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## JOHN L. HILL, JR.



Hill, 83, of Houston, died July 9, 2007. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1947. He began his law career with the Houston firm of Helm and Jones, and then was a founding partner in Hill, Brown, Kronzer, and Abraham, where he practiced for approximately 15 years. He served as Texas secretary of state from 1966 to 1968 and as attorney general from 1973 to 1979. After working as an attorney with Hughes and Hill, he was elected chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas in 1984 and served until 1988. In 1997, Gov. George W. Bush appointed him to the Texas Lottery Commission. Hill was an attorney with Locke Liddell & Sapp, L.L.P. until his retirement in 2005 and a shareholder in Winstead, P.C. from 2005 until his death. Along with family and friends, he established the John L. Hill Trial Advocacy Center at the University of Texas School of Law. Dedicated on April 2, 2004, the center oversees the practical training of UT law students in trial and appellate advocacy. The center houses the John L. Hill Teaching Courtroom, as well as three additional teaching courtrooms named in honor of other distinguished UT Law alumni. Hill served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Graham Hill; son, John Graham Hill of Houston; daughters, Melinda Elizabeth Hill Perrin and Judge Martha Hill Jamison, both of Houston; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## THOMAS DANIEL MCGOWN



McGown, 95, of Houston, died May 25, 2007. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1934. He was a private practitioner from 1934 to 1942. From 1942 to 1981, he was a partner in Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Elaine Royce McGown; daughters, Rev. Carol McGown Blaine and Susan McGown Boyes; stepsons, Thomas L. Royce, Jr. and Ben L. Royce; stepdaughter, Elaine Royce Walburn; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## MICHAEL BENNETT GRIFFIN



Griffin, 61, of Gunter, died June 26, 2006. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971.

He served as a briefing attorney to Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert from 1970 to 1971. He was a founding partner in the Denton firm of Phillips & Hopkins. From 1994 to 2002, he was a partner in Griffin, Whitten & Jones in Denton. From 2002 until his death, he was a senior partner in Griffin & Jones in Denton. He also served as a longtime attorney for the Denton Independent School District. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Amy Cole Griffin; son, Ryan Walker Griffin of Dallas; daughters, Lauren Elizabeth Griffin and Amanda Leigh Griffin, both of Dallas; and sister, Linda Feld of Prosper.

## JACK R. MARTIN, SR.



Martin, 77, of Burton, died March 15, 2007. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1958.

He was a private practitioner in Houston from 1958 to 1995. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Joyce L. Martin; sons, Jack R. Martin, Jr., of Sugar Land and Dana G. Martin of Tomball; daughter, Candace C. Martin Marinacci of Houston; sisters, Mary Hendrix and Sammye J. Hust; and three grandchildren.

## TONY GUILLORY



Guillory, 49, of Houston, died Nov. 22, 2006. He received his law degree from Howard University School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1992. He was a member of the Louisiana bar. From 1983 to 1984 and from 1988 to 1992, he served as a U.S. District Court law clerk in Houston. He was an assistant attorney general with the Texas Office of the Attorney General in Austin from 1984 to 1987. From 1987 to 1988, he was a private practitioner in Lake Charles, La. He was an administrative judge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Houston from 1992 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Vickie Guillory; son, Marquel Guillory; mother, Melissa Long; brother, Rodney Long; and sisters, Marilyn Robinson and Tracey Long.



## FORREST LEE JONES



Jones, 67, of Donna, died Feb. 18, 2007. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1965.

He was a sole practitioner in Donna from 1965 to 1976. From 1976 to 1984, he was a partner in Smith, McElheran, Lauderdale & Jones in Weslaco. He was a founding partner in Jones, Galligan, Key & Lozano, L.L.P., practicing there from 1984 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Camille J. Jones; sons, Michael H. Jones of Weslaco and Matthew L. Jones and Mitchell J. Jones, both of Donna; brothers, Guy W. Jones, Jr., of Stonewall and Larry D. Jones of Fredericksburg; and five grandchildren.

## JACK W. HARRIS



Harris, 93, of Sweetwater, died June 2, 2006. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1935. He was a partner from 1935 to 1939 in Steakley, Harris & Nunn. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Francis P. Harris; son, David A. Harris of Dallas; daughter, Jeannette H. Bryant of Sweetwater; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## GEORGE SIMMS LEMON, JR.



Lemon, 74, of Winnsboro, died Feb. 23, 2007. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1957. He was in private practice in Slaton from 1957 to 1965. From 1966 to 1968, he was staff attorney for the City of Lubbock. From 1974

until his death, he was a private practitioner in Winnsboro. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Phyllis Emory Lemon; daughters, Laura Ann Spendlove of North Ogden, Utah, Phyllis Leigh Myers of Kilgore, Mary Sabette Doan of Bossier City, La., Susan Gayle Simons of Winnsboro, Maleta Lucile Martin of Springboro, Ohio, and Staci Emory Taylor of Frisco; sister, Cherrille Schuetzberg of Norman, Okla.; brother, Jon M. Lemon of Austin; 25 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## KENNETH LLOYD KING



King, 72, of Gainesville, died March 20, 2007. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and was admitted

to the Texas Bar in 1969. He was a member of the California and New York bars. He was an associate of the New York firm of Donovan & Leasure. He was an attorney with Coke & Coke in Dallas and a partner in the San Diego firm Sullivan Claycomb and in the King Law Firm in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Kaye Briscoe King; son, Brad King; daughters, Kimberly Bradley, Kelly Glasgow, and Kendall Pierce; and mother, Ola Roberg.

## BENJAMIN RICE ASTON



Aston, 72, of Houston, died Feb. 21, 2007. He received his degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in

1959. He was an associate of George Redd from 1959 to 1960. From 1961 to 1965, he was a partner in Paul & Aston. He later became managing partner in the National Law Firm and a partner in Woods, Aston & Harmon. He was president of B. Rice Aston from 1986 until his death. He is survived by his wife of

44 years, Ursula Aston; sons, Rick Aston and Alan Aston; daughter, Sonya Aston; and four grandchildren.

## JOE E. BRISCOE



Briscoe, 92, of Devine, died April 4, 2007. He received his law degree from San Antonio School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in

1936. He was an associate of the San Antonio firm Briscoe and Maverick from 1936 to 1937. From 1942 to 1943, he was an associate of Briscoe & Noak and later became an associate of Briscoe & Huffman, Briscoe & Corley, and Briscoe & McGowan. He served as a judge of the Medina County Court at Law from 1979 to 1991 and until 2001 as a visiting judge for 26 counties. He served in the U.S. Army Quartermasters Corps during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gene Aubrey Hargis Briscoe; daughters, Dr. Harriet Herral of Fort Worth and Joanne Jones of Spring Branch; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## KAREN GREENE-COUNCIL



Greene-Council, 50, of Dallas, died April 26, 2007. She received her law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas

Bar in 1991. She was a briefing attorney in Dallas for 5th District Court of Appeals Judge Sue Lagarde. She was a Dallas County assistant district attorney from 1993 to 1996. From 1995 to 1997, she was executive director of the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in Austin. She served as judge of the 282nd District Court in Dallas from 1997 until January 2007. She is survived by her husband of four years, John Council. ❖