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# CLINIC NEWS



Texas Tech University School of Law Clinical Programs

## LUBBOCK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT-ELECT ADDRESSES CLINICAL PROGRAM STUDENTS

Students participating in the clinical program during the Summer and Fall 2004 semesters were recognized during a Student Recognition Reception on Wednesday, December 1st in the law school forum. Lois Wischkaemper, President-Elect of the Lubbock County Bar Association, addressed the students, faculty, staff, and guests. Students participating in the Civil Practice Clinic and the Low-Income Tax Clinic were presented with a *Certificate of Appreciation* by each clinic director in recognition of exemplary participation as a student

member. These students contributed a combined total of more than 4,510 hours.

The Criminal Justice Clinic which is directed by Professor Larry Cunningham is an academic year round clinical program course. Students for this semester were also recognized but will receive their certificates during the Spring 2005 recognition reception.

A total of 33 students participated in the clinical program courses during the summer and fall semesters.



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## WELCOME PROFESSOR SONYA GARZA

The TTU School of Law Clinical Programs welcomes Professor Sonya Garza who joined the faculty this past summer and is offering an additional section of the Civil Practice Clinic each semester of the 2004-2005 school year and will also be teaching Family Law in the spring semester.



Professor Garza graduated from Stanford Law School in May, 2000 where she was Note Editor of the STANFORD LAW REVIEW. She received her B.A. in Government and Sociology from UT Austin in 1997. Before joining the Texas Tech Law School faculty, she was an Associate in the Family Law Section of Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston. Prior to joining Fulbright & Jaworski, she was an Associate of the Labor and Employment Section of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C. and Austin.

During Law School, Professor Garza participated in the Education Law Clinic with East Palo Alto Community Law Project, a clinical program of Stanford Law School. Faculty, staff and students of the clinical program have benefited from her background and experience and welcome her to Texas Tech University School of Law.

## TAX CLINIC HIRES PART-TIME COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR



The LITC grant award received for 2004 allocated monies to hire a part-time outreach coordinator. Janie Gonzales joined the tax clinic in May 2004. She has been very active in community outreach efforts in most of the counties within the tax clinic service area. Janie has coordinated workshops in a couple of areas including Lubbock, Plainview, and Levelland and has developed contacts in many cities throughout our service area. These contacts have been a great resource for referrals to the tax clinic. Janie has been a devoted volunteer for the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers during the past two years and also serves as a site Coordinator for volunteer income tax assistance sites.

## LAW SCHOOL FACULTY JOIN WITH CIVIL PRACTICE STUDENTS IN PROVIDING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES

Faculty from Texas Tech Law School have traditionally co-sponsored with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas two evening Pro Bono Clinics at St. John's United Methodist Church during the month of October to provide advice and client intake on behalf of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas to low-income members of the community needing legal assistance in civil matters. In addition, because the Lubbock County Women Lawyers Association, which had previously co-sponsored the Pro Bono Clinics during the month of September, was unable to do so because of a lack of volunteers and the clinics were in danger of being cancelled, the faculty agreed to sponsor the clinics in September as well.

Thanks to the following faculty members who, along with Civil Practice Clinic students, staffed Pro Bono Clinics during the months of September and October:

Professor Bryan Camp  
 Professor Wes Cochran (2 clinics)  
 Professor Emeritus David Cummins  
 Professor Rosemary Dillon (2 clinics)  
 Dean Susan Fortney  
 Professor Sonya Garza (2 clinics)  
 Professor Jarod Gonzalez (4 clinics)  
 Dean Walter Huffman  
 Professor Vaughn James (3 clinics)  
 Professor Christina Knolton  
 Professor Calvin Lewis (3 clinics)  
 Professor Kimberly Phillips (2 clinics)  
 Dean Brian Shannon (2 clinics)  
 Professor Larry Spain (4 clinics)

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CLINICAL TEACHERS CONFERENCE

Elma Moreno, Larry Cunningham and Larry Spain attended the Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Teachers Conference held at the University of Denver College of Law October 22-24, 2004 which included sessions for both faculty and administrators in clinical programs. Each were invited to moderate and/or participate in panels during the conference. Texas Tech University School of Law will host the regional conference next fall.

