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Vicky Gunning, partner in Locke Lord in Dallas, was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Commercial Real Estate Women Dallas. CREW also recognized **Locke Lord** with the Career Advancement for Women Award.

The Smith County Bar Association presented its Award of Excellence to **Thomas J. Brown,** partner in Brown, Bauman & Smith in Tyler, and in conjunction with the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, the 2014 Justinian Award to **James W. Knowles,** an attorney-mediator in Tyler.

Daniel A. Noteware Jr., member in Potter Minton in Tyler, received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Smith County Young Lawyers Association.

Joseph W. McKnight, professor at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the law school.

Merry Miller, U.S. consul for Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, received the Troféu de Colaborador Benemérito from the Minas Gerais Military Police for her work with the state police.

The Houston office of **Jackson Walker** received the Harris County Bench Bar Pro Bono Award from the Houston Bar Association and Harris County judiciary.

Kent Hance, chancellor of Texas Tech University, and **James H. Milam,** a Lubbock attorney (now deceased), were named West Texas Legal Legends.

T. John Ward, of Ward & Smith in Longview, received a 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

Andrea C. Timmons, owner of Timmons Law Office in Aubrey, received the 2013 Business of the Year Award from the Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce.

Patricia Alvarez, justice of the 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio, received the Law Day Chair Award, and **Israel Reyna,** of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in Laredo, received the Community Advocate Award from the Laredo-Webb County Bar Association.

Elizabeth "Christy" Jack, of the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, was named the chair of the state's Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

Rebecca G. Flanigan, of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in Corpus Christi, received the Noble Award from the Poverty Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

The Poverty Law Section of the State Bar of Texas presented Impact Awards to **John J. Grieger Jr.** of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas in Dallas; **Andrea Marsh** of the Texas Fair Defense Project in Austin; **Christina E. Trejo** of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in Victoria; and **Michael E. Urena** of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in Eagle Pass.

Brian Shannon, professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, and **Victor R. Scarano,** founding partner in Hasley Scarano in Houston, received a 2014 Outstanding Law Review Article Award from the Texas Bar Foundation.

Charles W. Matthews Jr., former vice president and general counsel at ExxonMobil in Dallas, and **Shannon Ratliff,** principal in Ratliff Law Firm in Austin, received Presidential Citations by University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers.

Donald Williams, of the Law Offices of Donald L. Williams in El Paso, received the 2013-2014 El Paso Bar Association Pro Bono Award.

Hillary Holmes, partner in Baker Botts in Houston, received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Houston Young Lawyers Association.

Wallace Jefferson, partner in Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend in Austin, received a 2014 Chief Justice Jack Pope Professionalism Award from the Texas Center for Legal Ethics.

Tom McDonald, retired senior district judge now with the Law Office of Tom McDonald in Bryan, was honored along with his wife, Caroline, at the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley's 2014 Tribute Luncheon.

Trey Apffel, of the Apffel Law Firm in League City, received a Golden Eagle Award from the Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America during its annual Friends of Scouting Leadership Gathering.

Jack B. Zimmermann, senior partner in Zimmermann, Lavine & Zimmermann in Houston, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association.

Charles "Chip" Babcock, partner in Jackson Walker in Houston, was inducted as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. TBJ