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## Texas Wesleyan Law Review Alumni Association

### You're already a member

Did you know that as a former Texas Wesleyan Law Review member you're automatically a member of the Law Review Alumni Association? It's true.

Now, you may ask, "So what? Why should I care about one more organization in a world of countless listservs, committees, and groups that do this and that?" No, we don't offer resolution to the global economic crisis or even repayment of your student loans; BUT we do offer opportunities to network and to connect with former classmates and current Law Review members.

Whether you've been practicing for two months or twelve years, the current members would love to hear your stories, learn about billable hours, and soak up any bit of knowledge you're willing to share.

Be sure to join us at the next Annual Law Review Alumni Assoc. meeting on April 18.

### Upcoming Events:

April 16-18, 2009

Alumni Weekend  
Urban Gas & Drilling Symposium  
Fort Worth Main Street Arts Festival

April 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Annual LR Alumni Assoc. Meeting  
@ the Law School, room TBA

April 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Current LR & Alumni Dinner  
@ Ruth's Chris, \$25 per person

Spring Break 2010

Texas Wesleyan to host NCLR

### We need you!

The Law Review Alumni Association has two **board member vacancies**. The board meets quarterly on Saturday mornings at the law school and would love to have you join us. For more details, email Candace Collins.

### Annual Alumni Weekend

One of the best times to connect is coming up April 16-18 at the Second Annual Alumni Weekend event for all former Texas Wesleyan law students.

While you're in town for Alumni Weekend, don't forget that the Law Review is hosting an Urban Gas & Drilling Symposium that you won't want to miss. And if you're not too tired from the alumni golf tournament, the crawfish boil, or the mixing and mingling, you can buy some cool art at the Fort Worth Main Street Arts Festival. Complete Alumni Weekend event details coming soon!

Law Review Alumni  
Association Newsletter



Spring 2009

We want to keep in touch! If you think any of your former Law Review classmates did not receive this email newsletter, please forward them a copy. Feel free to email me your contact information for future updates, but don't forget to register on the law school's website at [www.alumni.law.txwes.edu](http://www.alumni.law.txwes.edu).

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## We've come a long way, baby!

Remember back in the day when you made your own copies and maybe even had to bring extra reams of paper to subsidize the LR budget? Those days are long gone. . .

1. Archive articles available online  
Starting with Volume 10.1, all past articles are now available online. Earlier volumes will be accessible online in the near future.

2. No more paper time entries  
The Law Review is the current guinea pig for a great new online program called TimeLive. Members and editors enter their time on the web and can instantly view their posted hours. It's working so well that the law school may implement it in the future for all faculty and students.

3. Making copies . . . via network  
Thanks to an increased budget and loads of new technology, Law Review members can now make copies, duplex, and print directly from their desktop or office copy machine.

4. No more summer school  
Instead of scrambling over the summer to figure out what's up and what's down, incoming editors are now chosen at the end of January and allowed to shadow current editors for a semester.

5. DEBORAH BARNETT  
Law Review Administrative Assistant.  
Need we say more?

6. Electronic citations  
Yes, you read that correctly – no more copies of sources, obscure or otherwise. The current Law Review is now paperless.

## Want to know more about the current Law Review?

Stay connected and read *The Witness*, an online publication for alumni available on the Law Review website.

Prof. Cynthia Fountaine, Prof. Stephen Alton, Judy Alton ('94), Casey Dyer ('06)



## Judy and Stephen Alton Challenge Gift

The primary goal of the Law Review Alumni Association is to support the Law Review. One of the ways we achieve this goal is by providing financial support in the form of stipends to the Law Review editors. Thanks to the creativity and generosity of Professor Stephen Alton and Judy Alton (class of 1994) who challenged us all, we are now ready to move forward and make these stipends a reality.

As many of you know, Professor Stephen Alton and Judy Alton graciously offered to match all donations made during this past fiscal year to the Law Review Endowment Fund, up to \$10,000. Thanks to your support, we met our initial goal and kept going.

After raising the initial \$10,000, the Altons then offered to match \$1 for every \$2 raised, up to \$5,000. With their help, we raised over \$35,000.

On behalf of the entire Law Review Alumni Association, I want to thank everyone who contributed to this endeavor, as it indirectly enriches more than just the Law Review. The Alumni Association is now in the planning process and will determine the manner in which these funds will be used to create stipends for future Law Review editors.

Thank you Stephen and Judy for your generosity. Your gift – not just the financial aspect, but the planning involved, the time out of your day, and your tireless dedication to this organization – is an inspiration to us all.

