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Concluding your  
term as President  
of the State Bar  
of Texas, 2023-24

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recognize our  
colleague  
and partner  
of the firm.

Cindy's term was notable for establishing the Task Force for Responsible AI in the Law, among other initiatives. Her leadership, passion, and commitment have honorably served the more than 113,000 members of the bar. Congratulations!



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Welcome to the 2024 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting! It's a great time to come together in Dallas for some continuing education and a chance to network with colleagues from around the Lone Star State.

We're proud to bring you a trio of dynamic keynote speakers: Attorney and legal analyst Camille Vasquez speaks Thursday at the Bar Leaders Recognition Luncheon; Professor David Grenardo speaks Friday at the Bench Bar Breakfast; and the Hon. Irma Carrillo Ramirez speaks at Friday's General Session Luncheon.

A host of CLE sessions at this year's meeting explore the intersection of technology and the law, including the ChatGPT revolution, AI contract drafting, and the realm of cybersecurity and the Fourth Amendment. Sessions on legal specialties are here, too, including family law, corporate law, international law, and many more.

On Friday, the State Bar will swear in Steve Benesh as its 2024-2025 president at the General Session Luncheon. Also there, the bar will honor 50-year lawyers by recognizing attorneys licensed in Texas in 1974. Find the details of these and many other special events in this guide!

Our exhibitors and sponsors help make the Annual Meeting possible, and we thank them. Be sure to take a stroll through the exhibit halls to see what they have to offer.

I also want to thank everyone on the 2024 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting Committee who put this event together, including committee chairs Courtney Barksdale Perez and Jerry Alexander, along with the State Bar sections for providing such a wide range of programming. Thanks as well to the many volunteers and staff members who make this conference a success.

Most of all, thank *you* for joining us here! I hope you find the conference educational and enjoyable.

Warm regards,

Cindy V. Tisdale  
President, 2023-2024  
State Bar of Texas



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on his inauguration as the 2024–2025  
President of The State Bar of Texas.

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## ERIC L. JOHNSON

MAYOR OF DALLAS



June 1, 2024

### ***Greetings!***

As Mayor of Dallas and a fellow attorney, it is my pleasure to welcome the attendees of the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting to our wonderful city.

I am grateful to the State Bar of Texas for promoting legal protections for all citizens, high standards of legal ethics, education about the rule of law, and diversity of justice and legal practice.

I hope you enjoy your time in Dallas and experience why over 1.3 million Texans call Dallas their home. Our city has something to offer for everyone, whether that be watching the sunset from Reunion Tower or exploring the vibrant urban arts districts of Bishop Arts and Deep Ellum.

On behalf of the City of Dallas, I wish you the best for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Eric L. Johnson  
Mayor





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### Join the Conversation on Social Media!

Add **#sbot24** to your Annual Meeting social media posts to share your experience and join the conversation online. Search for **#sbot24** to check up on the Annual Meeting buzz *before, during, and after* the meeting.

### Connect to Win

Have your Connect Passport signed by 10 exhibitors and drop it off at the State Bar Booth to enter a daily drawing for an Amazon Kindle and other great prizes!

**Prize drawings will take place in the exhibit area at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, and Friday, June 21.** Be on hand for the drawings! Only registered Annual Meeting attendees are eligible.

### Exhibit Hours

**Exhibits will be conveniently located in the Hilton Anatole Chantilly Foyer — be sure to visit our great lineup of exhibitors!**

Wednesday, June 19	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 20	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, June 21	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Free Continental Breakfast

Enjoy a FREE continental breakfast  
on Thursday, June 20, in the  
**Hilton Anatole Chantilly Foyer**  
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## Registration and Exhibit Hours

### Hilton Anatole – Chantilly Foyer

Wednesday, June 19 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 20 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, June 21 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## Information Booth/Lost and Found/Messages

### Hilton Anatole– Registration Desk, Chantilly Foyer

Need help or have a question? Found a lost item? Stop by the Annual Meeting Registration Desk during registration hours.

## Refreshment Breaks

*Included in registration!*

Thursday and Friday • 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

### Hilton Anatole – Chantilly Foyer and Tower Mezzanine

Kick back and enjoy complimentary refreshment breaks. Be sure to check the signs to see if you are the lucky winner of an Amazon Kindle or other great prizes!

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There will **not** be access to free Wi-Fi within the Hilton Anatole meeting space or common areas, which includes the meeting rooms, pre-function areas, hallways, or the lobby.

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A Self-Service Business Center is available for your convenience, as well as a full-service FedEx Store. For additional details, please contact the Hilton Anatole at 214.748.1200.

## Meals

These Annual Meeting sponsored events are included in your registration fee. Guest tickets can be purchased at the State Bar Registration Desk.

