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## 2012-13 OCBA Election Results Announced

Nominations & Election Committee Chair John Heatly has announced the results of this year's 2012-13 Oklahoma County Bar Association election:

**President-Elect** - Judge Patricia Parrish

**Vice President** - Jim Webb

**Law Library Trustee** - Sheila D. Stinson

**2015 Directors** - LeAnne Burnett, John W. Coyle, Judge Lisa Tipping Davis, Robert C. Margo, Judge Thomas E. Prince, Robert N. Sheets



Honorable Patricia G. Parrish



Jim Webb



Sheila D. Stinson



LeAnne Burnett



John W. Coyle III



Honorable Lisa Tipping Davis



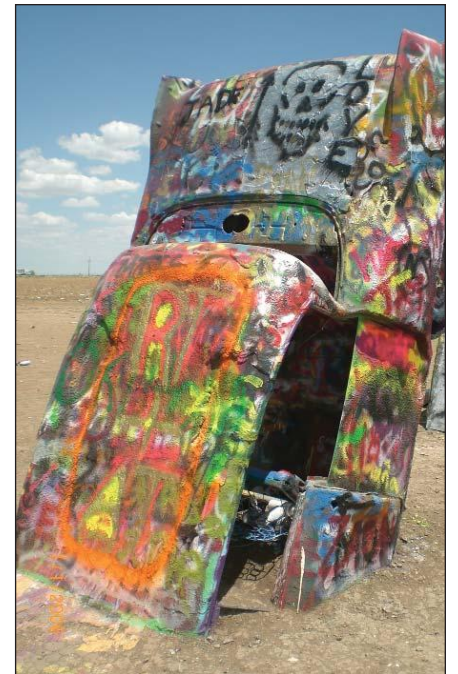
Robert C. Margo



Honorable Thomas E. Prince



Robert N. Sheets



## Route 66 Pilgrimage Makes Great Cheap-cation

By Teresa Rendon

When the weather hits the centenary mark and inexorably spirals upward, many of us choose a summer stay-cation which allows for sedentary air-conditioned, insect-free activity such as inventing new versions of the time-honored margarita, reading embarrassingly trashy novels or catching up on missed episodes of Game of Thrones. Perhaps your stay-cation includes an intrepid foray into the backyard for SPF-30-slathered pool splashing or fly-swatter wielding burger grilling. If you can conquer your agoraphobia or your heat-a-phobia enough to consider an alternative to the stay-cation, how about a day-long car trip, what I'd call a "cheap-cation," heading west on Interstate 40 to the Cadillac Ranch?

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## Lawyers for Learning: Dream Come True

By Tracy Pierce Nester

What do you dream about? Retirement? Winning the lottery? Or maybe it's much more troubling than that. Maybe you dream about leaving a job or a relationship. For thousands of young people right here in Oklahoma City, their dreams are of something that we as lawyers often take for granted. They dream of finishing a chapter book; they dream of graduating from high school. And if their dreams are really big, they dream of going to college. In short, they dream of breaking the cycle of poverty. Oklahoma City public schools currently serve about 43,000 children, and 90 percent of them live at or near poverty level.<sup>1</sup> Some

of them don't dare to dream at all.

I never had to worry about learning how to read — I already knew how to read before it was expected of me. I finished high school before I realized that some people couldn't or didn't. I finished college while watching some people lose interest and quit. And then I finished law school, although there were several that dropped out. Getting more education was never a challenge for me — it was just something I did, without thinking. And then once I had all of that education, I dreamed that maybe one day I could help young people who don't have that instinct or those means.

As I entered the 7th grade, Judge Luther Bohanan issued a long-anticipated order,

following the U.S. Supreme Court's dramatic ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. To me, it meant that I only had to spend two years in what they were now calling "middle school." It also meant that I'd spend four years at John Marshall High School with half of my childhood friends being bussed over to Northeast. I was officially a product of desegregation.

After the "Finger Plan" was implemented in 1972, Oklahoma City public schools were never the same. The district experienced a drastic decline in enrollment over the following decade. By 1980, the district

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