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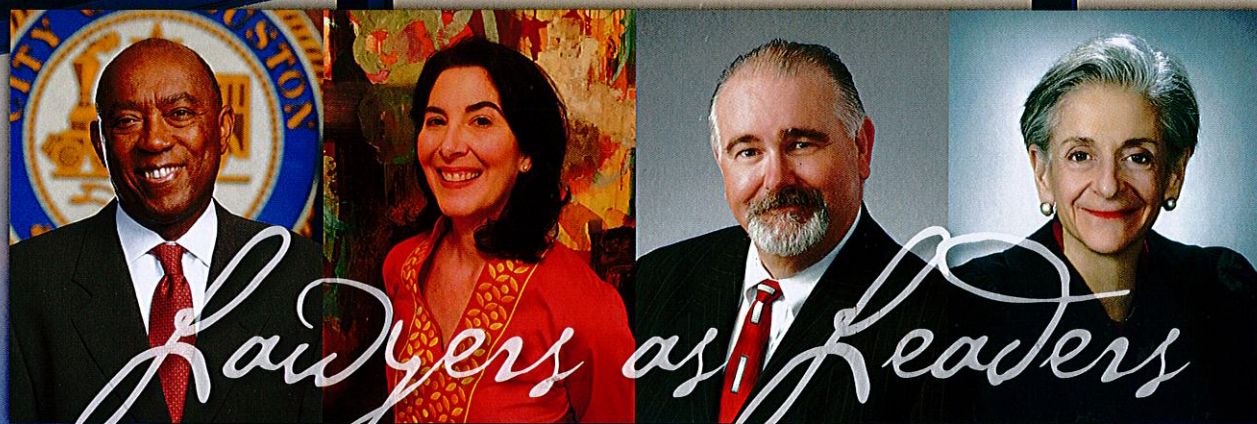
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to get bills paid, and observations on their experiences that lead to their in-house positions. And, of course, they talked about why they are passionate about the United Way.


The United Way is grateful for its lawyer members, too. "We are so proud of our lawyers," noted United Way president Anna Babin. "Lawyers 'get it' when we explain how we strategically invest their gifts to where the need is greatest." Babin further explained that while the mission of the United Way is to provide a social safety net, the first call people can make for help is to 2-1-1, the United Way's HELPLINE. The United Way also creates lasting change in the lives of families and children. Examples include United Way THRIVE, which helps people obtain financial security, and United Way Bright Beginnings, which provides quality early childhood education.

"We support the United Way for many reasons," said Beck Redden named partner, David Beck. "But one of those reasons is that so many of our clients are strong

supporters of the United Way, and we want to support things that are important to our clients."

Beck's point is demonstrated by the number of in-house leaders who co-sponsor the United Way Law Initiative. These in-house lawyer sponsors include: John Ale (Southwestern Energy), Skip Allen (Helis Oil & Gas), Janet Carrig (ConocoPhillips), Mick Cantu (Houston Methodist), Rachel Clingman (BHP Billiton), Michael Donaldson (EOG); Jon-Al Duplantier (Parker Drilling), Reggie Hedgebeth (Spectra Energy), Arne Johnson (Noble Energy), Paula Johnson (Phillips 66), Chris Kaitson (Enbridge), Sylvia Kerrigan (Marathon), Lance Lightfoot (Texas Children's Hospital), Bruce Lundstrom (Tidewater Marine), Elizabeth Matthews (Total), Dana O'Brien (CenterPoint Energy), Dianne Ralston (TechnipFMC), Bobby Reeves (Anadarko), Mark Stout (Weingarten Realty), Suzie Thomas (Houston Texans/McNair Group), Greg Sangalis (Service Corporation International), Wayne Wiesen (Citation Oil & Gas), and Richard

Zansitis (Rice University).

Supporting United Way comes down to lawyers helping others. "Despite all the benefits to donors, the greatest benefit is knowing that we are helping some of the neediest of our neighbors," explained Haynes and Boone partner John Eldridge, who is also a major-level donor. "It makes me especially proud to be a Houston lawyer." 

Lynne Liberato, a partner at Haynes and Boone, is the co-chair of the Law Initiative and was the first practicing lawyer to be the community campaign chair for United Way.

Lawyers Leading in Education

Three Lawyers Giving Back in the Classroom

By Anna Archer

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to teach tomorrow's legal leaders. With three local law schools, there is ample opportunity for Houston lawyers to become adjunct professors and help shape the legal minds of the future. This article discusses how three local lawyers have demonstrated leadership by accepting the challenge to teach classes in the evenings even though they all have demanding schedules at local law firms.



Professor Roger Greenberg

Professor Roger Greenberg, an adjunct professor at South Texas College of Law Houston, graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1970.