### Thursday, June 20

Annual Meeting  
Continental Breakfast  
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### Chantilly Foyer and Tower Mezzanine Foyer

Bar Leaders Recognition  
Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
.75 hour

### Chantilly Ballroom

### Friday, June 21

Bench Bar Breakfast  
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  
.75 hour

### Chantilly Ballroom

General Session  
Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
.75 hour

### Chantilly Ballroom

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## BREAKFAST EVENTS

**Registration Open—  
Chantilly Foyer**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Pick up your registration materials or register onsite.****Exhibits Open—Chantilly Foyer**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Visit our great lineup of exhibitors!****Continental Breakfast—  
Chantilly Foyer and  
Tower Mezzanine Foyer***Sponsored by Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange*

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Included in registration!**  
Complimentary continental breakfast for all registrants.**Early Morning Ethics***Earn early morning ethics. Ethics sessions are concurrent. Please choose one:*

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Track 1: Dealing With Difficult Clients – What Can I Do to Keep My Sanity? – Topaz**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)***Moderator:**Jonathan Smaby, *Austin*  
Texas Center for Legal Ethics**Panelists:**Erica Grigg, *Austin*  
Erica Grigg Counseling  
Former Director, Texas Lawyers' Assistance ProgramJeanne Huey, *Dallas*  
Hunt Huey PLLCJason Wright, *Austin*  
Law Office of Jason Wright**Track 2: The Applied Ethics of AI in the Law – Emerald**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*Joshua Weaver, *Austin*  
Director, TOJI, State Bar of Texas**Track 3: How to Avoid Losing Your Law License: The Ethical Considerations of Lawyer Well-Being – Senator's Lecture Hall**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*Michelle Fontenot, *Austin*  
Director, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program, State Bar of TexasDicky Grigg, *Austin*  
Law Office Of Dicky Grigg, PC**Prayer Breakfast—  
Peacock Terrace**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Christian Legal Society Prayer Breakfast**  
\$65 per person – Tickets may be purchased at the State Bar Registration Desk*This event is not affiliated with the State Bar of Texas.***Adaptable Lawyer Track—Topaz***Hosted by the Computer and Technology Section*

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**Bad Boys AI - Using Generative/Summaritive Artificial Intelligence in Your Practice; Live With ChatGPT 4+ and Others**  
*.75 hour*Shannon Warren, *Houston*  
Law Office of Shannon Warren, PLLCBrett Burney, *Cleveland, OH*  
Burney Consultants LLCMark I. Unger, *San Antonio*  
Unger Law Firm/Muse Legal

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**AI Policy, Governance, and Task Force Report** *1 hour (1 ethics)*Hon. John G. Browning, *Montgomery, AL*  
Distinguished Jurist in Residence and Professor of Law, Faulkner University School of Law;  
Of Counsel, Ryan G. Cole Law PLLC, McKinneyHon. Roy Ferguson, *Alpine*  
394<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Doe You Know? 1 hour**Katie Stahl, *Houston*  
Mudd LawCharles Mudd, *Chicago*  
Mudd Law

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Computer & Technology Section Membership Meeting**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Workshop: Practical Tech Tips for Microsoft Word/O365, iOS, and More** *1 hour*Brett Burney, *Cleveland, OH*  
Burney Consultants LLCMitch Zoll, *Austin*  
Zoll Firm, PLLC

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Regulatory Update: Privacy & Cybersecurity .75 hour (.5 ethics)**Shawn Tuma, *Plano*  
Spencer FaneWilliam Smith, *Austin*  
Heidrick & Struggles

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**60 Apps in 60 Minutes** *1 hour*Kellye Hughes, *Waxahachie*  
Ellis County District Attorney's OfficeMaria Moffat, *Dallas*  
Gerstle Snelson, LLPGrecia Martinez, *Dallas*  
Ryan LLCAl Harrison, *Houston*  
Harrison Law Office P.C.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**TechTok Social Networking Mixer – West Wing Foyer***Co-sponsored by the Corporate Counsel and Computer and Technology Sections***African-American Lawyers Section—De Soto A**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Small Firm, Big Impact: Ethical Leadership in the Era of Cybersecurity Challenges**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*Allison Williams, *Short Hills, NJ*  
Williams Law Group, LLC

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Hotels as Homes: Addressing the Crisis of Temporary Placements for Children Under Texas's Conservatorship** *1.5 hours*

Hon. Mary Lou Alvarez, *San Antonio*  
45<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court

Hon. Delia Gonzales, *Dallas*  
Dallas County Child Protection & Permanency Court

Artessia K. (Tess) House, *San Antonio*  
Tess House Law, PLLC

Ebony R. Rivon, *Dallas*  
Rivon Law Firm

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Section Membership and Council Meeting**

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**African-American Lawyers Section Meet and Greet Reception** – Offsite – **NINE Kitchen & Lounge**

*The African-American Lawyers Section programming continues Friday morning*

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Section—Emerald**

*In cooperation with the Litigation Section*

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Mediation in Action: An Interactive Presentation by ADR and Litigation Professionals** *1 hour (.5 ethics)*

Lis Bulmash, *Dallas*  
JAMS

Aric J. Garza, *San Antonio*  
Aric J. Garza Law PLLC

Shannon Quadros, *Houston*  
Quadros Migl & Crosby PLLC

**Asian Pacific Interest Section—Madrid**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**The New Frontier: Legal Reflections on Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence** *1 hour*

