotwals.

Dawn E. Scholz (’87) was appointed as a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission administrative law judge in Washington, D.C. Prior to this appointment, she served as administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration, deputy associate general counsel for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Air Force staff judge advocate and senior appellate military judge.

David T. McKenzie (’88) received the Earl Sneed Continuing Legal Education Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association for his extensive volunteer work for the OBA Continuing Legal Education Department. He also received the Golden Quill Award as coauthor of “Lights, Camera, Bar Action: Ethical Implications of Extrajudicial Statements and Pre-Trial Publicity in Criminal Proceedings.” He is an assistant in the Oklahoma County Public Defender’s Office in Oklahoma City.

John D. Russell (’88) joined GableGotwals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a shareholder. He is a former prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and his practice will focus on complex commercial litigation and white collar crime.

Shelly A. Youree (’88) was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for employee benefits (ERISA) law and tax law. She also was listed in Texas Super Lawyers 2014 for employee benefits (ERISA) law. She is partner of Thompson & Knight LLP, where she practices in the firm’s Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas offices. Her practice is focused on tax-driven business matters.

LeAnne Burnett (’89) was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year in litigation – environmental by Best Lawyers in America 2015. A director of Crowe & Dunlevy, her practice is concentrated on litigation and trial matters, with a focus on energy and environmental litigation and regulation.

1990s

Paul F. Prather (’90) was a member of a 27-lawyer team recognized as the 2014 Public Justice Trial Lawyers of the Year for their work on a California lead paint cleanup case. He is a deputy city attorney in San Diego.

Nicholas D. Rouse (’90) was listed in Best Lawyers in America 2015 in the fields of patent law and trademark law. He is the managing shareholder of Dunlap Codding PC in Oklahoma City, where he leads the firm’s mechanical engineering group. His practice includes a variety of aspects of patent and trademark law.
Gerald A. Williams (’89) and David Osterfeld (’98) were sworn in as justices of the peace in Phoenix on January 7. In those positions, they serve as full-time trial court judges hearing civil lawsuits in which the amount in controversy is less than $10,000, residential evictions, civil traffic violations, and every type of misdemeanor.

Brad West (’90) was included in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for plaintiff general personal injury. He also was named secretary for the Oklahoma chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a partner with The West Law Firm in Shawnee, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on plaintiff law, including medical malpractice, product liability, truck collisions and class actions.

Ryan S. Wilson (’90) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for business litigation and was included in the Top 50 ranking of Oklahoma attorneys. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville of Oklahoma City, where his practice includes litigation and employment law.

Sharon Voorhees (’91) was reappointed for a three-year term as a commissioner for the Oklahoma Community Service Commission. She is a partner of Voorhees Voorhees & Byers in Oklahoma City.

Armand Paliotta (’92) was listed in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014 for business/corporate law. He is a partner at Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville in Oklahoma City. His practice areas include business, tax and commercial law.

Donelle H. Ratheal (’92), of Oklahoma City, received the Oklahoma Bar Association Golden Quill Award for her article, “Children and Their De Facto Parents: Past, Present and Future Third-Party Custody and Guardianship Law in Oklahoma.” She is managing partner of Ratheal, Maggard & Fortune PLLC, where her practice includes complex family law litigation and appellate practice.

Michael P. Royal (’92) was included in the 2014 International Who’s Who of Management Labour and Employment Lawyers. He is a shareholder with Littler Mendelson PC, a global employment and labor law firm, based in the Dallas office.

Paul E. Vrana (’92) was included in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for the categories of derivatives and futures law, energy law, and natural resources law. He is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP, practicing in the Fort Worth, Texas, office.

D. Michael McBride III (’93) was named Tulsa Lawyer of the Year in gaming law by Best Lawyers in America 2015, and was re-elected as treasurer for the International Masters of Gaming Law. A director of Crowe & Dunlevy, he chairs the firm’s Indian law and gaming practice group.

Don Smitherman (’93) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Alma Wilson Award for his contribution to improving the lives of young people in Oklahoma through his work in the legal studies program at Douglass High School in Oklahoma City. He is of counsel with Moricoli & Schovanec PC in Oklahoma City.

F. William Cullins (’94) became chief judge of the 14th Judicial District of Kansas, based in Coffeyville. He has been a district judge since 2006, and previously served as county attorney, city prosecutor and private practitioner.

Brian Walkley (’94) joined Shelton Maxted Walkley in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include personal injury, construction litigation and general civil litigation.
Lori Walkley (’94), of Norman, Oklahoma, was named Outstanding Family Law Judge by the Family Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. She serves as district judge in Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 21.

Pam Gleason (’95) joined Stewart Title in Amarillo, Texas, as an escrow officer. She will be closing residential and commercial real estate transactions.

Lori L. Jackson (’95), of Ada, Oklahoma, was elected associate district judge for Pontotoc County. She previously maintained a private law practice in Ada.

Bryan N.B. King (’95) was elected president of Fellers Snider by the firm’s shareholders. His practice includes complex commercial litigation, professional malpractice defense, business torts, employment law and workers’ compensation.

Dirk P. O’Hara (’95), of Norman, Oklahoma, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Norman Board of Education. He is an owner of O Asian Fusion restaurant and Norman Senior Care LLC, and managing partner of Rambling Oaks Courtyard LLC.

Amy Alden (’96) was named a shareholder and director of Miller Dollarhide in Oklahoma City. With the firm since 2011, her practice focuses on business litigation.

Robert Don Gifford (’96) was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves Judge Advocate General’s Corps., and will command the 3rd Legal Operations Detachment in Boston. He currently is an assistant U.S. attorney in Oklahoma City, and serves as an OU Law adjunct professor.

Alan G. Holloway (’96) was recognized at the Oklahoma Bar Association’s 2014 annual meeting by the Taxation Law Section for his outstanding contributions. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City, where his practice includes tax law, estate planning and litigation.

Andrew A. Ingrum (’96) was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for real estate law. In addition, he was included in Texas Super Lawyers 2014 for real estate law. He practices in Dallas with Thompson & Knight LLP, where he is the real estate practice leader. His commercial real estate practice includes financing, development, leasing and disposition.

John A. Nicholas (’96), of Carthage, Missouri, was elected associate circuit judge for the 29th Judicial Circuit Court in Jasper County, Missouri. He previously practiced with the Law Office of Hensley & Nicholas.