**FROM THE DESK OF .....**



**Larry Spain - Civil Practice Clinic**

During the fall semester, the following students participated in the Civil Practice Clinic: **Tametha Barker, Tony Fidelie, Chris Greer, Dina Hardwick, Tiffani Lohmann, Yolanda Sewell, Wendy Walton and Laura Wood.** In addition to assuming individual responsibility for cases assigned to them in the clinic, each of the students were also responsible for assisting with client intake with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas and assigned to work with practitioners from the Civil Division of the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas. This allowed students to gain an

exposure to a variety of substantive areas of practice and work with other practitioners in the field.

During the fall semester, a total of 25 new client cases were undertaken, ranging from divorce, social security disability claims, employment, housing, veteran's health benefits, wills and advance planning, crime victim's compensation and civil rights claims; 12 cases were closed during the semester; and 30 cases will be carried over to the Spring Semester.

Students in the Civil Practice Clinic had the opportunity to represent clients at final divorce hearings, temporary orders hearings, protective order hearings, child protection cases and hearings before administrative law judges.



*Pictured from left to right:  
(back row) Chris Greer, Tony Fidelie, Wendy Walton, Dina Hardwick, Professor Spain  
(front row) Laura Wood, Tametha Barker, Tiffani Lohmann and Yolanda Sewell*

*"My clinical program helped me grasp a greater understanding of what being an attorney is all about. It helped me focus on what is most important in my legal career; the people."*  
**Chris Greer**



*"Out of all my law school experiences, this has been the most useful. I feel like I have learned more here than in any classroom. This clinic has allowed me to get real world experience that you do not get sitting in a classroom."*  
**Wendy Walton**



*"The clinic has been the best experience I have had in law school. The hands on training and opportunity to assist actual clients has reaffirmed for me all the reasons why I chose to become an attorney. Also, I can't say enough good things about the clinic faculty and staff!"*  
**Dina Hardwick**

**FROM THE DESK OF .....**



**Marilyn E. Phelan,  
Director - Low  
Income Tax Clinic**

Six industrious students enrolled in the Tax Clinic in the fall semester and three enrolled during the summer sessions to help taxpayers in their controversies with the IRS. Our students have helped some organizations obtain nonprofit and tax exempt status. In addition, the students have been very successful in solving tax problems for several taxpayers. Most of the issues confronting the students involved their clients' entitlement to the earned income credit, to dependency deductions, to

noncollectible status, and their clients' qualification for innocent spouse status. Some students were successful in securing compromises from the IRS regarding their clients' tax liabilities. One student successfully obtained innocent spouse status for her client so that the client is no longer liable for tax liabilities shown on a joint return she filed with her former husband. One of our cases involved a taxpayer who was being overcharged for a state income tax related to the time she was a resident of another state. The student assigned to the case was successful in convincing state authorities that she did not owe the tax.

Identity theft still is a problem confronting taxpayers and our students as they

attempt to help the taxpayers with this difficult problem.

Work in the clinic on actual tax cases and class sessions on rights of taxpayers and the procedures in place to contest tax deficiencies have proved very helpful to our students as well as to their taxpayer clients. Our six students should be well prepared to represent clients with tax problems when they begin the practice of law.



Left to right: Dustin Willey, Jeremy Wysocki, Micah Grant, Rick Eanes, Richard Mitchell, Celeste Villarreal, and Professor Marilyn Phelan



Summer Session Class pictured with Professor Phelan include Angie Dorsch, Jeremy Harmon, and Danny Simmons



*"Participating in the tax clinic has been an invaluable experience for me. The knowledge that I have truly helped low income clients who had nowhere else to turn is immensely gratifying. I have also gained expertise in the tax arena and have developed a greater comfort level with this challenging area of the law. The clinical staff has been outstanding, and as a result, the entire clinical experience has been rewarding on both academic and personal levels."*

Celeste Villarreal

*"I had a wonderful time. This experience allows one to see where the crossroads of book knowledge and real world application intersect. I feel this clinic experience really enhances my legal skills as I prepare for graduation and full-time practice."*

Dustin Willey



**CONGRATULATIONS PROFESSOR MARILYN PHELAN FOR BEING NAMED "TEXAS SUPER LAWYER" FOR 2004!**

## FROM THE DESK OF .....



**Larry Cunningham -  
Criminal Justice  
Clinic**

The Fall 2004 semester marks the inaugural beginning of the Texas Tech Criminal Justice Clinic. The first, full-year class of students began the semester a week early with "boot camp." They spent 5 days getting caught up to speed on ethics, criminal procedure, substantive law, interviewing, counseling, and investigating. The group of 8 students—Greta Braker, Sean Kilgore, Melissa Morgan Toby Nash, Gay Pulner, Ken Richey, Collin Shellenberger, and Ben Webb—then got to work with their first set of cases.

