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Stephen Philbin Clerkship in Media Law Awarded by the Dallas Bar Foundation

The Dallas legal community lost an icon in 1982 when leukemia took the life of Stephen Philbin.

He was a partner with the firm of Locke Purnell Boren Laney & Neely and a leading authority on media law, advising many of the large media organizations in Texas. He advised *The Dallas Morning News* and other publications and broadcast companies owned by A.H. Belo Corporation on libel law, regulations and licensing of broadcast properties, and fair comment rulings. Stephen was a graduate of the Harvard University School of Law. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Yale University.

Stephen Philbin had a great dedication to the freedom of the press and a love for newsgathering. He was at his very best when he was asked to give pre-publication review to stories that obviously had some bite to them, some risk, as far as the reporting was concerned. Stephen loved working with the reporters in ironing out the problems he could spot with his expert eye to help avoid unnecessary risk and still get the essence of the story across. It was a great passion of his. He has been described as being an enthusiastic, dedicated, driven advocate for the press. While Stephen had a broad ranging law practice, it was his representation and championship for the media which was the most important aspect to him personally.

This memorial clerkship celebrates Stephen Philbin's dedication to the legal profession and his example of embracing the highest ethical standards in his practice.

The six-week summer clerkship will be awarded to a 2L student with an interest in media law. The clerkship will include time at the *Dallas Morning News* and with the Jackson Walker L.L.P. law firm. A stipend of \$3,300 will be paid to the student at the conclusion of the clerkship.

Applicants must be 2L students ranked in the top 50% of their law school class with demonstrated proficiency in their writing skills. Students must be from Texas or plan to practice in Texas.

We ask that the 2016 recipient be able to attend the Stephen Philbin Awards Luncheon on Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Belo Mansion.