

**Class Notes**  
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**1957**

**Sheldon Anisman**, of Jackson Walker council in the Real Estate section of the firm's Fort Worth office and Board Certified in Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, has been selected by his peers as one of Tarrant County's Top Attorneys for 2004. The announcement was published in Fort Worth, Texas magazine's December 2004 issue.

**Harold E. Moore**, was inducted into the National Academy of Arbitrators in October 2004. Harold will be recognized by the Texas Board of Legal specialization in Labor and Employment law as a charter member for 30 years of Board Certification of February 24, 2005 at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum.

**1958**

**William K. Wilde**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

**1960**

**James B. Sales** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in general litigation for 2004.

**1962**

**Harry Reasoner** was given the Lifetime of Excellence in Advocacy Award by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.

**1963**

Rod Edens, Jr., has joined the law firm Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody. Edens has been named Of Counsel to Graves Dougherty. He's expertise include counseling clients in acquisitions and mergers, including transactions involving operations in foreign countries. Edens' practice encompasses a broad range of business law matters, including "business divorces" between partners, formation of businesses and financing transactions. He also represents clients in acquisitions and sales of existing businesses, including businesses in financial difficulty. He also has represented investors in making significant investments in private equity funds, including buy-out funds, hedge funds, venture capital funds, emerging market funds and foreign funds.

**1964**

**V. Scott Kneese**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in labor and employment for 2004.

**Edgar J. Marston, III**, a managing partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in mergers & acquisitions for 2004. He was also named one of the Top 100 Houston Region Super Lawyers.

**Irwin H. Steinhorn**, a shareholder in the Oklahoma City office of Conner & Winters, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America (Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions & Securities Law)*. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City University Law School teaching agency/partnership & limited liability company law.

**Shannon Ratliff, Sr.** was honored as a Distinguished Lawyer honoree on January 29, 2005 by the Austin Bar Foundation at their annual gala.

**Larry York** was honored as a Distinguished Lawyer honoree on January 29, 2005 by the Austin Bar Foundation at their annual gala.

## 1965

**Charles W. Giraud III**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in estate planning/trusts for 2004.

**Pike Powers** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in general litigation for 2004. He was also honored by the Austin Technology Incubator with its Laura Kilcrease Community Business Leadership Award at the incubator's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and graduation ceremony. The award is the incubator's top honor for contributor's to Austin's economic growth. He has played an integral role for the past 25 years in developing the Austin, Texas regional technology economy. Through his leadership in attracting landmark R&D operations in the 1980's(MCC and SEMATECH) and employers(Applied Materials and 3M, among others), Powers has helped advance the regions high tech information, and entrepreneurial economy. He has been a principal participant in mobilizing Austin's ever-growing, high tech community to create a business/civic/philanthropic network. Powers was a leader in creating the Texas Technology Initiative (TTI), established in 2002 to redefine and reinvigorate the collaboration between government, academia, and private industry.

## 1966

**W.K. Adam** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in energy for 2004.

**Linton E. Barbee** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in banking and financial for 2004.

**Frank G. Jones** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in general litigation for 2004. Frank was also named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in the Houston region.

**Jay Madrid** of Winstead Sechrest & Minick has been elected to the firm's executive committee. Madrid is chair of the firm's litigation/dispute resolution practice.

**Dudley Oldham** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in general litigation for 2004.

## 1967

**Charles C. Foster**, manager of the immigration section in the Houston Office of Tindall & Foster, was recently recognized with three honors. He was awarded the Royal Decoration of the Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand. As co-chair of the Houston Monument Committee, he spoke at the December 2, 2004 dedication of the George Bush (41<sup>st</sup>) Presidential Monument in downtown Houston. He was also re-elected chairman of the board of the Asia Society Texas.

**J. Clifford Gunter III**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

**John Radcliffe “J.R.” Hurd**, president of HurdCo Inc. was recently named to Trinity University’s board of trustees. Hurd is also a general partner in the oil and gas company Hurd Enterprises. He is an executive committee member of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research and a member of the World Affairs Council of San Antonio.

**David R. McAtee** a partner in the Dallas office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld has been appointed to the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. David has been appointed by Texas State Bar President-elect Eduardo Rodriguez for a three-year term, beginning June 2005.

**Patrick C. Oxford**, a managing partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in administrative for 2004

## 1968

**Byron Egan**, a partner in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* for his achievements in mergers and acquisitions and securities law. He was also recognized as a top corporate lawyer by *D Magazine* and *Texas Monthly*, respectively. Egan has over 30 years experience in business entity formation and governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, and financing transactions.

**John S. Hollyfield** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in real estate for 2004.

**Claud L. “Tex” McIver**, partner of Fisher & Phillips has been appointed to the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission by Governor Sonny Perdue. The commission is charged with recommending judicial appointments to the governor. McIver has served as the Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. A senior partner at the leading labor law firm based in Atlanta, McIver has more than 30 years experience in labor and employment law. McIver has extensive courtroom experience. He also advises clients on federal and state employment laws and counsels employers concerning mergers and acquisitions, as well as the consolidation and streamlining of organizations. He successfully defended employers in more than 200 union organizing campaigns and handles contract negotiations, arbitrations and defense of corporate campaigns. McIver is also a decorated Vietnam veteran and raises cattle at his Putnam County farm. McIver regularly presents to bar associations, client groups, and the annual conventions of many industrial groups concerning a broad range of employment law and legislative issues. He was selected by *Atlanta Lawyer* magazine as one of the “Top Legal Minds”

in the city and is dubbed the “Official Labor Lawyer for the Zone” of the nationally-syndicated radio program WCNN 680-AM in Atlanta, where he comments on sports-related labor issues. The Executive order: By the Governor of The State of Georgia, That the Honorable Claud “Tex” McIver of Fulton County, Georgia, be and is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission under the terms and manner Consistent with the Order creating the Judicial Nominating Commission, dated June 11, 2003.

**George P. Parker Jr.**, of counsel in the San Antonio office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in labor & employment for 2004.

**Charles H. “Hank” Still** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in publicly held companies’ law for 2004. He was also named one of the top Super Lawyers in the Houston region.

