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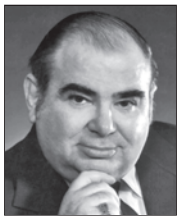
HERMAN "HY" SCHWARTZ



Schwartz, 81, of Dallas, died Feb. 9, 2011. He received his law degree from Brooklyn Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1958. He was a sole practitioner for more than 50 years. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Shirley Byers Schwartz; son, attorney David M. Schwartz of Washington, D.C.; daughter, Jeanette Pincus of Plano; sister, Gloria Schrader of Plano; and four grandchildren.

CARL G. MUELLER, JR.

Mueller, 82, of Houston, died Dec. 27, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. From 1953 to 1987, he practiced with Butler, Binion, Rice, Cook & Knapp (later Butler & Binion). He was a sole practitioner from 1987 until his retirement in 1998. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joanne Youngblood Mueller; sons, Carl Clinton Mueller, Craig Stephen Mueller, and Robert Lloyd Mueller, all of Houston; and three grandchildren.

DAVID GEORGE ALLUMS

Allums, 70, of Houston, died Oct. 7, 2011. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971. He was a partner in Barnes & Allums before serving as attorney for the City of West University from 1973 to 1986 and for the City of Southside Place from 1986 until his death. He was a private practitioner until his death. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jayne Allums; daughters, Carlin Morstead of Houston and Kacy Pierce of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

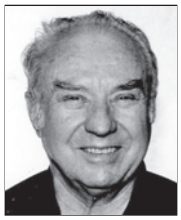
TOM HERMANSEN

Hermansen, 68, of Corpus Christi, died Nov. 14, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1968. After practicing in Houston, he joined Dyer, Redford, Burnet, Wray, Woolsey & Dunham (later the Kleberg Firm) in 1971. In 1983, he formed Hunt, Hermansen, McKibben & Barger, L.L.P. and remained with the firm until 2010. He was of counsel to Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer, L.L.P. from 2010 until his death. He is survived by his former wife, Dianne Hermansen; sons, Ford Hermansen of Corpus Christi and Rex Hermansen of Austin; daughters, attorney Joy Hermansen McGaugh of San Antonio and Paige Hermansen of Fayetteville, Ark.; sisters, Judy Enloe of Houston and Anne Carey of Bastrop; and one grandchild.

SIDNEY A. KING

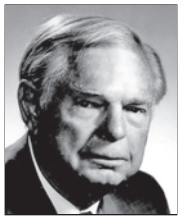
King, 84, of Beaumont, died April 20, 2011. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. He was a briefing clerk for Judge Joseph Sheehy of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas from 1951 to 1952. He was head of the rental department of Sun Oil Company from 1952 to 1959. He was a private practitioner from 1959 until his death. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Hamby King; son, Sidney A. King, Jr. of New Albany, Ind.; daughter, Karen King of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and sister, Mary Halloran of San Antonio.

RICHARD BAXTER SAXE, JR.



Saxe, 88, of Midland, died Aug. 25, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1949. He was an assistant district attorney in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office from 1949 to 1950. He was a partner in Bezoni & Perkins from 1950 to 1951; in Legg, Saxe & Baskin from 1952 to 1976; and in Turpin, Smith, Dyer, Saxe & MacDonald from 1976 until his retirement in 2003. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve during World War II and the Korean War and in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Frances S. Saxe; son, David K. Saxe of Midland; daughter, Claudia A. Saxe of Hobbs, N.M.; stepsons, Stephen Hilliard of Midland and Sheffie Hilliard of California; stepdaughter, Janet Pace of Baton Rouge, La.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

DON F. TOBIN

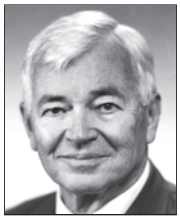


Tobin, 95, of Bandera, died June 28, 2011. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1943. He was a private practitioner in San Antonio from 1943 to 2005. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Peggy Tobin; sons, Don F. Tobin, Jr., Tim S. Tobin, Phillip P. Tobin, Mark T. Tobin, and attorney Patrick B. Tobin; daughters, attorney Martha T. Bersch, Kathleen T. Krueger, and Ann T. Hevenor; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

