

FRANK L. SUPERCINSKI

Supercinski, 82, of Longview, died June 22, 2024. He received his law degree from Baylor University and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1969. Supercinski served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1968, for which he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was an associate of Baker, Foreman and Boudreaux in Dallas from February 1969 to February 1970; an associate of the Otto Ritter Law Firm in Longview from February 1970 to December 1971; and a solo practitioner in Longview from January 1972 to June 2024. Supercinski served on moot court teams at Baylor Law and wrote for the *Baylor Law Review*, was certified in civil trial law and civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Specialization, and was recognized as a 50-year lawyer by the State Bar of Texas. He is remembered for his involvement with Texas A&M University, serving as president of the Deep East Texas A&M Club, Muster and Muster scholarship chair, regional Corps of Cadet coordinator, and member of the Aggie Spirit Development Council; for being an active member of St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church, where he served as senior warden; and for his community service, including with Leadership Longview, Longview Jaycees, Greggton Noon Lions Club, and the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Longview. Supercinski is survived by his wife of 60 years, Becky Supercinski; son, Lee Supercinski; daughters, Lisa Muller and Lauren McCalman; brother, David Supercinski; sister, Mercedes Seidel; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

OSCAR G. SETTLE

Settle, 75, of Mansfield, died October 8, 2024. He received his law degree from Texas Southern University School of Law and was

admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975. Settle was an attorney with the Office of the Texas Attorney General. He was remembered as an ordained minister, a devoted brother to 17 siblings, and a dedicated public servant. Settle is survived by his son, LaGuardia Seamon; daughter, Shronda Settle Caudle; brother, James Settle; sisters, Elizabeth Harvey, Georgia Settle, Leola Settle, Melrose Allen, Betty Jean Campbell, and Gladys Hickman; and one grandchild.

JAMES BRADSHAW EARTHMAN III

Earthman, 90, of Galveston, died November 28, 2024. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and

was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. Earthman was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1969 to 1973; partner in Jim Earthman & Associates in Houston from 1973 to 1994; and was chair of Earthman, Inc., a large funeral organization founded in 1889. He is remembered as a legislator, historian, and deacon. Earthman is survived by his wife of 17 years, Cynthia Wolma Earthman; sons, William J. Earthman and John B. Earthman; daughters, Dorothy Earthman Lappin, Kathleen Earthman Cullen, Addie Earthman Pappous, and Dr. Jennifer W. Mike-Mayer; brothers, Dr. Thomas Earthman, John A. Earthman, and Bruce Earthman; sister, Blanche Earthman Morello; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

STEPHEN WREN

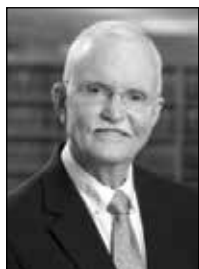
Wren, 75, of Decatur, died October 26, 2024. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1975. Wren was a partner in Woodruff, Fostel, Wren & Simpson, later known as Woodruff & Wren, in Decatur from 1975 to 2011, and was judge of County Court at Law No. 2 in Wise County from 2011 to 2022. He is remembered for being a fair and compassionate judge, for his extensive community service, and for being a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Wren is survived by his wife of 52 years, LaDonna Wren; sons, attorney Jason Wren and Landon Wren; daughter, Courtney Daugherty; sisters, Stephanie Gage and Sidney Schutze; and eight grandchildren.

ROBERT BENNETT SCHESKE

Scheske, 77, of Gonzales, died August 11, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to

the Texas Bar in 1976. Scheske served in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was an attorney with Perkins, Dreyer, and Rather from 1976 to 1980; Gonzales County attorney from 1981 to 2008; and an attorney in private practice until 2018. Scheske was a member of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association since 1981, organized and developed the Rural Prosecutor's Organization, and served on the board of directors of the Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers. He is remembered for his love for his family and friends and his legacy of service, leadership, and compassion. Scheske is survived by his daughters, Daisy Scheske Freeman and Mary Scheske Wharmby; sister, Claudia Scheske Parr; and two grandchildren.

BEN F. VAUGHAN III

Vaughan, 83, of Austin, died August 11, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in

1967. Vaughan was a law clerk for Justice Robert W. Hamilton, of the Supreme Court of Texas, in 1967; and an attorney with Graves Dougherty Gee & Hearon, now Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, from 1968 to 2024, first as a generalist and later with a focus on oil and gas law. He founded the Ben F. Vaughan Jr. Hatchery and Research Center in Corpus Christi and, while attending the University of Texas, was associate editor of the *Texas Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. Vaughan is remembered as a man of faith, for never refusing a request for help, and for being a dedicated husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Daphne; sons, Bear and James; and six grandchildren.

PETER SMYTHE

Smythe, 60, of Arlington, died November 15, 2024. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1993. Smythe was owner of Peter Smythe, LLC, practicing commercial litigation and criminal law in Dallas and Fort Worth; and transitioned to federal law practice, handling criminal cases in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Eastern districts and federal appeals in all four federal districts in Texas. He was an associate editor of the *Texas Tech Law Review* and the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* and is remembered as a Christian writer and photographer. Smythe is survived by his wife of 19 years, Aisha Smythe; son, Alex Smythe; father, Philip Smythe; mother, Sue Smythe; and sisters, Allison and Valerie.

ALAN G. MORAVCIK

Moravcik, 77, of Midland, died August 20, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1973. Moravcik practiced law in Austin for nine years; was a partner in Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder in Austin and Midland; a solo practitioner in Midland; and a partner in Moravcik Threadgill & Starry Law Firm, now Moravcik Threadgill Law Firm, in Midland. He was recognized as a 50-year lawyer by the State Bar of Texas and is remembered for being a loving father and husband and for his love of sports. Moravcik is survived by his wife, Cathie Rae Moravcik; daughter, Madeline Rose Moravcik; sons, Blake Alan Moravcik and Jacob Peter Moravcik; brother, Jack Moravcik; and three grandchildren. **TBJ**



In Memoriam

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