



# ALUMNI NEWS

## 1953

**Tom Salome, BBA**, was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc (ISRI). Salome was one of only two industry leaders who received the award during ISRI's 2010 Annual Convention and Exposition in San Diego, Calif.

## 1959

**Walter Umphrey, BBA, JD '65**, managing partner of Umphrey \* Provost Law Firm, was one of 25 lawyers named to The Greatest Texas Lawyers of the Past Quarter Century list in *Texas Lawyer* magazine's special anniversary issue. The 25 practicing Texas lawyers were selected from more than 475 nominations. Umphrey has had huge success, obtaining billions of dollars of verdicts and settlements in asbestos litigation over 40 years and helping negotiate a historic \$17.3 billion settlement for Texas with tobacco companies.

## 1965

**Terry Bratton, BBA**, passed away on Oct. 26, 2010. Bratton completed his master's degree at Southwestern Seminary in 1984, and earned his doctorate from the University of North Texas in 1997. He was a professor at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He is survived by his wife, Carol Bratton of Abilene; three sons, Terry L. Bratton II of Irving, Kenneth Earl Bratton of Stephenville and John Lowell Bratton of Fort Worth; a daughter, Jennifer Rebecca Freeman of Graham; a sister-in-law, Ginger Jones of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

## 1974

**Gary Ferrell, BBA**, was named an executive vice president of operations and chief financial officer at PBS' *Nightly Business Report* by NBR Worldwide, Inc. Ferrell has worked in public television for more than 24 years. He most recently served as president of Public Media, a new media company that specializes in production, graphic design and web development.

## 1981

**Roland Garcia, BBA**, a shareholder in the Houston office of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig LLP, has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hispanic Bar Association. This award honors those who have demonstrated outstanding character, legal ability, and service to the Hispanic community, and those who serve as models for

other Hispanics in the legal profession. Garcia is a past president of the Hispanic Bar Association and continues to be active with the organization.

**Mark Holifield, MBA**, was named to DC *VELOCITY*'s 2010 Rainmakers list, which honors professionals who have made a lasting contribution to the supply chain management profession. Holifield was also named the 2010 Person of the Year by the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. Holifield serves as senior vice president of global supply chain at The Home Depot.

**Jonathan Hook, MBA**, vice president and chief investment officer at The Ohio State University was awarded the Large Nonprofit of the Year award by Foundation and Endowment Money Management in September 2010. The award, given to one endowment or foundation with assets in excess of \$1 billion, was given to the university for its outstanding performance in fiscal year 2010 and the efforts made to build its investment office from inception and progressive asset allocation.

**Pat Nunley, BBA, JD '84**, has become a partner with Athens Partners, a firm devoted to working with professional services firms to transform the way they generate business and build long-lasting loyalty with clients. Nunley practiced law for 25 years with Naman, Howell, Smith and Lee, PLLC, and remains Of Counsel to the firm. He also has served as the color commentator on the Baylor Men's Basketball Radio Network since 1982.

## 1983

**Eric Beal, BBA, JD '90**, has coauthored a new book on the strategies and challenges of practicing Texas divorce and family law. From the *Inside the Minds* series, and titled *Strategies for Family Law in Texas*, the book targets practicing attorneys and others interested in recent trends and tips for life in the Texas family law arena. The just-released collection, written in conjunction with other experienced matrimonial attorneys, provides a look at everything divorce lawyers see on a regular basis, from adultery to drug and alcohol abuse. Beal is the senior attorney at the Beal Law Firm, with offices in Southlake and Fort Worth, and practices exclusively family law. He is married, with five children, and can be found at [www.DFWDIVORCE.com](http://www.DFWDIVORCE.com).

**Tom Horton, BBA**, was named president of American Airlines and its parent company AMR Corp. Horton previously served as CFO of the company.

## 1984

**Elizabeth Davis, BBA**, was named provost of Baylor University, serving as chief academic officer, responsible for all of the school's academic enterprises including 11 schools and colleges and more than two-dozen research centers and institutes. She is the first woman to be named to the position in the school's 166-year history. Davis, a professor of accounting, joined the provost's office in 2004 as vice provost for financial and academic administration and has served as interim provost since July 31, 2008.