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## Law Review Endowment Campaign

With your continued generosity, we can keep up the momentum that the Altons started and maintain our goals to inspire, innovate, and lead. We welcome monetary donations in any amount. For more information, visit the "[Make a Gift](#)" section on the law school's website. Donations can also be mailed to the Law Review Endowment Campaign, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, 1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102.

We will have more information on the Law Review Endowment Campaign, our financial progress, the individual stipends, and the mechanics of the investment process in our next newsletter and at the April 18 Annual Law Review Alumni Association Meeting.

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# Texas Wesleyan is the new NCLR headquarters & 2010 host.

You've earned it!

Starting this academic year, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law will serve as the National Conference of Law Reviews' headquarters for the next five years. This means our law school – in particular, the hardworking members and editors of the Law Review – will coordinate the fiscal and administrative duties of the conference organization.

And if this weren't enough, the law school has also been selected to host the 2010

conference. Never been? We promise it's a huge undertaking. And when it's all said and done, the conference (held each spring in a different city) brings together law review editors past and present from all over the nation for the biggest brainstorming session imaginable.

Recent Law Review graduates apparently pitched such an amazing concept in their bid to be a host city that they've been invited back to explain the process to other hopeful schools. Congratulations!

## **2008-2009 BOARD OF EDITORS**

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## LR Journal Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are \$35.00 for both issues, or \$20.00 per single issue (postage included).

Visit the [Law Review website](#) for current, detailed information regarding the Urban Gas and Drilling Symposium Edition.

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# Urban Gas & Drilling Symposium

April 16-17, 2009

## Scheduled presenters:

### Joe Kimball

Lively & Associates, LLP  
*Taxing of Mineral Estates by Taxing Authorities—How Urban Mineral Estates are Taxed and How They Should be Taxed*

### John Allen Chalk & Sadie Harrison-Fincher

Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP  
*Eminent Domain Power Granted to Private Pipeline Companies Meets with Greater Resistance from Property Owners in Urban Rather Than Rural Areas*

### Lisa Vaughn

Franklin Cardwell & Jones  
*New Facets of Old Alternatives for Unleased Mineral Interests*

### Giuliana Vural

Judd & Vural, P.L.L.C. & Texas Wesleyan Adjunct Professor  
*Overview of Common Mineral Lease Clauses and Negotiating Tips*

### Bill Bredthauer

Harris, Finley & Bogle, P.C.  
*Ownership of Minerals Under Highways and Right-of-Ways*

### Hal Ray

Former Chair, Environmental & Natural Resources Section  
*Environmental Issues in Urban Gas Drilling*

### Brandy Manning

Haynes & Boone  
*Case Law Update—Hydraulic Drilling/Trespass After Coastal*

### Jason Rodriguez

Law Clerk for the Hon. D. Michael Lynn, N.D. Tex.  
*Intersection of Urban Gas Drilling and Bankruptcy*

### David Pratt

Decker, Jones, McMackin, McClane, Hall & Bates, P.C.  
*Understanding the Differences Between Texas and Louisiana Laws Regarding the Severance of Minerals from the Surface*

### Bob West

Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP  
*Current Trends in Leasing*

### John Baen, Ph.D

University of North Texas

### Litigation Panel: Litigating in the Barnett Shale

Moderator: Brandy Manning, Haynes & Boone  
Ben Meches, Haynes & Boone  
David Poole, Range Resources in-house counsel  
Phillip Mack Furlow, Solo Practitioner  
R. Mark Oliver, Brown Pruitt Peterson & Wambsganss, P.C.

### Environmental/Regulatory Panel

Moderator: Hal Ray  
Cheryl Coon, Shannon Gracey Ratliff & Miller, LLP  
Sarah Walls, Cantey Hanger LLP

### City Attorney Panel

Sarah Fullenwider, Fort Worth City Attorney  
Bryn Meredith, Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam LLP  
Arlington City Attorney's Office (to be announced)  
Grand Prairie City Attorney's Office (to be announced)

*Additional presenters to be announced*

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## Law Review Alumni Association Board of Directors

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"Our primary goal in the Office of Alumni Relations is to further the mission of Texas Wesleyan School of Law and to help graduates stay connected to our legal community. It is my goal to create outreach initiatives and programs to encourage participation from fellow graduates, as well as the entire Dallas/Fort Worth community. I look forward to providing each alumnus with individualized service and attention as they graduate from our program and embark on a new journey outside Texas Wesleyan School of Law."

- Casey Dyer '06, Director of Alumni Relations and External Affairs