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**TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION GIVES NANCY A. WELSH STATEWIDE
RECOGNITION**

Professor Nancy A. Welsh of Texas A&M University School of Law received the 2018 Outstanding Law Review Article Award from the Texas Bar Foundation for her article entitled “Do You Believe in Magic? Self-Determination and Procedural Justice Meet Inequality in Court-Connected Mediation”. This article appeared in the *SMU Law Review* in 2017.

The Outstanding Law Review Article Award honors a law review published by one of the Texas law schools. It is presented to a law review in Texas for the outstanding article, including symposia articles, dueling articles, comment, or other writings in law reviews published in Texas during the year preceding the award, relating to the legal profession, the practice of law, or substantive law as applied to the practice of law; its regulation, discipline, availability; its improvement or advancement; its future or past.

Welsh is Professor of Law and Director of the Dispute Resolution Program at Texas A&M University School of Law. In 2016-2017, she was Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution and previously served as Co-Chair of the Editorial Board of the Section’s *Dispute Resolution Magazine*.

Professor Welsh is a leading scholar and teacher of dispute resolution and procedural law. She examines negotiation, mediation, arbitration, judicial settlement, and dispute resolution in U.S. and international contexts, focusing on self-determination, procedural justice, due process, and institutionalization dynamics. Professor Welsh has written more than 60 articles and chapters that have appeared in law reviews, professional publications and books and is co-author of *DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND LAWYERS, 5TH ED.* In 2006, she conducted research in the Netherlands as a Fulbright Scholar and taught at Tilburg University. She has been named a Visiting Scholar of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School and a Visiting Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study at Indiana University-Bloomington.

Before joining the legal academy, Professor Welsh was the executive director of Mediation Center in Minnesota and practiced law with Leonard, Street and Deinard. In 1997, she was named a Leading Minnesota Attorney. In 2011, she received the Pennsylvania Council of Mediators' Most Valuable Peacemaker Award. She has advised state legislatures and federal and state agencies and courts regarding the institutionalization of dispute resolution, conducted empirical research, convened roundtables and symposia on various dispute resolution topics, and served as a mediator, facilitator and arbitrator.

Professor Welsh presents nationally and internationally, conducts training, and teaches Civil Procedure, Mediation, and Dispute System Design Seminar. Before joining Texas A&M, she was Professor of Law and William Trickett Faculty Scholar at Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law, receiving the Teaching Excellence Award in 2010. She earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Allegheny College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Professor Welsh will be publicly recognized at the Texas Bar Foundation Annual Dinner held on June 22, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis in Houston. The SMU Dedman School of Law will receive a \$1,000 scholarship donation for publishing Professor Welsh's article.

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