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DAN GIBSON "GIB" WALTON



Walton, 62, of Houston, died Feb. 7, 2013. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Malcolm R. Wilkey on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He then joined the Houston office of Vinson & Elkins where he was elected into the partnership and served as head of the General Litigation Section. He was also a member of the Vinson & Elkins Management Committee. In 2009, he joined Hogan Lovells and served as co-leader of its global projects, engineering, and construction practice. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel. He was also on the board of directors of the Texas Association of Appellate and Civil Trial Specialists. He received the Anti-Defamation League Karen H. Susman Jurisprudence Award, the Phi Beta Kappa Outstanding Alumnus Award, the President's Award from the State Bar of Texas, the Judge Sam Williams Leadership Award from the State Bar of Texas, and the Michael J. Crowley Award from the State Bar of Texas. He served as president of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association. He was chair of the Texas Bar Foundation, chair of the Houston Bar Foundation, master of the Garland Walker American Inns of Court, a member of the Committee on Admissions for the U.S. District Courts—Southern District of Texas, and on the board of directors of the

Texas Association of Appellate and Civil Trial Specialists. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Martha Sandlin Walton; son, Cole Gibson Walton and his wife, Crystal Baeker Walton; daughter, Emily Wyatt Walton; sister, Georgia "Gigi" Walton Tylander; brother, Dan Thomas Walton; and one grandchild.

WILLIAM ERWIN "BILL" SHULL



Shull, 63, of Houston, died Jan. 2, 2013. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1977. He began his career in 1977 at Butler and Binion. A few years after making partner, he branched out to form the firm of Conley, Rose, and Tayon. In 1993, he joined Halliburton to head the patent department, where he worked for 20 years. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Dawn; sons, Greg and Jeff; daughter, Erin Lyons; brother, Warren; and one grandchild.

ALFRED FREDRICK CRAMER



Cramer, 87, of Houston, died Jan. 29, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1955. He spent his career as a CPA with T.B. Trotter, which merged with Ernst and Ernst, and retired from Ernst and Young in 1983. He served as a 1st lieutenant navigator in the 390th Bomb Group. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Boyle Cramer; sons, Dr. William Owen Cramer and Dr. Fredrick Michael Cramer; daughter, Susan Marie Cramer Rock; sister, Ruth Cramer Williams; and six grandchildren.

BILL R. JONES



Jones, 69, of Livingston, died Dec. 22, 2011. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. He was a partner with Glaspy, Smith & Jones from 1967 to 1971, and a partner with Smith & Jones from 1971 to 1976. He was a partner with Hightower, Bush & Jones from 1976 to 1984, and a partner with Bush & Jones from 1984 to 1995. He was the owner of Bill R. Jones Law Office from 1995 to 2007. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Susan Jones; sons, Chad Greenwood and Brad Jones; daughters, Julie Puckett and Leslie Birdsall; mother, Macie Jones; brother, Jimmy Jones; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CHRISTOPHER DAVIS BRAY



Bray, 65, of Boise, Idaho, died March 28, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971. He was a member of the Idaho Bar. From 1974 to 1978, he worked in the Idaho Attorney General's Office as deputy attorney general. From 1979 to 1981, he was the owner of Bray & Berenter and from 1981 to 2001, he was a partner in Hyde, Bray, Wetherell and Haff, P.L.L.C. He was the owner of Bray Law Offices, Chtd. from 2001 to 2012. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Gail Etheridge Bray; son, Bonnar Christopher Bray; daughter, Tessa E.B. Frost; and brothers, attorney Clarence V. Bray and Elliot O. Bray.

BYRON L. KIDD

Kidd, 82, of Austin, died May 31, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1959. From 1959 to 1963, he was a trust officer with Frost National Bank. From 1963 to 1964, he was an attorney with Ashton & Allen, and from 1964 to 1967, he was a hearings examiner for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. From 1967 until his retirement in 1994, he was vice president and trust officer for Austin National Bank, now Bank of America. In 2009, he was recognized as a 50-year member of the State Bar of Texas. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1953. He is survived by his wife of more than 46 years, Doris Allbright Kidd; son, Kenneth Byron Kidd; daughter, Kathryn Anne Benson; brothers, R. Desmond Kidd, Dr. Jack C. Kidd, and Walter M. Kidd.

WALLACE REN "WALLY" HEITMAN

Heitman, 92, of Dallas, died Aug. 24, 2012. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1969. He practiced immigration law and continued to work as a mediator, often on a pro bono basis, after his retirement. He is best known for being the principal interviewer of Marina Oswald, the wife of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Heitman of Palm Springs, Calif.; sons, Edward Heitman of Payne Springs and Dr. David Heitman of Fairview; stepson, Alan Glowach of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and seven grandchildren.

ERNEST LEROY HALLMAN JR.

Hallman, 96, of Dallas, died June 27, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1939. He began his career in 1939 in partnership with Carl L. Phinney Jr. and retired from the practice of law in 1997 as a partner in Storey Armstrong Steger & Martin. In 1970, he served as president of the Motor Carrier Lawyers Association, now known as the Transportation Lawyers Association. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot during World War II and obtained the rank of major. He is survived by his daughters, Martha Hallman Grable of Fort Worth and Anne Hallman Fowler of Houston; son, attorney Sam Hallman of Dallas; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM G. "BILL" NEDD

Nedd, 77, of Spring, died March 12, 2012. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1966. From 1966 to 1968, he was an associate of the Law Offices of George Redd. From 1968 to 1995, he was an associate of the Law Offices of Ed Tynes. He was a sole practitioner from 1995 to 2002 in the Law Office of William G. Nedd. He was a member and director of the Houston Trial Lawyers Association and a member and associate director of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Betty Currey Nedd; sons, Wm. G. Nedd Jr., Michael Nedd, and Steven Nedd; stepson, Devon Rochelle; stepdaughter, Shannon Sparacino; and six grandchildren.

DANIEL JAMES PETROSKI JR.

Petroski, 52, of Houston, died May 26, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1987. He was an attorney with Baker Brown Sharman & Parker from 1987 to 1992, and an attorney with Davis & Shank from 1992 to 1994. From 1994 to 1999, he was an attorney with Fleming, Hovenkamp & Grayson, and in 1999, he went to work for Vahldiek, Cano & Petroski. Until his death, he owned the Law Offices of Daniel "Pete" Petroski. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Jennifer Petroski; daughters, Katherine Petroski of Houston, Lauren Petroski of London, England, and Danielle Petroski of Austin.

JAMES L. LEADER

Leader, 67, of Houston, died Aug. 6, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1969. From 1969 to 1970, he was a clerk for Judge Robert Ainsworth Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans. From 1970 until his retirement in 2007, he was a partner with Baker Botts, L.L.P., in Houston. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, attorney Rita J. Leader; sons, attorney James Lewis Leader Jr. of Houston and John Patterson Leader of Washington, D.C.; daughters, Anne Leader Guether of Atlanta, Ga., and Jennifer Leader LaBombard of Brooklyn, N.Y.; brother, Lindon Gray Leader of Park City, Utah; and one grandchild.