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## CLYDE ELLIS JOHNSON, JR.



Johnson, 88, of San Antonio, died Dec. 25, 2009. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1950. He was an associate of Mueller, Mueller, Grun & Legan from 1950 to 1960 and of Pat Legan from 1960 to 1962. In 1962, he founded Johnson & Christopher. From 1984 until his retirement in the 1990s, he served of counsel to Johnson & Christopher and Javore & Cochran, Inc. From 1950 to 1980, he was an adjunct professor at St. Mary's School of Law. He served as a judge of the City of Terrell Hills Corporation Court from 1958 to 1964. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Johnson; son, attorney Russell S. Johnson of Austin; daughter, Elizabeth Smith of Austin; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## GEORGE BRUCE HUCKEBA



Huckeba, 86, of Houston, died May 3, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1950. He was a member of the Georgia bar. He was a private practitioner from 1950 to 2002. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia Dare Taylor Huckeba; son, attorney John B. Huckeba of Houston; daughters, Sandra Wilson, Corliss Nettles, and Georgene Huckeba; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## MARION LINDSEY WALKER



Walker, 93, of Beaumont, died March 21, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1939. He practiced in Port Arthur from 1939 to 1942. From 1946 to 1999, he practiced with Lefler, Walker, Walley. He practiced with Lefler & Walker from 1999 until his death. He served as a special agent in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Pauline H. Walker; sons, James A. Walker and William L. Walker; stepdaughters, attorney Sherrie Travers of Katy and Pamela Harvey of Plano; four grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## TAYLOR NICHOLS



Nichols, 80, of Boerne, died May 2, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1958.

He was a member of the Virginia bar. He was a partner in Scott, Hulse, Marshall & Feuille in El Paso from 1958 to 1965 and in Kessler, Nichols & Harris in Uvalde from 1965 to 1975. He was a private practitioner in Uvalde from 1975 to 1983 and in Dallas and Boerne from 1992 until his death. He was legal counsel to Christ for the Nations in Dallas from 1988 to 1992. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Shalmir D. Nichols; daughters, Sharisse Horn, Sandy McNamara, Sharla Northcutt, and Sheryl Hicks; and eight grandchildren.

## JAMES FREDERICK JONES



Jones, 87, of Lady Lake, Fla., died April 10, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1950. He was a member of the Georgia bar. From 1950 to 1957, he served as assistant attorney general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General in Austin. He was a private practitioner in Atlanta, Ga., from 1957 to 1998. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jackie Marie Farris Jones; sons, James Frederick Jones, Jr., of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Rev. Keith K. Jones of Roswell, Ga.; daughter, J. Charisse Jones Moore of Murphy, N.C.; sister, Mrs. Donald Jones of Denton; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## GORDON ASBURY, JR.



Asbury, 78, of Abilene, died July 16, 2009. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1956.

From 1958 to 1961, he secured oil and gas leases for a large oil company in Durango, Colo., and Wichita, Kan. He was a sole practitioner in Abilene from 1961 to 1994. In 1994, he and his son, Gordon Asbury III, formed Asbury & Asbury, L.L.P. in Abilene, where they practiced together until his death. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janice Asbury; son, attorney Gordon Asbury III of Abilene; daughter, Elizabeth Sims of Fairfax, Va.; brother, Larry Asbury of Dallas; and five grandchildren.



### JOHN ROBERT ADAMSON



Adamson, 80, of Jacksonville, died April 23, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1959. He was a sole practitioner in Jacksonville from 1959 to 1963. From 1963 to 1969, he served as assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Texas in Tyler. He was a partner in Box, Jones & Adamson from 1969 to 1973 and a senior partner in Adamson & Phifer from 1979 to 1985 and Adamson, Phifer, Richards from 1983 to 1991 (all in Jacksonville). He served as judge of the 2nd District Court in Rusk from 1991 until his retirement in 2000. He taught business law at Jacksonville College and later at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. From 2000 to 2009, he was a senior district judge for the 1st Administrative Judicial Region of Texas. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Bone Adamson; sons, John Robert Adamson, Jr. of Nacogdoches and James Bone Adamson of Jacksonville; sister, Grace Dolores Mullane of Jacksonville; and two grandchildren.

### OTTO D. HEWITT III



Hewitt, 63, of League City, died April 18, 2010. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1980. He started his legal career as staff attorney to the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland. He practiced in Galveston until establishing the Hewitt Law Firm in Alvin. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sunny M. Hewitt; daughters, Heather Merritt and Heidi Carruthers; sisters, Dianna Green, Debbie Case, and Donna Leftwich; and five grandchildren.

