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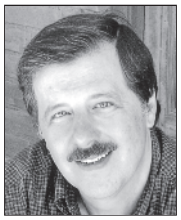
BRUCE WILKINSON



Wilkinson, 60, of Fort Worth, died March 9, 2011. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975. He practiced with Erhard, Cox & Reubel in Dallas. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Janie Wilkinson; son, John Wilkinson of Austin; daughters, Jenny Wilkinson of Redwood City, Calif., and Joanna Wilkinson of Austin; and one grandchild.

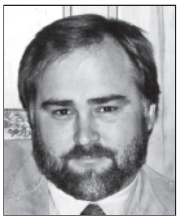
ALLAN C. DURHAM

Durham, 87, of San Diego, Calif., died Jan. 13, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. He practiced with Arthur Andersen, L.L.P.; Vinson, Elkins, Weems & Searls (now Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.), and the Superior Oil Company. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nita Jeffrey Durham; son, Allan C. Durham, Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif.; and daughter, attorney Peggy A. Durham of St. Louis, Mo.

OMER COLE NORTH

North, 80, of Utopia, died July 18, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1989. He was an attorney with Clyde Haak & Associates in Hondo from 1989 to 1995. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, June North; daughters, Nancy Susan North, Laura Marnelle North, and Nyla Camille North; and five grandchildren.

JEAN E. SHOTTS, JR.



Shotts, 54, of Stamford, died Feb. 21, 2011. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1982. He was an associate of Lemon, Close & Sheaver in Perryton from 1983 to 1986 and of Jones & Associates in Big Spring from 1986 to 1990. He was a trial attorney with the City of Lubbock from 1990 to 1996 and with the City of Garland from 1996 to 1997. He was a private practitioner in Lubbock from 1997 to 2002. He was a partner in Shotts, Hurd, Ziegler & Treviño, L.L.P. in Lubbock from 2002 to 2007 and in Shotts, Guevara & Treviño in Lubbock and Stamford from 2007 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cloetta Shotts; sons, Heath Shotts and Christian Shotts, both of Lubbock, Britton Shotts of Lindsay, and Martin Shotts of Haskell; daughter, Claire Shotts of Lexington, Ky.; brother, Steve Shotts of Arlington; sisters, Elizabeth Beach of Virginia Beach, Va., Virginia Cole of McKinney; and eight grandchildren.

CHARLES WENDELL COFFEE

Coffee, 85, of Dallas, died March 8, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1954. He was an examiner in the U.S. Patent Office and did patent work at Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratory in Washington, D.C. From 1956 to 2004, he practiced patent law in Lubbock. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, La Una Coffee; sons, Mark Coffee of Temple and Charles Coffee of Fort Worth; daughter, Celia Davis of Lubbock; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

JEFFREY J. HORNER

Horner, 53, of Houston, died March 24, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1983. He was an associate of Bracewell & Giuliani, L.L.P. (formerly Bracewell & Patterson) from 1983 to 1990 and a partner in the firm from 1991 until his death. He was an adjunct professor of law at South Texas College of Law. He was a past president of the Education Law Association. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Laura S. Horner; sons, Alec G. Horner and John Cameron Horner; daughter, Emily J. Horner; and parents, John Horner and Anne Horner.

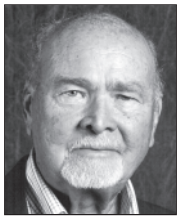
JOSEPH R. LUCAS

Lucas, 66, of Dallas, died May 13, 2010. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1982. He served as chief juvenile prosecutor for the El Paso County Attorney's Office from 1984 to 1985 and as county attorney from 1986 to 1992. From 1999 to 2005, he served as an El Paso County justice of the peace. He was a sole practitioner in El Paso from 1984 to 2006. From 2006 to 2007, he was an adjunct professor at Richland College in Dallas. He is a past president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Delia Lucas; sons, Michael Lucas of Bentonville, Ark., and Daniel Lucas of Denton; daughters, Cindy Thornton and Cathy Ranspot, both of Dallas; brothers, John Lucas of Butler, Pa., and Greg Lucas of Austin; sisters, Cindy Neely of Lodi, Calif., and Janet Weisheit of Cranberry Township, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

FRANCIS CLARE KOONTZ

Koontz, 59, of San Antonio, died March 11, 2011. She received her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1996. She was a teaching assistant at the school in 1996. She was a briefing attorney for the 8th Court of Appeals in El Paso from 1996 to 1997. She was an assistant federal public defender with the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas in Del Rio from 1997 to 2007 and with the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas in San Antonio from 2008 until her retirement in 2010. She is survived by her parents, Jasper Koontz and Ella Dee Koontz, both of Corrales, N.M.; and brothers, Jim Koontz of Fort Sumner, N.M., and Court Koontz of Corrales.

