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WELCOME TO OUR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FELLOWS CHAIR

Celebrating Five Decades of Advancing Opportunities and Protecting Justice in Texas

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Since 1965, the Foundation has awarded grants to fulfill our mission to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Texas, especially for programs that relate to legal assistance for the underserved, the administration of justice, ethics in the legal profession, the encouragement of legal research, publications and forums, and education of the third branch of government. In the 2014-2015 bar year, we continued our thoughtful philanthropy by awarding \$978,432 in grants to 72 organizations.

This year the Foundation has budgeted an unprecedented \$1,000,000 in grants.

In five decades, the Texas Bar Foundation has grown its assets to over \$25 million and developed a membership of more than 8,500 Fellows. We can be proud of our enormous successes, but we must also look forward with renewed energy to providing and expanding opportunities and promoting justice for all Texans. This is our time to add to the rich history of the Texas Bar Foundation.

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Our mission has remained the same for 50 years, and, with your help, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of Texans. In the coming months, you will hear more about our plans to honor our past, while taking our foundation to greater heights, assuring and fulfilling our mission of justice for all.

Thank you for supporting the mission of the Texas Bar Foundation.



David W. Copeland
Fellows Chair

Our Lives In 1965

- Edward White is the first American to walk in space
- Beatles album '65 goes #1 on Jan. 9
- Sound Of Music was released March 2
- "The Who" releases first album
- Campbell's launched canned SpaghettiOs
- 25% of homes had their milk hand delivered
- A gallon of gas cost \$0.31
- A postage stamp cost \$0.05
- A double-decker burger meal cost \$1.00
- LBJ's "Great Society" State of the Union Address
- Ranger 8 lands on moon and returns with photos and other data
- Medicare program for senior citizens medical assistance becomes law
- "Green Acres" TV show debuted
- MLK, Jr. leads Selma marches, reaching Montgomery on the third attempt

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS!



Front Row L to R: Mike A. Hatchell - Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award, David J. Beck - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award, Byron F. Egan - Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award, Dee J. Kelly - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award, Phil Hardberger - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award

Back Row L to R: Harrell Feldt - Terry Lee Grantham Memorial Award, Buck Files - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award, Darrell E. Jordan - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award, United States District Judge David Hittner - Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award, Justice Anne Gardner - Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award, Mark Lanier - Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award, Charlie Wilson - Lola Wright Foundation Award

OUTSTANDING 50 YEAR LAWYERS

THE OUTSTANDING 50 YEAR LAWYER AWARD WAS THE FIRST AWARD ESTABLISHED BY THE TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION IN 1974. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES ATTORNEYS WHOSE PRACTICE SPANNED FIFTY YEARS OR MORE, AND WHO ADHERE TO THE HIGHEST PRINCIPLES AND TRADITIONS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

DAVID J. BECK, HOUSTON
BUCK FILES, TYLER
PHIL HARDBERGER, SAN ANTONIO
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE DAVID HITTNER, HOUSTON
DARRELL E. JORDAN, DALLAS
DEE J. KELLY, FORT WORTH

TERRY LEE GRANTHAM MEMORIAL AWARD

THE TERRY LEE GRANTHAM MEMORIAL AWARD WAS ENDOWED THROUGH THE TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION IN 2014 BY TERRY LEE GRANTHAM'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AS AN ENDURING TRIBUTE TO TERRY'S LIFE AND WORK IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, THIS AWARD IS MADE ANNUALLY TO AN OUTSTANDING TEXAS LAWYER. THE AWARD CELEBRATES TERRY'S LIFE AS A GIFTED AND COMMITTED MAN AND LAWYER WHO DEVOTED HIMSELF COMPLETELY TO EVERY TASK HE UNDERTOOK. EACH RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD MUST EXEMPLIFY THE QUALITIES OF AN ACCOMPLISHED, TALENTED AND DEDICATED PRACTITIONER, A SERVANT OF THE PROFESSION AND AN ARDENT ADVOCATE, DEMONSTRATING

DEDICATION AND SERVICE WITH THE SAME PASSION THAT DEFINED TERRY'S LIFE AND WORK.

HARRELL FELDT, KERRVILLE

RONALD D. SECREST OUTSTANDING TRIAL LAWYER AWARD

THE FIRM OF BECK REDDEN LLP ESTABLISHED THE AWARD IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR. SECREST, A GIFTED TRIAL LAWYER AND A FOUNDING PARTNER OF THE FIRM. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES A TRIAL LAWYER WHO, IN HIS OR HER PRACTICE, HAS DEMONSTRATED HIGH ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS AND HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL

OUR 2015 AWARDS CONTINUED

CONDUCT, THUS ENHANCING THE IMAGE OF THE TRIAL LAWYER.