Peter Astor (’97), of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, received the Courageous Attorney Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Criminal Law Section during the OBA’s 2014 annual meeting.

Paige S. Bass (’97) was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of Sonic Corp., where she leads the company’s internal legal department. She joined the company in 2004, having previously worked as an associate with Crowe & Dunlevy.

Nicholle Jones Edwards (’97) was elected to the board of directors of Positive Tomorrows, a private, tuition-free elementary school in Oklahoma City for homeless children and their families. She is of counsel with Phillips Murrah PC, where her practice includes family law, general civil litigation and appellate matters.

Perry W. Hudson (’97) received the Neil E. Bogan Professionalism Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association. He has offices in Oklahoma City and Pawnee, but practices throughout the state focusing on criminal defense and Department of Human Services deprived cases.

Stacey D. Spivey (’97), a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for trusts and estates by Best Lawyers in America 2015. Her practice focuses on estate planning and trust and estate administration and litigation.

Richard L. Wynne Jr. (’97) was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for litigation-intellectual property. He is a partner of Thompson & Knight LLP, practicing in the Dallas office, focusing on intellectual property and commercial litigation and counseling.
Susan G. Zwaan ('97), of Lawton, Oklahoma, was appointed special judge in Comanche County. She previously served as an assistant district attorney, and was in private practice after attending law school following an 11-year career as an elementary school teacher.

Marc A. Brockhaus ('98) was listed in Best Lawyers in America 2015 for patent law. He is a shareholder of Oklahoma City firm Dunlap Codding PC, where he leads the electrical engineering and systems group. His practice includes all areas of intellectual property.

Greg Mashburn ('98), of Norman, Oklahoma, was re-elected to serve a third term as district attorney for Cleveland, McClain and Garvin counties. Prior to assuming this position in 2007, he served as an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County. He also was appointed to serve on the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Commission.

Amy M. Stipe ('99), of Oklahoma City, was named 2015 board secretary for GableGotwals. Her practice focus is civil litigation.

2000s

Jeb Boatman ('03) was named by the Boeing Company as site director and chief counsel for its Oklahoma City operations. He previously practiced law with McAfee & Taft, and served as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Jolisa Melton Dobbs ('00) was included in Texas Super Lawyers 2014 for energy and natural resources law. She is a partner of Thompson & Knight LLP, based in the Dallas office. She concentrates her practice on oil and gas acquisition and disposition transactions.

Travis A. Fulkerson ('00) was elected to the executive committee of Fellers Snider. He practices in the firm’s Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, representing employers and insurance carriers in workers’ compensation cases.

David M. Sullivan ('00), a director of Crowe & Dunlevy, was named Oklahoma City Lawyer of the Year for litigation – patent by Best Lawyers in America 2015. He is a registered patent attorney and a co-chair of the firm’s intellectual property and technology group.

Trent Luckinbill ('00), originally from Enid, Oklahoma, co-produced the film The Good Lie, released in October 2014. Prior to his work in the entertainment industry, he was employed at the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Financial Stability, the U.S. Department of Justice, and private equity groups.

John M. Weedn ('00), of Miami, Oklahoma, was elected to the board of governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is a partner in Stockwell, Connor & Weedn PLLC, practicing primarily in the areas of family law and criminal defense.

Randy J. Grau ('01) was named chair of the Oklahoma House Judiciary Committee. He serves as the state representative for Oklahoma House District 81, and practices with the Oklahoma City firm of Cheek & Falcone PLLC.

Jenna Rader ('01) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as a director in the Oklahoma City office. She is a member of several practice groups, including intellectual property, real estate, nonprofit/charitable foundations, construction and litigation and trial.

Alisa Shaddix White ('01) was honored by the Oklahoma County Bar Association with the Briefcase Award. She practices with Middleton, Nowakowski & Smith, in-house counsel for Farmers Insurance in Oklahoma City.

J. Craig Buchan ('02) became of counsel to McAfee & Taft, based in the firm’s Tulsa, Oklahoma, office. His litigation practice includes a broad range of matters, including professional negligence, products liability and commercial litigation. He was previously a partner in a Tulsa-based litigation firm.

Cara M. Hair ('02) was promoted to vice president and general counsel of Helmerich & Payne, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She started with the company in 2006 as a corporate attorney, and served as senior attorney and deputy general counsel prior to her promotion.
Rebecca Wood Hull ('02) moved her practice from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Poteau, Oklahoma, where she cofounded the law firm of Curtis & Hull.

Beth A. Moeller ('02) became a shareholder at Littler Mendelson PC in the Atlanta office. She represents employers in all aspects of employment, wage and hour, and civil rights matters before administrative agencies and in federal and state court litigation. She previously practiced with Ogletree Deakins in Atlanta.

James E. Warner III ('02) received the Oklahoma Bar Association Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award for his pro bono work challenging Oklahoma’s ban on same-sex marriage. He also received the Oklahoma County Bar Association Pro Bono Award. He works with the Oklahoma City law firm of Holladay & Chilton PLLC. His practice primarily involves insurance coverage litigation, arbitration and state and federal court civil litigation.

Betsy Ann Brown ('03) joined the Smalley Law Firm in Norman, Oklahoma. Her practice includes all areas of family law and appellate work.

Stanley L. Evans ('03) received the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Diversity Committee in October 2014. In addition, Evans was honored at the HeartLine Festival of Hope as an individual, who through his community service, has provided hope to the Oklahoma City community. He was dean of students at OU Law from 2003 until his retirement in 2011, and continues to serve in a part-time advisory capacity.

Matthew D. Paque ('03) joined McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. His practice includes environmental permitting, regulatory compliance, enforcement defense and environmental issues in complex transactional matters. He previously served as assistant general counsel for Tronox Ltd.

Scott Inman ('04) was inducted into the Del City High School Alumni Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and serves as the minority leader.

Richard E. Smalley IV ('04) joined the Oklahoma City firm of Atkins & Markoff as an associate and will head the firm’s family law division. His practice will include divorce, child custody and spousal support.

Rachel B. Crawford ('05) became a shareholder of Newton, O’Connor, Turner & Ketchum, PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She represents clients in the areas of labor and employment and general litigation.

Chris Kannady ('05), of Oklahoma City, was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. After active duty service in the U.S. Marine Corps as a judge advocate, he is now associated with The Federal Practice Group, representing active duty military members and veterans.