Fulbright & Jaworski announced that Mr. Still has been named a “Client Service All-Star MVP” by BTI Consulting. Still joined Fulbright in 1968 and was elected a partner in 1975. He was head of Fulbright’s firm-wide Corporate, Securities and Transactions department from 1984 to 1999 and a member of the firm’s executive committee from 1992 to 1999. Still’s areas of practice include corporate finance and securities law, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters. He is the author of “A Handbook of Corporate Governance: All the Issues in One Place,” a book which Fulbright publishes annually and distributes to clients and friends.

**Douglas Whaley** has retired from The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law, after 35 years of law teaching. His subjects were contracts and commercial law.  
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## 1969

**John L. Bland**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in mergers & acquisitions for 2004.

**Lawrence H. Clore** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in labor & employment for 2004.

**Rodney C. Koenig** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in estate planning/trusts for 2004.

## 1970

**Robert G. “Jerry” Converse** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in real estate for 2004.

**Christopher E. H. Dack** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in international for 2004.

**Phillip Ferguson**, has been named Chief Investment Office at AIM Investments. Mr. Ferguson will have overall responsibility for all of AIM's long-term investment operations. He brings more than 33 years of experience in the financial and investment management industries. He has held senior positions and has extensive experience in research in addition to positions in sales, marketing, and client service. Mr. Ferguson joined AIM in 2000 as a Senior Investment Office. His focus was on overall investment policy and he contributed to the management teams of two AIM equity funds. Mr. Ferguson has served as a member of several different committees that have helped shape AIM's product line and provides investment oversight for AIM's portfolio strategy and investment policies. He serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Investment Counsel Association of America and on the Board of Directors for the University of Texas Investment Management Company.

**Kelly Frels**, a senior partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in schools & education for 2004.

**Claiborne B. Gregory, Jr.**, a partner in the business transactions section of Jackson Walker, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer for 2004.

**Samuel A. Simon** of Issue Dynamics Inc. was re-elected as chair of the board of the National Consumers League, the oldest consumer organization in the United States.

**Terry O. Tottenham** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense for 2004. He was also named one of the Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers.

**Bill Whitehurst** was honored as a Distinguished Lawyer honoree on January 29, 2005 by the Austin Bar Foundation at their annual gala.

## 1971

**John A. Watson** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in corporate finance for 2004.

**Phillip M. Refro**, has been appointed to the company's Board of Directors at Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Refro became a partner at the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in 1984 and is currently serving as the head of the Corporate, Business and Banking practice in the firm's San Antonio office. Mr. Refro has participated in a wide variety of financing transactions including public and private equity and debt offerings. In addition, he has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions of public and private entities both in the United States and in various foreign jurisdictions. Mr. Refro is also a frequent speaker on issues related to corporate governance standards and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Prior to joining Fulbright & Jaworski, Mr. Refro was Chief Executive officer of Resco International, and international oilfield service company, and Vice President and General Counsel of Weatherford International. He is currently the Chairman of Board of Texstar National Bank in San Antonio.

## 1972

**Osborne J. Dykes III** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in general litigation for 2004.

**William Pakalka** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

## 1973

**Steven Buxbaum**, a partner in the Houston office of Haynes and Boone, struck a 180-yard hole-in-one on Nov. 15, 2004, during a golf tournament benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association to win a Corvette valued at \$60,000. Buxbaum, a native Houstonian, formerly served as chairman and board member for the Galleria Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Westwood Golf Club. Buxbaum specializes in corporate and partnership law, mergers and acquisitions, and general business transactions.

**Robert Cohan**, a partner in the litigation section and chair of the antitrust group in the Dallas office of Jackson Walker, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* for his achievements in antitrust, business litigation and environmental law. Cohan was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in 2004.

**David Hilgers**, a partner in the Austin office of Brown McCarroll, was honored as one of ten attorneys nationally to receive Nightingale's Healthcare News' Outstanding Physician Practice Lawyers for 2004. Hilgers primary focus is on health care, corporate, and administrative law.

**Ernest C. Jett**, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Leggett and Platt has been appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation. In 2004, Jett, the long-time head of Leggett's Legal Department, celebrated twenty-five years with the Company

**Thomas O. Moore III**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in energy for 2004.

**Jim Nolan**, a shareholder and member of the real estate practice in the Dallas office of Winstead Sechrest & Minick, was re-elected to the firm's executive committee. Nolan has served on the firm's executive committee for the past three years.

**Philip F. Ricketts**, a partner in the Austin office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in utilities for 2004.

## 1974

**David Dunlap**, a partner in the Houston office of Jackson Walker was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer for 2004.

**J. Tullos Wells**, a managing partner in the San Antonio office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer for 2004.

## 1975

**Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.**, partner of Stahl, Bernal & Davies, is pleased to announce the addition of a new partner, Thomas I. Davies, to his Austin firm.

**Brian S. Greig** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in labor & employment for 2004. Greig was also named one of the Top 50 Super Lawyers in Central Texas.

**Jeremiah J. Jewett III** has joined Giant Cement Holding, Inc. of Summerville as Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary.

**Mike McConnell** of the Fort Worth office of Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. announced today that Michael A. McConnell, a shareholder in the firm's Business Restructuring/Bankruptcy and Litigation Practice Groups, has been inducted into the honorary DFW Serjeants Inn of Court for 2005. A former U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas, McConnell provides clients legal counsel on matters relating to disputes involving secured and unsecured creditors, trustees, committees, and debtors in various bankruptcy cases. He is a member of the Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court, is Treasurer and an executive committee member for the American Inns of Court Foundation, and former President of the Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court. He has been recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* for the past 16 consecutive years, named one of *America's Leading Business Lawyers* in the Chambers USA annual listing since 2003, and for the past two years has been distinguished by *Texas Monthly* magazine as one of Texas' Super Lawyers.