**Moderator:**  
Michael Chu, *Houston*  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Texas

**Panelists:**

Raghav Bajaj, *Austin*  
Haynes and Boone LLP

David Cho, *Dallas*  
AT&T

Hope Shimabuku, *Dallas*  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Keeping Your House In Order Part II: Leveraging Relationships and Partnerships Outside Your Company** *1 hour*

**Moderator:**

Phil Kim, *Dallas*  
Sheppard Mullin

**Panelists:**

Raj Choudhary, *Austin*  
Accenture

Sophia Gerooge, *Houston*  
Phillips 66

Carolyn Lam, *Dallas*  
Ecobat

Madhvi Patel, *Dallas*  
Equinix

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Asian Pacific Interest Section Networking Happy Hour** – Offsite – **The Henry**

**Aviation Law Section—De Soto B**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Section Council Meeting**  
(Private Event)

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Aviation Law Board Certification** *.75 hour*

Christa M. Hinckley, *Dallas*  
Fox Rothschild LLP

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**FAA Enforcement Trends** *.75 hour*

Greg S. Lander, *Colleyville*  
President, Gregory S. Lander, P.C.

**Business Law and Corporate Counsel Sections—Coronado A**

8:55 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Collaborating With Your AI Coworker** *1 hour (1 ethics)*

Darron Flagg, *Sacramento, CA*  
PowerSchool

Matthew Prater, *Houston*  
SABIC

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Contract Drafting: Remedies and Dispute Resolution** *.75 hour*

Jennifer Johnson, *Houston*  
Enstor Gas

Jonathan Newton, *Houston*  
King & Spalding

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Privilege & Conflicts of Interest** *1 hour (1 ethics)*

Fred Day, *Houston*  
Brookfield

Heather Lohman, *Houston*  
Insperity

Noelle Reed, *Houston*  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Access to Justice Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Award**

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Business Law Section Luncheon and Council Meeting**  
(Private Event) – **Peacock Terrace**

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Texas Business Courts** *1 hour*

Marcy Greer, *Austin*  
Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP

Hon. Emily Miskel, *Dallas*  
Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Cybersecurity Insurance** *1 hour (.25 ethics)*

Reed Blanchard, *Dallas*  
Aon

Rachel Ratliff, *Dallas*  
Stroz Friedberg

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Employment Issue Updates**  
.5 hour

Shafeeqa Watkins Giarratani, *Austin*  
Ogletree Deakins

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Business Law Section and Corporate Counsel Section Membership Meetings**

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**TechTok Social Networking Mixer – West Wing Foyer**  
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### Child Protection Law Section— De Soto A

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Children in the Court: Expectations from the Judicial Perspective** 1 hour

Hon. Delia Gonzales, *Dallas*  
Dallas County Child Protection & Permanency Court

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**How to Be an Effective Ad Litem for Parents, and Get Paid for It** 1 hour (.5 ethics)

Hon. Bill Harris, *Paris*  
Lamar County Court at Law

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Representing Children in DFPS Proceedings** 1 hour (.5 ethics)

Rhonda Rieken, *Dallas*  
Dallas County Public Defender's Office  
– Child Protection Division

### Collaborative Law Section— Morocco

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Integrating Collaborative Law Into Legal Education** 1 hour

Prof. Angela Downes, *Dallas*  
UNT Dallas College of Law

## Bar Leaders Recognition Luncheon Featuring Camille M. Vasquez NBC News Legal Analyst, Skilled Litigator, Partner at Brown Rudnick



Camille M. Vasquez

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Included in Registration!**  
.75 hour

**Chantilly Ballroom**

Guest tickets may be purchased for \$75 at the State Bar  
Registration Desk

Lori M. Kern, *Richmond*  
Kern Law, PLLC

Prof. Peter Reilly, *Fort Worth*  
Texas A&M University School of Law

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting and Council Meeting**

### Consumer and Commercial Law Section—Senator's Lecture Hall

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Section Council Meeting**  
(Private Event)

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Improper Credit and Debt Relief Schemes** .5 hour

Xerxes Martin, *Dallas*  
Martin Golden Lyones Watts Morgan  
PLLC

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Understanding Representation and Warranty Insurance in M&A Transactions** .5 hour

Candace Groth, *Dallas*  
Vela Wood

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Fair Credit Reporting Update**  
.75 hour

Carla Sanchez-Adams, *Austin*  
National Consumer Law Center

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Error Preservation in Consumer and Commercial Law Cases** .5 hour

Chad Ruback, *Dallas*  
Law Offices of Chad Ruback

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Recent Developments in Texas Insurance Law** .5 hour

Kolby Keller, *Dallas*  
Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Reception – Opal**

### Diversity Forum—Coronado BCD

Sponsored by the African-American Lawyers, Asian Pacific Interest, Hispanic Issues, LGBTQ+ Law, Native American Law, and Women and the Law Sections

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Impact of Senate Bill 17** 1 hour

**Moderator:**

Deborah Cordova, *Edinburg*  
Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC

Lisa Tatum, *San Antonio*  
Past President, State Bar of Texas  
LM Tatum, PLLC

Shelly Skeen, *Dallas*  
Lambda Legal Education & Defense  
Fund, Inc.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Advertising Rules Update** 1 hour

**Moderator:**

Richard Cantu, *Mission*  
Law Office of Richard A. Cantu, P.C.

