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#### RALPH H. BROCK



Brock, 64, of Lubbock, died July 14, 2013. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1975. From 1975 to 1976, he was a briefing attorney for the 7th Court of Civil Appeals in Amarillo. From 1976 to 1979, he was an associate of Brown, Harding, Fargason & Brown in Lubbock. From 1979 to 1981, he was a solo practitioner in Lubbock. From 1981 to 1982, he was a legal counselor for the 7th Court of Appeals in Amarillo. From 1982 until his death, he was a solo practitioner in Lubbock. In 1994, he served as a teaching fellow at Texas Tech University School of Law. In 1986, he was the first to receive the Lubbock County Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award and in 1989, he received a special pro bono award from the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He served as a member of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 2002 to 2005 and also served the board as a section representative. He was the first chair of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section and the only male to serve as president of the State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section. He received the Dan R. Price Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. At the State Bar Annual Meeting in June 2013, he received a Certificate of Merit and a Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1971. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, attorney Carolyn F. Moore; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Ianet Brock of Albuquerque, N.M.; two nieces; and three nephews.

#### HON. PAUL BROWN



Brown, 86, of Sherman, died Nov. 26, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1950. From 1950 to 1953, he practiced law in Sherman. From 1953 to 1959, he served as assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. In 1959, he was nominated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to serve as U.S. attorney in Tyler, where he served until 1961. From 1961 to 1985, he resumed the practice of law in Sherman. In 1985, he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed to serve as a district judge for the Eastern District of Texas. In 2001, he became a senior judge, and in 2006, became an inactive senior judge after 21 years of service. He served on the State Bar Board of Directors as a federal judiciary liaison and was a member of the Judicial Council of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. He served in the U.S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Frances Morehead Brown; sons, Greg Brown and wife, Beth, of Richardson, and David Brown and wife, Kendall, of Dallas; sister, Louise McDonald; and three grandchildren.

### **DONALD T. McDEVITT**

McDevitt, 74, of Bedford, died Aug. 4, 2011. He received his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1995. He spent his career as an attorney for Lemons & Associates Law Firm in Fort Worth. He served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot from 1958 to 1967. He is survived by

his wife of 53 years, Susan McDevitt; sons, Donald Michael McDevitt, Kevin Howard McDevitt, and Michael Patrick McDevitt; brother, Marc McDevitt; sister, Faith McDevitt; eight grand-children; and four great-grandchildren.

## **ROBERT B. COX**



Cox, 78, of Austin, died Dec. 26, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1959. From 1959 to 1960, he was a briefing clerk for the Texas Supreme Court. From 1960 to 1986, he was a partner with McMahon, Cox, Todd & Tidwell in Odessa. From 1986 until his retirement, he served as of counsel to McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Forman Cox; son, Glenn F. Cox; daughter, Melinda Cox White; and four grandchildren.

# **ROBBYE R. WALDRON**



Waldron, 71, of Alvin, died Jan. 11, 2013. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1969. From 1990 to 2013, he was a partner and co-founder of Waldron & Schneider in Houston. He served as a bankruptcy trustee for the Southern District of Texas for more than 21 years and was a municipal judge. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Vicki Waldron; sons, James B. Waldron, Corey L. Henderson, Robert Todd Waldron, and Jeffery B. Morrison-Waldron; and 10 grandchildren.

#### **WILLIAM C. DOWDY JR.**



Dowdy, 87, of McKinney, died Dec. 24, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1951. From 1951 to 1954, he served as assistant district attorney in Dallas County. From 1954 to 1959, he was an attorney with the Texas and Pacific Railway Company. From 1959 to 1982, he was general attorney for the Texas and Pacific Railway Company and the Missouri Pacific Railroad. From 1982 to 1986, he served as general solicitor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad, and from 1986 to 1987, as senior counsel. He was a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and served as the southwestern regional vice president. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 as an artillery forward observer in the Philippines during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ann Atkinson Dowdy; sons, attorney William C. "Trey" Dowdy III of Dallas and Daniel Andrew Dowdy of Amarillo; daughter, Jill Ann Dowdy of Dallas; brother, James R. Dowdy, M.D., of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

#### PATRICK HARDY REAGAN



Reagan, 84, of Anson, died Oct. 18, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1953. From 1953 to 1993, he was a trust officer for Frost National Bank in San Antonio. He served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his son, Patrick Hardy Reagan Jr.; daughter, Ann Elizabeth Manners; and four grandchildren.

#### PETER PAUL CHEVIS JR.



Chevis, 66, of Houston, died Nov. 24, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Washington and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1994.

After graduation from law school, he became the city attorney for Bellevue, Wash., and later started a private practice in Bellingham, Wash. He received an LLM in tax from New York University and joined Shell Oil as an international tax attorney in Houston. He later joined TXU before retiring in 2008. He is survived by his wife of one year, Anne Rabe Chevis; daughter, Kathryn C. Chevis; mother, Antoinette Chevis formerly of Bellingham, Wash.; and sister, Cheryl Chevis of Portland, Ore.

## **ROBERT S. "BOB" NEWKIRK**



Newkirk, 90, of Fort Worth, died July 13, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1949. From 1952 to 1999, he was a partner with McDonald Sanders Law Firm. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 and as a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps from 1950 to 1952. He is survived by his daughters, Sara Coles of Fort Worth, Sue Cobb of Fort Worth, and Juliette Johnson of Fayetteville, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

#### ALFRED H. EBERT JR.



Ebert, 83, of Houston, died Dec. 29, 2012. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar

in 1959. From 1959 to 2012, he was

an attorney with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., serving as an associate, partner, and former managing partner. From 1950 to 1954, he was a lieutenant junior grade naval aviator flying helicopters for the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He continued to serve as a lieutenant for the Naval Reserves until 1968. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Katherine Flythe Ebert; sons, David Ebert of Austin and Dr. Andrew Ebert of Austin; daughters, Allison Wagner of Fort Worth and Stephanie Adams of Austin; and 10 grandchildren.

## **B. TRUMAN RATLIFF**



Ratliff, 90, of Cooper, died Dec. 12, 2012. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1948. After service in Europe in WWII, he practiced law with his father,

W.C. Ratliff, and his brother, S.C. Ratliff. He served as county attorney of Delta County for 12 years. He is survived by his sister, Lucille Foster of Dallas; and brother, Samuel C. Ratliff of the Woodlands.

## FRANK WILLIAM ALLEN



Allen, 95, of Conroe, died Jan. 3, 2013. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1950. From

1950 to 1954, he was in general civil practice in Houston with Rex Clawson and Joe L. Albritton. From 1954 to 1966, he worked for Schlumberger Well Surveying Corporation in Houston. In 1966, he formed Pritchard, Platter and Allen in Houston. From 1982 to 2013, he was in private practice in Conroe. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946. He is survived by his son, Frank W. "Bill" Allen Jr. of Conroe; daughter, attorney Allison Allen of Montgomery; and sister, Patricia Haley of North Carolina. TBJ