

## Clark in Texas Lawbook: Air Force Veteran Pays It Forward to Fellow Veterans Every Chance He Gets

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Haynes Boone Associate Alexander Clark was featured in a recent Texas Lawbook article after Clark was included in a special swearing-in ceremony for veterans who have recently graduated law school and passed the bar exam.

Read an excerpt below:

Air Force veteran Alex Clark pays it forward to fellow veterans every chance he gets.

The Haynes Boone associate is an active member of his firm's military, veterans and partners network (MVP), mentors veterans applying to law school through the nonprofit Service to School, and even ran 2,020 miles in 2020 to raise money for the organization.

In law school, Clark also co-founded a student organization at the University of Texas called the Texas Law Veterans Association, which supports veteran J.D. candidates and recruits prospective military talent to the school.

On Tuesday, Clark and several fellow TVLA alumni organized a special swearing-in ceremony for veterans who have recently graduated law school and passed the bar exam. Administering the attorney's oath to the newly minted lawyers was Texas' commander in chief himself: Gov. Greg Abbott. Adding to the significance, Gov. Abbott swore in the new lawyers in the historic Texas Supreme Court room in the Texas Capitol.

Other TLVA alumni involved in Tuesday's ceremony included Jackson Walker associate (and TVLA co-founder) Miguel Ortiz, McKool Smith attorney Kyle Ryman, Winstead associate Wes Hunnell and U.S. Army JAG officer Joshua Davis.

Clark served in the Air Force reserves as an intelligence analyst with top secret clearance at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He worked his way up to the non-commissioned officer in charge of the current intelligence program for his unit, the 433 Operational Support Squadron, which entailed supervising the creation of classified intelligence briefings for commanders. He also worked on pre-deployment briefings for deployers and pre-mission briefings for aircrew.

"I loved my job as an intelligence analyst; I got to nerd out," Clark said. "My intellectual curiosity could run wild. ... They called me Walt Disney because I used so many PowerPoint animations. I loved to tell stories — 'Here's what this mound of sand looked like. Here is what China did to it.'"

To read the full article in Texas Lawbook, click [here](#).