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Paul Parsons, owner of Paul Parsons in Austin, received the Outstanding Community Service Award from the Austin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Justice Eva Guzman was appointed the Texas Supreme Court liaison to the Texas Access to Justice Commission and Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

Ricardo Barrera, of the Barrera Law Firm in Harlingen, received the 2014 Pro Bono Award from the Cameron County Bar Association.

W. Clay Abbott, DWI resource prosecutor for the Texas District & County Attorneys Association, and **Chris Gatewood** and **Jacob Putman**, assistant district attorneys of the Smith County District Attorney's Office, received Prosecutor Service Awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving's East Texas affiliate.

Floyd Getz, presiding judge of the Smith County Court at Law No. 3, received a Judiciary Service Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving's East Texas affiliate.

Lisa Vaughn Lumley, a partner in Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller in Fort Worth, was elected to the board of directors of the Petroleum Club of Fort Worth.

Bob Black, managing shareholder in MehaffyWeber in Beaumont and former president of the State Bar of Texas, was inducted as a Texas Legal Legend.

Victor D. Vital, shareholder in Greenberg Traurig in Dallas, was appointed to the Dallas Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Mayor Mike Rawlings.

Robert Duncan was appointed chancellor of the Texas Tech University System in Lubbock.

Wesly C. Maness, partner in Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller in Arlington, was elected as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Jesús "Jesse" Barba Jr., attorney for Cox Smith Matthews in McAllen, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

S. Anthony Safi, shareholder in Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi, Paxson & Galatzan in El Paso, was chair of the planning committee and presiding officer for the 29th Annual School Law Conference sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, senior counsel to Bracewell & Giuliani in Dallas and former U.S. senator, was named president of the Texas Exes.

Michael Boone, co-founder of Haynes and Boone in Dallas, is now chair of the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees.

Miles Risley, previously city attorney for Wichita Falls and Victoria, is now city attorney for Corpus Christi.

Dee Kelly Jr., of Kelly Hart & Hallman in Fort Worth, is now vice chair of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, and **Linda Christie**, of the Tarrant Regional Water District, is now an executive committee member of the chamber.

Donald O. Jansen, senior tax counsel to the University of Texas System, received an Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Dustin Burrows, of McCleskey Har-riger Brazill & Graf in Lubbock, was elected as a member of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Frank L. Branson, founder of the Law Offices of Frank L. Branson in Dallas, received the Tommy Malone Great American Eagle Award from the Southern Trial Lawyers Association.

Reginaldo Trejo Jr., assistant federal public defender in the Federal Public Defender's Office Western District of Texas in El Paso, was named the 2013-2014 Outstanding Federal Attorney by the El Paso Bar Association.

Scott J. Atlas, president of Atlas Counsel Search in Houston, received the 85th Texas LULAC State Convention Conscience Builder Award.

Adrian A. Spears II, partner in the Law Office of Adrian A. Spears II in San Antonio, was appointed associate municipal judge of Von Ormy.

Marcos Antonio Mendoza, assistant director of legal and regulatory affairs for the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin, graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Angelica Maria Hernandez, partner in Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson in Houston, received the Houston Bar Association President's Award.

Thomas Melsheimer, attorney with Fish & Richardson in Dallas, was named the 2014 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Dallas Bar Association.

Viking W. Tao, director of Kane Russell Coleman & Logan in Dallas, was recognized on the 2014 Lawyers of Color Hot List. **TBJ**