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Kudos to Mark Griffith of Waxahachie for a recent win in an agg assault case, wherein D was confronted by an inebriated dude in McDonald's. Client said they should go outside and talk where dude pulled knives on him. D put a whopping on him but was charged in the fracas. As Mark noted, "There was serious bodily injury, but as I always say, in self-defense you do not have to suck at it." He credits Jade Joplin and his team of investigators, who found people who were not supposed to be found, as well as co-counsel Sarah Duncan Jacobs for helping in the win. Good job, everybody, for resolving a case that had dragged on for two years. "But wait there's more. Mark and team also got a big win in an eight-day Intoxication Assault case where retrograde extrapolation had D at .277 at time of driving. Case involved a one-car accident where a passenger was seriously injured. Expert diagnosed D with a concussion and narcolepsy, and Chad Hughes tore the blood evidence to pieces. Jury came back with the two-word verdict. Congratulations, team, on a good month.

Shout out to Chuck Lanehart of Lubbock, co-chair of the TCDLA Declarations Readings each year. He has been awarded the James G. Denton Distinguished Lawyer Award at the Lubbock Area Bar Association's Law Day Banquet. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the bar, "in recognition of extraordinary contributions and exceptional service to the legal profession and the Lubbock community." Congratulations, Chuck, for the much-deserved accolade.

"Chuck also sent along this: "I just heard great news from Wendy Humphrey, President of the Lubbock Area Bar Association. LABA has been honored with the Award of Merit by the State Bar of Texas! In addition, the *Lubbock Law Notes*, LABA's official publication, was recognized as Best Overall Newsletter. Kristi Ward is the editor." Chuck won Best Feature Human Interest Story for his article, "A Hard, Historical Look

at Lubbock County Courthouse Monuments,? and additional writing awards went to Justice Brian Quinn and Laura Pratt. Congrats to all in Lubbock for the honors.

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The newest additions to the TCDLA DWI Warriors were honored at the DWI Defense Project in May. Executive Director Melissa Schank and President David Moore did the honors. Each were lauded for attending five TCDLA DWI seminars in two years. The recipients (*clockwise from top left*) were Eric Benavides, Amanda Culbertson, Ronald Voyles II, and Steven Wright. Our upcoming TCDLA DWI seminars include the following: August 17 in Houston (Top Gun), November 1–2 in San Antonio (Stuart Kinard), January 26 in Austin (Lone Star DWI), and March 22–23 in New Orleans (Mastering Scientific Evidence).

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