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Kudos to TCDLA members recently certified in criminal law by the Board of Legal Specialization: Jonathan Hyatt (Longview), Justin Nimz (Wichita Falls), Richard Oliver (Houston), and Jed Silverman (Houston). Congratulations, fellow warriors.

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November 18, 2015, was a red-letter day for the Herrmann & Weaver law firm of Amarillo. TCDLA member Walt Weaver notched an NG in Carson County on a bust of 52 pounds of meth.

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Board Member Carmen Roe of Houston convinced a grand jury to ?no bill? her 25-to-Life client stopped for speeding?and found in possession of 7 bags of cocaine, 1 bag of marijuana, and 2 bottles of pills.

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Supreme Court

A court of appeals has jurisdiction to review the Board of Immigration Appeals rejection of a non-citizen's motion to reopen, even when the Board rejects the motion as untimely or it rejects a motion requesting equitable tolling of the time limit.*Reyes Mata v. Lynch*, 135 S. Ct. 2150 (2015).

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President Sam Bassett extends special thanks to Robb Fickmann for his assistance in drafting the complaint against McLennan County Justice of the Peace Peterson on behalf of TCDLA's Judicial Integrity

Committee. A host of members posted on the listserv expressing similar feelings of gratitude.

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D's Kansas conviction for concealing unnamed pills in his sock did not trigger removal under 8 U.S.C. §1227(a)(2)(B)(i). *Mellouli v. Lynch*, 135 S. Ct. 1980 (2015), stay granted, No. 15A137 (U.S. Aug 21, 2015).

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Congratulations to Jeff Blackburn of Amarillo for receiving the Champion of Justice award from TCDLA at the TCDLA Innocence 101: Criminal Practice seminar in Austin in August. The award was given for his work in the posthumous exoneration of Tim Cole and the resulting legislation.

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Supreme Court

When a court was satisfied that a felon would not retain control over his guns, 18 U.S.C.S. §922(g) did not apply, and the court had equitable power to accommodate a felon?s request to transfer firearms to a third party.*Henderson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 1780 (2015).

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Our own Buck Files has been honored once again, this time by the Texas Bar Foundation, which named him

one of six Outstanding 50-Year Lawyers for 2015. Election to the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the State Bar of Texas, representing the top one-third of one percent of Texas attorneys.

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In May, Sam Bassett had two separate motions to suppress granted in DWI cases. In Burnet County, Sam won on a McNeely issue in felony DWI case with an alleged .24 blood test result. The timing of the Court of Criminal Appeals couldn't have been better.

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