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The DKR Fund welcomes Austin attorney and former football player under Coach Royal to Board of Directors

**Austin, July 2017:** The Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease welcomes attorney Ed Small to their current Board of Directors. As an attorney at Jackson Walker LLP, Mr. Small has more than 40 years' experience representing clients before the Texas Legislature and Texas regulatory agencies, in addition to his litigation practice. As stated in the Texas Bar Journal, "The Small Family has four generations of helping others, including a multigenerational legal legacy and involvement in Texas politics, beginning with Mr. Small's grandfather, Charles Clinton Small, Sr., who he served as a State Senator for 12 years and founded the law firm of Small, Craig & Werkenthin, which eventually merged with Jackson Walker."

Mr. Small earned his B.B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Texas. He played football for the University of Texas under Darrell Royal for five years. In 2013 Mr. Small was the recipient of the Excellence in Agriculture award from the American Agricultural Law Association and has also been honored as Best of Business Attorneys from the *Austin Business Journal*. Mr. Small served ten years on the Austin School Board and was on the Select Committee on Public Education, chaired by Ross Perot, which was created by the Texas Legislature to reform the education process in Texas. Service to his city and state are a big part of Ed's family legacy, and he is honored to work with the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease.

#### **About the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease**

Established in 2012, the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease is building a legacy of lasting significance in honor of a man whose contributions to the lives of so many cannot be measured. The DKR Fund is taking a lead in providing a high profile and increased national awareness of Alzheimer's disease (AD), as well as Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and related diseases. With no cure or drugs currently available to alter the course of these diseases, the DKR Fund is helping advance the pace of research by funding researchers in the state of Texas. Coach Royal's legacy continues to give a voice and face to a disease that has too long been hidden behind closed doors. For more information, visit [www.dkrfund.org](http://www.dkrfund.org)

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