



Baylor Law School Opens Immigration Clinic



Baylor Law School students recently held clinics to assist unauthorized immigrants who entered the United States as children and may be eligible to take advantage of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Under the DACA program, unauthorized immigrants between the ages of 15 and 30 can remain in the country for two years without the fear of deportation if they meet certain criteria. Eligible participants can apply for a two-year renewal at the end of their two-year deferment period. About 150,000 young unauthorized immigrants in Texas are eligible for the DACA program.

During the clinics in September and October, 32 law students assisted 120 people under the direction of **Laura A. Hernandez**, associate professor of law, and Waco attorney and Baylor Law alumna **Susan Nelson**. For more information, go to www.baylor.edu/law.

JUSTICE DALE WAINWRIGHT LEAVES COURT, JOINS BRACEWELL & GIULIANI

Texas Supreme Court Justice **Dale Wainwright** resigned from the court on Sept. 30 to go into private law practice, joining Bracewell and Giuliani's Austin office. Wainwright served on the state's highest court for civil matters since 2003 and was the third longest-serving justice on the nine-member court. Before he was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court, Wainwright served almost four years as a Harris County district court judge. He also had worked in private practice in Houston and Nashville, Tenn.



TEXAS MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 450 registrants participated in the State Bar of Texas 20th annual Texas Minority Counsel Program. The program designed to increase opportunities for diverse attorneys, brought in-house counsel, outside counsel, and government attorneys together for a three-day event. Participants engaged in a variety of networking activities, attended CLE programs, and took part in informational interviews to discuss outside counsel opportunities. **Wayne Watts**, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel for AT&T in Dallas, was named the "Corporate Counsel of the Year" for promoting diversity within his corporation and for consistently supporting TMCP. **Tom Forestier** of Winstead PC in Houston received the Trailblazer Outside Counsel of the Year Award for promoting diversity through hiring, retaining, and mentoring women and minority attorneys and for partnering with women and minority owned law firms. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Wilson Chu** of K&L Gates LLP in Dallas. Chu has led and supported diversity initiatives for more than 20 years and played an instrumental role in organizing the first Texas Minority Counsel Program.



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