MARK LANIER, HOUSTON

DAN RUGELEY PRICE MEMORIAL AWARD

THE DAN RUGELEY PRICE MEMORIAL AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND ENDOWED THROUGH THE TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION IN JUNE 1996. THE RECIPIENT EXEMPLIFIES THE QUALITIES OF AN ACCOMPLISHED LEGAL WRITER AND RESEARCHER, A TALENTED AND DEDICATED PRACTICING LAWYER, A SERVANT OF THE PROFESSION AS A VOLUNTEER AND AN ADVOCATE ON ITS BEHALF. THE RECIPIENT EXHIBITS AN UNRESERVED COMMITMENT TO CLIENTS AND TO THE PRACTICE OF OUR PROFESSION, AND IT DEMONSTRATES DEDICATION TO THE BAR AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC WITH THE SAME COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND ZEAL WHICH DEFINED DAN PRICE'S LIFE AND WORK.

BYRON F. EGAN, DALLAS

SAMUEL PESSARRA, OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD

IN 1987, THE TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION CREATED THE OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD TO HONOR AN ACTIVE FEDERAL OR STATE JUDGE. IN 1995, THE FOUNDATION RECEIVED A BEQUEST TO THE ENDOWMENT FROM THE ESTATE OF MRS. SAMUEL PESSARRA IN HONOR OF HER LATE HUSBAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING

THE OUTSTANDING JURIST AWARD. THE RECIPIENT MUST HAVE SERVED ON THE BENCH FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 YEARS AND EXHIBIT AN EXCEPTIONALLY OUTSTANDING REPUTATION FOR COMPETENCY, EFFICIENCY, AND INTEGRITY.

JUSTICE ANNE GARDNER, FORT WORTH

LOLA WRIGHT FOUNDATION AWARD

ESTABLISHED IN 1985 IN HONOR OF COLEMAN GAY, THIS AWARD HONORS AN ATTORNEY WHO EXEMPLIFIES THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS. THE AWARD IS PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE IN ADVANCING AND ENHANCING LEGAL ETHICS IN TEXAS.

CHARLIE WILSON, DALLAS

OUTSTANDING LAW REVIEW ARTICLE AWARD

THE OUTSTANDING LAW REVIEW ARTICLE AWARD HONORS A LAW REVIEW ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY ONE OF THE TEXAS LAW SCHOOLS.

ROBERT K. WISE, DALLAS

KATHERINE HENDLER FAYNE, DALLAS

GREGORY S. COLEMAN OUTSTANDING APPELLATE LAWYER AWARD

THE GREGORY S. COLEMAN OUTSTANDING APPELLATE LAWYER AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2011 BY YETTER COLEMAN LLP IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF ITS NAME PARTNER, GREGORY S. COLEMAN. THE AWARD CELEBRATES THE HIGH IDEALS AND STANDARDS THAT GREG DEMONSTRATED IN HIS APPELLATE PRACTICE AND PERSONAL LIFE. THE RECIPIENT SHOULD EXHIBIT AN OUTSTANDING APPELLATE PRACTICE WHILE MAINTAINING A STRONG COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE UNDERSERVED. DEDICATION TO MENTORING YOUNG ATTORNEYS SHOULD BE EVIDENT AS WELL AS A STRONG MORAL COMPASS TO GUIDE BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL PURSUITS.

MIKE A. HATCHELL, AUSTIN

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Michael P. Heiskell, Anita Heiskell, G. Thomas Vick, Jr.

2015 Annual Dinner

On June 19th, more than 450 Fellows, family and friends gathered in San Antonio to celebrate a year of tremendous success for the Texas Bar Foundation. The event honored recipients of prestigious legal awards in Texas and the contributions of all Fellows. It was an evening of entertainment, fun, and fellowship.



Lauren Harris, Caroline Harris, Warren W. Harris, Judy Beck, David Beck, Allison Jackson, Trey Jackson

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2015 Annual Dinner



Justice Anne Gardner & Randall O. Sorrels

Mr. Sorrels was pleased to announce that the Bar Foundation elected 503 new Fellows during the 2014-2015 bar year. Additionally, 245 Fellows completed their pledge to become Life Fellows, and 144 Life Fellows contributed an additional 10% of their pledge to become Sustaining Life Fellows. With the effort and tremendous support of all the Fellows, the Foundation awarded an unprecedented amount of grants during the 2015 bar year.

After recognizing the award winners, guests continued the celebration with music by The Royal Dukes.



Corbin Grantham, Harrell Feldt, LeAnn Grantham



Marshall M. Searcy, David Keltner, Dee J. Kelly, Dee Kelly, Jr.

Fellows Chair Randall O. Sorrels conducted brief business items including recognition of the new Board of Trustees Officers and the election of the new Fellows Officers:

Board of Trustees Officers:

Jeanne C. "Cezy" Collins, Chair
Buck Files, Chair-elect
Cindy V. Tisdale, Secretary-Treasurer
Timothy W. Mountz, Past Chair

Fellows Officers:

David W. Copeland, Chair
Shannon Dacus, Chair-elect
Judge Penny Roberts, Secretary
Randall O. Sorrels, Past Chair



Justice Debra Lehrmann & Andrea Stone



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