**Yvonne K. Puig** of law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski was announced that Austin partner Yvonne K. Puig has been selected as a 2004 Outstanding Healthcare Litigator by *Nightingale's Healthcare News*. Puig is one of only 12 lawyers to make this national list, and the only lawyer selected from Texas. Puig focuses her practice on health industry matters, representing an array of hospitals, physicians, HMOs, and other institutional health care providers. She has extensive experience in a variety of health law regulatory matters, including, but not limited to: EMTALA, credentialing, due process hearings, and JCAHO accreditation. Her litigation practice encompasses complex litigation, with emphasis on professional negligence and products liability. Puig is the Chair of the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and has served as a council member of the Health Law Section since 1994. Additionally, she is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the American Health Lawyers Association, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. Puig has published numerous articles and is a frequent speaker on medical-legal issues to lawyers, physicians, and other health care providers.

**R. Daniel Witschey Jr.**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in corporate finance for 2004.

**Steven A. Waters**, a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group at Haynes and Boone, has been named winner of the 2005 Philip M. Barshop Founder's Award recognizing excellence and leadership in the real estate industry. Mr. Waters, who has more than 29 years of experience in a wide range of real estate and business transactions, received the award in ceremonies conducted January 24, 2005, by the Real Estate Council of San Antonio. He currently is chair-elect of the

North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, and has served as president of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio (2001), chair of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio's Leadership Development Program (2004-5), chair of the State Bar of Texas Business Law Section (1994-5), and President of the Alamo Heights School Foundation for two years (and currently chairs its endowment campaign). He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (Investment Entity Committee; Publications Committee) and American Bar Association.

## 1976

**Linda Addison** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense for 2004. Addison was also named one of the Top 50 Female Texas Super Lawyers.

**Michael W. Anglin** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in bankruptcy & workout for 2004.

**James M. Summers** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in real estate for 2004.

**J. David Thompson III**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in schools & education for 2004.

## 1975

**Steven A. Waters**, a partner in the Real Estate Practice Group at Haynes and Boone, has been named winner of the 2005 Philip M. Barshop Founder's Award recognizing excellence and leadership in the real estate industry. Mr. Waters, who has more than 29 years of experience in a wide range of real estate and business transactions, received the award in ceremonies conducted January 24, 2005, by the Real Estate Council of San Antonio. He currently is chair-elect of the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, and has served as president of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio (2001), chair of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio's Leadership Development Program (2004-5), chair of the State Bar of Texas Business Law Section (1994-5), and President of the Alamo Heights School Foundation for two years (and currently chairs its endowment campaign). He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (Investment Entity Committee; Publications Committee) and American Bar Association.

## 1977

**Jerry A. Bell, Jr.** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in health care for 2004.

**Mark C. Evans**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in banking & financial for 2004.

**Robert S. Harrell** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

## 1978

**Roger D. Aksamit**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in tax law for 2004.

**William H. Caudill** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in tax law for 2004. Caudill was also named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in the Houston region.

**Michael Pearson**, a partner in the Houston office of Jackson Walker, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* for his achievements in natural resources law. Pearson is a partner in the business transactions section and co-chairman of the energy practice group of Jackson Walker.

**Yvonne K. Puig** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in health care for 2004.

**Timothy “Tim” Sulak** with the Austin firm of Morris, Craven & Sulak was appointed by the Austin city Council to its Ethics Review Commission.

## **1979**

**Edward T. Cothan, Jr.** is the President of the Terry Foundation, a non profit organization that provides scholarships to Texas College students. Also has his second book published on 10/2004 by The University of Texas Press, Sabine Pass: The Confederacy’s Thermopylae.

**Joan Dubinsky** has been appointed the ethics officer of the International Monetary Fund, located in Washington, D.C. Dubinsky comes to the IMF from the Rosentreter Group, a management consulting practice that she led and founded, that provides expertise in business ethics, organizational development, corporate compliance, and human resources. She also served as senior legal counsel and compliance officer for the MITRE Corporation and as corporate secretary, associate general counsel and ethics officer for the American Red Cross.

**Ron Kirk**, the former Mayor of the City of Dallas and Texas Secretary of State, has joined the law firm of Vinson & Elkins as a partner. He will be part of the firm's public policy and finance section, which comprises 40 lawyers in Austin, Dallas, Houston and Washington, D.C. He was the Texas Secretary of State in 1994, was the Texas Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate in 2002, and is a current member of the Democratic National Committee. He serves as a National Trustee for the March of Dimes. Last fall, Mr. Kirk was honored by the Anti-Defamation League with its prestigious Jurisprudence Award.

**Geoffrey Master** has been elected as a new partner in the D.C. office for Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. Mr. Master concentrates his practice in the area of corporate law.

## **1980**

**Mary Bearden**, a Houston attorney has joined Brown & Fortunato on February 1 as the newest attorney to the firm. Bearden, a native of Pampa, Texas, has 25 years of experience working in prominent Houston law firms and representing health care industry clients before state and federal agencies. Her practice includes advising clients on compliance with the multiple state and

federal laws that impact the health care industry. She assists clients in the development of medical staff bylaws, fair hearing plans, and policies and procedures. Bearden's practice also includes drafting and negotiating contracts and other documents involving managed care organizations. Bearden is board certified in Health Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association, and American Health Lawyers Association. Mary has also been named a Texas Super Lawyer by Texas Lawyer magazine and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for the last ten years. Mary is an accomplished writer and frequent speaker at health care conferences sponsored by hospital associations, physician organizations, risk management associations, managed care associations, health care information associations and health care consultants.

**Thomas I. Davies** has joined the Austin law firm of Stahl, Bernal & Davies as a partner. He is board certified in commercial real estate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and will focus his practice in the firm's commercial real estate and business transactions sections.

**Hollis Horton, III** of Beaumont has been announced by Governor Rick Perry of his appointment as justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals District pursuant to House Bill 2261, passed in the 78<sup>th</sup> regular session. Horton will serve until the next general election, when he can opt to run for a full term. Horton is an attorney and senior partner with Orgain, Bell and Tucker. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association and the Jefferson County Bar Association. An officer of the Mickey McHaffy Inns of Court, Horton also serves as a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Texas Civil Justice League. He is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, and is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and Finance committees and has practiced law in Southeast Texas for 23 years. He is board certified in personal injury law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**Janet L. Horton**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in schools & education for 2004.