David A. Sturdivant ('05) was elected as a shareholder at Barrow & Grimm PC in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He focuses on complex commercial litigation and civil litigation.

Matthew B. Wade ('05) joined the Abel Law Firm in Oklahoma City. His primary area of practice is personal injury litigation. He previously worked at Angela D. Ailles & Associates.

Scott T. Banks ('06) opened his law firm, Banks Law PLLC, in Norman, Oklahoma. His practice includes family law, civil litigation, estate planning and tax disputes.

Joe Vorndran ('06) received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association at its annual meeting in November. He is with Stuart & Clover PLLC in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where his practice includes general civil and commercial litigation, corporate law, alternative dispute resolution and municipal law.

Rick L. Warren ('06) was named a “Rising Star” in business/corporate law in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014. He is a partner with the Oklahoma City firm of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, where his practice includes business and commercial law, private placement securities offerings and sports franchises.
Ellen A. Adams (’07) became a shareholder of GableGotwals. Based in the firm’s Oklahoma City office, her practice primarily consists of prosecuting and defending corporate and individual clients in complex business litigation.

Ruth J. Addison (’07) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the firm’s office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is a member of the litigation and trial, labor and employment, and white collar, compliance and investigations practice groups.

Matthew J. Allen (’07) became a partner at Conner & Winters in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on oil and gas conservation matters before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Michael J. English (’07) joined Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he works in the firm’s litigation practice group. He formerly served as an assistant district attorney in Tulsa County.

Amber Hackett (’07) was appointed to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri. She is the director of corporate and community relations at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City.

Thomas J. Hutchison (’07), of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was named a shareholder in GableGotwals. He is a member of the business and transaction group and maintains a diverse general business practice.

Nick Larby (’07) co-founded the firm of Dyer Coatney Larby & Acuña in Oklahoma City. His practice areas include business and commercial litigation, insurance disputes and general civil litigation.

Linda Pizzini (’07) was honored by the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section as the Outstanding Family Law Attorney. She practices with the Pizzini Law Firm in Yukon, Oklahoma, focusing on family law.

Karolina D. Roberts (’08) became a member of the Oklahoma City firm of Elias, Books, Brown & Nelson PC. Her areas of practice include general litigation, oil and gas, bankruptcy and estate planning.

Carson C. Smith (’08) became an associate at Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green LLP in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include civil rights, employment law and insurance defense. He previously practiced with Holden & Carr and Jennings Cook & Teague.

Jeff Virgin (’08) was elected district judge for Oklahoma District Court Judicial District 21. He previously served as a special judge and an assistant district attorney.

Stacey S. Chubbuck (’09) joined the Oklahoma City law firm Lytle, Soulé & Curlee as an associate. Her practice focuses on general and commercial litigation, product liability and insurance defense. She previously was an associate with Chubbuck, Duncan & Robey PC.

Jess M. Kane (’09) was named partner of the Robinett King firm in Bartlesville and Pawhuska, Oklahoma. His areas of practice include agricultural law, oil and gas, commercial and real estate transactions, and general civil litigation.

Stephanie L. Khoury (’09) joined the Given Law Firm in Oklahoma City. Her practice focuses on insurance defense, including personal injury, products liability and construction defects.

Evan W. Talley (’09) became an associate at Dunlop Codding PC in Oklahoma City. He will handle complex commercial transactions, business tort and intellectual property law. Prior to joining the firm, he practiced in the area of public utility litigation in Oklahoma and worked at an intellectual property firm in Los Angeles.

2010s

Kyle Neil Eastwood (’10), of Anadarko, Oklahoma, serves as chair of the board of directors for The Physicians’ Hospital in Anadarko. He is a managing partner of Buzbee, Upchurch, Squires & Eastwood.
Four members of the OU Law Class of 2011 were honored in October as 30 Under 30 Award Winners in Oklahoma City. Pictured, left to right, are Andy Campbell, Kelsey Quillian Renegar, Amanda Essaili and Jake Krattiger.

Michael L. Brooks (‘10) was named a “Rising Star” in appellate matters in Oklahoma Super Lawyers 2014. He is an associate with the Oklahoma City firm of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, where his practice includes employment law, litigation and appeals.

Cullen D. Sweeney (‘10) became an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy, where he is a member of the appellate and litigation and trial practice groups. He previously worked for the Oklahoma State Senate and served as a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit.

Meredith W. Wolfe (‘10) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in the firm’s litigation and trial, banking and financial institutions and bankruptcy and creditor’s rights practice groups in Oklahoma City. Her previous experience includes working as staff attorney at the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and assistant general counsel with the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Brittany J. Byers (‘11) co-founded Voorhees Voorhees & Byers in Oklahoma City. Her primary practice areas include general civil litigation, estate planning, real estate and employment law.

Martin J. Howell (‘11) joined DeBee Gilchrist in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the firm’s aviation group, with a practice focused on transactional matters relating to aircraft title, purchase, registration, finance and leasing. He previously worked in the oil and gas industry.

Ryan W. Schaller (‘11) joined First American Title & Trust Company in Oklahoma City as residential counsel. He previously practiced in Enid, Oklahoma.

Taos Smith (‘11) joined the Smalley Law Firm in Norman, Oklahoma. His practice is focused on litigation and trial practice, with an emphasis on criminal defense matters.

Jade Caldwell (‘12) became an associate attorney with the Stinson Law Group in Edmond, Oklahoma. Her practice includes estate planning and litigation, probate, business and intellectual property law.

Jessica N. Cory (‘12) won second place and the award for best written submission in the American Bar Association Section of Taxation Law Student Tax Challenge. She is on a leave of absence with Chamberlain Hrdlicka in Houston while completing an LL.M. in Taxation at New York University School of Law.

Shayna R. Feiler (‘12) opened a law office in Oklahoma City. Her general civil practice will emphasize family law.

Mara K. Funk (‘12) joined Evbank, Hennigh & McVay PLLC in Enid, Oklahoma. Her practice includes real estate and commercial transactions, title examination, and probate and estate litigation.

Sean C. Wagner (‘12) became an associate at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Birmingham, Alabama, where he practices in the firm’s financial services litigation and compliance team. He previously served as a clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

David E. Burget (‘13) joined Hall Estill as an associate in the Oklahoma City office.
Bert Ferrara (‘13) was named associate general counsel for Legacy Reserves LP in Midland, Texas. His responsibilities include corporate and securities matters, oil and gas law and transactions and financial regulatory compliance.