Pablo Almaguer, *Edinburg*  
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

Jason Honeycutt, *Austin*  
Netspend

Pat Rafferty, *Dallas*  
Androvett

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Update on Boudreaux and McDonald** .5 hour

Amanda Engle, *Austin*  
In-House Legal Counsel, State Bar of Texas

Chris Ritter, *Austin*  
In-House Legal Counsel, State Bar of Texas

### Entertainment and Sports Law Section—Cortez

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Section Council Meeting**  
(Private Event)

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Upon Further Review: Litigation Arising From Sports Contracts, Transactions, and Intellectual Property, and How to Prevent It** 1 hour

#### Moderator:

Wendy Larson, *Austin*  
Member, Pirkey Barber PLLC

#### Panelists:

Christian Dennie, *Trophy Club*  
Member, Dennie Firm, PLLC

Sarah Pack, *Trophy Club*  
Senior Counsel, Dennie Firm, PLLC

Braden Darville, *Austin*  
Associate, Pirkey Barber PLLC

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**What's the Spread? Legislating Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports in Texas** 1 hour (.25 ethics)

Kevin Vela, *Dallas*  
Managing Partner, Vela Wood

Blake Hart, *Dallas*  
Senior Attorney, Vela Wood

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Around the Horn: Highlights of a Consequential Year in Sports Litigation** 1 hour (.25 ethics)

Daniel Hare, *Waco*  
President, Varsity Search  
Adjunct Professor of Sports Law, Baylor University

Naima Starks, *Washington, D.C.*  
Partner, Stinson LLP

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Reception – Peridot**

### Family Law Section—Coronado BCD

1:25 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Welcoming Remarks**

Ryan Bauerle, *Plano*  
Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

Emily Miller, *Brownwood*  
Emily Miller, Attorney and Mediator, P.C.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Family Law Mediations – Prepare for the Win!** .5 hour

Jared Julian, *Flower Mound*  
JulianJohnson, P.C.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Premarital Agreements: Creating Your Own Marital Property Regime** .5 hour

Kevin Segler, *Plano*  
KoonsFuller, PC

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Making AI Your Best Friend in Family Law** .5 hour

Sally Pretorius, *Dallas*  
KoonsFuller, PC

Thomas Daley, *McKinney*  
KoonsFuller, PC

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Managing the Client Relationship** .5 hour (.25 ethics)

Britney Harrison, *Dallas*  
Turner McDowell Rowan, PLLC

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Emergency! Drafting and Presenting Ex Parte Motions, Protective Orders, and TROs** .5 hour

Lindsey Obenhaus, *Dallas*  
Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Enforcements With Contempt - Jailbreak in Big D: A Texans Guide to Wrangling Contempt and Sending Stetsons to Time-Out** .5 hour

Ryan Bauerle, *Plano*  
Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

### Friends of Bill W.—Verandah Library

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting**

## President's Party Featuring Party Machine Imperial Ballroom

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception**

**8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Dinner and Dance**

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## General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm Section—Monet

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Section Council Meeting**  
(Private Event)

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Section Membership Meeting and Elections**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**How to Probate Estates and Keep Judges and Clients Happy** 1 hour  
(1 ethics)

Cole Shooter, *Lubbock*  
Shooter & Agee Law Group, PLLC

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Elder Law, Special Needs Planning, and Public Benefits Overview** 1 hour  
(1 ethics)

Julie Ezell-Perez, *Harlingen*  
Ezell & Ezell, PLLC

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Criminal Law Update**  
1 hour (1 ethics)

Hon. James Mosley, *Stinnet*  
316<sup>th</sup> District Court, Hutchinson County, TX

## Hispanic Issues Section—Governor's Lecture Hall

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**HIS –Celebrating 45 Years, A Legal History of the Creation of the First SBOT Affinity Section** 1.5 hours

### Moderator:

Texas Representative Maria LuLu Flores, *Austin*  
Texas House of Representatives  
District 51

### Panelists:

Hon. J. Manuel Bañales, *Corpus Christi*  
Senior Judge, Judicial Workplace Arbitrations-JWA

Hon. Jose Rodriguez, *El Paso*  
Former Texas State Senator

Gloria Leal, *Austin*  
National LULAC General Counsel

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**The Legal Titans of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Case *Hernandez v. State of Texas* - A 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retrospective of Former U.S. Chief Judge James DeAnda, Gustavo C. Garcia, Former Chief Justice 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals Carlos C. Cadena and President John J. Herrera** 1.5 hours

### Moderator:

Christopher D. Pineda, *Brownsville*  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Texas

### Panelists:

Hon. Gina Benavides, *Corpus Christi*  
Justice, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

Hon. Dori Contreras, *Corpus Christi*  
Chief Justice, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

Hon. David M. Medina, *Houston*  
(Ret.) Former Justice, Supreme Court of Texas  
Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, P.C.

