

PORFIRIO F. DIAZ JR.

Diaz, 77, of Houston, died October 30, 2023. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1979. Diaz served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972.

He was an associate municipal court judge in Houston, an attorney with the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation in the mid-1990s, and a solo practitioner for most of his career. Diaz is remembered for being a proud member of unit G-1 of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets; being an avid reader and student of history and politics; and his gentle nature and wisdom. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Honora Diaz; son, Porfirio Francis Xavier Diaz; daughters, Orianna Diaz and Ariel Diaz Armstrong; sisters, Dolores Sorola, Carolyn Musslewhite, Patricia Garza, and attorney Kathryn Diaz Garcia; and grandsons, Walker Armstrong and Cade Armstrong.

MYRON "MICKEY" SHEINFELD

Sheinfeld, 93, of Houston, died March 6, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1956. Sheinfeld

served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1955 to 1958 and the U.S. Army Reserve from 1958 to 1965. He was also a member of the Michigan Bar. Sheinfeld was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Texas from 1958 to 1960; a law clerk to Judge Ben C. Connally in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas from 1960 to 1961; co-founder of Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, where he was a shareholder from 1968 to 1996 and counsel from 1996 to 2001; senior counsel to King & Spalding in Houston, where he was also a member of the Financial Restructuring Group; and senior counsel to Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. He received the Banco Rotto Award from the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section and was chair of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas Committee on Admission and Discipline and chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Specialization. Sheinfeld is remembered for being a mentor and a leader. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Christina, and several loving family members.

FREDERICK RAY CASTEEL

Casteel, 83, of Dallas, died March 8, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Houston College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1965.

Casteel was a national bank examiner with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Houston and Dallas from 1966 to 1974; holding company officer, senior vice president, and bank subsidiary president of First National Bank in Dallas from 1974 to 1988; director of supervision of Federal Home Loan Bank in Dallas from 1988 to 1989; regional director of the Midwest region of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Thrift Supervision from 1989 to 2008 and ombudsman in Dallas from 2008 to 2009; and senior adviser of Alvarez & Marsal Advisory Services from 2009 to 2017. He received the Albert Gallatin Award from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and was recognized as a 50-year lawyer by the State Bar of Texas. Casteel is remembered for being a devoted Texan, avid reader, and enthusiastic golfer. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Nancy Carlock Rogers Casteel; daughter, Catherine Casteel Olasky (Peter); three grandchildren; and several loving family members.

CLAUDE E. COOKE JR.

Cooke, 94, of Montgomery, died January 17, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Bates College of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1974. Cooke was also a member of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office patent bar. He was an attorney with Baker Botts from 1997 to 2004, owner of Burselson Cooke from 2004 to 2011, and owner of the Cooke Law Firm from 2011 to 2018. Cooke is remembered for his love of travel, having visited all seven continents; being an inventor who wrote his own patents; and pursuing law practice as his second of three careers, beginning law school at age 40 and retiring from practice in his late 80s. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Joyce Milton Cooke; daughters, attorney Cynthia Cooke Smiley and Janis Cooke Boulware; five grandchildren, including attorney Jennifer Lynn Smiley; and seven great-grandchildren.

THOMAS SOUTER TERRELL

Terrell, 87, of Kerrville, died January 19, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1964. Terrell served in the U.S. Army from

1959 to 1965, where he was rising to the rank of first lieutenant. He was an attorney with Sewell, Junell & Riggs in Houston from 1964 to 1972, serving as a partner from 1971 to 1972; a city attorney in Kerrville; and owner of the Law Firm of Thomas S. Terrell in Kerrville from 1972 to 2022. Terrell was president of the Kerrville Bar Association in 1987, a Texas Bar Foundation life fellow, and certified in family law and estate planning and probate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is remembered for his love of playing the clarinet and performing with the Symphony of the Hills, serving on the board and occasionally volunteering his "acting" talents to Playhouse 2000, and taking numerous backpacking trips with family and friends. Terrell is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elaine Werlein Terrell; daughters, attorney Evelyn Terrell and Elizabeth Somerville; sisters, Martha McCall and Nancy Weight; and four granddaughters.

MARGARET MAXWELL McCLURE

McClure, 75, of Houston, died February 22, 2024. She received her law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1993. McClure was also a member of the

Texas Bankruptcy bar. She was owner of the Law Office of Margaret Maxwell McClure for 31 years. McClure was a paralegal for 20 years, received the American Jurisprudence Award from South Texas College of Law and was a mentor to members of the Houston Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. She is remembered for her dedication to her clients, shown through her meticulous guidance paired with transparency and compassion; her favorite saying "si vis pacem, para bellum," which translates to "if you want peace, prepare for war;" and enjoying major league sports, knowing extensive stats, names, and history of almost every major league athlete. McClure is survived by her husband of 54 years, James W. McClure; son, Shannon Marc McClure; daughter, Heather Lynn McClure Boland; sister, Sarah Maxwell Clark Konopik; and five grandchildren. **TBJ**