Derek H. Ross (‘13) joined Fellers Snider as an associate in the Oklahoma City office, where his practice focuses on election and campaign finance law, civil litigation, and white collar criminal defense. He previously served as a federal judicial law clerk.

Megan Basham (‘14) became an associate at Huddleston Bolen LLP in Huntington, West Virginia. She works in the firm’s litigation department representing industrial companies.

Ammon Brisolara (‘14) joined Denker & Butler PLLC in Oklahoma City as an associate. His practice areas include litigation, probate, criminal and family law.

Clay G. Ferguson (‘14) joined the Oklahoma City law firm of Walker, Ferguson & Ferguson. His practice focuses on insurance defense litigation.

Erick W. Harris (‘14) was named to the Tuskegee University Board of Trustees. He is an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General, where he serves in the public utility unit.

Andrew E. Henry (‘14) became an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy. He is a member of the firm’s litigation and trial practice group.

Anna Imose (‘14) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the firm’s Oklahoma City office. Her practice is focused on general civil litigation, including insurance litigation and complex business litigation.

Charles A. Knutter (‘14) joined Crowe & Dunlevy as an associate in Oklahoma City. He works in the firm’s energy and natural resources practice group, as well as the litigation and trial practice group.
Emily Payne Kosmider ('14) became an associate with Norman Wohlgemuth Chandler Jeter Barnett & Ray in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice concentrates on complex civil litigation.

Harrison M. Kosmider ('14) joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma, firm of Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum PC as an associate. His practice focuses on complex business and general litigation.

Zachary R. Lee ('14) became an associate with Dunlap Codding PC in Oklahoma City. He prepares and prosecutes U.S. patent applications and conducts patent analyses. His technical area of focus is microbiology.

Joshua Merrill ('14) joined GableGotwals as an associate in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The primary focus of his practice is on transactional law.

Brett P. Merritt ('14) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in the firm’s Oklahoma City office. He is a corporate lawyer with a practice that includes a broad range of complex business and commercial transactions.

Alix R. Newman ('14) became an associate with Norman Wohlgemuth Chandler Jeter Barnett & Ray in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her practice focuses primarily on complex civil litigation.

Emily Semands ('14) joined Thompson & Knight LLP as an associate in the Dallas office. Her practice concentrates on corporate and securities matters.

Matt Stacy ('14) founded the Stacy Legal Group LLP in Oklahoma City. His practice includes criminal defense, personal injury, estate planning and family law.

Ashley Weyland ('14), of Oklahoma City, joined the Busset Law Firm PC as an associate. Her practice areas include criminal defense and civil litigation, with a focus on family law and probate.

Casey M. Whetten ('14) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on intellectual property law.

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We Remember

- Glenn Dale Carter ('63)
- James P. Cates ('89)
- Ben P. Choate ('55)
- Herbert Maxwell “Max” Darks ('51)
- Gene Edwards ('49)
- James O. Ellison ('51)
- Charles Leonard Fagin ('61)
- William Martin “Bill” Fancher ('50)
- Jerry Fraley ('84)
- Donald L. “Don” Furhman ('51)
- Richard D. Hampton ('50)
- Larry D. Hartzog ('59)
- Lawrence "Larry" Henderson ('80)
- Winfrey D. Houston ('50)
- John Michael “Mickey” Imel ('59)
- Daniel William Keller ('94)
- Robert L. Lipstet ('68)
- William H. “Bill” Mattingly ('58)
- James W. “Jim” Musser ('75)
- Charles Edward “Chuck” Payne ('58)
- Nelson Eugene Ralston ('63)
- G. Dan Rambo ('65)
- Jack Marwood Short ('58)
- Richard Neil “Dick” Steed ('52)
- John G. Sullivan ('50)
- Frank L. Thompson ('71)
- Susan Arlene Winters ('90)
In observance of Constitution Day, Judge James H. Payne (’66) spoke on “Due Process, Not Innocence, Is the Issue” September 17 in the Kerr Student Lounge. Payne is a federal judge sitting simultaneously on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Staff changes

- **New faces and titles**
  
  **Stacey Reynolds** began in August as the director of continuing legal education and program coordinator for legal assistant education. She came to the College of Law after serving as the coordinator of continuing education and alumni affairs for the OU College of Dentistry. Prior to that, she worked as coordinator of special events and projects for OU Public Affairs. At OU Law, Stacey works with students enrolled in the legal assistant education certificate program and coordinates conferences and CLE courses.

  **Kasey Stricklin** (’14) is the Texas admissions specialist for the OU College of Law, based in Dallas. After completing law school in May 2014, she successfully took the Texas Bar Exam and began working for the College of Law in August. As the representative of the OU Law Admissions Office in Texas, Kasey participates in law school and graduate school fairs in the state, meets with applicants and prospective students, and reaches out to undergraduate student organizations to promote OU Law and recruit students.

  **Brandon Brooks** joined the OU College of Law in September as the director of development and alumni relations after serving for three years as the development officer for the OU College of Engineering. He has worked at OU for 12 years, previously holding positions in Recruitment Services, Student Affairs and the President’s Office. Brandon oversees OU Law’s fundraising efforts, including major gifts and annual funds.

- **Judge Payne delivers Constitution Day address**

- **Legal Clinic students dine with judges**
OU Law welcomes the Class of 2017
Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville hosts 1Ls

Len Cason (’72), of Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville, visits with first-year law students at the September 16 networking reception hosted by his firm in their downtown Oklahoma City office. First-year students are able to learn about the different types of law practiced by the firm, and network with established attorneys in a relaxed atmosphere.

Fellers Snider sponsors 1L Orientation

Elizabeth Base, director of the Office of Career Development, speaks with Fellers Snider attorneys Nicholas Merkley (’04) and Heather Lehman Fagan (’07) prior to their presentation for the 1L Orientation October 2 in the Dick Bell Courtroom. The firm also sponsored a networking reception after the orientation.