The Texas Tech Criminal Justice Clinic represents indigent defendants who are charged with crimes in West Texas. Each student was assigned 1 or 2 cases in the beginning of the semester. Initially, their work focused on meeting their clients, getting discovery, and beginning to investigate the facts of the cases. Later, they looked towards trying to reach favorable plea bargains or preparing their cases for trial.

Melissa Morgan and Collin Shellenberger were both assigned cases involving food stamp fraud. Each of their clients was charged with a felony. Melissa and Collin began the process of learning the complexities of the food stamp system. Both discovered remarkable facts during the investigation process that had been missed by the prosecutors. Melissa found that her client's records had been mistakenly confused with that of another person with the same name. Collin discovered that the District Attorney had charged the wrong offense. Armed with this new information, both Melissa and Collin secured very favorable plea agreements from the prosecutors.

Meanwhile, Gay Pulner and Sean Kilgore went to work on their cases from Hockley County (Levelland), before Judge Harold Phelan, spouse of Professor Marilyn Phelan. Sean immediately had to defend his client in a bond revocation hearing, which he successfully did. Gay discovered that clients don't always do what you, as their lawyer, hope they will do.

Greta Braker and Ken Richey teamed up to write an appellate brief in a novel issue involving womens' rights. Their client was prosecuted in Amarillo for delivery of a

controlled substance to her fetus—a case of first impression in Texas. Greta and Ken recently churned out the first draft of their appellate brief arguing that the conviction was unconstitutional and contrary to precedent.

Ben Webb obtained a very favorable plea bargain for a client charged with a Class B Misdemeanor. The prosecutor, after meeting with Ben, agreed to drop the offense to a Class C Misdemeanor, which is punishable by only a fine. The client was grateful for the result Ben had obtained.

Toby Nash picked up a case involving burglary of a vehicle. He quickly discovered that prosecutors and defense attorneys do not always see eye-to-eye on cases. The two sides could not come to an agreement, and so Toby is starting to prepare the case for trial.

In the next semester, the students are looking forward to finishing up their existing cases, getting new clients, and improving their skills. By the end of the next semester, these talented advocates will have almost a year of experience in criminal defense.



**Pictured from left to right:**  
**(back row) Professor Cunningham, Kenneth Richey, Sean Kilgore, Collin Shellenberger, Toby Nash**  
**(front row) Greta Braker, Ben Webb, Gay Pulner, and Melissa Morgan**



*"The Criminal Justice clinic has been an invaluable learning tool. It is the best experience available at Texas Tech University School of Law."*  
Ben Webb

*"The Criminal Justice Clinic has been and is an invaluable experience ... an opportunity for hands on "practice" in the real world not afforded most other students. I suspect this will put us a step ahead of the rest upon graduation."*  
Gay Pulner

**FROM THE DESK OF .....**



**Sonya Garza - Civil Practice Clinic**

This semester 8 students participated in my section of the Civil Practice Clinic during the fall semester: Priscilla Camacho, Blair Fassburg, Shannan Goss, Holly Haseloff, Robert Jones, Lisa Lammers, Bria Smith, and Kristi Ward. The students were responsible for handling civil cases assigned to them in the clinic and also worked with attorneys at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Advocacy, Inc., Texas Attorney General Child Support Division, and the Children's Advocacy Center. In addition, the students completed court observations and conducted new client intake with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas' pro bono clinics.

In the clinic the students have handled primarily family law matters. Priscilla Camacho and Holly Haseloff successfully mediated divorce cases for two individual clients. Bria Smith successfully drafted and executed a will for client. The students did varying civil work in their respective placements. Blair Fassburg visited a mental hospital for a client interview with one of his supervisors. Robert Jones assisted his supervisors at the Attorney General's office in preparing for their heavy docket of cases. Lisa Lammers and Priscilla Camacho made a presentation to a parents' group regarding the family court processes.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my students and watching some of their first real world legal practice experiences.