**Kenneth R. Ramirez**, a partner in the Austin office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in administrative for 2004.

**John H. Rooney, Jr.** has joined Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he will practice in the insurance and reinsurance law and international arbitration practice areas. Mr. Rooney's international practice spans more than 20 years. He serves on the Council of the Inter-American Bar Association and chairs its International Arbitration Committee, is Chair of the International Section of The Florida Bar, is a member of the AAA International Neutral Arbitrators, is co-chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Americas Linkage Program, and is a member of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Mr. Rooney is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Miami School of Law, and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.

**Clark G. Thompson Jr.**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in energy for 2004.

## 1981

**Reagan M. Brown** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense for 2004.

## 1982

**Ruben R. Barrera**, a partner in the San Antonio office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in cities & municipalities law for 2004.

**Carrin F. Patman**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense for 2004.

## 1983

**Karl G. Dial** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

**Roberta J. Hegland**, a partner in the Corpus Christi office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense for 2004.

**Michelle D. Monse** has been named executive director of the Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation. As of Feb. 1, she will be in charge of the foundation's grant-making program and of maintaining close relationships with the nonprofit and philanthropic community. Since 1992, Ms. Monse has held various positions at the Dallas Foundation, including associate director in charge of fund-raising, program director and consultant. Before that, she was assistant vice president and administrator of the Belo Foundation. Ms. Monse, who's an attorney, also taught at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law and at the University of Alabama, School of Law in Tuscaloosa.

**Jonathan B. Skidmore** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in class actions/mass torts for 2004.

**Marc R. Stanley** is serving as 2005 President-Elect. Mr. Stanley, a principal in the Dallas law firm of Stanley, Mandel & Iola., is a board certified civil trial lawyer who focuses his practice on class action and complex business torts. Mr. Stanley was chosen late last year as President-Elect, and his term as TTLA President will begin in January, 2006. Mr. Stanley has served as the President of the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association and has served on TTLA's Executive Committee since 2002.

## 1984

**Alan Albright** has joined Fish & Richardson; as the managing principal of the firm's new Austin office as of Jan. His practices include: Patent Litigation, Business Litigation and Complex Litigation. His personal experiences include Principal of Fish & Richardson P.C. Practice emphasizes intellectual property and complex commercial litigation, with expertise in various technology areas including semiconductors. Served as United States Magistrate Judge, United

States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1992-1999). Briefing attorney to the Honorable James R. Nowlin (1984-1986).

**Mario A. Barrera**, a partner in the San Antonio office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in labor & employment for 2004.

**Richard J. Groos** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in intellectual property for 2004.

**Stephen A. Kuntz** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in tax law for 2004.

## 1985

**Eric Groten**, a partner in the Austin office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in environmental /land use for 2004.

**Brenda N. Phillips** has joined Bass, Berry & Sims as staff attorney. Her practice focuses on complex business and commercial litigation. She is also an instructor at Vanderbilt University Law School.

**Lynn Rossi Scott**, a partner in the Dallas office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in school & education for 2004.

**Del Williams** was named vice president and secretary of Perot Systems in September 2004. He also serves as general counsel for the company and leads the legal and internal audit groups. Williams is President Elect of the Law School's Alumni Association.

**Alan V. Ytterberg** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in estate planning/ trusts for 2004.

## 1986

**Jorge Freeland** was recently recognized by Florida Trend Magazine as one of Florida's Legal Elite practicing in the fields of Mergers and Acquisitions and Securities.

**William Hornberger** of Jackson Walker was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006* for his achievements in tax law. His tax practice emphasizes transactional and international tax matters and tax controversy issues. He was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer for 2004.

On January 12, 2005 – William has been asked to serve on the Advisory Board of the Dallas Holocaust Museum. Hornberger has a history of involvement with the museum, and looks forward to working with them as they embark on new projects. Dedicated to reducing prejudices, a group of Holocaust survivors developed the Dallas Holocaust Museum in 1984. The museum is housed in a transitional facility in Dallas' historical downtown district while a permanent building is being developed.

**Brian C. Newby** has been named the general counsel for the Office of the Governor. Newby is a partner at Cantey & Hanger where he specializes in commercial litigation, regulatory, employment and business law. He has served on the Texas Tech University Board of Regents since 1999 and has been vice chairman of the board since 2003. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association where he has served on the State Bar Mentor Committee, is past-president of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Black Bar Association and a former director of the Tarrant County Bar Association and Tarrant County Bar Foundation. He was named Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association in 1987.

**Stephanie M. Schroepfer** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in employee benefits for 2004.

## 1987

**Patricia Alvarez** a partner in Alvarez, Notzon & Gutierrez in Laredo has been appointed to the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. Patricia has been appointed by Texas State Bar President-elect Eduardo Rodriguez for a three-year term, beginning June 2005.

**Jonathan P. Graham** has been appointed vice president, litigation and legal policy for GE. Graham was a partner with Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C., where he focused on commercial litigation, international disputes and criminal defense matters.

**Jack Hicks**, a lawyer in the intellectual property practice group at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, was named one of *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2004.

**Kip Poe** has joined the law firm of Stewart & Stimmel as an associate. Ms. Poe is a registered nurse and holds a Masters of Science in nursing. After serving as the nurse manager for St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital/Texas Children's Hospital Emergency Center in Houston. Her nursing background has given her insiders knowledge to benefit her health law and medical negligence litigation practice over the past 16 years. Ms. Poe is a former associate general counsel in the professional liability division of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. She is also an avid educator, having held adjunct positions at The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston School of Nursing, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, the Texas Tech University School of Medicine, the Texas Tech University School of Law, and Baylor College of Medicine. She also is a frequent lecturer at medical-legal conferences.