Calvert Competition focuses on constitutional issue

Second-year students Nathan Hall and Nick Coffey are the winners of the 2014 Calvert Intraschool Moot Court Competition held in October. The case argued in the competition was an actual case on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit. Questions raised involved whether the no beard grooming policy of the Arkansas Department of Corrections violated federal legislation or the First Amendment.
The Oklahoma International Law Society and its faculty adviser, Evelyn Aswad, hosted two human rights experts from Washington, D.C., at the College of Law for two days in September. The guests were Kristen McGeeney, senior legal adviser for the Middle East and North Africa with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, and Dan Mahanty, the U.S. State Department’s director of the Office of Security and Human Rights in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and former head of the bureau’s Office of Middle East Affairs.

Members of OILS greeted their guests with a welcome reception upon their arrival. The next day during breakfast and dinner, McGeeney discussed her experiences using international law to promote freedom of assembly and expression in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia. Mahanty discussed the integration of human rights considerations in U.S. government security policies throughout the world. Joshua Landis, Middle East expert from the OU College of International Studies, also participated in the dinner session.

In addition, OILS hosted an international law and affairs “speed mentoring” luncheon in which students asked career-related questions in small group meetings with McGeeney, Mahanty and Aswad.
**BOA hosts negotiation competition**

An intraschool negotiation competition hosted by the Board of Advocates in October drew 44 teams of students from all three classes. Two days of preliminary rounds were followed by the semi-final rounds, and capped off with the final round held in OU Law’s new Howard K. Berry Jr. Conference Room.

The teams were provided with a set of facts, with general information provided to both teams. In addition, each team also was provided with confidential facts for their client. In the final round, the judges watched and scored two negotiations over the same problem.

Director of Competitions and Externships Connie Smothermon announced the results. Jonathan Brewer and John Stone won the competition and Mitchell Spencer and Evan Way were named runners-up. “Congratulations to the BOA for hosting another successful competition,” said Smothermon.

**OAWL raises $13,000 for Women’s Resource Center**

Members of the Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law – Elizabeth Isaacs, auction chair, and Tiffany Noble, assistant chair – show the program listing auction donors and the packages included in the oral auction at the 26th Annual OAWL Charity Auction. The October 22 event raised $13,000 for the Norman Women’s Resource Center.

Auctioneer Paul Austin works the crowd to raise the bid on an auction package. Auction items were donated by members of the OU Law community, as well as Norman area businesses.
BLSA wins chapter of year honors third year in a row

As part of the Open World Program, six Russian lawyers who specialize in criminal law visited OU Law October 20, hosted by Judge Stephen Friot (’72), U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Open World is an exchange program designed to establish professional relationships between up-and-coming leaders of post-Soviet countries and Americans dedicated to showcasing U.S. values and democratic institutions. The subject focus for the visit was jury trials.

The Russian delegation started their day with breakfast in the Sneed Lounge, followed by a tour of the College of Law. They then joined Dean Emeritus Andy Coats for a fireside chat about American jury trials. Over lunch, the visiting attorneys gave a presentation on Russian laws on jury trials to OU Law students and faculty.

“OU Law is committed to expanding the global reach of its education,” said Brian McCall, associate dean for academic affairs. “By hosting the Russian delegation, we were able to bring another part of the international legal system to our students, faculty, and the wider university. It was also an incredible opportunity for us to present an important aspect of our legal system to Russian legal professionals who are working to shape the nature of jury trials in the Russian system.”

With the aid of a translator, a member of the group of visiting Russian attorneys speaks about jury trials in his country.
OU Law hosts meeting on US Government National Action Plan

The University of Oklahoma College of Law hosted a dialogue on the U.S. Government National Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct April 2 in the Dick Bell Courtroom. The College of Law is only one of four colleges nationwide to host such consultations.

In September, President Barack Obama announced plans to develop a National Action Plan (NAP) to promote responsible business conduct by U.S. companies operating overseas, consistent with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Expanding U.S. efforts to promote responsible business conduct is intended to cement the brand of U.S. businesses as reliable and accountable partners internationally and promote respect for human rights.

The meeting hosted by OU Law was part of a series of open dialogues during which stakeholders exchange ideas on the NAP process and content. Seven officials from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Agency for International Development attended the meeting as well as indigenous peoples representatives, civil society representatives, and representatives from business. Members of the OU community attending included faculty and students, as well as alumni, from the College of Law, College of Business, College of International Studies, and College of Earth and Energy.

Students from Professor Evelyn Aswad’s International Business and Human Rights class have produced an official summary of the event for the State Department. Some students also delivered presentations during the meeting about what should appear in the NAP. Students had lunch with the event participants and met again with some of them during smaller group discussions the next day.

“Given OU Law’s core strengths in the areas of indigenous peoples law, energy law, and international human rights, our faculty and students have a strong interest in these topics. We are honored to host these consultations and are proud we have the background and knowledge needed to contribute to this important discussion,” said Dean Joe Harroz.
Admissions office reaches out to prospective students

Prospective Students Reception

SEPTEMBER 23

Fall Open House

OCTOBER 28

Spring Open House

JANUARY 29
10th Circuit holds 2 days of oral arguments in Bell Courtroom

OU President David L. Boren welcomed judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit to the OU College of Law February 10-11. The judges convened in the Dick Bell Courtroom and heard oral arguments for 10 cases, seven of which originated in Oklahoma.

One of the cases heard involved the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline, for which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction. The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma affirmed the Corps action, and Sierra Club Inc., Clean Energy Future Oklahoma, and the East Texas Sub Regional Planning Commission appealed that decision.

“It is an incredible honor for OU Law to be able to host the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals,” Dean Joe Harroz said. “The opportunity for our students to observe, firsthand, oral arguments in front of our federal appellate court is a unique and remarkable experience that will enrich their understanding of our judicial system.”

Crowe & Dunlevy hosts reception for minority students

Third-year OU Law student Nicole Lynn visits with an unidentified law student and Crowe & Dunlevy attorney Jimmy Goodman at the firm’s November 4 Diversity Reception. OU Law minority students, along with students from the state’s two other law schools, were guests of Crowe & Dunlevy at the firm’s new office in downtown Oklahoma City. The cocktail reception included welcome statements on diversity in the legal profession from Kevin Gordon, firm president, and William Hoch, recruiting co-chair.
Henry Family Lecture series marks 13th year

The 2015 Henry Family Lecture featured Judge Jeffrey Sutton, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, speaking on “Our 51 Constitutions” February 18 in the Kerr Student Lounge. Prior to assuming his current judicial post, Sutton was in private practice, served as state solicitor in the Office of the Ohio Attorney General, and clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. While serving on the federal bench, he also has taught at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Vanderbilt Law School and Harvard Law School.