**Stacy M. Hodges, BBA**, was named interim CFO of SWS Group, Inc. Hodges has served as chief financial officer of the company's principal broker-dealer subsidiary, Southwest Securities, Inc., since 1997. She began her career with SWS Group as controller in 1994 and currently serves as executive vice president and principal accounting officer. She served as chief financial officer and treasurer from 1998 to 2002.

## 1985

**Kelley Shackelford, BBA, JD '88**, president, CEO and chief counsel of Liberty Institute, was one of 25 lawyers named to The Greatest Texas Lawyers of the Past Quarter Century list in *Texas Lawyer* magazine's special anniversary issue. The 25 practicing Texas lawyers were selected from more than 475 nominations. Liberty Institute, based in Plano, Texas, is a non-profit organization founded "to educate, advocate, and, when necessary, litigate for freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution," from freedom of speech to religious freedom to parental and student rights.

## 1986

**Robert Davis, BBA**, along with senior management team members David Branton, Robert Davis and Todd Feeley, now privately owns Turbine Generator Maintenance, Inc. (TGM), an independent provider of inspection, maintenance and repair services for owners of steam and gas turbines. The team purchased TGM from GFI Energy Ventures LLC. Davis has served as TGM's chief financial officer since September 2008.

## 1987

**Michael J. McBride, BA-Economics**, was named president and CEO of St. Mary's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, which is based in San Antonio, Texas. McBride previously served as regional vice president/administrator for CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – City Centre and CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital – Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

**Bill Porter, MBA**, was named by Essent Healthcare, Inc. as chief executive officer of Paris Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Paris, Texas. Porter had served as the hospital's chief operating officer since January and had been named interim CEO. With more than 16 years of hospital administrative experience, Porter most recently served as chief executive officer for Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa, Texas, and for Tempe St. Luke's Hospital in Tempe, Ariz.

## 1989

**William F. (Bill) Aimone III, MBA**, joined two colleagues to form Trenevy Incorporated (trenegy.com) a management consulting firm in Houston. Prior to forming Trenevy, Aimone was a partner with Deloitte Consulting leading the finance practice in Houston. He also serves on the Board of Directors with Boys & Girls Country in Hockley, Texas, and Cypress Christian School in Houston, Texas.

**Scott Wood, BBA**, and business partner **Mark Gehlbach, BA**, were named Top Wealth Managers in Dallas by *D Magazine* (October 2010 issue). Each nominee for the honor had to have a minimum of five years of financial services experience, practiced a minimum of three years with the same company, have at least \$60 million in assets under management, and have acceptable compliance records with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Wood and Gehlbach are the founding principals of Dallas-based True North Advisors, a firm they started in 2000, which offers personal wealth management and institutional investment services.

## 1991

**Ed Bashaw, MBA**, has been appointed dean of Arkansas Tech University's College of Business. He is also a professor of Marketing. Bashaw previously served as dean of the Texas A&M University-Texarkana College of Business since 2006. He was director of executive education at University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) from 2004-2006, and a faculty member at UALR from 1994-2004. Bashaw and wife Sara Johnson Bashaw (BBA '83) have two children, Nathan, 21, and Jane, 17. He can be reached at ebashaw@atu.edu.

## 1993

**Robert Nitsche, BBA**, serves as chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Insurance Network of Texas, which was named a finalist in Baylor University's Institute for Family Business' 2010 Texas Family Business of the Year awards. Insurance Network of Texas is an independent, family-owned insurance agency that has been in business for 61 years.

**Allison (Beltz) Sousa, MBA**, launched Word's Out Marketing & PR, LLC (www.wordsoutmarketing.com). Word's Out is a boutique firm that provides a full menu of creative, strategic and consultative marketing services to small firms, nonprofits and small municipalities. While currently focusing in Tennessee, Sousa hopes to broaden the firm's scope to the southeastern U.S.

