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The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Honors Two as Percy Foreman Lawyers of the Year at the 34th Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course

June 21, 2021 (San Antonio, TX)— The Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (“TCDLA”) is a statewide professional membership organization of over 3,400 members founded in 1971. For over 50 years it has provided resources and training for criminal defense lawyers across Texas. The Criminal Defense Lawyers Project (“CDLP”), which was created in 1973, initially operated under the joint sponsorship of the State Bar of Texas and the TCDLA. In September 1985, TCDLA assumed full responsibility for CDLP and has continuously operated it since that time. TCDLA’s purpose is to protect and ensure by rule of law and protect those individual rights guaranteed by the Texas and federal Constitutions in criminal cases; to resist the constant efforts which are now being made to curtail such rights; to encourage cooperation between lawyers engaged in the furtherance of such objectives through educational programs and other assistance; and through such cooperation, education, and assistance, to promote justice and the common good.

The 34th Annual Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course, named for the late Judge M. P. “Rusty” Duncan of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, is being held through June 26th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio. On Friday, June 25th, Clay Steadman of Kerrville and Allen D. Place Jr. of Gatesville will be honored with the Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year Award by TCDLA.

Clay Steadman received his B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin in 1989, and then his Juris Doctorate from St. Mary’s Law School in 1992. He is a partner in the law firm of the Law Offices of Jesko & Steadman, where he has practiced with his wife Elizabeth Jesko since opening their practice in 1995 in Kerrville, Texas. Steadman has an active trial and litigation practice focusing on criminal defense, family, and civil law, and was selected to Super Lawyers for 2020 in the practice area of General Litigation. He has been a member of TCDLA since 1995, and over the last 10 years has held various leadership positions within TCDLA and TCDLEI and is currently Secretary-Elect for TCDLA for which he will be sworn in on June 26, 2021 at TCDLA’s Annual Members Board Meeting. Has been active within the Kerr County community and has been a member of the Kerr County Bar Association, Hill Country Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and an Attorney Advisor for the Kerrville Tivy High School Mock Trial Team. In addition, he has been a frequent speaker and course coordinator for various continuing legal education seminars on behalf of TCDLA, the State Bar of Texas, and various local bar associations.

Allen D. Place Jr. attended Baylor University, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1977 and his Juris Doctorate in 1979. Within a year of graduating from Baylor Law School, he opened Place Law Office in his hometown of Gatesville. Allen currently practices with his wife Tonya K. Place and his daughter, Shea E. Place. Allen has been active in his community for over 40 years, serving as Lions Club President and a deacon at First Baptist Church. From 1982

through 1990, he served as Coryell County Democratic Chairman and Gatesville Municipal Judge. Allen was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990 and served there until 1999. In 1993, he was named the Chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. In 1993, Allen was the House author of the Penal Code revision and was named one of the Ten Best Legislators during the 73rd session of the Texas Legislature. Allen has focused on parole law for the last 30 years and is currently in his 22nd year as senior legislative counsel for TCDLA.

The Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course is the premier seminar for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and is generally acknowledged as the premier criminal law course in the nation, with more than 800 criminal defense practitioners from around the state in attendance. TCDLA is the largest statewide association of criminal defense lawyers in the country, as well as being the oldest—now celebrating 50 years defending individual freedoms.