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Judge **Patricia A. Macias**, of the 388th Judicial District Court in El Paso, received the Judicial Leadership Award from the Texas Supreme Court for her work as chair of the Education Committee of the Permanent Commission on Children, Youth, and Families.

Dell's legal team presented its 2012 Pro Bono Excellence Award to Baker Botts, L.L.P. for the law firm's extensive work with Dell lawyers on behalf of the Austin Children's Shelter and Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas.

Bob Driegert, a private practitioner in Dallas, was elected 2012–13 president of the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants.

David V. Wilson II, a shareholder in Hays, McConn, Rice & Pickering, P.C. in Houston, has been named to the 2012–13 board of the South Texas College of Law Alumni Association.

Charles C. Foster, co-chair of FosterQuan, L.L.P. in Houston, was named by *Human Resources Executive* magazine as one of the nation's 20 most powerful employment-immigration attorneys.

Texas-licensed **Sharon Humble**, managing partner in Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, L.L.P. in Philadelphia, PA, received a 2012 Brava! Award from *Philadelphia SmartCEO* magazine.

Michael A. McConnell, a partner in Kelly, Hart & Hallman, L.L.P. in Fort Worth, received the James B. Barlow Emeritus Fellow Award from the Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court.

Lisa G. Flournoy and **Reynaldo P. Morin**, both assistant U.S. attorneys with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Texas in Lufkin, received Exceptional Service Awards from the National Association of Former United States Attorneys.

Howard Nations of the Nations Law Firm in Houston was inducted into the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. Nations was honored for a lifetime of service to the American public and the Constitution and for distinguishing himself as an advocate in the court room.

Michele Wong Krause, owner of The Wong Krause Law Firm in Dallas, received the Louise B. Raggio Award from the Dallas Women Lawyers Association.

Texas-licensed **Michael W. Drumke**, a partner in Swanson, Martin & Bell, L.L.P. in Chicago, IL, was elected 2012–13 vice chair of the Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He will become chair-elect of the section in 2013 and chair in 2014.

Fred Felcman, first assistant district attorney for the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office in Richmond, received the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation 2011–12 Board of Directors' Trial Award for Outstanding Advocacy in Capital Cases.

James H. "Blackie" Holmes, a partner in Burford & Ryburn, L.L.P. in Dallas, was inducted as a Texas Legal Legend by the State Bar Litigation Section Council.

Daniel Gilliam, judge of the Victoria County Court at Law No. 2, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas School Safety Center Board. He will serve on the board until Feb. 1, 2013.

South Texas College of Law became the first school to place first, second, and third in the American Society of Legal Writers' Scribes competition. The Scribes award is given to authors of the best-written legal brief submitted in a national moot court advocacy competition. South Texas students authored eight of the 68 briefs entered in the competition this past academic year.

James B. Sales, of counsel to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in Houston, received the 2012 J. Chrys Dougherty Good Apple Award from Texas Appleseed for championing access to justice and attorney involvement in pro bono service.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott recognized 10 assistant attorneys general in the Child Support Division for their outstanding work on behalf of the children of Texas. The following, one from each of the state's nine child support regions and the main office in Austin, were named Assistant Attorneys General of the Year: **Choya Burkley** of DeSoto; **Carol Campbell** of Austin; **Elizabeth Edwards** of El Paso; **Joe Haley** of McAllen; **Meg Jordan** of Lubbock; **James Kuvet** of Seguin; **Joseph Sarpong** of Rockwall; **Stephanie Shipp** of Houston; **Jill Sklar** of Edna; and **Carrie Tibiletti** of Tyler.

Roy Brantley, an attorney with West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C. in College Station, and **Patricia D. Chamblin**, a shareholder in MehaffyWeber, P.C. in Beaumont, have been appointed commissioners to the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

Texas Appleseed awarded its 2012 Pro Bono Leadership Award to Baker Botts, L.L.P. for helping analyze the quality of education provided in county youth facilities and honored Locke Lord, L.L.P. and Jones Day for their pro bono service.

Christopher B. Trowbridge, a partner in Bell, Nunnally & Martin, L.L.P., was named to the *Dallas Business Journal*'s "40 Under Forty" list for 2012 for his demonstrated commitment to the North Texas community.

Daniel Covich of Webb, Cason & Covich, P.C. in Corpus Christi received a National Foot Soldiers in the Sands Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for his volunteer work with the association.

Dallas firm Basden & Ivie, P.C. received the Corporate Rising Star Award from the Women's Business Council-Southwest for exemplary achievements by the woman-owned firm.

John Huffman, an associate of Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P. in Dallas, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. His term will expire in Oct. 2017.

Nathan Pearman, an associate of Bickel & Brewer in Dallas, was named to the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Class of 2012.

Marc E. Vockell, executive director of intellectual property litigation for Dell in Round Rock, received the Texas Access to Justice Commission's Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Award, which recognizes a corporate counsel who has made an impact on the lives of poor people in Texas through the provision of pro bono legal services and by promoting a culture of pro bono within the corporate framework.

Benny Agosto, Jr., a partner in Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston, was named one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders by *Latino Leaders Magazine*.

Sharon Millians, a partner in Kelly Hart & Hallman, L.L.P. in Fort Worth, was named chair of the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Walter L. Sutton, Jr., associate general counsel — legal administration and external relations to Wal-Mart Stores, received a Presidential Citation from the American Bar Association for his contributions to the legal profession.

Kelli Petronis Cubeta, general counsel for Billing Services Group in San Antonio, was recognized by the Association of Corporate Counsel as a Top 10 30-Something. The award recognizes excellence in the in-house legal profession among attorneys aged 30 to 39. ✪

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