## 1994

**Temple Weiss, BBA**, was named the 2010 CFO of the Year (for Large Private Company) by the *Dallas Business Journal*. Weiss serves as executive vice president and chief financial officer of LQ Management LLC – La Quinta Inns & Suites. Weiss was nominated for the award based on his professional achievements at La Quinta and community involvement and was selected by a panel of independent judges.

## 1997

**Jonathan Ketcham, BA-Economics**, was honored with the John D. Thompson Prize for Young Investigators. The prize, awarded by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), recognizes young faculty based on their contributions to the research literature in the field of health services. Ketcham is an assistant professor at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. His wife Andrea Morales is also on the faculty of the W.P. Carey School of Business, and they have two children, Dean, 3, and Graham, 1.

**Aaron G. Stephenson, BBA, MBA '02**, launched a new marketing services platform under his company Retail Street Advisors (www.retailstreetadvisors.com), a Dallas-based, boutique consulting firm, to assist real estate operators and retail owners with advertising campaigns, community relations, and PR initiatives. The company's clients include Highland Park Village, The Shops at Legacy, M Crowd Restaurant Group, and Gables Residential.

## 1998

**Lisa Mason, BBA**, joined the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in Houston, where she works as an inspections specialist focusing on international inspections of audit firms worldwide. Previously, Mason spent 11 years working in KPMG LLP's Audit practice in Houston and Melbourne, Australia.

## 1999

**Melissa Snell, BBA**, vice president of business development for Snell Prosthetic & Orthotic Laboratory in Little Rock, Ark., has been named to *Arkansas Business'* 40 Under 40 list, which honors Arkansas' top 40 young business and political leaders of the year.

## 2001

**Joanna (van Wunnik) Newcomb, BBA**, has been named director, Affiliate Strategy and Planning for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the global leader of the breast cancer movement. Newcomb joined Komen's marketing department in 2004, and played a key role in the rollout of the organization's new name and brand. In 2008, Newcomb moved to the Affiliate Network department to focus on supporting the development of the organization's staff and volunteers. She most recently served as a manager of Affiliate Strategy and Planning.

## 2002

**Britt L. Bentley, BBA, CFA, CAIA**, has been promoted to vice president of LCG Associates, Inc., an institutional investment consulting firm headquartered in Atlanta, Ga. He is a CFA charterholder and is an active member of the CFA Institute as well as the Atlanta Society of Financial Analysts (ASFA). Bentley is also a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) charterholder. Bentley is a member of Baylor University's Investment Advisory Committee and aids students managing the technology portion of the Philip M. Dorr Alumni and Friends Endowed Investment Fund.

## 2006

**William L. Garrett, BBA, MBA '10** (Tulane), was recently promoted to vice president at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Garrett joined the company in 2010 and currently works in its Investment Bank's Foreign Exchange and Interest Rate Derivatives team in San Francisco, Calif. He previously was an Associate at JP Morgan in Dallas, Texas, in a similar role.

**Chad Klemptner, BBA**, has been promoted to associate director of marketing and promotions for Baylor Athletics. Klemptner interned with the athletic department while attending Baylor and joined full-time upon graduation.

**Tyler Lindstrom, BBA**, was named a wealth advisor at UBS Financial, which provides tailored, unbiased advice and investment services-ranging from asset management to estate planning and from corporate finance to home financing. Previously, Lindstrom served as an associate financial consultant at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Lindstrom is also a former Baylor football team member—redshirted in 2001 and played through the 2005 season.

## 2008

**Dustin Little, MBA**, was appointed director, permanent placement solutions for the Eastern U.S. for Manpower Inc., a staffing branch network.

## 2009

**Andrew Caleb Dowell, BBA**, currently serves as the associate director of leasing for Navisys Group, a commercial real estate firm in Houston, Texas. Dowell previously served as director of operations for After Dark, an organization that puts on events at college campuses around the nation. Following graduation, Dowell completed an overseas internship in Xiamen, China.

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