**Lisa Sooter** has joined as a partner in the healthcare law firm of Stewart & Stimmel Dallas office. Ms. Sooter's practice combines her experience in business transactions with expertise in the healthcare industry. She has represented health care providers in every aspect of their business operations including merger and acquisition transactions, finance and securities matters, fraud and abuse issues, government and managed care reimbursement and other operational and regulatory issues unique to the healthcare industry. Specifically, her healthcare experience includes: Representation of hospitals, physicians and long term care providers in fraud and abuse counseling, operational and regulatory matters, HIPAA privacy, physician recruitment, ethics, contracting, confidentiality, compliance, credentialing, licensure, and peer review matters.

Structuring and implementing provider owned business models to comply with regulatory limitations. Government reimbursement and managed care contracting issues. Formerly, Ms. Sooter was Of Counsel at the Dallas office of Haynes & Boone. She is licensed to practice law in both Texas and Ohio.

## 1988

**Lowell Keig** has become General Counsel of Youth & Family Centered Services, Inc., a 10-state health, education, and life skills provider focusing on troubled youth."

**Kent Smith** a partner of Jackson Walker in the Labor and Employment section of the firm's Fort Worth office has been selected by his peers as one of Tarrant County's Top Attorneys for 2004 in the Labor and Employment (Employer) section. The announcement was published in Fort Worth, Texas magazine's December 2004 issue.

**Jay Rutherford** a partner of Jackson Walker in the Labor and Employment section of the firm's Fort Worth office has been selected by his peers as one of Tarrant County's Top Attorneys for 2004 in the Labor and Employment (Employer) section. The announcement was published in Fort Worth, Texas magazine's December 2004 issue.

## 1989

**Micaela Alvarez** has been appointed as a new district judge in the Laredo Division for the Southern District of Texas.

**Lisa A. Brown**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in schools & education for 2004.

**Sheri Deterling** and her husband Geoff Hawkes are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Brian Leslie Hawkes, on July 16, 2004.

**David Frederick**, a lawyer with Rose & Rose was named one of the top civil rights lawyers in the Washington, D.C. area by *Washingtonian* magazine in December 2004.

**Jonathan E. Retsky** of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, has re-joined the firm as a shareholder in the Chicago office. Mr. Retsky is a patent attorney with experience in litigation and patent preparation and prosecution. He is a member of the Licensing Executive Society, USA and Canada (LESI), where he was the Co-chair of the Electronics Industry Committee from 1996-1999, the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago. He has served as an Adjunct Professor in Contemporary Technology & Intellectual Property Law at The John Marshall Law School since 1995.

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**Brent G. Stahl**, is pleased to announce the addition of a new partner, Thomas I. Davies, to his Austin law firm of Stahl, Bernal & Davies.

**Dave Wachtel**, a lawyer with Rose & Rose was named one of the top civil rights lawyers in the Washington, D.C. area by *Washingtonian* magazine in December 2004.

## 1990

**Edmund A. Normand** was selected by *Florida Trend Magazine* as a Florida Legal Elite. The Legal Elite are selected by their peers as the top 1.6 % of 54,135 Florida Bar Members. Mr. Normand is in his fourteenth year of practice with the firm Wooten, Honeywell, Kimbrough, Gibson, Doherty and Normand in Orlando, Florida. His practice focuses on plaintiffs' personal injury with a special emphasis on medical malpractice and product liability.

**Phillip D. Sharp**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly Texas Super Lawyer* in civil litigation defense for 2004.

## 1991

**Dewey J. Gonsoulin Jr.**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly Texas Super Lawyer* in corporate finance for 2004.

**Laura Lee Stapleton**, a partner with Jackson Walker in the Litigation, Appellate and Intellectual Property sections and member of the Media, Technology, and Entertainment and Sports Law Practice Groups of the firm's Austin office, was honored by the Austin Business Journal as a 2004 Rising Star. The twenty-five chosen Rising Stars are up-and-coming employees who bring special vitality, originality and dedication to their work.

## 1992

**Benton Barton** and Michelle Blouin-Barton announce the birth of their daughter, Elise Claire, born September 8, 2004. Elise joins her two-year-old brother, Jack, at home in Castle Rock, Colorado. Barton was recently elected partner in the Denver office of Hall & Evans, where he practices as a civil trial lawyer.

**Michael Calhoon** has been named partner of the Washington, D.C., office of Baker Botts. His practice focuses on commercial litigation and international arbitration and he represents clients in a wide range of cases involving such matters as business torts, breach of contract, fraud, and disputes centering on intellectual property assets. He also litigates complex suits relating to professional malpractice, employment-related issues, insurance, product liability, and personal injury.

**Rachel Giesber Clingman**, a partner with Fulbright & Jaworski where she practices litigation law was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

**Donna García Davidson** will become the new General Counsel to The Republican Party of Texas. Davidson is Of Counsel at Potts & Reilly, an Austin law firm. She served as an assistant general counsel and ethics advisor to former Governor George W. Bush. She has also served as deputy general counsel for Governor Rick Perry, general counsel to Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry, and as assistant general counsel for the Texas Department of Agriculture for Commissioner Rick Perry. She has advised numerous state officeholders on ethics and campaign laws since she began in 1992. Davidson replaces Rene Diaz, whom Governor Perry recently appointed to the 224th District Court in San Antonio.

**Neil El Giles** has recently been elected as a partner with Bracewell & Patterson. Neil handles civil and commercial litigation cases with emphasis on energy, finance and environmental law. Mr. Giles practices in general civil litigation with emphasis on the following areas: commercial disputes, financing, shareholder and partner disputes, energy-related disputes (oil & gas exploration, production, transportation and downstream marketing; power generation, transmission and marketing), securities law, anti-trust law, and environmental/toxic tort litigation. In the area of general commercial litigation, Mr. Giles has represented plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of contractual disputes, disputes over performance of fiduciary obligations, fraud allegations, and statutory compliance issues. Mr. Giles' environmental practice has primarily consisted of groundwater and soil contamination relating to oil & gas exploration and production. Mr. Giles has represented defendants in a variety of personal injury cases relating to alleged toxic exposure and product liability.