Sutton said state constitutional law, a subject he teaches and writes about, is not taken seriously. He pointed out that only 52 percent of Americans even know their state has a constitution, only 20 to 24 U.S. law schools teach a class on state constitutional law, and only 13 states’ bar exams include the subject as an area of law to be tested.

Sutton believes studying American constitutional law, which would include principles from state constitutions and the U.S. Constitution, would be a better approach than what is currently offered in most U.S. law schools. He also thinks state constitutional guarantees should be cited, along with those in the U.S. Constitution, when challenging state or local laws in the courts. If that were done, more matters could potentially be decided at the state level, he said.

Sutton is very anxious about the direction of the U.S. Supreme Court. “It’s not a function of agreeing or disagreeing with the decisions. It has nothing to do with that. It actually has to do with us. I think we Americans are asking too much of these nine people,” he said. “If the states’ Supreme Courts start to take a little more leadership in this area, it seems to me that might provide a bit of a safety valve and we could come to think of both our state courts and our U.S. Supreme Court as guardians of our liberties. But right now, we look one place, and that’s Washington, and I don’t think that’s going to work a whole lot longer.”

Following his presentation, he responded to questions from faculty members and a student. Dean Joe Harroz presented Sutton with a Tribute Owl sculpture and thanked him for delivering the 13th Henry Family Lecture.
OU Law jumps to No. 7 in national moot court rankings

OU Law’s moot court program moved up to the 7th spot on the list of top moot court programs in the nation recently released by the Blakely Advocacy Institute at the University of Houston Law Center. As a result of this ranking, a team from OU Law will once again compete in the Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship in January 2016.

The OU Law Competitions Program, which also includes trial and skill competitions, experienced another successful year. Below are some highlights of the 2014-2015 academic year.

National Moot Court Competition
Nicole Lynn, Drew McNeil and Lindsay Kistler Swiniuch, coached by professors Stephen Henderson and Connie Smothermon, placed second and won the best brief award at regional competition. At nationals, the team advanced to the Sweet 16 round and won the third-best brief, with Swinford being named second place oralist.

American Bar Association Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition
The team of Kelsey Frobisher, Blake Johnson and Nathan Hall won every round at regional competition, achieved four perfect scores, and qualified for nationals. There, they advanced to the Elite 8 round and won third-best brief, with Johnson winning sixth-best speaker. Professor Michelle Johnson coached the team.

American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition
Melissa McDuffey and Skeeter Jordan won first place in regional competition, qualifying for nationals. At the national competition, after mediating four different disputes, the team won first place in the nation. Professors Connie Smothermon and Erin Means coached the team.

National Trial Competition
Abby Nathan and Phil White advanced to the semifinal round of the regional competition, and Nathan was named best advocate. The performance of the team, coached by Mary Ann Roberts (‘97), is even more noteworthy, as the students competed without teammate, Eric Warner, who was unable to make the trip.

National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition
Facing bad weather and flight cancellations in two states, the teams of Kelbie Kennedy/Andy Casey and Joe Trail/Blake Jackson made the 15-hour drive to the national competition. The Kennedy/Casey team advanced to the Elite 8 round. Professor Taiawagi Helton served as the teams’ coach and cross-country driver.

Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition
The team of Alia Ramirez and Marcus Pacheco placed second in the nation and were awarded best brief after three long days of competition. The team was coached by Professor Daniel Nicholson.

Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition
David Postic, Ruthie Stevens and Kendra Norman won first place and third-best brief in the competition. Professor Megan Shaner coached the team.

National Black Law Students Association Nelson Mandela International Negotiations Competition
Lauren Mitcham and Jonathan Brewer won first place at this unique competition in which problem areas and confidential facts are provided to participants only a few hours before each round. Professors Connie Smothermon and Erin Means were coaches.

Health Law Transactional Competition
Eric Odom, Rachel Sibila and Ashley Shapiro won third-best memo in this competition.

National Black Law Students Association Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition
The team of Jonathan Brewer and Xavier Avery won best brief in the region. Coaches were alumni Chris Staine (‘10) and Marcus Bivines (‘07).

Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship
OU Law was invited to compete in this “tournament of champions” based on its moot court program’s national ranking. Kelsey Frobisher, Elise Puma and Elizabeth Isaacs competed and advanced to the Elite 8 round. Professor Gail Mullins coached the team.
Devon Energy, Crowe & Dunlevy sponsor CDO event

First-year students learned about three categories of legal employment options at Career Development Night, coordinated by the Office of Career Development on January 14. Representatives from event sponsors, Crowe & Dunlevy and Devon Energy Corporation, joined with lawyers from the U.S. Attorney’s Office to provide information about their different types of legal careers. The three presentations were followed by a networking reception in the Boren Atrium.

McAfee & Taft hosts Professionalism Night

Buses delivered first-year law students to the Devon Boathouse on the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City on the evening of February 5 for the Office of Career Development Professionalism Night. The event began with an opportunity for the students to meet and visit with McAfee & Taft firm members prior to a seated buffet-style dinner. After dinner and welcome messages from Dean Joe Harroz and Richard Nix (‘85), McAfee & Taft managing director, the students heard presentations on “Defining Professionalism,” “Business Etiquette” and “Do’s and Don’ts of a Summer Clerkship.”

Students investigate placement opportunities at career fair

A student stops by the Catholic Charities table at the Public Interest and Pro Bono Career Fair on February 25 to talk with Ryan Patterson (‘11) about volunteer opportunities with the organization. The annual spring event, coordinated by the Office of Career Development and the Public Interest Law Student Association, brings public service employers to OU Law for students to learn about their pro bono opportunities.
Students and faculty engaged in a Skype video chat with U.S. State Department officials at a March 10 luncheon celebrating OU’s Diplomacy Lab participation. In the pilot phase of the program, real-world challenges identified by the State Department were “course-sourced” to OU students and faculty experts to tap into an underutilized reservoir of intellectual capital related to the foreign policymaking process.
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient speaks at event

The University of Oklahoma College of Law, OU Native American Studies Program, American Indian Law Review, and the Native American Law Student Association hosted the Fourth Annual AILR Symposium, “Indigenous Women, Law and Power,” in March. The event, the third-largest Native American law symposium in the nation, featured nationally noted Indigenous women discussing issues from violence to justice and how they affect American Indian women.