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Hispanic Issues Section 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception – Emerald**

## Intellectual Property Law Section

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Reception – Madrid**

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Speakers' Dinner – Offsite – TBD**

## International Law Section—Cortez

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**The National Security Impact of Your Cross-Border Deal: From Foreign Inbound (and Outbound!) Investment Reviews to Increasing Economic Sanctions** 1 hour

Olga Torres, *Dallas*  
Managing Member, Torres Trade Law

Derrick Kyle, *Dallas*  
Senior Associate, Torres Trade Law

Thomas Feddo, *Alexandria, VA*  
Founder and Managing Member,  
The Rubicon Advisors, LLC

Albert Schultz, *Austin*  
Former CIA and CFIUS Mitigation Proxy

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**The Impact of AI on Intellectual Property Creation and Protection Around the World/Cross-Border Transactions Involving IP/Venue and Choice of Law Considerations Around Cross-Border Disputes/Enforcement Mechanisms for Chinese-Based IP Infringement** 1 hour

David Carstens, *Plano*  
Partner, Carstens, Allen & Gourley

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

## Judicial Section—Manchester

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Section Board Meeting**  
(Private Event)

## Justice Court Section—De Soto B

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Ethics & Other Tricky Issues in Justice Court** 2 hours

Amber Myers, *Austin*  
Texas Justice Court Training Center

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Reception – Ming**

## Labor and Employment Law Section—Sapphire

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**PWFA, It's Broader Than You Think** .75 hour

Allie Hartry, *San Antonio*  
The Morales Firm

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**What Practitioners Should Know About USERRA** .75 hour

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Anticipating & Avoiding Written Discovery Disputes** 1 hour  
(1 ethics)

### Law Focused Education, Inc./Law Focused Education Committee—Manchester

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Law Focused Education, Inc. Board Meeting**

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Law Focused Education Committee and Law Focused Education, Inc. Board Meeting**

### Law Practice Management—De Soto B

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Law Practice Management & Texas Bar College Meet & Greet**  
Co-sponsored by the Law Practice Management Committee and the Texas Bar College

### LeadershipSBOT—Peacock Terrace

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Awards Ceremony**

### LGBTQ+ Law Section—Verandah Shelbourne Room

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**LGBTQ+ Law Section Cocktail Reception**

### Litigation Section and Texas Young Lawyers Association—Emerald

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Outstanding Young Litigator Award**

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**The Texas Legal Legends Panel**  
1 hour (.25 ethics)

#### Moderator:

Young Litigator Award Winner

#### Panelists:

Hon. Royal Furgeson, *Dallas*  
Furgeson Malouf Law PLLC

Harriet Miers, *Dallas*  
Locke Lord LLP

Al Ellis, *Dallas*  
Sommerman, McCaffity, Quesada & Geisler, L.L.P.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Navigating the Texas Business Court – From Statute to Practice** .5 hour

Marcy Greer, *Austin*  
Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Mediation in Action: An Interactive Presentation by ADR and Litigation Professionals** 1 hour (.5 ethics)

Lis Bulmash, *Dallas*  
JAMS

Aric J. Garza, *San Antonio*  
Aric J. Garza Law PLLC

Shannon Quadros, *Houston*  
Quadros Migl & Crosby PLLC

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Judicial Panel: Motion to Dismiss, Motion for Summary Judgment, Review of Those Decisions** .75 hour

#### Moderator:

Mia Lorick, *Houston*  
Locke Lord LLP

Hon. Mike Wallach, *Fort Worth*  
Second Court of Appeals

Hon. Xavier Rodriguez, *San Antonio*  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Ethical Issues With Attorney Use of Generative AI** .5 hour (.5 ethics)

Hon. John G. Browning, *Montgomery, AL*  
Distinguished Jurist in Residence and Professor of Law, Faulkner University School of Law;  
Of Counsel, Ryan G. Cole Law PLLC, McKinney

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Free Speech and False Claims: Dominion's Battle with Fox News in the First Amendment Arena** .75 hour

#### Moderator:

Geoff Gannaway, *Houston*  
Beck Redden LLP

Stephen Shackelford, *New York, NY*  
Susman Godfrey L.L.P.

Elizabeth Hadaway, *Houston*  
Susman Godfrey L.L.P.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

### Poverty Law Section—Miro

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Understanding Disasters and Disaster Assistance: What is a Disaster? Who is Impacted? And, How Can Lawyers Lend a Legal Hand?** 1.5 hours (.75 ethics)

Melissa G. Thrailkill, *Dallas*  
Law Offices of Brandy Wingate Voss, PLLC

Cornelia Alvarez, *Abilene*  
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

Ana Laurel, *Victoria*  
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

### Women and the Law Section—Morocco

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Artificial Intelligence: Its Effect on the Practice of Law** 1.5 hours (.5 ethics)

#### Moderator:

Patty Vargas, *San Antonio*  
Davis & Santos PLLC

Vanessah Pace, *Austin*  
McDonell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff  
Intellectual Property

Lisa Angelo, *Houston*  
Angelo Law Firm PLLC Cyber Liability & Data Privacy

Laura Alaniz, *Houston*  
Spencer Fane Labor and Employment

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Women and the Law Section Networking Mixer – Coronado D**

## Thursday Receptions

*All receptions take place from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
and will be held at the Hilton Anatole unless otherwise noted.*