**Richard Krumholz** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation for 2004.

**Edward C. Lewis**, a partner with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices environmental law was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

**William R. "Will" Marlow** has recently been elected as a partner with Bracewell & Patterson law firm. With a concentration on the energy sector, William R. Marlow counsels corporate clients in project finance, lending and real estate. Mr. Marlow specializes in the representation of financial institutions, private lenders, project sponsors, and corporate borrowers in project finance, corporate lending, and real estate lending transactions, including project financing of energy/power-related facilities, power purchase arrangements, corporate financing of mergers and acquisitions, and various real estate financings as well as representing sellers and buyers in the purchase, sale, and financing of real and personal property, oil and gas properties and refining assets. Mr. Marlow has acted as lead counsel for both borrowers and lenders in drafting and negotiating syndicated and unsyndicated loan transactions, project financings, and corporate acquisitions. In addition to U.S. based transactions, his practice includes the representation of clients in transactions in various locales outside of the U.S., including Korea, the European Union, South America, and Southeast Asia.

**Katherine T. Mize** has joined Legge, Farrow, Kimmitt, McGrath & Brown, a litigation boutique, as a partner and co-director of its labor and employment practice.

## **1993**

**W. James McAnelly III**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in oil & gas for 2004.

**Michael M. Parker** of Fulbright & Jaworski was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in bankruptcy & workout for 2004.

**Eden P. Sholeen**, a partner in the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson, was named a *Texas Monthly* Texas Super Lawyer in employment litigation for 2004.

## 1994

**Rebecca Beyon** of Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, who practices telecommunications litigation, was elected partner.

**Sue Krenek** a partner of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin has promoted Sue to director effective March 1.

**Ricardo Garcia-Moreno** has been elected a shareholder with Winstead Sechrest & Minick. Garcia-Moreno's practice is in corporate/securities/mergers & acquisitions, and sports business & public venues.

**Jennifer Hayes** (nee Frasier) and her husband Chris are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Liam Patrick Hayes on February 3, 2004 in Walnut Creek, CA. Their other children are Emma Grace, who is 3, and Sean Connors, who is 2. Hayes is the permanent law clerk to Bankruptcy Judge Thomas E. Carlson in San Francisco.

**Kristin Jenkins**, JPS Health Network vice President for Administrative Services and Chief Corporate Officer, has been promoted to Administrator for the development and daily operations of the short stay hospital JPS recently purchased in Arlington TX. Ms. Jenkins has been with JPS for more than six years in various executive roles including compliance, risk management, quality, JPS Physician Group and various operational components. She is the president of the Tarrant County Young Lawyers and the North Texas Region Health Care Compliance Association. She is on the advisory board of the Bureau of National Affairs Health Care Program Compliance Guide and is a contributing author to the Journal of Healthcare Compliance. In 2002 she won the Chairman's Award for outstanding team captain at the 2002 American Cancer Society Fort Worth Relay for Life and Was named one of Modern Healthcare's "Up and Comers." This year she was named one of Fort Worth's "Top 40 Under 40" by the Fort Worth Business Press.

**Thomas Lipovski**, a partner at Jackson Walker in the Labor and Employment section of the firm's Austin office, was honored by the Austin Business Journal as a 2004 Rising Star. The twenty-five chosen Rising Stars are up-and-coming employees who bring special vitality, originality and dedication to their work.

**Lori Ploeger** has joined Cooley Godward as a partner in the firm's litigation department. Her practice centers on appellate litigation. She will serve as a co-chair of the ABA Appellate Practice Committee Pro Bono Subcommittee during 2005, and is currently a co-chair of the Committee's Young Lawyers Subcommittee.

**Kevin W. Yankowsky**, a partner with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices health law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

## 1995

**Scott J. Arrington** has joined Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld as a partner in the global projects practice in Houston, where he will focus on international infrastructure development projects in the oil and gas, petrochemical and power industries, representing domestic and overseas energy companies in connection with infrastructure investments, acquisitions, financings and international transactions. A fluent Mandarin Chinese and Spanish speaker, Mr. Arrington has focused his practice on projects in Latin America and Asia.

**Philip D. Fraissinet** has recently been elected as a partner with Bracewell & Patterson law firm. With experience in several high-profile school district litigation cases, Philip also concentrates on construction, eminent domain and other business matters for public and private entities. Mr. Fraissinet is also an Adjunct Professor in the Education Law department at the University of Houston. Mr. Fraissinet has a diverse practice representing government and private entities and officials in a wide range of public law areas. Mr. Fraissinet's background includes broad litigation experience in areas such as public school finance, construction, eminent domain for public and private entities, public employment, and constitutional and civil rights matters. Mr. Fraissinet also counsels government and private clients in many areas, including government procurement and contracting; conflicts of interest, nepotism, financial disclosure, and ethics; political and campaign activities (including bond elections); and real estate and construction. Most recently, Mr. Fraissinet was a member of the trial team representing plaintiff school districts in the successful challenge to the Texas school finance system. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Fraissinet worked for the Texas Association of School Administrators in Austin on legislative issues affecting Texas public school districts and administrators. Mr. Fraissinet continues to work in this area as part of the firm's legislative practice

**Daniel Guerra**, of Brown McCarroll was announced as a Partner for 2005 in the Austin office. Mr. Guerra advises clients in the resolution of corporate and civil litigation matters in the high-tech, real estate and health care industries. In his career, Mr. Guerra has been both outside counsel and an in-house attorney for private and governmental entities. Mr. Guerra was formerly an associate with the Firm.

**Gregory H. Kahn**, former clerk for Texas Supreme Court Justice Rose Spector, has accepted and been named as General Counsel for Verizon Avenue in Herndon. Verizon Avenue is a subsidiary of Verizon Communications. Mr. Kahn will be based in both Arlington and Herndon.

**Charles B. Walker, Jr.**, a senior associate with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices intellectual property law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

## 1996

**Chris Arntzen** has been named partner in the Houston office of Baker Botts. His practice focuses on securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate and securities matters.

**Chris Artzer** has been appointed vice president and general counsel for Texas Petrochemicals Inc. (TPI). He joins the company from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld. Artzer has spent the

last several years in the financial restructuring practice, adding to his broad practice in transactional and commercial matters.