The morning session featured Kimberly Teehee, a member of the Cherokee Nation, as the keynote speaker. Teehee is the vice president of special projects for Cherokee Nation Businesses. She previously served as the senior policy adviser for Native American affairs on the White House Domestic Policy Council.

The afternoon keynote speaker was Suzan Shown Harjo, 2014 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Harjo, who is Cheyenne and Hodulgee Muscogee, is the president of the Morning Star Institute, a national Native rights organization. A longtime advocate against sports teams’ stereotyping of Native Americans, whose efforts have resulted in many changes in the sports world, Harjo also has helped Indian nations recover more than one million acres of land.

“OU Law has an extensive history as an international leader in Native American law. As part of that, we are privileged to host one of the largest symposia in the nation focusing on current issues facing Native American peoples,” said Dean Joe Harroz. “We are honored to have these nationally renowned women, who have had such a significant impact on issues facing Indigenous women, present at this year’s event.”

Other speakers included Mary Daniel, legal counsel, Integris Health; Stephanie Hudson, senior staff attorney, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services; Andrea Smith, associate professor, University of California at Riverside; Dawn Stover, director, Native Alliance Against Violence; Kelly Stoner, district court judge, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Barbara Smith, supreme court justice, Chickasaw Nation; and Sherry Todd, associate judge, Chickasaw Nation.

Marilyn Nicely, longtime OU Law librarian (center), poses with Reggie Whitten and Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe at the 2015 Order of the Owl Dinner, during which Whitten was inducted onto OU Law’s alumni hall of fame. Nicely and Whitten reconnected after many years from the time she hired him as a college student to work in the law library. Nicely is holding a copy of a book Whitten co-authored, Sewing Hope, which tells the story of Nyirumbe, a Catholic nun who runs a girls’ tailoring school in Uganda.
New OU lawyers sworn in

Recent OU Law graduates take the Oath of Attorney, to become members of the Oklahoma Bar Association. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Tom Colbert ('82) during a ceremony held September 24 at the State Capitol.

Photo by Oklahoma Bar Association

1L team takes moot court competition

Hayley Scott and Jonathan Bryant sit in the Dick Bell Courtroom during the final round of the 1L Moot Court Competition. The annual competition began March 25 with 160 first-year students competing, and culminated with the final round on April 10.

Student recognized by state bar association

Third-year student Elizabeth Isaacs received one of three Outstanding Senior Law School Student Awards from the Oklahoma Bar Association at its 110th Annual Meeting November 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Isaacs mentors students as part of her editor role for the Oklahoma Law Review. She served as the chair for the 2014 charity auction sponsored by the Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law, and served on the Dean’s Council mentoring incoming law students. She also has volunteered to assist petitioners seeking victim protective orders in the Cleveland County District Court.

Before entering law school, she worked for six years in insurance claim adjustment and commercial underwriting. Following graduation, she will serve as a judicial clerk to Judge Joe Heaton of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.
Graduation open house honors Class of 2015

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Justice Tom Colbert ('83) delivers 2015 convocation address
Faculty honors

Forman, Bogan inducted as fellows of American College of Employee Benefits Counsel

Professors Jonathan Forman and Donald Bogan were inducted as fellows of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel in recognition of their contributions to the advancement of the employee benefits field. The awards were presented to the two during the organization's 15th Annual Induction Dinner held in October in Washington, D.C.

“As one of the nation's premier public law schools, we strive to attract and retain the nation's top faculty,” said Dean Joe Harroz. “Professor Forman's and Professor Bogan's years of dedication to the field of employment benefits law make them very deserving of this award.”

Forman is the Alfred P. Murrah Professor of Law, and teaches courses on tax and pension law. He served in Washington, D.C., as the professor in residence for the Internal Revenue Service Office of Chief Counsel for the 2009-2010 academic year, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System from 2003 through 2011.

Forman has lectured around the world, testified before Congress, and served on numerous federal and state advisory committees. He has more than 300 publications, including his 2006 book, *Making America Work*.

Bogan holds the Thomas P. Hester Presidential Professorship, and teaches courses on health law, alternate dispute resolution and practical skills.

Bogan practiced law in Greensboro, North Carolina, for 15 years, specializing in consumer litigation, with an emphasis on health law, ERISA and insurance law issues. He has written numerous articles on various ERISA issues, with particular focus on ERISA's preemption of state laws regulating health insurance.
Strickland receives literary award

Rennard Strickland, senior scholar in residence, received the 2015 Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for the Book within the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Presented during an April 11 ceremony, the award recognized Strickland’s body of work and his contributions to Oklahoma’s literary heritage.

Strickland, who is Osage and Cherokee and a citizen of the Cherokee nation, has led a distinguished career as a law professor, law school dean, author, art collector and legal historian. He is considered an authority on American Indian law. He has long been involved in legal education in the classroom and through participation and leadership in the Association of American Law Schools and the Society of American Law Teachers.

Books Strickland authored, or co-authored, include Building One Fire: Cherokee Thought and Tribal Creativity (2009); The Lawyer Myth: A Defense of the American Legal Profession (2008); Grandfather Was a Good Witch: Growing Up Cherokee (2006); Tonto’s Revenge: Reflections on American Indian Policy and Culture (1997); and Sharing the Heritage: American Indian Art from Oklahoma Private Collections (1994).

Beyond the classroom

Aswad joins State Department group

Professor Evelyn Aswad was invited by the U.S. State Department to join its sub-working group on religion and conflict mitigation. The group will develop and present proposals to Secretary of State John Kerry about initiatives the United States should pursue at the United Nations to reduce religious violence around the world.

Aswad, the Herman G. Kaiser Chair in International Law, will be assisting the group with her expertise in international legal frameworks involving human rights, genocide and crimes against humanity, as well as her experience negotiating at the U.N. General Assembly in New York and the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva.

“Given the atrocities happening in the Middle East, this is a timely and worthy endeavor, and I’m pleased to help out,” said Aswad. “I am hoping that students who have pledged to work a certain number of pro bono hours will dedicate some of those hours to helping me research and brainstorm about these timely issues.”

