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Erma Bonadero, an assistant clinical professor and director of the Judicial Internship/Externship Program at the University of Houston Law Center, and **Daniel R. Smith**, a partner in Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. in Austin, were elected Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Judge **Robert S. Anchondo**, who presides over El Paso County Court-at-Law No. 2, was elected president of the Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Elisabeth Wilson, an associate of Winstead, P.C. in Dallas, was elected as an associate member of the Patrick T. Higginbotham Inn of Court.

Mark Guthrie, a shareholder in Winstead, P.C. in Houston, was elected chair of the Texas Association of Workforce Boards, an association of the state's regional workforce development boards dedicated to meeting the workforce development needs of Texas employers.

Sherri L. Cothrun, of Cothrun & Lucido in Houston, was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Texas-licensed **Rachel Browning**, an appellate attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation in Washington, D.C., was named the department's Civil Division Rookie of the Year for 2010.

Judge **Ed Kinkeade**, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Dallas, was named the 2010 Baylor Lawyer of the Year by Baylor Law School.

Jeff Van Horn, the state prosecuting attorney in Austin, was named the State Bar Criminal Justice Section's 2010 Prosecutor of the Year.

George Kryder, a partner in Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. in Dallas, was appointed to a three-year term as chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability. The committee will assist lawyers, bar associations, and the insurance industry to reduce and resolve legal malpractice claims, present semiannual national conferences, and produce numerous electronic and print publications.

K.B. Battaglini, a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., was appointed to serve a one-year term as Houston/Galveston Area vice president for the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Inc. Battaglini's term began on Nov. 1, 2010.

Art Brender, a private practitioner in Fort Worth, received the 2010 H.G. Wells Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award from the Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association for outstanding service and representation of injured and damaged plaintiffs in personal injury and civil litigation.

Myron "Mickey" Sheinfeld, senior counsel to King & Spalding in Houston, was recognized with a lifetime achievement award as part of the 29th annual Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, presented by the University of Texas School of Law in Austin.

Jon Paul Hoelscher, an associate of Johnson, Trent, West & Taylor, L.L.P. in Houston, was elected to a two-year term on the South Texas College of Law Alumni Board of Directors.

Rod Phelan, a partner in Baker Botts, L.L.P. in Dallas office, was admitted to the International Society of Barristers, which works to advance the ethical and professional standards of all who participate in the litigation process.

Lynne M. Gomez, of Bellaire, has become a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators. The organization's purpose is to foster the highest standards of integrity, competence, and character among those engaged in the arbitration of labor and employment arbitrators in the United States and Canada.

Pete Winstead, founding shareholder in Winstead, P.C., was the recipient of the Austin Council of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Jurisprudence Award. The award is presented biennially to an outstanding legal professional who exhibits a commitment to equality, justice, fairness, and community service.

The Dallas Bar Association has elected its 2011 officers: **Barry Sorrels**, president; **Paul K. Stafford**, president-elect; **Sally Crawford**, first vice president; **Scott McElhaney**, second vice president; **Sean Hamada**, secretary/treasurer; and **Ike Vanden Eykel**, immediate past president.

The Houston Bar Association Probate, Trusts, and Estates Section honored **Joseph S. Horrigan**, a partner in Horrigan & Goehrs, L.L.P., with its Distinguished Service Award.