*"The best thing about the Civil Clinic is finding a way to help people who cannot help themselves."*

**Shannon Goss**

*"The clinic has given me more "real world" experience in one semester than all of law school. I've learned many things that will help me on the road ahead."*

**Bria Smith**



*Pictured from left to right:  
(back row) Robert Jones, Shannon Goss, Blair Fassburg, Holly Haseloff  
(front row) Lisa Lammers, Kristi Ward, Bria Smith, Priscilla Camacho, and Professor Garza*



For more information on the clinical programs visit:  
<http://www.law.ttu.edu/lawsite/centers/ClinicalPrograms.asp>

## “WILLS CLINIC” ASSISTS 47 AREA RESIDENTS IN WILL PREPARATION

During the fall semester, students in Prof. Vaughn James’s Wills and Trusts class once again participated in the increasingly popular “Wills Clinic.” Through the clinic, Wills and Trusts students assist needy area residents in will preparation from the interview stage to will execution.

Planning for this year’s clinic began in August when Profs. James, Spain and Garza and Law School Clinic Office Manager, Elma Moreno, met with Nancy Mojica, EJVP Coordinator, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. The group made plans to conduct four intake clinics throughout Lubbock during the fall semester. For its part, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas agreed to advertise the program and to thus supply the clients, who would all be persons qualified to receive free legal aid services. Prof. James would divide his class of 120 students into groups of three, with each group being responsible for preparing a will questionnaire, conducting the client interview (one client per group), drafting the will, and supervising its execution. Profs. James and Spain would supervise the students as they worked on completing the wills. The group set the goal for the semester at 40 wills.

By the time the program came to an end in November, the students had written and supervised the execution of 47

wills. Many of these instruments were prepared for Spanish-speaking clients, making it necessary for Samirah Abdalah, Law School Clinic Secretary, to translate verbatim and read the wills to the clients in their native Spanish tongue. Moreno herself played a very important part in the process, serving as notary for the will executions and ensuring that the program stayed on schedule.

But indeed, the most important part of this semester’s program was played by the students in the Wills and Trusts class. They spent much time interviewing the clients, drafting the wills, and supervising the will executions. The vast majority of students report that they learned much from the process, both in the legal sense and in the area of human relations. One such student, Tanya Johnson, describes her will execution ceremony as follows: “The lady for whom we prepared the will was very happy that she had finally executed a will. At the end of the will execution ceremony, with tears in her eyes, she hugged each of us in the room. She promised that next year, she will tell her family members to use the Wills Clinic. She was very, very happy!”



*Nancy Mojica, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas EJVP Coordinator, provides orientation to students prior to wills clinic held at law school clinic offices*



*It’s a Team Effort: Wills & Trusts team, clinical program students, and clinic staff come together to execute a will!*



## LOW INCOME TAX CLINIC CO-SPONSORS COMMUNITY PUBLIC INTEREST WORKSHOPS

Texas Tech University School of Law Low Income Tax Clinic, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and the Lubbock Area Client Council co-sponsored "free" community Public Interest Workshops on June 5, 2004, at the TTU School of Law.

Approximately 40 people attended the workshops which consisted of family law issues, wills/probate, landlord/tenant rights, homeownership, public benefits, and tax issues. Presenters included **George Elliott**, Managing Attorney for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, **Gwynn Key** from McWhorter, Cobb & Johnson, **Rebecca Crump**, a staff attorney from Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, **Bruce Bower** from Texas

Legal Services Center in Austin, and **Marisela Olivas**, Regional Attorney for the Texas Department of Human Services. Presenters for the Tax Law issues included Professor **Marilyn Phelan**, Low-Income Tax Clinic Director, **Laurel Cummins** Taxpayer Advocate and her assistant, **Peggy Guinn**, with the Taxpayer Advocate Services in Dallas. The tax law issues workshop was presented to all attendees and breakout sessions were held throughout the afternoon allowing the attendees an opportunity to attend workshops of their choice.



## MIGRANT WORKER PROJECT

The law school recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Texas State Bar Labor & Employment Law Section to develop a program that will provide relevant employment and immigration law information to farm workers located in Northwest Texas. Since the award of this grant, Professor Gonzalez and a small, dedicated group of students have been working together to prepare a brochure that will be distributed to farm workers throughout the South Plains and other parts of Texas in Spring 2005. The brochure provides information to farm workers about their rights under Equal Employment Opportunity, immigration, workers' compensation, and federal and state wage laws, as well as contact numbers for federal, state, and local agencies that enforce those laws. The students will also staff two clinics to aid local farm workers during the Spring of 2005. Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming clinics and this program.