Forman speaks in Poland

Professor Jonathan Forman (front center) traveled to Poznań, Poland, in October to speak at a conference on social security systems and demographical challenges. He delivered his paper, "Tontine Pensions: A Solution to the Chronic Underfunding of Traditional Pension Plans," at the event held at Poznań University of Technology.
Ragavan speaks at World Health Organization workshop

Professor Srividhya Ragavan spoke in August at a World Health Organization national consultation workshop on “Trade, Trust and Technology in Times of Universal Health Coverage.” Representatives from around the world gathered in India in an effort to build public understanding of issues impacting universal access to essential drugs, diagnostics and medical devices.

Ragavan gave presentations on voluntary licensing and compulsory licensing, and the issues presented by each, as they relate to universal health access.

She explained that as an increasing number of nations commit to universal health coverage, one of the most important challenges they face is ensuring access to drugs, diagnostics and medical devices. This has always required active government intervention in the form of public procurement and distribution, price controls, and quality assurance. Now, there are requirements for nationally and internationally coordinated positions within governments on trade, innovation and intellectual property regimes.

“The challenge for government is to ensure that access to medicines remains affordable,” said Ragavan. She added that “voluntary licenses are a step forward because it has the potential to increase access. But the need is for a robust license jurisprudence with adequate standards instituted to ameliorate or at least minimize the ill effects of inherent bargaining imparities with the patent owners.”

2014 Kuntz Conference draws record crowd

The annual Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law and Policy was held November 7 in Oklahoma City at the Cox Convention Center. The event, the third-largest energy conference in the nation, drew approximately 500 attorneys, landmen and other industry professionals interested in learning of recent developments in oil and gas industry law and policy.

The highlight of the annual conference is the presentation of the Eugene Kuntz Award, recognizing an attorney who has made major contributions to the field of natural resources law and policy. Michael Decker, director of administrative proceedings for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, received the 2014 Eugene Kuntz Award.
OLR symposium focuses on immigration law

The Oklahoma Law Review and the College of Law annually host an academic symposium on a current legal issue. This year’s symposium, “Chae Chan Ping vs. United States: 125 Years of Immigration’s Plenary Power Doctrine,” concentrated on Congress’s plenary power to make determinations about who to admit into and exclude from the United States.

The November 14 event featured six legal scholars from around the country discussing immigration reform against the backdrop of the 1889 U.S. Supreme Court decision. Following the symposium, each of the scholars will write an article on the topic to be published in the fourth issue of the 2015-2016 Oklahoma Law Review.

David A. Martin, former general counsel to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and principal deputy general counsel of the Department of Homeland Security, speaks at the symposium. Martin is a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Kevin Johnson, dean and professor at the University of California, Davis, School of Law, makes a point as OU Law Professor Michael Scaperlanda looks on. The OLR symposium, held in the Dick Bell Courtroom, featured two panels of immigration experts and was approved for CLE credit.
Librarian leaves $500,000 legacy

Marilyn Nicely, head of technical services and American Indian law subject specialist librarian at the College of Law, will be honored at the end of the spring semester as the college says thank you for her 39 years of service. Her retirement will be a momentous occasion not just for the impact she has had on the library, but for the legacy she will leave. Nicely will make a $500,000 bequest establishing a permanent endowment to provide scholarships for minority students and financial support for the Donald E. Pray Law Library.

Growing up near Dayton, Ohio, Nicely had a passion for learning the Spanish language, and graduated in 1967 with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She received a master’s degree in English in 1973 from Arizona State University and a master’s degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Library Science in 1974. Nicely joined the law library staff in 1976, shortly after the library was relocated from Monnet Hall to the Law Center.

“Not many people stay in the same organization for their entire career. After flirting with the idea of retirement from the law library in 2004, I had a change of heart which led me to postpone this event until 2015,” said Nicely. “When I did make this decision to retire, I was surprised how my retirement assets had accumulated, and saw that they would likely exceed my lifetime needs. So I decided I wanted to make use of them as a bequest to the College of Law and the law library.

“I have been privileged to associate with many dedicated professors, students and lawyers,” stated Nicely. “I am personally very committed to advocating for social justice. Providing access to education for minority students is very important and adds great value to the legal profession.”

Nicely believes increased access to a legal education will help produce high-quality professionals better able to assist underserved and under-represented populations. She also believes improving the cultural representation within the student body will empower College of Law graduates to act as more informed politicians and public servants regarding the rights and needs of all citizens.

Nicely knows library resources provide fundamental support to legal education and the practice of law. “This gift is an opportunity for me to support library programs, which benefit all students, the university community and the public,” she said.

Nicely became interested in Native American law early in her career. In 1996, the OU law library partnered with the Native American Rights Fund National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Colorado, in an effort to digitize a small collection of Native American constitutions. These and other Native American materials can be found on the Native American Constitutions and Law Digitization Project web page.

In 2012, Nicely organized a project to digitize primary Congressional materials consisting of thousands of legislative reports and documents, presidential addresses and executive agency reports pertaining to American Indians. Through her efforts, these historic documents will one day be freely available on the Internet. Nicely will continue working on this project as a volunteer after her retirement. She believes these documents will have great importance to tribes, legal historians and the public, and sees them as her personal lifework.
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Spector, Thompson gift honors Oxford Summer Program icon

Professor Emeritus Robert G. Spector and his wife, Carolyn Thompson, established a scholarship to honor longtime Oxford Summer Program faculty member Sir David Yardley, who died in summer 2014. The announcement of the Sir David Yardley Memorial Scholarship was made January 20 during an Oxford Pub Night event in Amicus Café.

In a message announcing Yardley’s death to OU Law faculty and staff, Spector, who was director of the Oxford Summer Program from 1998 until 2011, said Yardley was one of the original faculty members of the program. Yardley taught courses in the English Legal System and English Legal History from 1975 until his retirement in 2011.

“However, he never left the program and continued to give generously of his time,” said Spector. “He would deliver two lectures a summer and, more importantly, he would come to Brasenose to spend time with the students.” Many students, Spector recalled, said meeting Yardley was the highlight of their summer.

The annual scholarship will be awarded to an OU Law student attending the Oxford Summer Program and taking a course pertaining to the English legal system.

Stoops previews football season at alumni event

Coach Bob Stoops watches the reactions of Bill Lance, Homer Paul (’59) and Lee West (’56) to Dean Joe Harroz’s welcoming remarks at the Annual Giving Society Reception held August 4 in Headington Hall. Stoops gave a sneak preview of the 2014 Sooner football season for OU Law alumni and friends in attendance.
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