

Professor Olivas was quoted in the *Houston Chronicle* regarding John O'Quinn. Former Dean Rapoport and Matthew Salo, UHLC third-year law student and editor-in-chief of the Houston Law Review, were also quoted in the article.

The following compilation of quotes regarding John O'Quinn appeared in the *Houston Chronicle* on Friday, October 30, 2009:

Reactions from around the community

“He was hated by many adversaries, but loved being a trial lawyer in the fight. He was a ruthless courtroom lawyer, but a soft touch in real life. He spent much of his professional life spanking doctors but gave money to the Medical Center and to medical causes.”

— Michael A. Olivas, University of Houston professor of law

“If you'd been wronged and wanted someone on your side, it'd be John. ... He was such a good lawyer that he probably could have argued either side of the breast implant litigation and won.”

— Dr. Franklin Rose, Houston plastic surgeon

“He'll be remembered as a great lawyer, one of Texas' greatest lawyers of all time. He still had a lot more lawyering to do, and I looked forward to more mentoring from him and more friendship.”

— Neil McCabe, member of the O'Quinn law firm

“He was driven, in part, by the need to be looked up to as a hero.”

— Nancy Rapoport, University of Houston Law Center dean 2000-06

“He said, ‘I've persuaded people to give millions of dollars to my clients, I think I know a little something about persuasion.’”

— Chris Bell, former Houston City Council member, on O'Quinn's offer of \$2.5 million and strategic advice for Bell's failed 2006 gubernatorial campaign

“What a loss for this community. He was a very charitable individual who made a lot of things happen.”

— Rebecca White, president/CEO of Houston Area Women's Center, to which O'Quinn donated \$1.1 million

“Anyone who aspires to be a trial attorney looks up to someone like John O'Quinn. He's someone that's more than just a name on the library.”

— Matthew Salo, a third-year law student at the University of Houston and editor in chief of the Houston Law Review

“He was always willing to share his thoughts, his ideas, his secrets, his talents with other people. Maybe he thought no one could ever duplicate him.”

— Randy Sorrels, of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto and Friend; and former president of the Houston Bar Association

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