The following students are participating in the Migrant Worker Project: **Judith Blanco, Youngmin Choi, Pamela Ferguson, Richard Fischer, Erick Lucio, Gabriella Martinez, Valerie McClelland, Rodney Montes, Joe Moody, Andrea Olivier, Gay Pulner, Sam Serrano, and Celeste Villarreal.**



*Pictured from left to right:  
Celeste Villarreal, Professor  
Jarod Gonzalez, and Andrea  
Olivier*

## RECENT CASES OF INTEREST

The Texas Tech University School of Law Low Income Tax Clinic recently secured a much deserved tax relief award from the IRS for one of the clinical program clients. Under the Innocent Spouse Doctrine, the IRS granted relief from a 1999 tax liability of **\$45,576.61** and **\$32,832.72** for 2000, totaling **\$78,409.33** in tax relief for our client. In addition to **Celeste Villarreal** who concluded the matter, other student attorneys who previously worked on the case include **Michelle Cheney** and **Maria Abercrombie**.

After nearly three years of representation, a remand from the Appeals Council and a second hearing before an administrative law judge, a fully favorable decision was issued on a claim for disability benefits by 54 year old woman diagnosed with asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, upper respiratory insufficiency and osteoarthritis. She was awarded benefits retroactive to January 7, 2001, the date determined to be the onset of her disability. Although several clinic students represented the claimant over the past several years, **Chris Bullajian ('04)** represented the client at the second administrative hearing resulting in an award of **\$24,081** in retroactive benefits as well as continuing monthly benefits of **\$564/mo.**



**Yolanda Sewell** represented an individual with a vision impairment, cortical blindness, before an administrative law judge resulting in a fully favorable decision for the client. The client had initially been determined disabled in 1977 but, upon a continuing disability review, a determination was made that his disability had ceased effective 1998. After representing himself without counsel, an administrative law judge found him not disabled. After an appeal to the Appeals Council and a remand for an additional hearing before an administrative law judge, the Clinic undertook his representation. The ALJ, largely upon the testimony of a medical expert, determined that the claimant's disability had not ceased in 1998 and that he continued to remain disabled. His benefits were thus reinstated.

**Dina Hardwick** also represented a client on limited income who was threatened with eviction from public housing unless she was willing to reimburse the Housing Authority for two years of utility payments that the Housing Authority had mistakenly paid on the client's behalf without notice to her and without her consent. The demand was that she fully reimburse them for the payments with one-third of the amount to be paid in a lump sum as a down payment, despite the fact that the client's income was less than \$250/mo. with one-third of that amount allocated for rent payments.

After negotiating with the Housing Authority and presenting our argument in writing as to why the client should not be required to pay as a result of agency error, a decision was made to waive the amount entirely. In the letter relating the decision, the Executive Director of the agency indicated that [he was] ***"pleased to know that there are client advocates like you in the community"***, quite a testament from an adverse party.



**Dina Hardwick** represented a 52 year old individual with severe residuals of a stroke before an administrative law judge which resulted in a favorable decision that her functional capacity was reduced to markedly less than sedentary level work and was disabled under the Social Security Act. The decision determined the client disabled retroactive to February, 2004 and continuing.

## CCAV SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR UPCOMING INCOME TAX SEASON

The Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers, a non-profit organization, is seeking volunteers to assist during the upcoming income tax return filing season. The program is designed to assist low income, elderly, disabled, and non-English speaking taxpayers with the preparation of simple tax returns. Training is provided at no cost to volunteers and tax returns are prepared at no cost to taxpayers who meet the income eligibility guidelines.

CCAV provides free tax law and e-file training and all the materials needed to prepare basic individual income tax returns. Training classes will be held January 10-12 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 109 of the law school. E-filing training will be held on January 13 at the Byron Martin ATC for first time volunteers and at the law school for returning volunteers.

All volunteers will be required to take the course and be certified for each module which include basic, wage, and pension. Training is also provided online by clicking on [Link & Learn Taxes Program](#) at <http://www.irs.gov/app/vita/index.jsp> and taking the course and tests online.

[Link & Learn Taxes](#), *linking volunteers to quality e-learning solutions*, is the new web-based program providing online training in tax return preparation. Volunteers can pick the time and place for training, available 24 hours a day. It can be updated quickly, keeping the latest information available. It provides four modules - basic, pension, military and what's new - and allows for online volunteer certification.

