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***Justice Bob Pemberton**, 3rd Court of Appeals-Austin*
Harvard; law clerk, 1992-1993

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Virginia; law clerk, 2003-2004

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Pennsylvania; law clerk, 2012-2013

"By reading and sorting through the briefs that came to the Court, during conferences with the judge and through discussions with my colleagues in other offices, I began to understand what distinguishes a great from an adequate appellate argument. The experience helped me become a more effective advocate as a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and I continue to draw on the experience today in my role as law professor."

***Leticia Saucedo**, law professor, UC-Davis*
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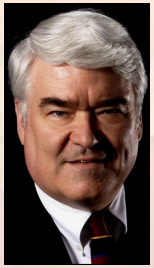
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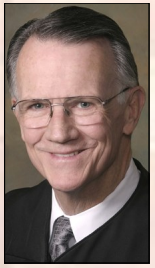
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