### JUNE WILSON TEER



Teer, 83, of Fredericksburg, died May 29, 2010. She received her law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. She was a partner in Scanio & Teer in Refugio from 1953 to 1955 and then in Scanio, Teer, Cox & Steele, where she practiced with her husband. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, attorney Donald M. Teer; son, Jonathan D. Teer of Santa Fe, N.M.; daughter, Jane E. Teer of Austin; and sister, Jane Wilson Randall of San Antonio.

### ZEBLIN GERARD PEARSON



Pearson, 58, of Dallas, died June 20, 2010. He received his law degree from Baylor University Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1976. From 1980 until his death, he practiced with Bowland & Associates in Fort Worth and Bonney & Bonney in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Diane Pearson; son, Matthew Pearson; daughters, Rachel Pearson and Kelsey Pearson; parents; Cultus Pearson and Frances Pearson; brothers, William Pearson, Edwin Pearson, Kurt Pearson, and C.O. Gerard Pearson; sisters, Anita Ryan, Candace McNeill, and Quinn Pearson; and two grandchildren.

### ALMA M. BENAVIDES



Benavides, 65, of Laredo, died Feb. 9, 2010. She received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1979. She was a private practitioner from 1979 until her death. She is survived by her sons, Jesus Martinez and Victor Martinez; and daughter, Mona Martinez.

### LEE A. CLARK



Clark, 76, of Greenville, died June 10, 2010. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960. He served as the assistant Hunt County attorney in 1961. He was a private practitioner from 1963 until his death. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ann George Clark; daughter, Laura Lee Falconer of Dallas; brother, Allen Clark; and one grandchild.

### J. ANTHONY GUAJARDO

Guajardo, 77, of San Antonio, died May 8, 2008. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1962. He was a sole practitioner from 1962 until his death. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rozi Panza Guajardo; sons, J. Anthony Guajardo, Jr. of San Antonio, John A. Guajardo of Houston, and Joseph A. Guajardo of San Antonio; daughters, attorney Clarissa G. Shaw of Houston, Paula G. Farrell of Little Rock, Ark., and Noelle Guajardo of San Antonio; and eight grandchildren.

### ROY WILSON SHEAR



Shear, 88, of Tyler, died March 27, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1980. He was a private practitioner and expert witness from 1980 to 2008. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Belle Shear; son, Michael B. Shear of Des Moines, Iowa; daughter, Barbara J.S. Pennock of Cedar Creek; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



## GEORGE LAMBORN WEST



West, 80, of San Antonio, died Nov. 12, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. He was an assistant Cooke County attorney in Gainesville. From 1954 to 1965, he was a partner in Sullivant, West, Meurer & Harris in Gainesville. He was a sole practitioner in Dallas from 1966 to 1969; he reestablished the practice in 1976. He served as of counsel to Dan, Dan & Dan in Tokyo, Japan, from 1969 to 1970. From 1971 to 1972, he served as county and district attorney for Kinney County in Bracketville. He served as president of the Cooke County Bar Association from 1958 to 1960. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Chiyoko A. West; son, Thomas Mellen West II; daughter, Angela Brook; and one grandchild.

## LYMAN MALCOLM NIEMEIER



Niemeier, 71, of Coppell, died April 6, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. He was a member of the Oklahoma bar. He practiced with the Waco firm of Sleeper, Williams, Johnston & Helm from 1967 to 1970. From 1970 to 1983, he was senior attorney to Cities Service Oil Company in Tulsa, Okla., and Houston. He was senior staff attorney to Champlin Petroleum Company in Houston from 1984 to 1986. He was senior attorney, legal division to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Dallas from 1987 until his retirement in 2010. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary Ann Niemeier; and sisters, Nila Niemeier Mair and Janice Niemeier Culling.

## DONALD E. NAGLE



Nagle, 78, of Katy, died May 4, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971. He was a sole practitioner in Houston from 1971 to 2000. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Teresa M. Nagle; sons, Robert Nagle and Thomas Nagle, both of Houston; daughters, Kathy Johnson of San Antonio and Maureen Nagle of Austin; brother, Tom Nagle of New York; sister, Eileen Farrell of New York; and five grandchildren.

## THOMAS W. BLOW



Blow, 56, of Tyler, died June 19, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1981. He was a sole practitioner from 1981 until his death. He is survived by his sons, Karson Lee Blow and Keaton Joe Blow, both of Tyler; parents, Joe B. Blow and Louise Blow of Mount Sullivan; and brothers, James Robert Blow of Tyler, Larry Joe Blow of Mount Sullivan, and Edward Lee Blow of Lindale.

## ANUP KUMAR KHOSLA



Khosla, 49, of West Columbia, died April 29, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2008. He was manager of legal and business activities at South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company in Houston. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, V'Anne Carpenter Khosla; son, Christopher Khosla, daughter, Alexis Khosla; parents, SK and Raj Khosla of Houston; and brothers, Sanjeev Khosla and Vineet Khosla, both of Houston.