Upon completion of the basic, wage, and pension modules you will be provided a printable certificate. Should you choose to take the course and tests online, please bring your certificate to Elma Moreno in the clinic offices on or before January 10th.

Various tax preparation sites will be held beginning on January 18th thru April 15th. Upon completion of the course and certification you will be provided with a list of sites to choose from for your volunteer opportunities.

For more information or to register for the free training to be held in the law school, please contact Elma at [emoreno@law.ttu.edu](mailto:emoreno@law.ttu.edu) or come by the clinic offices.

## RECENT CASES OF INTEREST (continued from page 9)

**Tony Fidelie** and **Yolanda Sewell** have been working on a DTPA case involving the purchase of a used motor vehicle which, based upon their investigation and research, involves a number of violations of state and federal law regarding consumer transactions. In fact, it was discovered that the dealer resold the vehicle after repossession for more than the balance owed under the installment sales contract. A demand letter has been sent to the motor vehicle dealer in accordance with the DTPA. If a settlement of the claims is not made, a suit will be filed next semester.



## ADR CLINIC TO BE HELD IN THE SPRING

An advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic will be held during the Spring 2005 semester and will be taught by Professor Spain. Fifteen (15) students have been enrolled and will receive 3.0 hours credit upon completion of the course. Students will receive intensive mediation and conflict resolution skills training and the course will qualify as 40 hour basic mediation training. Students will observe mediations, co-mediate and solo mediate actual disputes through the Dispute Resolution Center. Students will be training January 10-11, 2005 prior to the start of classes.

## INNOCENCE PROJECT ADDRESSES OVER 200 REQUESTS

This semester the Innocence Project had 14 students who worked on over 200 requests from inmates for assistance. Recently, Kristi Ward attended a conference on 'How to Start an Innocence Project' in Austin, TX, hosted by the University of Houston and the University of Texas with involvement from the Court of Criminal Appeals. "I was very impressed with the structure and success of the innocence clinical programs at those schools and hope that Texas Tech will adopt a similar clinical program in the near future." The conference was attended by judges, legislative staff, private attorneys, law school professors, law students, undergraduate professors, and representatives from various public and private organizations and law firms.

# SNAP SHOT CORNER—STUDENT RECOGNITION RECEPTION



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW??????

**Brandi Grissom** (May 2004) (Criminal Prosecution Clinic) - working as Assistant District Attorney in Hockley County.

**Katholyn Runnels** - (May 2004) (Family Law Counseling Clinic) - working as an Assistant District Attorney in Anchorage, Alaska since September 1st. She is in the misdemeanor unit handling all misdemeanors in Anchorage with defendants last names P-Z and also handles all cases in a rural location on the Aleutian Chan (Sandpoint, AK and King Cove, AK).

**Sarah Adams** - (May 2004) (Criminal Prosecution Clinic) - Clerking for 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Eastland, Texas.

**Kelli Todd** (May 2003) (Tax Clinic) - Has been working for the Internal Revenue Service in Austin since April 2004.

**Jerry Varney** (May 2004) (Criminal Prosecution Clinic) -

Assistant District Attorney for the Dallas County District Attorney's office in the County Criminal Court #9.

**Brit Inman** (May 2003) (Civil Practice Clinic) - currently working as counsel at TTU Student Mediation Center.

**Laura Burke** (May 2004) (Family Law Counseling) - currently working for Legal Aid Society of Lubbock as their SAPCR (Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship) attorney which is a new division for Legal Aid that started on September 1, 2004.

**Tim Floyd** (co-founder of clinical program and former Director of Criminal Prosecution and Family Law Counseling Clinics) - Visiting Professor of Law at Georgia State University Law School and assisting in a new statewide capital defense clinic.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

**Larry R. Spain**  
Civil Practice Clinic

**Marilyn E. Phelan**  
Low Income Tax Clinic

**Larry Cunningham**  
Criminal Justice Clinic

**Sonya Garza**  
Civil Practice Clinic

**Elma Moreno**  
Office Manager/Legal Assistant

**Samirah Abdalah**  
Legal Secretary

**Janie Gonzales**  
Tax Clinic  
Community Outreach Coordinator



**CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER GRADUATES!**

**GOOD LUCK WITH THE BAR EXAM!!!**

