

## **MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ASSESSMENT TEAM**

**Professor Jennifer Laurin, Chair**, joined the faculty of the University of Texas School of Law in 2009. Professor Laurin received her undergraduate degree in Politics from Earlham College. In 2003, she earned her J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was Executive Articles Editor of the Columbia Law Review. She served as a law clerk to Judge Thomas Griesa of the Southern District of New York and Judge Guido Calabresi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and spent several years as a litigation associate with the New York City civil rights firm of Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP (formerly Cochran Neufeld & Scheck, LLP). Professor Laurin's principal research interests lie in the intersections of criminal and constitutional litigation, and regulation of criminal justice institutions.

**Ron Breaux** is a partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP where he co-chairs Haynes and Boone's Litigation Department. He received a B.S. degree from Louisiana State University and a J.D. degree from Southern Methodist University. For more than 20 years, Mr. Breaux has focused his practice on complex commercial litigation, the defense of corporations and executives in federal investigations and trials, antitrust, securities enforcement, internal corporate investigations and government investigations. He is an active member of the ABA Litigation Section and the Dallas Bar Association.

**Paul Coggins** is a partner at Locke Lord, LLP. His education includes a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University, a Diploma in Law from Oxford University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is the head of Locke Lord's national White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations practice. Mr. Coggins was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas from 1993 to 2001. He focuses his practice on white collar criminal defense, and has represented numerous Fortune 500 clients in high stakes litigation before federal courts and the SEC. Mr. Coggins also has conducted internal investigations involving alleged tax, fraud and securities violations. In addition, he develops compliance and ethics programs for corporations and other business entities. While with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Coggins twice served on the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Council and, in 1998, became its Vice Chair.

**Royal Furgeson** is the founding Dean of the UNT Dallas College of Law, which is located in downtown Dallas and which will open its doors to its first class in August 2014. He began his deanship in June 2013. From 1994 to 2013, he served as a U.S. District Judge both in the Western District and Northern District of Texas. A native of Lubbock, Judge Furgeson graduated from Texas Tech University in 1964 and from the University of Texas School of Law in 1967. After law school, he served in the U.S. Army for two years, attaining the rank of Captain. After a tour in Vietnam, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward in Lubbock for one year and then joined the El Paso law firm of Kemp Smith in 1970, where he practiced law for 24 years until he began his tenure as a federal judge. He is a member of the American Law Institute, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. While in El Paso, he was President of the El Paso Bar Association and the El Paso United Way.

While in the federal judiciary, he was Chair of the Judicial Resources Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States and President of the Federal Judges Association.

**The Honorable Deborah Hankinson** is founder of Hankinson LLP. She graduated with a B.A. from Purdue University, a M.S. from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. In 1995, she was appointed, and later elected, to serve as a Justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas. From 1995 to 2002, she served as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Texas. In recognition of her many accomplishments on the bench, the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates honored Ms. Hankinson as the Texas Judge of the Year in 1999. She returned to private practice in 2003. She is nationally recognized for her deep commitment to the issue of equal access to justice. While on the Supreme Court of Texas, she was a driving force behind the creation of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, which works to ensure that low-income Texans have access to justice in civil legal matters. She is Board-Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a member of the American Law Institute, and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Justice Hankinson is also a former chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants.

**Professor Ana M. Otero** is an Associate Professor of Law at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, where she teaches civil procedure, evidence, Texas practice, and a death penalty seminar. Hired as a Visiting Professor in 1998, she was promoted to Associate Professor in 2002. She served as Director of the Judicial Externship Program from 2001 to 2004. She serves on the board of the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, as member of the Center for Legal Pedagogy, and as Faculty Advisor for the Hispanic Law Students Association. Her scholarship focuses on the death penalty. Upon graduation from law school, she practiced law in the Florida law firm of Blackwell & Walker, where she became Senior Attorney in the Commercial Litigation Division. In 1991, she moved to Houston and began working as a Staff Attorney in the Judicial Division of the Municipal Courts. In 1997, she was appointed Associate Municipal Court Judge, and served in that capacity through September 2006. For the past ten years, Professor Otero has worked extensively with the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) as a lecturer and Director of two of its programs. In 2003, she was appointed to the ABA Standing Committee for Lawyer Referral Service and Information for a term of three years. She has served as board member and Vice President of the Houston Lawyer Referral Service, and on the boards of the Hispanic Bar Association and ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship. Professor Otero earned her J.D. from Rutgers University, an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and an MIA from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. She obtained her B.A. from Columbia University where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude. Professor Otero is a member of the Texas bar and an inactive member of the Florida bar.

**Charles T. Terrell** has been in the insurance business for 54 years. He was chairman of the Unimark Insurance Agency for 46 years before it was sold in 2012. Terrell's passion

in life has been the fight against crime. In doing so, he has chaired the Texas Department of Corrections (the last Chairman), the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (the first Chairman), and the Texas Criminal Justice Task Force (anti-crime lobby) for Governor Bill Clements. He has headed anti-crime efforts for two governors and three Dallas mayors. Mr. Terrell has twice chaired the Dallas Crime Commission. He is also a co-founder of SaferDallas, which raises money for crime-fighting efforts in Dallas. The Death Row prison unit was named after him, but he had his name removed from it and moved to another unit. He has also served on the San Angelo City Council when he was 26 and the Dallas City Council when he was 35. Mr. Terrell has been married to his wife, Beverly, for 54 years. They have two children, six grandchildren, and one great grandson. He is a graduate of SMU and was a guard and linebacker on the football team during the Don Meredith era.

**Governor Mark White** was born in Henderson, Texas. His career in public service began in 1966 as an assistant Attorney General. In 1973, he was appointed Secretary of State. In 1979, he became Attorney General of Texas. He served as co-chair of the Federal-State Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and was a member of the Governor's Organized Crime Prevention Council. He was then elected Governor of Texas in 1982. Governor White is now President of GeoVox Security, Inc. He is married to Linda Gale Thompson and they have two sons and a daughter.