

**JAMES K. CRAIN**

Crain, 94, of Cuero, died January 17, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School

of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. He practiced law at Crain & Crain with his father, Newton M. Crain, in Cuero from 1953 to 1971; served as the DeWitt County attorney from 1955 to 1960; and practiced law at Crain & Sheppard with his sons, James K. Crain III and Christopher M. Crain, from 1970 until his retirement. Crain is remembered for his quick wit and for being a man of unwavering principle. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Crain, and sons, attorney James K. Crain III, Patrick G. Crain, and attorney Christopher M. Crain.

**OSCAR DANCY "DAN" KENNERLY**

Kennerly, 93, of Richmond, died October 6, 2023. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1956, during which

he was a second lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps with the Carswell Air Force Base Strategic Air Command. Kennerly received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1954. He was a chief criminal assistant attorney with the U.S. District Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas in Houston from

1956 to 1959; a partner in Sellers, Kennerly, Woodard, Buvens & Hall in Houston from 1959 to 1965; a partner in Kennerly, Woodard & Hall in Houston from 1966 to 1970; a partner in Kennerly & Price in Houston from 1971 to 1978; and a partner in Kennerly & Kennerly in Houston from 1978 to 2015. Kennerly is remembered for his love of history, especially the Civil War, and for authoring *Forrest at Parker's Crossroads: The Dawn of Lightning War*. His wife of 30 years, Berenda Joyce Kennerly, died in November 2023. Kennerly is survived by his son, attorney James B. Kennerly; daughter, Suzannah Kennerly Clark; sisters, Ann Royall and Mary Marcia Kennerly; and six grandchildren.

**JOHN WESLEY DAVIDSON**

Davidson, 94, of San Antonio, died February 18, 2024. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, where he was

an officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps with the 3650th Military Training Wing at Sampson Air Force Base in New York and ended his reserve as a service captain. Davidson received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1954. He was an assistant city attorney in Dallas until 1960; established the first full-time city attorney office in Abilene, where he served from 1961 to 1964; and was an attorney with Sawtelle, Goode, Troilo & Leighton, now Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza, in San Antonio from 1964

until retirement. Davidson served on the Dominion Homeowners Association Board of Directors and advisory boards of governors of the Sonterra and Dominion country clubs. He is remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dedicated friend and mentor and for his love of travel and Texas Longhorn football. Davidson is survived by his sons, Mark Davidson and Alan Davidson; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**JACK DRENNAN MARONEY II**

Maroney, 99, of Austin, died May 18, 2024. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, when he was

assigned to the USS Enterprise (CV-6) as a 20 mm anti-aircraft gunner. Maroney received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1957. He was a partner in Long, Maroney & Aronson; Brown, Sparks, Erwin, Maroney & Barber; Brown, Maroney, Rose, Baker, Barber and Dye; Maroney, Crowley, Bankston, Richardson & Hull; and Locke Liddell & Sapp. Maroney was president of the Travis County Bar Association, Central Chapter of American & Federal Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and International Association of Defense Counsel; state chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and was involved in business and civic organizations. He is remembered for his love of

ranching and hunting in Coleman County, spending summers in the Ruidoso, New Mexico, area at the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, and wintering in North Padre Island. Maroney is survived by his son, Mark Maroney.

#### JOEL P. KAY



Kay, 87, of Houston, died May 16, 2024. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963. Kay received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. He was an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C., from 1963 to 1966; an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas in Houston from 1967 to 1969; a partner in Sheinfeld Maley & Kay from 1969 to 2001; and of counsel to Hughes Watters Askanase from 2001 to 2011. Kay was a State Bar of Texas director from 1979 to 1981 and chaired the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 1981 to 1982, received the Banco Rotto Award from the State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Law Section in 2007, and was a director of the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation from 2003 to 2008. He is remembered for being an extremely empathetic person who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need, a devoted family man, and living an ethical life. Kay is survived by his wife, Marilyn Soltz Kay; son, Arthur Kay; daughters, Sarah Kay De Lachica and Leslie Kay

Strug; brother, Stanley Kay; and four grandchildren.

#### JAMES MYART JR.



Myart, 69, of San Antonio, died September 22, 2023. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1989. Myart ran a business with his brother, Myart and Myart Mechanicals. He is remembered for being instrumental in changing how adoptions are secured in Texas and for his love of his family. Myart is survived by his sons, James Willie Myart III, Garlington Jerome, and Andre Lamont; daughter, Dacrie Erin Brooks; brother, Harold Myart; sister, LaVerne Burdett; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

#### BRANDON ERIC STREY



Strey, 38, of San Antonio, died May 31, 2024. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2013. Strey was an associate of Plunkett & Griesenbeck in San Antonio from 2013 to 2016; Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza in San Antonio from 2017 to 2021; and Ogletree Deakins in San Antonio from 2021 to 2024. He was president of the Defense Counsel of San Antonio and a member of the Texas Association of

Defense Counsel Board of Directors. Strey is remembered for being a loving husband and father who prioritized his family above all else, making the most of what he had, and possessing an enormous capacity for intelligent debate. He is survived by his wife of seven years, Catherine; sons, Brandon "Dos" Thomas Strey and Laverne "Vernie" Leon Strey; daughter, Mary "Georgie" Georgeanne Strey; mother, Donna Solarczyk; father, Shawn Strey; brother, Kollin Strey; and sister, Kelsey Strey.

#### HON. CLAUDE D. DAVIS



Davis, 93, of Austin, died April 10, 2024. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Davis received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1979. He was a professor of government and urban planning at Trinity University and Texas A&M University; practiced law with John Sandstedt in College Station from 1979 to 1985; was a municipal judge for the city of College Station from 1980 to 1985; was judge of Brazos County Court at Law No. 1 from 1985 to 1994; and, after retirement, served as a visiting judge in Bexar, Travis, Williamson, and Brazos counties. Davis is remembered for being a kind, generous, and decent human being and for his love of family and politics. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Fay Davis; daughters, Jan Chenoweth and Denise Kelly; brother, Ronald Davis; three granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren. **TBJ**