We all know that lawyers are leaders in their communities. These pages are dedicated to sharing information about activities, accomplishments, and community service projects and accolades that lawyers are involved in for the good of the profession and the community. Send your contributions to *Texas Bar Journal*, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487; fax to (512)427-4107; or email tbj@texasbar.com.

Oscar Gonzalez, a founding member in Gonzalez, Rolon, Valdespino & Rodriguez, L.L.C., Attorneys in Dallas, volunteered with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants to help an orphaned girl from El Salvador gain permanent resident status in the United States.

Vincent E. Morgan, counsel to Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman, L.L.P. in Houston, received the University of Texas-Dallas Green & Orange Award for Alumni Service.

Cory Macdonald, an associate of Davis & Wilkerson, P.C. in Austin, completed a yearlong training program in the inaugural class of the Texas Associate of Homes and Services of the Aging Leadership Institute.

Patrick M. Wilson, assistant county and district attorney in the Ellis County & District Attorney's Office in Waxahachie, was elected chair of the Waxahachie Salvation Army/Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council.

Karina Cantu, an associate of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., was appointed by San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro to the San Antonio Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. Cantu also joined the University of Texas Health Science Center's Council for Excellence in Women's Health.

GARDERE, WYNNE, SEWELL, L.L.P. SUPPORT DRESS FOR SUCCESS DALLAS

Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P. sponsored the Corporate Guild of Dress for Success Dallas' reception featuring keynote remarks and a book signing by Don Teague and Rafraf Barrak, co-authors of *Saved by Her Enemy: An Iraqi Woman's Journey from the Heart of War to the Heartland of America* on April 29. Proceeds from book sales will directly benefit Dress for Success Dallas, supporting the organization's efforts to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women. Pictured are Gardere partner **Jane Fergason**, co-authors Teague and Barrak, Dress for Success Dallas Acting Executive Director Sheena Payne, and Gardere associate attorney **Sheryl Kao**.

Tamia Gaines, pictured with Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P. managing partner **Steve Good** of Dallas, was named winner of the 18th Annual Gardere MLK Jr. Oratory Competition in Dallas. Twenty fourth- and fifth-grade students competed in the competition held in Dallas and Houston presented, hosted, and sponsored by the firm.

Kristen Goodson Clark, former attorney with the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin, and **E.E. "Jack" Richards II**, an attorney with Trop, Pruner & Hu, P.C. in Austin, were named to the board of the Saint Louise House, an Austin nonprofit that serves homeless mothers and children.

Jeffrey Hamilton, a partner in Jackson Walker, L.L.P., was elected president of the board of Heart House Dallas, an organization that provides free after-school care for underprivileged children.

R. Michael Casseb, of Casseb & Casseb in San Antonio, was elected to a two-year term as a trustee of St. Mary's University.

Royce Poinsett, of counsel to McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. in Austin, was named a finalist for the 2010 "Austinite of the Year" award presented by the Austin Under 40 organization. Royce performs pro bono advocacy for Austin groups and serves on the board of the Ronald McDonald House of Austin and Central Texas.

Susan E. Hutchinson, of Davis, Hutchinson & Wilkerson, L.L.P. in Corpus Christi, was selected to fulfill an unexpired term as a regent on the board of Del Mar College.

Bruce C. Tough, of the Tough Law Firm, P.L.L.C. in Spring, was elected director of the Center for Houston's Future. Tough is a 2007 graduate of the Center's executive leadership forum.

Oliver Pennington, a retired partner in Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. in Houston, was elected in November 2009 to a two-year term on the Houston City Council for District G.

The Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Houston honored U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas **Keith Ellison** as an Outstanding Phi Beta Kappa Alumnus.

Stephen Susman, a founding partner in Susman Godfrey, L.L.P. in Houston, donated $5 million to the University of Texas School of Law. In honor of this gift, the University of Texas System Board of Regents named a newly renovated space in the school's Jesse Jones Building the Stephen D. Susman Academic Center.

The Houston Chapter of the American Diabetes Association recognized Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P. for its commitment in the fight against diabetes. The firm received the Houston ADA's highest corporate recognition, the Corporate Distinction Award.

Larry Parks, an attorney with Mitchell, Williams, Long, Burner, P.C. in Austin, received the Fuller Life Award from Austin Habitat for Humanity for his lifelong commitment to community service.

Lisa A. Dreishmire, a shareholder in the Dallas office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C., was elected to the board of the Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas. Dreishmire was also elected alumni communications chair for the Southwestern University Alumni Council.

The Jewish Community Center of Houston honored **Joe Epstein**, a shareholder in Winstead, P.C., with its Reuben Askanase Past Presidents' Leadership Award for his leadership and involvement with the Center's 74th annual meeting.

Winstead, P.C. awarded the following first-year minority law students with Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarships: Carrie Nie, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law; Joseph Guajardo, University of Houston Law Center; and James Wang, University of Texas School of Law. Each recipient will receive up to $18,500 in grants and hiring bonuses, and a position in the 2011 Winstead Summer Associate Program. In addition, each recipient selects a law school student interest group to receive a grant of $1,500.

Phil Weller was named one of Bowling Green State University's 100 Most Prominent Alumni.

Ted Lyon, of Ted B. Lyon & Assoc., P.C. in Mesquite, was named a distinguished alum of Texas A&M University.

Robert "Bobby" Lapin, a member in Lapin & Landa, L.L.P., received the 2010 David H. White Memorial Award from the Jewish Community Center of Houston for his commitment to the ideals of the Jewish life and his service to the community.

Former Chief Justice of the Texarkana Court of Appeals **William J. Cornelius**, of Jefferson, received the East Texas Baptist University's Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award.

Neal W. Adams, a partner in Adams, Lynch & Loftin, P.C. in Grapevine, was inducted into the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor.

Vicki Brittain, a Texas State University political science professor, was named Public Administration Educator of the Year by the Centex Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. The award is given annually to an educator who has made contributions to the field of public administration through teaching, research, and service. ✪