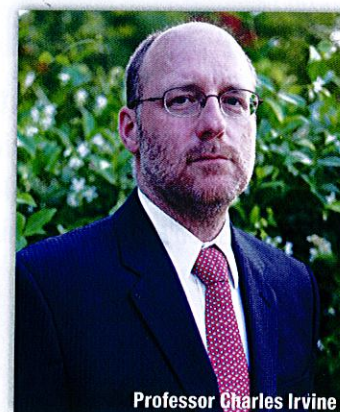
Greenberg is a member of Sponsel Miller Greenberg PLLC, and, as an arbitrator and litigator, his practice focuses on complex litigation and business trials. He started teaching as an adjunct professor at South Texas College of Law Houston in 2015. He had given a presentation about arbitration law practice to the Houston Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, and two professors from South Texas College of Law Houston approached him after the presentation and asked if he was interested in teaching arbitration law. Greenberg had always wanted to teach and liked the idea of giving back to the community, so he said yes. He teaches arbitration law at South Texas once a year. Greenberg gives back to the community in a variety of ways, such as serving as the Executive Director of the Garland Walker Inn—American Inns of Court, and serving on the Board of Trustees of Chinquapin Prep School. He likes teaching because it gives him an opportunity to mentor students and give back by

“bringing [his] expertise and abilities to the classroom.”



Professor Jaqueline Miller

Professor Jaqueline Miller, an adjunct professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1984. She is the managing partner of The Miller Law Firm, a general civil law firm that focuses on family law, mediation, personal injury, and tax issues. Professor Miller began teaching at Thurgood Marshall after her youngest child graduated from high school in 2014. She wanted to give back to her law school and community, so she completed an application to be a professor and interviewed for the position. She teaches or has taught professional responsibility, mediation, and trial simulation. Miller enjoys showing her students what it is like to be a lawyer and to have your own firm. Miller says she tries to incorporate what she does every day as a practicing attorney into her lessons and to give her students a sense of what responsibilities they will have as a lawyer.

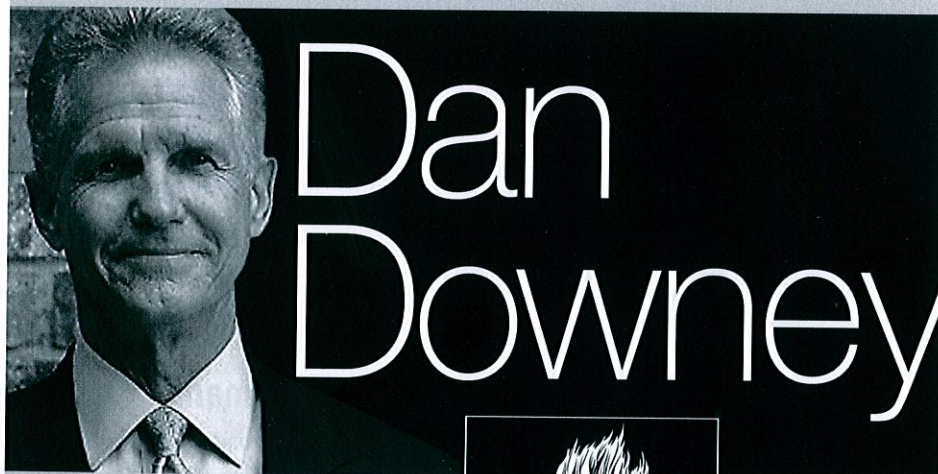


Professor Charles Irvine

Professor Charles Irvine, an adjunct professor at the University of Houston

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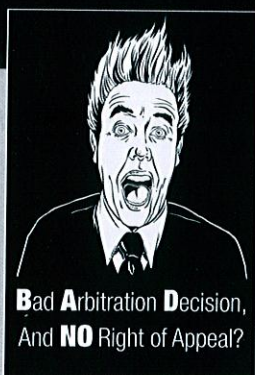
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Law Center, graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 2006. He is a named partner at Irvine & Conner PLLC, an environmental law firm that is dedicated to the responsible and sustainable protection of the environment. Before going to law school, Irvine worked for five years in Greece on projects that protected sea turtles and other marine mammals. He went to law school specifically to study environmental law. Irvine became an adjunct professor at University of Houston Law Center in 2008, and he teaches Texas Coastal and Ocean Law, Environmental Law, Endangered Species and Biodiversity Law, and Practice of Environmental Law. While in law school Irvine developed relationships with his environmental law professors, who invited him to start teaching after graduation. Irvine loves teaching because it helps him stay up to date on current issues and frequently helps him when he advises his clients. Irvine says, "It has made me a better lawyer."

He particularly enjoys it when he meets former students who are now practicing lawyers, noting, "I smile when they still call me 'Professor.'"

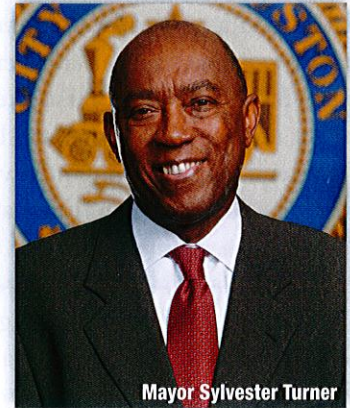
All three professors decided that a good way to give back to their communities was by imparting some of the lessons that they have learned to tomorrow's legal leaders. As Henry Adams said, "A good teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." These three professors who have taken the time to give back to the three local law schools by teaching will likewise have a lasting impact on the Houston legal community for years to come. 

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Lawyers as Executive Leaders

Mayor Turner Commits to Leading the City to a "Better Tomorrow"

By Hon. Josefina M. Rendón



An issue of *The Houston Lawyer* about leadership in our legal profession would not be complete without including our own City's executive leader, **Sylvester Turner**, who became Houston's mayor in January, 2016. As he took his oath, he expressed his commitment to lead

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