**Access to Justice** (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) – **Manchester**  
Honoring Champion of Justice Society Members

**African–American Lawyers Section Meet and Greet Reception** (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) – Offsite – **NINE Kitchen & Lounge**

**Asian Pacific Interest Section Networking Happy Hour** – Offsite – **The Henry**

**Baylor Law School** – **De La Salle**

**Consumer and Commercial Law Section**  
(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) – **Opal**

**Entertainment and Sports Law Section**  
(5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) – **Peridot**

**Hispanic Issues Section 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**  
(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) – **Emerald**

**Intellectual Property Law Section**  
(5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) – **Madrid**

**Justice Court Section** (4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) – **Ming**

**Law Practice Management & Texas Bar College Meet & Greet** – **De Soto B**  
*Co-sponsored by the Law Practice Management Committee and the Texas Bar College*

**LGBTQ+ Law Section Cocktail Reception**  
(5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) – **Verandah Shelbourne Room**

**South Texas College of Law Houston** – **Coronado B**

**Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law**  
– **Peacock Terrace**

**St. Mary's University School of Law** – **Miro**

**TechTok Social Networking Mixer** (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)  
– **West Wing Foyer**  
*Co-sponsored by the Corporate Counsel and Computer and Technology Sections*

**Texas A&M University School of Law** – **Wedgwood Ballroom**

**Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law** – **Morocco**

**Texas Tech University School of Law** – **Sapphire**

**TLAP 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception** – **Travertine**

**University of Houston Law Center** – **Coronado C**

**University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law**  
– **Metropolitan Ballroom**

**University of Texas School of Law** – **Topaz**

**Women and the Law Section Networking Mixer**  
(6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) – **Coronado D**



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## African-American Lawyers Section—Morocco

(Programming continued from Thursday)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Meet the Faces of Sports & Entertainment Law: The Attorneys Compliance and Strategic Innovation in NIL**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*

Paul DeRousselle, *Dallas*  
Doran & Cawthorne, PLLC

Natasha Gransberry, *Dallas*  
The Gransberry Law Firm, PLLC

Kristina M. Ross, *Tyler*  
Beard & Harris

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**The Vote's Legal Echo: Analyzing Election Influence on Immigration Policy and Enforcement**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*

Bridgette Bennett, *Groveland, FL*  
Bennett Law Center

Irene Mugambi, *Dallas*  
Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi, P.C.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Launching Your Personal Injury Firm: Essential Steps for Starting a Personal Injury Practice**  
*1 hour (1 ethics)*

Roxell Richards, *Houston*  
Roxell Richards Injury Law Firm

## Animal Law Section—De La Salle

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Divorces Involving Pets**  
*1 hour*

Candice B. Deyerle, *Austin*  
Deyerle, Silva, Smith PLLC

Ashley N. Morgan, *Austin*  
Cain & Skarnulis PLLC

## Bench Bar Breakfast

Featuring David A. Grenardo

Professor of Law & Associate Director of the Holloran Center  
for Ethical Leadership in the Professions,  
University of St. Thomas School of Law (in Minneapolis, Minnesota)



David A. Grenardo

**7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**  
**Included in Registration!**  
*.75 hour*

**Chantilly Ballroom**

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**Sponsored by the Judicial Section**

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Taking Animal Cruelty Seriously: What Lawyers Need to Know About the Link Between Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence**  
*.75 hour*

Shelby Bobosky, *Dallas*  
Texas Humane Legislation Network

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Prosecuting Civil Claims Against Pet Stores**  
*1 hour*

Don Feare, *Arlington*  
The Feare Law Firm PC

## Appellate and Civil Liberties & Civil Rights Sections—Topaz

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**Texas Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Update**  
*.75 hour*

Kirsten M. Castañeda, *Dallas*  
Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP

Andrew Gould, *Houston*  
Arnold & Itkin LLP

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Hip Hop on Trial: Texas Courts Confront the Use of Rap Lyrics in Criminal Prosecutions**  
*.5 hour (.25 ethics)*

Chad Baruch, *Dallas*  
Johnston Tobey Baruch

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Pencils Down: The Future of School Admissions**  
*.5 hour (.5 ethics)*

Corinna Chandler, *Dallas*  
Chandler & Shavin

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**U.S. Supreme Court Update**  
*.75 hour*

William Peterson, *Houston*  
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Recent Decisions in Article 3 Standing**  
*.5 hour (.25 ethics)*

Matthew Kolodoski, *Dallas*  
Thompson Coe

**Criminal Justice Section—Morocco**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Hope for the Best But Prepare for the Worst: Facing Unexpected Mandamus and Prohibition 1 hour**Jennifer Tharp, *New Braunfels*  
Comal County District Attorney's OfficeStacey Soule, *Austin*  
State of Texas

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**ChatGPT Prompts for Busy Lawyers 1 hour (.5 ethics)**Nelson Ebaugh, *Houston*  
Nelson S. Ebaugh, P.C.Raffi Melkonian, *Houston*  
Wright Close & Barger, LLP

