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Law School Hosts Fifth Circuit Reception

FORT WORTH, Texas – Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, in conjunction with the Tarrant Labor and Employment Section, the Appellate Section of the Tarrant County Bar, and the Federal Bar Association for Tarrant County, hosted a reception for judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit at the law school on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Judges W. Eugene Davis, Priscilla R. Owen, Thomas M. Reavley, and Carl Stewart were in Fort Worth Dec. 3-6 to hear oral arguments at the U.S. Courthouse downtown. Judges Davis, Stewart, and Owen attended Wednesday evening's reception.

The visit is the result of a 2005 request by the Tarrant Labor and Employment Section to bring the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals judges to Fort Worth to reacquaint members of the court with the Tarrant County Bar and the city of Fort Worth. Following Hurricane Katrina, Judge Owen announced at a Tarrant Labor and Employment Section meeting that the Fifth Circuit was seeking new locations to hear arguments. Judge Terry R. Means of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas expressed interest in bringing the Fifth Circuit to Fort Worth, and in February 2007, the visit was officially announced.

“We were honored to host Judges Davis, Owen, and Stewart, along with other members of the Tarrant County Bar and the local legal community,” Interim Dean Cynthia Fountaine said. “It was wonderful to have the Fifth Circuit sitting in Fort Worth, and we were happy to be able to welcome them. Our thanks also goes out to the Tarrant County Bar Association and everyone who worked so hard to make this visit successful.”

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