ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD FOR GALLEGO



The Texas Access to Justice Commission and Texas Access to Justice Foundation named Rep. Pete Gallego of Alpine, who serves of counsel to Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. in Austin, the first recipient of the Texas Access to Justice Legislative Hero Award. As a leader in the Texas House of Representatives on access to justice issues, including a general appropriation for civil legal services last session, Gallego has been an advocate for underserved areas of the state and was instrumental in opening a legal aid office in Alpine. Gallego has served on the Texas Access to Justice Foundation Board of Directors since 1996. Pictured, from left, are David Hall, executive director of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Dick Tate, chair of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation; Gallego; and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Deborah Hankinson, who serves as vice chair of the foundation.

ACLEA AWARDS FOR TEXAS

TexasBarBooks received three major awards from the Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA),



an international organization for CLE professionals. TexasBarBooks received the Award for Professional Excellence in the Marketing Category for enhancing its online presence through **TexasBarBooks.net**. The award for Professional Excellence is the top prize; only one is awarded in each category. TexasBarBooks was also recognized with an Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Publications Category for *Essentials of Texas Water Resources* and an Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Public Interest Category for "TexasBarBooks' Books 4 Pro Bono" initiative. The awards were presented at ACLEA's 46th Annual Meeting in New York City. TexasBarCLE was granted an Award of Outstanding Achievement in Technology for the website **AfterTheBarExam.com**.



INFIDEL AUTHOR ADDRESSES DALLAS ATTORNEYS

On June 16, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a fellow of the American Enterprise Institute and author of the New York Times best-selling memoir Infidel, spoke at a Dallas Women Lawyers Association (DWLA) luncheon at the Belo Mansion on the topic of women's rights in Islamic societies. Pictured, from left, are State Bar director Yvette Ostolaza; DWLA CLE/Outreach Chair Michelle Hartmann; Hirsi Ali; and DWLA President Susan Steger.

STATE BAR TAX SECTION NEEDS YOU!

The State Bar Taxation Section is looking for section members willing to volunteer one day to the Tax Court Pro Bono Program, an initiative to assist pro se, low-income taxpayers during the calendar calls of the U.S. Tax Court. Volunteers will *not* be entering an appearance before the U.S. Tax Court, but instead discussing procedural issues with taxpayers and, in some cases, acting as a mediator to assist the taxpayers in settling their cases before trial. Practitioners must be licensed to practice before the U.S. Tax Court in order to participate. For more information, visit www.texastaxsection.org and click on "Committees," then "Pro Bono."



TYLA WALKS FOR CHILDREN

In support of its child abuse recognition and reporting project, *The Little Voice*, Team TYLA is walking in the 20-mile Prevent Child Abuse Texas Walk to Action on Nov. 6 in San Antonio (http://www.walktoaction.org). The San Antonio Young Lawyers Association is providing support. To make donations, visit http://www.firstgiving.com/TeamTYLA.

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