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RONALD JOE CHRISTOPHER

Christopher, 68, of Lufkin, died May 14, 2011. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1978. He was an associate of Mace & Mack in Houston. He was a private practitioner in Houston before becoming a partner in Stewart & Christopher in Giddings. He is survived by his son, Scott Christopher of Nacogdoches; daughters, Karen Watson and Mary Gail McCarty, both of Lufkin, and Lara Chapman of Giddings; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

CHARLES LEE ATTAWAY

Attaway, 66, of Texarkana, died Oct. 22, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1969. He was a member of the Arkansas bar. He was a partner in Attaway, Attaway & Attaway in Mesquite from 1973 to 1978. He was an assistant district attorney in the Bowie County District Attorney's Office in Texarkana from 1978 to 1980. He was a sole practitioner in the Attaway Law Firm in Texarkana from 1980 until his death. He served as a U.S. magistrate judge of the Eastern District of Texas and Western District of Arkansas. He was a president of the Texarkana and Mesquite bar associations. He served in the U.S. Army Advocate General's Corps and the Texas National Guard. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Penny C. Attaway; son, Joshua Lee Attaway; daughter, attorney Sarah C. Ross; brother, attorney James Attaway; sisters, Eula Keese and attorney Pat Allen; and two grandchildren.

ROY M. TALLEY

Talley, 80, of Austin, died Oct. 31, 2011. He received his law degree from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1962. He was a member of the Louisiana bar. He was counsel to Mobil Oil Company in Dallas from 1960 to 1962 and in Houston from 1962 to 1965. He was senior attorney for the company in Baton Rouge, La., from 1965 to 1969 and in New Orleans, La., from 1969 to 1973. He was associate general counsel to the company in Austin from 1973 to 1991. He was of counsel to Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. in Austin from 1991 to 1993. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Martha Charlotte Green Talley; sons, R. Greg Talley and Davis Talley, both of Austin; daughter, Martha T. Kirkwood of Houston; brother, attorney Ray Talley of New Orleans; and four grandchildren.

HERMAN I. LITTLE, JR.

Little, 67, of Boerne, died March 4, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1972. He clerked for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals before serving as an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. He was a partner in Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham, L.L.P. in Houston from 1980 until his retirement in 2011. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Molly Claire Vestal; daughters, Jennifer Beck and Mary Claire Mann; sisters, Marilyn Little and Elaine Little, both of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

CHARLES R. "BOB" DUNN

Dunn, 81, of Houston, died April 29, 2012. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1965. He was a partner in Wyckoff, Russell & Dunn and later in Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law from 1984 to 2004. He served as municipal judge of West University Place for many years. He served as president of the Houston Bar Association in 1979–80 and of the State Bar of Texas in 1991–92. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Fran Dunn; daughters, attorney Ann Dunn Taylor and Beth Dunn Plummer; and three grandchildren.

DANIEL HARPER BENSON

Benson, 75, of Lubbock, died Dec. 28, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. He was an attorney with the Appeals and Research Section of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., from 1964 to 1965. He served as a military judge in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1970 at Fort Bliss near El Paso. He was a partner in Griffith, Brister & Benson from 1970 to 1973. From 1973 until his retirement in 2004, he was a professor of law at Texas Tech University School of Law. He served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patricia LiRod Benson; son, Stephen D. Benson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

ROBERT FRANKLIN FORD

Ford, 61, of Fort Worth, died Dec. 8, 2011. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1989. He was a briefing attorney to Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge Mike McCormick in Austin from 1989 to 1990. He was an assistant district attorney in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth from 1990 to 1991. From 1991 until his death, he was a sole practitioner. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1972. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kiki Ford; son, Paul Ford of Arlington; daughters, Natalie Parker and Gina Ford, both of Fort Worth; and brothers, Richard Ford of Dallas and Mark Nash-Ford of Denver, Colo.

D. MURRAY HENSLEY

Hensley, 54, of Sundown, died Nov. 13, 2011. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1982. He was a partner in McWhorter, Cobb & Johnson in Lubbock from 1982 until his death. He is survived by his mother, El Lea Hensley of Sundown; brothers, R.E. Hensley III of Sundown and Scott Hensley of O'Donnell; and sister, Dusty Anne Lay of Friendswood.

JOHN WORTHY ALVIS

Alvis, 66, of San Marcos, died Nov. 19, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971. He was a special agent with the FBI in Memphis, Tenn., and Knoxville, Tenn., for five years before forming Alvis & Carssow (later Alvis, Carssow, Cummins, Hoeffner, Botsford, Ingalls). He became a sole practitioner in 1995. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Judy Alvis; son, John R. Alvis of Johnson City; daughter, Rebecca Doltmeier of Corsicana; former wife, Kay Alvis; stepsons, Jamey McCurry of Seguin and Peter McCurry of Las Vegas, Nev.; brothers, Tom Alvis and Jim Alvis, both of Austin; and six grandchildren.

PATRICK K. THORNTON

Thornton, 53, of Sugar Land, died Jan. 15, 2012. He received his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1999. He was a member of the Michigan bar. He was a private practitioner. He was a professor and lecturer at Rice University, the University of Houston, South Texas College of Law, and Houston Baptist University and taught sports law and IP law around the world, including Australia, Russia, and Vietnam. He served in the Texas Army National Guard Judge Advocate General's Corps from 2005 to 2010. He is survived by his wife, Alison Thornton; sons, Samuel Thornton and George Thornton; parents, Jack Thornton and Jennie Thornton; and sisters, Candy Gibson and Deborah Towns.

STANLEY DALTON WRIGHT

Wright, 68, of Portsmouth, Va., died Jan. 9, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1968. He was a member of the Virginia bar. He was an assistant city attorney for the City of Houston. He was a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., in 1969–70. He was an attorney for Bexar County Legal Aid in San Antonio from 1970 to 1975. From 1975 to 1985, he was a senior attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He was a private practitioner in Alexandra, Va., from 1985 to 1995 and in Portsmouth from 1995 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Mickey Wright; daughter, attorney Jennifer Wright of New York; stepdaughter, Erin Gossage; sisters, Elaine McSwain and Brenda Finney; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

AUGUST J. COOK

Cook, 84, of Memphis, Tenn., died April 20, 2011. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960. He was a member of the Tennessee bar. He was partner-in-charge of the tax department of McDonnell Boyd from 1984 to 1991. He was of counsel to Harris, Shelton, Dunlap & Cobb from 1991 to 1997 and to Pietrangel Cook from 1997 to 2007. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Matie Brangan Cook; son, attorney John Cook of Memphis; daughters, Lisa Cook Rankin of Houston and Mary Beth Cook Del Conte of Memphis; and nine grandchildren.

DAVID R. "SANDY" HENDRICK, JR.

Hendrick, 68, of Bend, Ore., died Dec. 18, 2011. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. He was a member of the Arkansas bar. He was an assistant professor of law at the University of Arkansas–Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law from 1969 to 1975. He was a professor at the law school in 1975, served as acting dean from 1975 to 1976, and was associate dean of the law school from 1976 to 1978. He was law professor at Baylor Law School in Waco from 1978 to 1982 and at South Texas College of Law in Houston from 1982 to 1993. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Martha Hendrick; daughter, Elizabeth H. Taylor; and sister, Linda Chase of Alpine. ✪