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Cultivating Civility in the Legal Profession: Fostering Professionalism and Ethical Advocacy 1 hour (1 ethics)**Philip Mack Furlow, *Lamesa*  
106<sup>th</sup> Judicial DistrictDavid Guinn, *Lubbock*  
Hurley & Guinn**Friends of Bill W.—Verandah Library**

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting****Intellectual Property Law Section—Monet**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Section Council Breakfast (Private Event) – Madrid**

8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks****Course Director:**  
Thomas Kelton, *Dallas*  
Fogarty IP

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Law Firm Modernization .75 hour (.25 ethics)**Ian Schick, *Los Angeles, CA*  
Ethan Nathaniel

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Criminal and Civil Trade Secret Cases: What to Think About When Seeking Remedies .75 hour**Mark Abumeri, *Alexandria, VA*  
U.S. Patent & Trademark OfficeMichael Chu, *Houston*  
U.S. Department of Justice

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Lab to Market 1 hour****Moderator:**  
Cameron Smith, *Lubbock*  
Texas Tech University**Panelists:**  
Isamu Hartman, *Dallas*  
UT Southwestern Medical CenterBrent Schultze, *Dallas*  
UT DallasSteven Tudor, *Dallas*  
University of North Texas

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Supreme Court and Federal Circuit Update: The Changing Landscape of IP Law .75 hour**Derrick Pizarro, *San Antonio*  
Pizarro Allen PCRegan Wilkins, *Dallas*  
Eichelbaum Wardell Hansen Powell & Muñoz, PC

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Break**

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Section Awards Luncheon and Membership Meeting (Ticket Required) – Miro****Fireside Chat With Chief Judge Godbey 1 hour (.25 ethics)**Brooke Cohen, *Dallas*  
Haynes and Boone, LLPHon. David C. Godbey, *Dallas*  
Chief District Judge, Northern District of Texas

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Break**

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Protecting NIL 1 hour**Daniel Hare, *Waco*  
Varsity Search LLC  
Baylor UniversityVictor Mellinger, *Lubbock*  
Texas Tech UniversityJessica Presnall, *Irving*  
Big 12 Conference

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Black Mirror Perspectives: Ethical Questions Arising from Technology, Innovation, and Social Media 1 hour (1 ethics)**Leela Madan, *Houston*  
Madan Law PLLCCatherine Rifai, *Houston*  
Munck Wilson Mandala LLPHope Shimabuku, *Dallas*  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office**Law Practice Management—Coronado A**

8:35 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks****Course Director:**  
John Meredith, *Houston*  
Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Attorneys at Law

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Starting a Law Firm .5 hour**Brian Hall, *Austin*  
Hall Law (Traverse Legal)Artesia K. (Tess) House, *San Antonio*  
Tess House Law, PLLC

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**Hiring, Training, and Turnover of Staff .5 hour (.25 ethics)**Hannah Hembree Bell, *Austin*  
The Hembree Bell Law Firm, PLLCRuby Powers, *Houston*  
Powers Law Group, PC

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Law Firm Compensation .5 hour**  
(.25 ethics)

Debra L. Bruce, *Houston*  
Lawyer-Coach LLC

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Networking Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Myths Around Trust Accounts: Avoid Meeting the CDC .5 hour (.5 ethics)**

Rebekah Steely Brooker, *Dallas*  
Scheef & Stone, LLP

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Integrating AI Ethically into Your Practice .75 hour (.5 ethics)**

**Moderator:**

Patrick A. Wright, *Lewisville*  
The Wright Firm

**Panelists:**

Mark I. Unger, *San Antonio*  
The Unger Law Firm

Peter S. Vogel, *Dallas*  
Vogel IT Law (Peter S. Vogel, PC)

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Break for Lunch**

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**Professionalism & Vacation Letters: View From the Bench .5 hour**  
(.5 ethics)

Hon. Jessica L. Mangrum, *Austin*  
Judge, 200<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court

Hon. Rudolph K. (Rudy) Metayer,  
*Pflugerville*  
Councilmember Place 4, City of  
Pflugerville  
Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Attorney Wellness: Evidence-Based Tips for Mental Health to Improve Your Practice .5 hour (.5 ethics)**

Cameron Brumfield, *Corpus Christi*  
Thirteenth Court of Appeals

Michelle Fontenot, *Austin*  
Director, Texas Lawyers' Assistance  
Program, State Bar of Texas

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**What to Do When You've Made a Mistake .5 hour (.5 ethics)**

Scott C. Skelton, *Lufkin*  
Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkins Wells

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Networking Break**

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Succession Planning Toolkit .5 hour (.5 ethics)**

Sharon A. Sandle, *Austin*  
Director, Law Practice Resources, State  
Bar of Texas

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**How to Ethically Sell Your Practice .5 hour (.5 ethics)**

Alyssa L. McCreight, *Houston*  
Schlanger Silver, LLP

## LGBTQ+ Law Section—Cortez

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Update .5 hour**

Lionel Sims III, *Houston*  
Buzbee Law

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Litigation Update on SB 12 and SB 14 1 hour**

Brian Klosterboer, *Houston*  
ACLU of Texas

Maddy Dwertman, *Austin*  
Baker Botts L.L.P.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Current State of Diversity Initiatives and Strategies in Law Firms 1 hour**

**Moderator:**

Derek Mergele Rust, *Dallas*  
DebnamRust, P.C.