## MICHAEL S. LINE



Line, 56, of Ruidoso, N.M., died May 6, 2010. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1979. He was a member of the New Mexico bar. He was a private practitioner in Snyder from 1979 to 1988 and in Ruidoso from 1988 until 2009. From 1994 until his death, he served as a municipal judge for the Village of Ruidoso. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Karan K. Line; son, Tyler S. Line of Lubbock; daughters, Robin M. Peterson of Johnstown, Colo., and Carrie K. Line of Lubbock; and mother, Marie Line of Ruidoso.

## CRAIG L. AUSTIN



Austin, 73, of San Antonio, died March 2, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1962. He served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in Charlottesville, Va., from 1962 to 1965. From 1965 to 1974, he was a partner in Matthews, Nowlin, McFarlain & Barrett in San Antonio. He was a sole practitioner in San Antonio from 1974 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Lola H. Austin; daughters, Madie Grabda, Julia Austin, Polly Toro, and Carolyn Austin; brothers, L.M. Austin and Edmund Austin; and 10 grandchildren.

## JOE L. RANDLE

Randle, 84, of The Woodlands, died May 11, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1949. He practiced with Gulf Oil Company in Midland before practicing with AT&T in Dallas and Beaumont from 1954 until his retirement in 1989. For four years, he taught labor law at



SMU. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dorothy Randle; son, John Randle of Richardson; daughter, Carolyn Snyder of Rowlett; stepson, Steve Morris of Texas City; stepdaughter, Kathy Buys of Pasadena; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### **JAMES E. BARLOW**



Barlow, 81, of San Antonio, died May 18, 2010. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. He was a private practitioner from 1953 to 1959. From 1963 to 1969, he served as criminal district attorney for the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. He served as judge of the 186th District Court from 1969 until his retirement in 1990. From 1990 until 2009, he was a senior district judge for the court. He served in the Texas Legislature from 1960 to 1962. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Barlow; daughters, attorney Melissa Barlow Fischer and Becky Barlow Dorsey; and sister, Jean Graham.

### **WILLIE DARRELL KENDALL**

Kendall, 79, of San Antonio, died May 9, 2010. He received his law degree from Mississippi College School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1985. He was a member of the Mississippi bar. He practiced with Dan Lee-Kendall in Jackson, Miss., from 1969 to 1982 and with several San Antonio firms from 1985 to 1996. He was a private practitioner from 1996 to 2005. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Beatrice H. Kendall; son, Willie Darrell Kendall, Jr.; daughter, Kris Kendall Leach; stepson, David Wayne Provines; stepdaughter, Janet Lynne Clark; brother, Tommy Kendall; sister, Barbara Billwork; and 10 grandchildren.

### **ROBERT SIMAR BREAUX**



Breaux, 77, of Houston, died April 12, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. He worked for the National Labor Relations Board in Houston from 1959 to 1988; he served as supervisory attorney for the board in the late 1960s. From 1988 to 1998, he was an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryle M. Breaux; sons, James Breaux, Daniel Breaux, and Christopher Breaux; daughters, Mary Ruth Crow, Yvonne Fisher, Barbara Breaux, Jeannemarie Johnson, and Roberta Heath; sisters, Carolyn Beadle and Camille France; 26 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### **HENRY L. NICHOLS**



Nichols, 93, of Dallas, died April 25, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1940.

From 1946 to 1951, he served as first assistant attorney for the City of Dallas. He was a partner in Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith from 1951 to 2007. He served as president of the Dallas Bar Association in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elaine Nichols; son, David Nichols of Dallas; daughter, Martha Nichols of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

### **GAY CRESWELL BRINSON, JR.**

Brinson, 84, of Houston, died May 1, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1956. He served as a special agent of the

FBI in Washington, D.C., and in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1957 to 1959. He practiced with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and with Horace Brown. He started practicing with Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. in Houston in 1964, becoming a partner in 1967 and retiring in 1996. He then served as counsel to McFall and Associates until 2001. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Bette Butter Brinson; son, Tom Brinson of Austin; and daughter, Mary Kaye Brinson of Alexandria, Va.

### **JACK EGAN DANIEL**



Daniel, 60, of Laton, Calif., died Jan. 2, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1985. He was a member of the California bar. From 1983 to 1986, he was a staff attorney with East Texas Legal Services in Paris. He was an attorney in Fresno, first practicing with Central California Legal Services from 1986 to 1992, then with the Fresno County Public Defender's Office from 1992 to 1995, with California Rural Legal Assistance from 1995 to 2006, and with Central California Legal Services from 2006 until his death. Before becoming an attorney, he was a paralegal. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mary Betteschild; and brother, attorney Michael Daniel of Dallas. ✦