Dean Alderman is quoted in an article in the *Texas Lawyer* that recounts memorable quotes from the year. Dean Alderman's quote is regarding the verdict in *Cull and Cull v. Perry Homes, et al.*

The following article appeared in the *Texas Lawyer* on December 20, 2010.

**In Their Own Words: Memorable Quotes From the Year Gone By**

Editor's note: The following quotes appeared in Texas Lawyer articles in 2010.

"I'm not criticizing the commission for what they did, but I don't understand why they did what they did."
— State Commission on Judicial Conduct executive director Seana Willing commenting on the commission's order of public warning against Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge Sharon Keller.

"Boy, I was really rocking and rolling, wasn't I?"
— Senior U.S. District Judge W. Royal Furgeson Jr. of the Western District of Texas in Dallas when asked about the 16 trips he reported on his 2008 financial disclosure report.

"If it's consensual, what's wrong with it?"
— Houston lawyer Rich Robins commenting at a hearing on proposed amendments to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct that would prohibit lawyers from having sex with their clients.

"It's a memory trigger. You look at it when you have a rough day here at the office, when deadlines are stacking up and there are documents you need to address. You look up at something like that, and you remember that you can make a difference. That's enough to perk you up every day. That's better than a cup of coffee."
— Vinson & Elkins associate Teodoro B. "Ted" Bosquez of Houston commenting on a handmade gift from a pro bono client.

"When I saw my colleagues who also made partner assembled in the office, I felt I was either going to get good news, or I had the nucleus of a really good boutique."
— Danny David, a partner in Baker Botts in Houston, discussing how he was called into managing partner Walt Smith's office to find out if he had made partner.

"It was all a mirage."
— McKool Smith principal Gary Cruciani discussing his time at Baron & Budd.
"Gary Cruciani did not get a lobotomy at Baron & Budd. He's able-bodied and of sound mind, and he will be paid exactly what he's worth. He left Baron & Budd the wrong way, and he ought to be ashamed of it."
— Baker Botts partner Rod Phelan, who represents Russell Budd in Gary Cruciani's negligent misrepresentation suit against Budd and his firm Baron & Budd.

"We're not so large that I can't take the time to evaluate lawyers individually."
— Kelly Hart & Hallman managing partner Dee Kelly Jr. discussing how he determines associate bonuses.

"In Texas today, odds of a $58 million judgment, including $44 million in punitives, being upheld by our Supreme Court are pretty much slim and none."
— Richard Alderman, associate dean and director of the Consumer Law Center at the University of Houston Law Center, predicting the verdict in Cull and Cull v. Perry Homes, et al. will not stand.

"We are a total of 27 [summer associates in Houston] this year. Obviously, no one has a crystal ball about how things will end up, but you feel a lot better as a student coming in with that number than being one of 80."
— Rocio Mendoza, a summer associate with Baker Botts, commenting on the smaller size of the firm's 2010 summer associate class when compared with the 2009 summer associate class.

"I don't know how firms can get away with not discounting."
— James M. "Duke" Johnston, vice president and general counsel of Waco's The Dwyer Group Inc., on asking outside counsel to reduce their billing rates.

"I turned 42. And I obviously can buy whatever I want. And I decided, how long am I really going to ride around in a Lamborghini? You can only own so many cars, and you can only drive one at a time, unless you're really talented. And I'm not that talented."
— Houston plaintiffs attorney Tony Buzbee discussing his thoughts behind donating 13 of his cars, worth an estimated $3.5 million, to The Jesse Tree, a Galveston nonprofit that assists underprivileged people in receiving health care and social services.

"What this decision does is put the world back in the right order."
— Brian S. Martin, a partner in Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons in Houston, commenting on Trinity Universal Insurance Co., et al. v. Employers Casualty Co., in which the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a district court holding limiting an insurer's duty to defend an insured.

"The majority's opposition to the governing law is palpable, its errors are profound, and its action in taking control of this case is simply breath-taking."

—1st Court of Appeals Justice Terry Jennings in his dissenting opinion in In Re V.V., a Minor Child, a parental-rights termination case.

"The courts appear to have created a lucrative cause of action here; the market is responding to it."

"It's sort of like a gold rush for clients."
— Brian O'Neill, a partner in Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, commenting on the litigation rush stemming from the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and leak.

"Were any of our people on it?"
— Brian Baird, vice president, general counsel and secretary of Houston-based Frank's International Inc., discussing his first thoughts when he heard on April 20 that a BP PLC-leased drilling platform had exploded in the Gulf of Mexico.