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DALE WILLIAMS (JD '78) AND LAURA BROWN (JD '92), PARTNERS AT WILLIAMS & BROWN, LLP IN WACO, BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ACCIDENTS.

To that end, they serve as adjunct professors at Baylor Law School, teaching students the importance of helping others through the Personal Injury Trial Law class.

Williams started the class in 1980, two years after graduating from Baylor Law, when Dean Emeritus Angus McSwain and Professor Matt Dawson asked him how well the courses he took in law school prepared him to handle personal injury cases. After a conversation about what was missing, Williams was asked to come back at the tender age of 27 to teach a course that would fulfill those needs. He has now been teaching at the Law School for 35 years.

"We like to communicate our passion for personal injury law to our students," said Williams. "We especially enjoy visiting with our students and learning that our teaching has sparked an interest in this area of the law that did not exist before they took the course."

One of their goals is to continue to get students excited about this area of law and educate them about the need for it. "I love the opportunity to show students this part of the law," said Brown. "I hope that learning about real people and real cases causes the students to stop and think about why personal injury law is important and why we need to protect the individual right to a jury trial in the civil justice system."

Williams and Brown hope that while students continue to be successful in their desired fields, they take a couple of key life lessons with them as well.

"They will leave and dive into their careers working long hours," said Brown. "I hope they learn to value and protect time with family and friends, time for faith, time to be healthy, and time for giving back through activities or organizations that matter to them."

Williams offered a similar piece of advice. "I believe students need to understand that the law is a profession of service to the community and not just a job or a way to make a living," he said. "I believe that Baylor Law School does a great job of instilling the idea of service in its graduates." **B**

