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Student Receives Justice James A. Baker Clerkship

FORT WORTH, Texas – Texas Wesleyan University School of Law 2L Gabriel Gonzalez is the recipient of the first-ever Justice James A. Baker Clerkship with Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson of the Texas Supreme Court.

The Dallas Bar Foundation established the judicial internship to honor former Texas Supreme Court Justice James A. Baker. Gonzalez was named as the recipient of the clerkship at a luncheon at the Dallas Bar Foundation on March 25. Chief Justice Jefferson presented him the award.

Dean Frederic White said the clerkship will provide Gonzalez a unique learning experience.

“A judicial clerkship is a highly sought-after position, and Gabriel had to prove himself against many other talented applicants,” Dean White said. “We are thrilled that he has earned this opportunity and proud to have him represent the talents of Texas Wesleyan law students at the Texas Supreme Court this summer.”

The Justice James A. Baker Scholarship Fund will provide a stipend covering living expenses for the duration of the internship.

Applicants were required to submit an essay explaining their desire for the internship. Gonzalez was selected from a pool of applicants who had to meet several requirements for eligibility. Students had to show strong, demonstrated skills in legal research and writing and a rank within the top 33 percent of the class. Applicants were also required to submit an essay and grade in legal research and writing, an edited writing course or have prior participation on a law review.

Gonzalez will begin his clerkship with Chief Justice Jefferson will begin May 18 and end June 26.

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