**Panelists:**

Katie Anderson, *Dallas*  
Carrington, Coleman, Sloman, and  
Blumenthal, L.L.P.

Paul Stafford, *Dallas*  
Stafford Moore, PLLC

## General Session Luncheon

**Featuring Hon. Irma Carrillo Ramirez**  
Judge of the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Included in Registration!**  
.75 hour

**Chantilly Ballroom**

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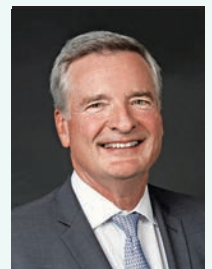
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**Sponsored by the Family Law Section**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**LGBTQ+ Allyship Strategies in Law Firms and Legal Culture 1 hour****Moderator:**Kassie Hines, *Dallas*Katie L. Lewis, P.C., *Family Law***Panelists:**Omar Alaniz, *Dallas*

Reed Smith, LLP

Braeden Mayrisch, *New York City*

Voya Financial

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Previewing the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session .75 hour**Shelly Skeen, *Dallas*

Lambda Legal

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Reception – Offsite –****Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal****Military and Veterans Law Section—Manchester**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Litigation over Texas US-Mexico Border Activities 1 hour**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Overturning the Wrongful Convictions & Executions of the Camp Logan Black Soldiers 1 hour**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Section Membership Meeting****Municipal Judges Section—De Soto B**

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Section Council Meeting (Private Event)**

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Section Membership Meeting and Elections**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Procedural Due Process: Why Municipal Courts Matter to Our System of Justice 1 hour**Hon. James Huggler, *Tyler*

Tyler Municipal Court

**Native American Law Section—Manchester**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Indian Child Welfare Act Update 1 hour**Eric Reed, *Dallas*

J. Eric Reed, Attorney at Law

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**10 Hot Tips on How to Avoid a Grievance 1 hour (1 ethics)**Gaines West, *College Station*

West, Webb, Allbritton &amp; Gentry, P.C.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**I Got a Grievance — What Do I Do? 1 hour (1 ethics)**Gaines West, *College Station*

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4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting****Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section—Westcott**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Section Council Meeting (Private Event)**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Past Chairs' Luncheon (Private Event) – Crosley**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Section Membership Meeting****Texas Bar Foundation Annual Dinner**

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**VIP Reception – Imperial Ballroom (Invitation Only)**

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Reception – Imperial Ballroom (Invitation Only)**

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Dinner and Dance – Imperial Ballroom (Invitation Only) Black-tie attire****Texas Young Lawyers Association**

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting and Reception – Wedgwood Ballroom**

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Hisham Masri

10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

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**State Bar of Texas Past Presidents' Breakfast – Comet**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

(Invitation Only)

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8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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**TYLA New Directors Orientation – De Soto**

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# LeadershipSBOT

## DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 28

The State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association are looking for 20 Texas lawyers to participate in LeadershipSBOT. This diversity initiative is designed to recruit, train, and retain Texas lawyers for leadership positions in the legal community and the State Bar of Texas. Program participants will be selected to reflect the cultural, ethnic, geographic, and practice area diversity of the state. It is not designed to compete with bar association and local affiliate leadership academies but to complement those exceptional programs.

Take a minute to think about lawyers in your area who might benefit from participating in LeadershipSBOT. Those selected for LeadershipSBOT will be:

- Current members of the State Bar of Texas.
- Individuals who aspire to lead and have the demonstrated potential to become leaders.
- Individuals who have a goal to serve their communities and the profession and are committed to a profession and judiciary that reflect the diversity of the state.
- Individuals willing to commit sufficient time to attend two sessions of LeadershipSBOT plus the 2025 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

- Individuals willing to make an additional year commitment of service within the organized bar (the individual will have a variety of options for service presented throughout the sessions).

Participants will examine what is expected of leaders and receive guidance and advice from current leaders on appropriate activities in which to be engaged to be effective in the profession and respected in the community.

Nomination forms should be submitted by **June 28, 2024**. Once your nomination is received, we will follow up with that individual to ascertain their interest and commitment in participating.

Thank you so much for helping us assure that Texas lawyers remain committed to the importance of the organized bar, professionalism, and community service. It is our goal that this program and others like it lead to a legal community in Texas that reflects the demographics of the state.

To submit a nomination, fill out the form below or visit [texasbar.com/leadershipform](https://texasbar.com/leadershipform) for a nomination form, and for more information, visit [texasbar.com/leadershipletter](https://texasbar.com/leadershipletter).

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form by **June 28, 2024**, to ensure that your nominee(s) receive full consideration. Mail, e-mail ([jreames@texasbar.com](mailto:jreames@texasbar.com)), or fax (512.427.4215) your nomination to the State Bar of Texas, c/o Jennifer Reames. Those selected for LeadershipSBOT will receive a packet informing them of their selection and asking them to commit to attending two 2-day sessions and the 2025 Annual Meeting during the coming bar year. They will also be required to commit to serving on a State Bar, TYLA, or related-entity committee/board the year following the academy.

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