JACK FRANKLIN COOK, JR.



Cook, 86, of Austin, died Jan. 29, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. He represented many well-known companies and individuals in the Austin area, including Velocity Credit Union and Willie Nelson. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Norma Cook; sons, Steve Cook, Bruce Cook, and Paul Cook; daughter, Sharon Cook; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

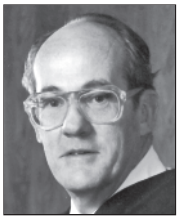
DAVID L. ROSENBERG

Rosenberg, 58, of Houston, died Nov. 9, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1976. He was a briefing attorney to the 6th Court of Appeals in Texarkana from 1976 to 1978. He was an associate of Simms & Harpole from 1978 to 1982, of Eikenburg & Stiles from 1982 to 1989, of Waggner & Pesota from 1994 to 2002, and of Mann & Stevens from 2002 until his death. He was a private practitioner from 1989 to 1993. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Julie T. Rosenberg; son, Dayton L. Rosenberg; father, Harvey S. Rosenberg, M.D.; and brother, attorney Lawrence P. Rosenberg.

JOAN M. DENTON

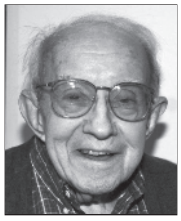
Denton, 84, of Missouri City, died Feb. 17, 2011. She received her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1984. She served as an assistant attorney in the Harris County Attorney's Office in Houston from 1984 to 1996. From 1997 until her death, she was a private practitioner in Missouri City. She is survived by her daughters, Amy Mackay Denton of Missouri City and Diane Denton Stone of Sugar Land; and three grandchildren.

RAY L. McKIM



McKim, 86, of San Angelo, died May 10, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1955. From 1955 to 1968, he practiced in Odessa. In 1968, he was elected the first Republican district judge in Texas since Reconstruction, serving as judge of the 161st District Court in Odessa until his retirement in 1984. He served as presiding judge of the 2nd Administrative Judicial District. He served as a senior district judge from 1984 until 2009. He served as president of the Ector County Bar Association in 1970. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his son, Ray McKim III of Midland; daughter, Karyl Knowles of San Angelo; sister, Marguerite Kent of Pecos; and 10 grandchildren.

WILLIAM A. SCHNEEBERG



Schneeberg, 85, of Garland, died April 14, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Colorado Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1952. He practiced with Shell Oil Company from 1952 to 1955. From 1957 to 1967, he was general counsel to Metallic Building & Stran Steel Corporation. He practiced with American Petrofina in Dallas from 1967 until his retirement in 1983. After he retired, he maintained a home office, where he represented disabled persons for the Social Security Administration. He was a founder of the Garland Legal Clinic. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eva Schneeberg; son, Robert William Schneeberg of Richardson; daughters, Dr. Lynelle Schneeberg of Fairfield, Conn., and Elizabeth Bell of Athens, Ga.; and five grandchildren.

STEPHEN WILLIAM SCHOPPE

Schoppe, 59, of Houston, died Feb. 20, 2011. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1976. He was an oil and gas attorney with American Title from 1976 to 1979; Transco from 1985 to 1989; Mitchell Energy in The Woodlands from 1989 to 1999; and Gulf West Energy from 1999 to 2005. He was assistant to the senior vice president of Texas Gas from 1980 to 1984. From 2005 until his death, he was manager of legal and marketing to Crimson Exploration. He is survived by his son, Charles William Schoppe of Austin; daughters, Jessica L. Lonergan and Piper Leigh Schoppe, both of Dallas; parents, William A. Schoppe and Jessie L. Schoppe, both of Katy; sister, Mary M. Schoppe of Katy; and two grandchildren. ✪