EDGAR W. MONTEITH

Monteith, 87, of Houston, died Dec. 31, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1948. He was first an associate and then a partner in Monteith & Baring from 1948 to 1978. From 1979 until his death, he was a partner in Monteith & Monteith. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Frances Monteith; sons, Walter W. Monteith and attorney Dorrance W. Monteith, both of Houston; sister, Carolyn Monteith Clarke; and four grandchildren.

DUVAL A. EDWARDS



Edwards, 96, of Seattle, Wash., died Nov. 7, 2011. He received his law degree from San Antonio School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1937. He was an associate of Harry Hertzberg from 1937 to 1940. He was a special agent with the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps from 1941 to 1945. He is survived by his son, Walter Drew Edwards of Beijing, China; daughter, Lynn Kohara Edwards of Matagalpa, Nicaragua; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

LOUIS BURNS PARUM

Parum, 89, of Grand Prairie, died Nov. 6, 2011. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. He practiced with Burns Parum from 1961 until his death. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Billie Parum; son, attorney Michael Parum; daughter, Lisa Gordon; brother, Joe Parum; sister, Jean Norsworthy; and five grandchildren.

WILLIAM MAC GANN

Gann, 80, of Houston, died Nov. 22, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1962. He was a member of the Arkansas bar. He was a partner in Miller, Gann & Perdue from 1962 to 1980 and in Gann & Edwards from 1980 until his death. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Gann; daughters, Danna Lynn Bigner of Dallas and Lauren Elizabeth Neumann of Houston; and brother, John Ward Gann of Little Rock, Ark.

JOE RAY BLALACK

Blalack, 75, of Humble, died Jan. 4, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960. He practiced in Austin and Houston as an oil and gas attorney before joining the Texas Railroad Commission. He served as counsel to Texans for Immigration Reform and Texans for Zero Immigration. He is survived by his sons, Joe Michael Blalack and Jeffrey Barry Blalack, both of Houston; longtime companion, Bonnie Richardson; and his grandchildren.

ROBERT S. LEITHISER

Leithiser, 77, of Dallas, died May 26, 2011. He received his law degree from Duke University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. He was a partner in Leithiser, Palmer & Allen from 1980 to 2002. From 2002 until his death, he was a private practitioner. He is survived his wife of 29 years, Janet Leithiser; stepson, Jeffrey Zeiter; and stepdaughter, Mindy Zeiter.

LORI DIANE GILLESPIE

Gillespie, 52, of Dale, died Oct. 28, 2011. She received her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1990. She was an intern for Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Hightower in Austin in 1990. She was an associate of DeHay & Blanchard in Dallas from 1991 to 1992. From 1992 until her death, she was a staff attorney with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. She served in the U.S. Army National Guard Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1987 to 1993. She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Merlin Handley; parents, Ralph Gillespie and Karen Gillespie of Mountain Home, Ark.; and sisters, Theresa Noll of Lebanon, Tenn., Lisa Gillespie of Burlington, Colo., and Tracy Gillespie of Denver, Colo.

JACK W. BEECH

Beech, 75, of Bedford, died Sept. 7, 2011. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1962. He was a briefing attorney in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals from 1962 to 1963. He practiced with the Cantey Hanger Law Firm before serving as a prosecutor in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth from 1963 to 1965. From 1965 to 1968, he was an associate of Rawlings, Sayers, Scurlock & Eidson. He was principal in the Law Office of Jack W. Beech & Associates from 1969 until his retirement in 2009. He was a founder of the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is survived by his son, Jack W. Beech, Jr. of Southlake; daughters, Theresa L. Weddell and Jessica R. Beech, both of Fort Worth, and Jennifer M. Beech of Singapore; and six grandchildren. ✪