LAWYERS/COMMUNITY LEADERS

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Harry Bartel, a partner in Cantey Hanger, L.L.P. in Fort Worth, received the 2011 Professional Advisor award from the Community Foundation of North Texas.

Renée Colwill Lovelace, of the Lovelace Law Firm, P.C. in Dripping Springs, received the Theresa Award from the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. for her advocacy, activism, and educational efforts on behalf of people with disabilities.

Sylvia Mayer, a partner in Weil, Gotshal & Manges, L.L.P., was appointed by Houston Mayor Annise Parker to serve on the Houston Zoo Development Corporation's board of directors.

Jessica C. Worden, a Travis County sole practitioner, was elected to the board of the Texas Green Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainable business practices. She was also elected president of the organization's Austin Chapter.

Hal Katz, a partner in Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. in Austin, was appointed to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees and has become a member of the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation Board of Directors. Katz is also one of three founding board members for MedRebels Foundation, an Austin-based stem cell organization.

In April, 37 partners, associates, staff members, family members, and friends of Susman Godfrey, L.L.P. rode 180 miles from Houston to Austin as part of the BP MS150. As part of that ride, the team's members raised roughly $100,000 to support research and treatment for multiple sclerosis.

Michael Lowenberg, a partner in and general counsel to Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P., was appointed by the Dallas County Commissioners Court to serve on the Dallas County Trail and Preserve Program Board.

Roy Atwood, a partner in Jones Day L.L.P., was honored with LaunchAbility's Milton P. Levy Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Texas-licensed **Donna L. Courville**, of counsel to Boutin Jones, Inc. in Sacramento, Calif., was appointed to the board of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Julius "Bill" Boyar, a shareholder in BoyarMiller in Houston, was honored by SEARCH Homeless Services and its board of directors.

Scott Wallace, a staff attorney with the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas in Dallas, received the 2010 Sam G. Winstead Volunteer of the Year Award from the Lake Highlands Family YMCA in Dallas.

Ambassador **Arthur Schechter**, senior counsel to Schechter, McElwee, Shaffer & Harris, L.L.P. in Houston, was a 2011 recipient of the Tapestry Award presented by Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston for his community leadership and service.

Marcos G. Ronquillo, president and chief operating officer of Godwin Ronquillo, P.C. in Dallas, was named to the 2011 Binational Board of Directors of the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

San Marcos Academy received a gift of $1 million from **Joe Jamail**, a partner in Jamail & Kolius in Houston. The gift will establish a fund to build a special event center on the Academy campus in memory of Jamail's wife, Lee, who graduated from San Marcos Academy in 1944.

Casey Wallace, a partner in Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. in Houston, received the 2011 Elizabeth B. Wells Memorial Award given by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for his service as chair of the Harris County Housing Authority.

Jon L. Gillum, an associate of Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, L.L.P. in Austin, received the Clifton Caldwell Service Award from the Texas State Historical Association for his support of the National History Day program in Texas.

Chris Peterson, owner of the Peterson Law Group in Bryan, was appointed by the Bryan City Council to a three-year term on the board of Bryan Texas Utilities.

Donald W. Dickson, an attorney in the Parker Law Firm in Austin, was named president of the board of directors of the Tapestry Dance Company.

Fran Phillips, a partner in Gardere, Wynne, Sewell, L.L.P., was elected as a board trustee for the Friends of the Dallas Public Library.

Art Martinez de Vara, of the Martinez de Vara Law Firm, P.L.L.C. in Von Ormy, has become a director of the Texas Lyceum.

In May, Judge **Orlinda Naranjo**, of the 419th Judicial District Court in Austin, hosted the ninth annual Take Your Daughters to Work Day mock trial to help expose area students to the legal profession. Twelve sixth- and eighth-grade girls from Zavala Elementary School and Martin Middle School in Austin participated in a mock trial on a dating violence incident before attending a presentation about dating violence.

Bernadette R. Segura, a staff attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. in El Paso, was appointed to the board of Project BRAVO, a nonprofit community action program.

G. Thomas Boswell, managing shareholder in Winstead, P.C. in Fort Worth, was re-elected to the Cook Children's Healthcare System Board and the Cook Children's Foundation Board.

Marianne Carroll, a partner in Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. in Austin, was honored with the Pat Wood Power Star Award from the Gulf Coast Power Association for her contributions to the advancement of competitive energy markets in Texas.

Nelda Luce Blair, owner of the Blair Law Firm in The Woodlands, was awarded the North Houston Association's North Star Award for her contributions to the community.

Victor D. Vital, a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., was elected to the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas.

Texas-licensed **D'Lisa Simmons**, an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration in St. Louis, Mo., was honored with the Service Above Self Award by Rotary International.

Bruce C. Tough, a principal in the Tough Law Firm, P.L.L.C., was re-elected chair of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors for the 2011–12 year.

The Texas House of Representatives honored **John Pearce**, an attorney with the Fowler Law Firm, P.C. in Austin, with House Resolution 699, which recognizes Pearce's civic contributions.