**Alicia Duleba** of Jackson Walker has been elected partner in the firm's Austin office. Alicia is a partner in the Labor and Litigation sections in the Austin office. Her practice focuses on employment law, general litigation in addition to counseling employers on employment and human resource issues. She has experience representing employers in a full range of employment law matters, and her general litigation experience includes defending clients in products liability, healthcare, personal injury, and commercial litigation lawsuits.

**R. Keith Dugger** has been named partner in the health care law firm of Stewart & Stimmel Dallas office. Mr. Dugger joined Stewart & Stimmel in January 2002 where he has advised clients on a full range of health care-related issues. He has been instrumental in the development and management of the firm's regulatory and transactional practice group, and regularly works closely with the firm's clients to assist in identifying and addressing key operational issues affecting their facilities.

**Karen Griffin** has been named partner in the Dallas office of Baker Botts. Her practice focuses on litigation and she assists clients in all major areas of employment law and labor relations.

**Jeffrey Helvey** an associate of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox was elected a partner. Jeffrey is a member of the electronic group.

**Micheal Keane** delivered the Convocation speech on December 16, 2004 at the graduation ceremony for the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California.

**Marcus Lopez** of Jackson Walker has been elected partner in the firm's San Antonio office. Marcus is a partner in the Business Transactions section in the San Antonio office. He focuses his practice on representing publicly owned and privately held businesses in a number of industries including, but not limited to, heavy equipment commercial dealerships and oil and gas service companies, involving mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations; private and public offerings; venture capital transactions; tender offers, takeovers, and other various securities matters; finance transactions; and executive employment agreements.

**Andrew D. Mendez** has become a member of the law firm Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, effective January 1, 2004. Mr. Mendez joined the firm in 1999 after practicing law in Missouri for three years. His practice is concentrated in commercial litigation, toxic tort litigation and bankruptcy law. He is admitted to the bars of Texas, Missouri and Louisiana.

**David Rodi** has been named partner in the Houston office of Baker Botts. His practice focuses on litigation, arbitration, and regulatory investigations. He also handles coverage disputes on behalf of both insurers and insureds.

**Veronica Vargas Stidvent** was recently named the assistant secretary for policy in the U.S. Department of labor. This office is responsible for managing and carrying out employment, regulatory and legislative policy. Stidvent will provide policy advice to Secretary of Labor

Elain. Chao. Veronica previously worked in the White House as a special assistant to the president for policy.

**Jeffrey Sullivan** has been named a partner in the New York office of Baker Botts. His practice focuses on the litigation of patent, trademark, trade secret, unfair competition, and copyright disputes.

**Jeffrey Wigder** of Brown McCarroll was announced as a Partner for 2005 in the Dallas office. Mr. Wigder handles real estate and corporate matters. His practice includes real estate finance, development projects, and hospitality. Mr. Wigder received was formerly an associate with the Firm.

## 1997

**Denise Hyde** was the second recipient of the David H. Walter Community Excellence Award, which honors an Austin Bar member who has recently made a significant impact in the community and at the same time raised the profile of the profession.

**Andrew P. Price**, a senior associate with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices litigation law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

## 1998

**Stephen Wade Nebgen**, has opened his own law office in Phoenix, Arizona. The Law Offices of Stephen Wade Nebgen, focuses on entertainment law and intellectual property. Mr. Nebgen's practice also includes bankruptcy and business reorganization, with a special emphasis on the reorganization issues confronting entertainers and production companies. Mr. Nebgen also runs two theatres in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

**Royce Poinsett**, who has worked for Texas Governor George W. Bush and Rick Perry as well as U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, is the new general counsel to the speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. Poinsett joined the speaker's office after three years on Perry's staff where he served as the governor's counsel for budget, planning and policy. He was an intern policy analyst on Bush's staff in 1997 and a political aide to Hutchison, R-Texas, in 1994. Poinsett was Perry's primary policy adviser on insurance, workers' compensation and banking issues before he joined Craddick's staff. He was also the governor's primary counsel on budget issues and was lead counsel and negotiator on economic development grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

**Justin Rice**, an associate with Jackson Walker L.L.P., has been invited to become a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Less than 1% of the total Bar membership are invited to be a part of this premier charitable organization.

## 1999

**Lowry Crook** in the litigation department for of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr is one of 20 to be announced the promotion to counsel.

**Jeff Edwards**, an associate at Whitehurst, Harkness, Ozmun & Brees, won the Austin Under 40 Award for the law category in 2004. Austin Under 40 is a joint collaboration between the Young Women's Alliance (YWA) and the Young Men's Business League (YMBL). It honors men and women under the age of 40 who have excelled in their field of endeavor and demonstrated service to the community - outstanding business leaders, inventors of technology, educators, lawyers, public servants, etc.

**Jae Ellis**, his wife, Liza, and their daughter, Caroline, are proud to announce the arrival of James Gillespie Ellis. "Judge" was born on November 21, 2004 in Dallas, Texas. He was named in honor of his grandfather, James A. Ellis, Jr. and in memory of his great grandfathers the late James A. Ellis, Sr. (former Chief Justice of the Amarillo Court of Appeals and Professor of Law at Texas Tech University) and the late Wilford Lafayette ("Pete") Gillespie.

**Christopher J. Lallo**, senior associate with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices tax law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

**Davor S. Vukadin**, senior associate with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices banking/corporate law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

## **2000**

**Nicholas J. Brunick**, who received both a law degree and a master's degree in public affairs in 2000 and uses his skills to address the issue of affordable housing in the Chicago region, was one of seven finalists for a national Catholic award to recognize young Catholics who are working to break the cycle of poverty in the United States. Mr. Brunick, an active member of St. Clement Parish in Chicago, is director of the Regional Affordable Housing Initiative that uses legislative advocacy, legal and policy research, litigation, and organizing to preserve and create affordable housing in the region. He developed and led a legislative campaign that resulted in passage of Illinois' Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act in 2003. He organized and co-chaired the Housing Roundtable, a coalition of more than 200 organizations whose work resulted in passage of three pieces of housing legislation in the 2003 Illinois General Assembly. In addition to his work for affordable housing, he provides support to campaigns for living wages for workers, and was instrumental in the 2003 fight to raise the state minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour.

