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Heather Forrest, an associate of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., was elected to the board of trustees of the Dallas Children's Theater, a nonprofit organization that works with Dallas schools to provide arts-in-education programs.

Randy Farber, a partner in Jackson Walker, L.L.P. in Houston, was honored with the Promethean Award from the Texas Rehabilitation Association. The award is given to a person with a disability who has overcome that disability through self-motivation and personal courage.

The Austin office of Winstead, P.C. hosted the "Giving with Style" event, which benefited Dress for Success Austin. The event included a fashion show and a cocktail reception where the firm collected new or gently used women's business garments.

The Smith County Bar Association donated to Tyler Independent School District students and teachers more than a dozen copies of a book about the history of the association. The book includes information about the county's judges, courts, and other legal information.



Robert J. Matlock, a member in Woods, May & Matlock, P.C. in McKinney, was elected a member of the national board of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



The Andrews Kurth Women's Initiative Team revamped a sitting area of the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) with new paint, furniture, artwork, and accessories to refurbish and supply a work skills training center. The firm, its vendors, and employees completed the two-room makeovers. Pictured, from left, are associate **Angel Hall**; Adrienne Barker of HAWC; attorney and designer **Marianne Sulser**; associates **Shaprecia Bryson**, **Morgan O'Neill**, and **Lauren Charboneau**; partner **Laura Trenaman**; and Latoria Hubbard of HAWC.

David J. Beck, co-founder of Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. in Houston, and **Hector De Leon**, founding partner in De Leon & Washburn, P.C. in Austin, were named two of this year's six Distinguished Alumni by the Texas Exes, the alumni association of the University of Texas at Austin.

Rick Rickman, a shareholder in Hallett & Perrin, P.C. in Dallas, was named the 2010 chair of the board of trustees for the 12th Man Foundation at Texas A&M.

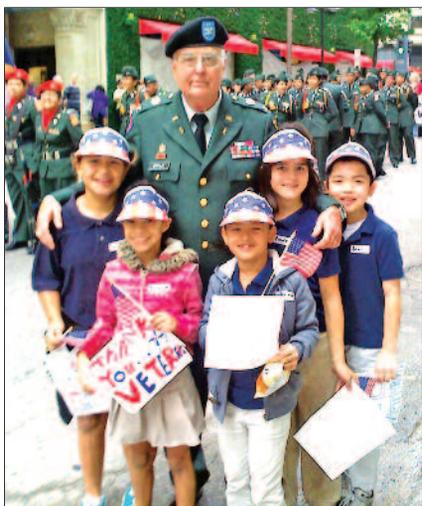
Lauri Blake, judge of the 336th District Court in Bonham, was named the 2010 Mid-Plains Community College Alumni of the Year.



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Bill Gage, a partner in Buck Keenan, L.L.P. in Houston, was elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees at the University of the South in

Wichita Falls-based Trinity Hughes Construction was included on the Aggie 100 list, which honors the fastest-growing companies in the world that are owned or operated by former students of Texas A&M University. Texas-licensed **Dave Lilley** serves as the company's chief executive officer.



In honor of Veterans Day, the Dallas office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, L.L.P. held a program at Fannin Elementary School that included a flag color guard presentation by the J.L. Long Middle School Jr. R.O.T.C, a showing of the State Bar's *Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans* video, and a talk by Lee Gilbert, who explained the military and Veterans Day to the students. On Veterans Day, the firm took third-grade students on a field trip to see Dallas' Veterans Day Parade.

Chantel Crews Ancell, of counsel to Ryan & Sanders, L.L.P. in El Paso, received a Women of Impact award from Las Palmas Medical Center, Las Palmas Women's Advisory Board, and *El Paso Inc.*



Lisa Blue Baron, of the Baron & Blue Foundation, donated \$100,000 to the Dallas Bar Association's 2011 Equal Access to Justice Campaign benefiting the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program. Blue Baron made the donation — the single largest in the 16-year history of the campaign — in memory of the Hon. Merrill Hartman. Judge Hartman, founder of legal clinics for the poor and a pro bono advocate for nearly 30 years, died on Oct. 15, 2010. Blue Baron also donated an Eagles guitar signed by members of the band.



Winstead, P.C. attorneys from The Woodlands office raised more than \$40,000 to benefit the Montgomery County Women's Center during its "Evening at the Fazio." The event included a million-dollar Hole-in-One contest, a putting contest, and a silent auction.



Jack Paul Leon, of San Antonio, received the first Living the Chaminade Legacy Award from St. Mary's University. The award is given to an alumnus who is committed to education and community service.

Parwani Law, P.A. in Tampa, Fla., received the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award in the minority and women category from the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce. The firm's managing shareholder, **Rinky S. Parwani**, is a member of the Texas bar.

Cynthia S. Olsen, a shareholder in Wilson, Cribbs & Goren, P.C. in Houston, was elected to a two-year term as a director on the board of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Houston, an organization dedicated to the advancement of women in commercial real estate.

Joseph L. "Trey" Wood III, of counsel to BoyarMiller in Houston, was named chair of the board of advisors to Devreaux Texas Treatment Network, the Texas chapter of a nonprofit behavioral health organization.

John Pearce, an attorney with the Fowler Law Firm, P.C. in Austin, received the Silver Beaver award from the Capitol Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. The award, the organization's highest, is given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service.



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Mike Massad, Jr., a shareholder in Winstead, P.C., was elected president of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas. **John Nolan**, a shareholder in the firm, was elected treasurer of the organization. ✪