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W. DALTON TOMLIN



Tomlin, 72, of Houston, died Feb. 23, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1963. In 1964, he joined Vinson, Elkins, Weems, & Searls (now Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.) and became a partner in 1970. He practiced with the firm until 1997. He was senior vice president and general counsel to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston from 1997 until his retirement in 2006. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sharron Tomlin; son, Damon A. Tomlin of Princeton, N.J.; brother, attorney Richard Alan Tomlin of Houston; and sister, Sheila Tomlin Shupack of Weston, Conn.

JACK W. COLLIER



Collier, 51, of Houston, died Jan. 20, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1986.

He was an associate of Bracewell & Patterson from 1986 to 1994. From 1988 to 1991, he worked in the firm's London office as its U.S. legal counsel. He was general counsel to the Galtney Group in Houston from 1994 to 1997. From 1997 until his death, he was vice president and general counsel to Sovereign Risk Insurance, Ltd. in Bermuda. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Blake Brennan Collier; sons, Jack W. Collier, Jr. and Ford W. Collier, both of Houston; father, John Collier; mother, Ellie Wiggan Collier; stepmother, Irene Collier; brother, Jay William Collier; sister, Julia Collier Humphreys; and half-sister, Allison Elizabeth Collier.

JAMES EDGAR "JIM" SUTTON



Sutton, 64, of McKinney, died Feb. 20, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1970. He was a staff attorney with the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner in Austin from 1971 to 1973. From 1973 to 1989, he was vice president and general counsel to Chilton Corporation in Dallas. He was a partner in Shank, Irwin, Conant, Lipshy & Casterline in Dallas from 1981 to 1983. He was a private practitioner from 1989 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Laurann Sutton; son, James Edgar Sutton II; daughter, Michelle Gifford; sister, Lynn Ashmore; and four grandchildren.

THOMAS McDOWELL



McDowell, 78, of San Antonio, died Dec. 4, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1959. He started his legal career as an attorney with the Texas Highway Department in Corpus Christi. He later served as assistant city attorney for the City of Corpus Christi. He served as the assistant district attorney for Nueces County in Corpus Christi. He was a partner in the Corpus Christi firm of Howard, McDowell, Bennett & Cartwright. From 1982 to 1995, he was an attorney with Valero in San Antonio. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Miriam McDowell; son, Andrew McDowell; daughters, Melanie Hartwell and Linda Lazo; sister, Carolyn Brister; and five grandchildren.

RICHARD P. HOGAN, SR.



Hogan, 78, of Houston, died Feb. 9, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961.

He served as a law clerk to the Commission on Government Security in Washington, D.C. He was a prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston from 1962 to 1963. He was an associate of, and later a partner in, Helm, Jones & Pletcher (later Helm, Pletcher, Hogan, Bowen & Saunders) in Houston from 1963 to 1993. He served as a State Bar director, as treasurer of the Texas Bar Foundation, and as president of the Houston Trial Lawyers Association and the Houston Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jane Hogan; son, attorney Richard P. Hogan, Jr. of Houston; daughters, Mary Sean Thornhill of Dallas and Katie Sepulveda of Houston; brother, Wally Hogan of Hilton Head, S.C.; and nine grandchildren.

WILLIAM D. LAWRENCE, JR.



Lawrence, 87, of Tyler, died Jan. 25, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1950.

He was a senior partner in Lawrence & Lawrence from 1950 to 2001. He is a past president of the Smith County Bar Association. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy M. Lawrence; son, W. David Lawrence; daughter, Ann Lawrence Tague; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



JOEL BOOTH COOLIDGE



Coolidge, 87, of Houston, died March 12, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1949. He was a partner in Coolidge & Coolidge from 1950 to 1960. From 1963 to 1970, he was a partner in Urban, Coolidge, Pennington and in Urban, Coolidge, Pennington & Scott from 1970 to 1976. He was managing partner in Urban Coolidge from 1976 to 1994. From 1994 until his retirement in 2002, he was a sole practitioner. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer “Ginger” Kelley and Gayle Coolidge Hightower; sister, Marion Coolidge O’Regan; and four grandchildren.

THEODORE R. JOHNS, SR.



Johns, 83, of Beaumont, died March 7, 2010. He received his law degree from Howard University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. He served as founder and a partner in Johns & Johns from 1951 until his death. From 1994 until his death, he served as a City of Beaumont Municipal Court judge. He served as legal counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Beaumont. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Bar Association in 2008. He was named, along with his former law partner, Elmo R. Willard II, a crusading lawyer in Beaumont and Southeast Texas for his civil rights work in the 1950s and 1960s. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Bobbie Johns; sons, attorney Theodore R. Johns, Jr. and attorney Kent W. Johns; brother, Clarence Johns, Jr.; and one grandchild.

ESTEBAN “STEVE” PEÑA



Peña, 35, of Houston, died Sept. 4, 2009. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2000. He owned the Law Office of Esteban Peña from 2007 until his death. He is survived by his wife of one year, Xiomara Peña; parents, Martin C. Peña and Lourdes B. Peña; and brother, Obed Peña.

TOM LOWRY ZACHRY



Zachry, 66, of Fort Worth, died March 19, 2010. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1966. He was an assistant district attorney in Tarrant County from 1966 to 1970. In 1970, he founded Zachry, Kearney, Hill, Shaw, Beatty, Butcher & Gallagher, and later served as of counsel to the firm. He is a past president of the Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He was elected judge of the 432nd District Court in Fort Worth. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marilyn Zachry; son, Cliff Zachry; brother, Woodie Zachry; and four grandchildren.

EMMETT J. RAHM



Rahm, 94, of San Antonio, died March 2, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1941. In 1947, he served as the assistant Bexar County district attorney in San Antonio. He served as a San Antonio Municipal Court judge in 1949. From 1952 to 2002, he was a sole practitioner. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by his brother, Fr. Harold J. Rahm, S.J. of São Paulo, Brazil; and sister, Shirley Campbell of San Antonio.

JOHN WILDENTHAL, JR.



Wildenthal, 87, of Houston, died Feb. 12, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1950. He began his legal career as an attorney of then Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson’s staff in Washington, D.C., and later served as an attorney in the office of the General Counsel of the Renegotiation Board in Washington, D.C., from 1950 to 1953. He was a private practitioner in Cotulla from 1953 to 1958 and in Houston from 1961 to 1964 and from 1967 to 1975. He served as the LaSalle County attorney in Cotulla from 1958 to 1959. From 1959 to 1961, he was assistant attorney general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General in Austin. He was attorney for the City of Houston from 1964 to 1967. From 1975 to 1976, he was an attorney for Scurlock Oil Company in Houston. He served as a City of Houston Municipal Court judge from 1976 to 2001. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carolyn Harris Wildenthal; son, John Mark Wildenthal of Lewis Center, Ohio; daughter, attorney Elizabeth Wildenthal Cohen of Bellevue, Wash.; sister, Eloise Wildenthal Selke; and four grandchildren.

ELAINE CRIBBS RIZZA



Rizza, 54, of Nevillewood, Pa., died Jan. 29, 2009. She received her law degree from Emory University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2006. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar. She practiced with Buchanan & Ingersoll in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1988. She was owner of the Rizza Group in Washington, Pa., from 1998 to 2008. She is survived by her sister, Sheila Jorgenson. ✦