**Lucy Lixin Chen** has joined Fulbright & Jaworski's Hong Kong office. Ms. Chen focuses on acquisitions, joint ventures, cross-border investments, finance and other international transactions, primarily involving China. Prior to joining Fulbright's Hong Kong office, Chen worked in the China practice groups of two other major international law firms in Hong Kong and Beijing for four years. Chen also worked as Legal Counsel in China's Customs authority and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

**Kate McPartlin** has joined Fulbright & Jaworski's Austin office as counsel. McPartlin has experience in intellectual property, litigation, regulatory and corporate law experience. She has represented clients in industries as diverse as health care, water supply and technology.

**Carlos R. Rainer, Jr.**, associate with Fulbright & Jaworski where he practices antitrust law, was listed by *H Texas Magazine* as an up-and-coming lawyer in the Houston legal community for 2004.

## 2001

**Bret Alexander** will handle the DUI cases Hamilton County in Chattanooga Tennessee; he has begun work in the district attorney's office. Bret will prosecute driving under the influences cases, habitual offender cases and cases that involve alcohol-related crashes, according to information provided by the district attorney's office. Before coming to the prosecutor's office, Bret was in private practice with the law firm of Chambliss, Bahner and Stophel, where he focused on business and construction litigation and bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

**Bryce Benson**, associate of Fulbright & Jaworski has joined its Dallas office. Benson's practice covers all aspects of complex commercial litigation, including such issues as breach of contract, common law fraud, securities fraud, loan foreclosures, breach of fiduciary duty, and other business torts. Benson received his J.D. from The University of Texas in 2001 and his B.A., *cum laude*, from the Vanderbilt University in 1998. Benson joined Fulbright from Jenkens & Gilchrist. He was admitted to practice law in Texas in 2001.

## 2002

**Luke Ellis**, associate of Jackson Walker L.L.P., is the author of *The Common Law*, an information legal column that discusses how the law addresses everyday legal issues. *The Common Law* is published weekly in the [Austin Chronicle](#). In addition, Mr. Ellis is the attorney-host of a weekly television news segment, also called *The Common Law*, which discusses practical legal issues. *The Common Law* television segment airs every Tuesday on [News8Austin](#).

**Mary Evelyn McNamara** has joining the firm of Brown McCarroll Austin office as an Associate. Ms. McNamara practices in the areas of family law and appellate law.

## 2003

**Marcus C. Bradley** has joined Baker & Hostetler law firm as an associate in the Houston Office.

**Lane Cates** has joined Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. as an associate in their Dallas office. Ms. Cates will focus on matters involving corporate and securities transactions.

**Jenny Chilton** has joined Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. as an associate in their Dallas office. Ms. Chilton focuses on litigation matters for this firm.

**Jessica C. Coe** has joined the firm of Williams Mullen in their Richmond office as an Associate. Ms. Coe will focus on general litigation matters, products liability, and mass torts.

**Haylie Halpin** has joined Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. as an associate in their Dallas office. Ms. Halpin will be focusing on litigation matters for this firm.

**Jennie K. Hoelscher** has joined the firm of Brown McCarroll Austin office as an Associate. Ms Hoelscher practices in the areas of general civil litigation, products liability litigation and appellate.

**Brent Troyan**, (Lieutenant) has been stationed with the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps in Norfolk Virginia. He's currently assigned as a special assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia prosecuting cases for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

## **2004**

**Troy S. Allen** has joined Baker & Hostetler law firm as an associate in the Houston Office.

**Morgan Barsi** has joining the firm of Brown McCarroll Houston office as an Associate. Mr. Barsi practices in Estate Planning and Probate section.

**Jessica Biddle** of Fulbright & Jaworski has joined the Houston office as a new associate. Jessica focuses her practice in the area of public finance. She was admitted to practice law in 2004.

**Amanda Bush** an Associate in the Litigation section of the firm Jackson Walker's Fort Worth office has been selected by her peers as one of Tarrant County's Top Attorneys for 2004 in the Product Liability section. The announcement was published in Fort Worth, Texas magazine's December 2004 issue.

**Susana Carbajal** has joining the firm of Brown McCarroll Austin office as an Associate. Ms. Carbajal practices in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

**J. Garrett Cornelison** has joined Baker & Hostetler law firm as an associate in the Houston Office.

**Kindel Elam** of Fulbright & Jaworski has joined the Houston office as a new associate. Kindel focuses her practice on corporate matters. She was admitted to practice law in 2004.

**Bert Greene** has been announced as a new associate at the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski in the Austin office. Bert Greene focuses his practice on intellectual property matters. His practice primarily includes patent prosecution and patent litigation, although he also has experience in litigation involving trade secrets and copyrights. Greene was a judicial intern for the Honorable Sam Sparks of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He was admitted to practice law in Texas in 2004.

**Adam S. Harbin** is an associate in Bass, Berry & Sims' corporate and securities practice area. While in law school, Harbin was selected as a Chancellor, the school's highest academic honor. In addition, he served on the *Texas Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

**Joshua R. Lounsbury** has joined the law firm of Coolidge, Wall, Womsley & Lombard. Joshua practices in the area of Worker's Compensation defense.

**Rachel M. Morris** has joined Baker & Hostetler law firm as an associate in the Houston Office.

**Andy Parker** of Fulbright & Jaworski has joined the Houston office as a new associate. Andy focuses on litigation. He was admitted to practice law in 2004.

**Brian K. Prewitt** has joined the law firm of Bell Nunnally & Martin as an associate. Prewitt joins the firm as an associate in the Corporate Practice Group. He is experienced in corporate, real estate, estate planning and taxation law.

**Terry David Roberts** has joined the Austin office of Vinson & Elkins as an associate in the Employment Litigation and Labor Section.

**Michael Tristan** has joined the Dallas firm of Jackson Walker as an associate in the Litigation section.

**Shannon Zmud** has joined the Dallas firm of Jackson Walker as an associate in the Litigation section.