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Ron C. McCallum, an attorney with Ted B. Lyon & Associates, P.C. in Mesquite, was reelected president of the Mesquite Bar Association.

Scott P. Stolley, a partner in Thompson & Knight, L.L.P., was elected to a two-year term on the board of the Dallas Bar Association.

Nina Perales, Southwest Regional counsel to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, was honored as part of the St. Mary's University School of Law's Minority Pre-Law Symposium. Perales received the Chicano Civil Rights Award for her work arguing *LULAC v. Perry* before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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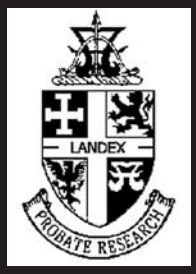

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Kendall County Attorney **Don Allee**; **Bryan Haynes**, of Scheef & Stone, L.L.P. in Dallas; **Susan I. Jordan**, of Jordan Law, P.L.L.C. in Austin; and **Richard J. Judge, Jr.**, of the Ward Law Firm in The Woodlands were elected Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

M. Sue Kurita, judge of the El Paso County Court-at-Law No. 6, was elected to the council of the American Law Institute.

The Austin Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates was named the 2009 National Chapter of the Year, making this the first time a Texas chapter has been selected for the honor. The chapter also presented the first Judge Scott Ozmun Award, recognizing courage and dedication in the practice of law, posthumously to Ozmun.

Baker Botts, L.L.P. received the Minority Corporate Counsel Association's Thomas L. Sager Award for the South/Southwest Region. The award recognizes law firms that have demonstrated a sustained commitment to improving the advancement of minority lawyers.

Corinne Suzette Smith, legal counsel to UT Medicine San Antonio, was named a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

David M. Vereeke, a Dallas private practitioner, has become a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Kent W. "Rocky" Robinson, a partner in Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., was named chair of the Houston Bar Foundation.

The Baylor University Institute for Family Business named Johnston Legal Group, P.C., which has offices in Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio, a 2009 Texas Family Business of the Year in the category of Family Values.

Margaret Allen, an associate of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, L.L.P. in Dallas, was elected to the board of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

Brooke Ulrickson, an associate in Brown, Dean, Wiseman, Proctor, Hart & Howell, L.L.P. in Fort Worth and a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, was elected president of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association. Ulrickson will serve through September.

Joyce Kao Soliman, a partner in Porter & Hedges, L.L.P. in Houston, will serve as 2010 president of the Asian American Bar Association of Houston.

The Dallas office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, L.L.P. was awarded LEED certification status established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Jimmy Peacock, a partner in Atkins, Hollmann, Jones, Peacock, Lewis, & Lyon in Odessa, received the 2009–10 Connell D. Ashley award from the Ector and Midland County Bar associations. The award recognizes a career of extraordinary contribution to the practice of law.

John Beck, a Texas Tech University law student, was selected by the American College of Bankruptcy as a 2010 Distinguished Law Student. A Bedford native and a third-year law student, he was chosen as the 5th Circuit recipient. Beck will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the college's induction ceremony and events in Washington, D.C., where he will have the opportunity to meet the most distinguished bankruptcy practitioners and judges in the country. ✪