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The State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association, and Texas Access to Justice Commission invite you to the 2009 Bar Leaders Conference at the Westin Galleria in Houston. Join other local bar leaders for a two-day training program that addresses common concerns for volunteer leaders. In addition, meet the State Bar of Texas and TYLA elected leaders as you learn about resources provided by the State Bar. Walk away from the conference with knowledge on how to improve your local bar and your law practice! **The Bar Leaders Conference is essentially the same program each year. If you have attended the conference two or more times in the past five years, we encourage you to allow another leader from your organization to attend and receive the great benefits this conference has to offer.**

## Who is invited to the Bar Leaders Conference?

**One member of each local bar association** is invited to attend as a **Local Bar Official Delegate**.

**Local Bar Executive Directors** are also invited to attend as a **Local Bar Official Delegate**.

**Two members of each young lawyer affiliate** are invited to attend as **TYLA Official Delegates**. In addition to the TYLA Official Delegates, each young lawyer affiliate may send **one TYLA Minority Delegate**.

**One member from each local bar association and young lawyer affiliate** may attend as an **Access to Justice Delegate**. All Access to Justice Delegates must register and attend all of the Access to Justice workshops and breakouts.

### What is included if you are one of the delegates listed above?

Delegates will receive two nights at the Westin Galleria, attend all conference events, including the Casino Party, and eat the scheduled meals as guests of the State Bar. The State Bar will reimburse travel expenses. Please see the **Travel Reimbursement** section for details.

### How much does it cost?

Delegates attending all events are guests of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association, and Texas Access to Justice Commission. Other attendees are welcome to attend at their own expense.

### What if you wish to attend but do not qualify as an official delegate?

Additional delegates are encouraged to attend the conference but will be responsible for conference registration fees and hotel expenses. Conference registration fees cover the cost of scheduled meals and admittance to the Casino Party. The State Bar of Texas will **NOT** reimburse additional delegates for travel expenses.

### Spouses and guests are invited to attend!

Spouses and guests may attend the Casino Party at their own expense. Complete Step 3 of the registration form if a spouse or guest will attend.

## Registration

Complete the attached registration form to register by **July 3, 2009**.

Your hotel room will be secured by the registration form attached to this brochure. ALL delegates, even complimentary Official Delegates, must provide credit card information to hold a hotel room. A special room block has been reserved on a first-come, first-served basis for participants. Reservations received after July 3 are subject to availability.

If you are unable to attend after registering, please notify the State Bar of Texas immediately. Any cancellations after July 10, 2009, must also be made with the Westin Galleria. If you do not attend and you do not cancel your room, you will be charged for your hotel accommodations.

### Special Accommodations

People with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact the State Bar at 800.204.2222 or 512.427.1463, ext. 1517 prior to July 10, 2009.

## Meals

Meals included in conference registration are Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner. Friday's dinner is on your own, and you will be reimbursed up to \$15 if you turn in a copy of your receipt.

## Travel Reimbursement

Official Delegates, ATJ Delegates, and TYLA Official and Minority Delegates will be reimbursed for travel expenses up to a specified dollar amount, depending on the distance from their home to the conference.

0–200 miles round-trip	\$150
201–450 miles round-trip	\$250
451+ miles round-trip	\$325

Reimbursement forms will be distributed after the Saturday afternoon workshops. Forms can be turned in on-site, faxed, or mailed. Please provide receipts for airline tickets, taxis, and shuttle services. If submitting the reimbursement form off-site, please mail or fax to:

State Bar of Texas  
Local Bar Services Department  
P.O. Box 12487  
Austin, TX 78711  
Fax: 512.427.4101

## Mileage

You will be reimbursed \$.550 per mile up to the maximum specified dollar amount listed above depending on the distance from your home to the Westin Galleria.

## Transportation

### Shuttle and Taxi Service

From Bush Intercontinental Airport to the Westin Galleria:  
Super Shuttle — \$24 each way. 713.523.8888 or [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com).

From Hobby Airport to the Westin Galleria:  
Super Shuttle — \$18 each way. 713.523.8888 or [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com).

Taxi — approximately \$51 to the Westin Galleria from Bush Intercontinental Airport and \$46 from Hobby Airport.

### Car Rental

Through the State Bar Member Benefits Program, Texas lawyers are entitled to discounts on rental cars from companies including Hertz, Avis, Budget, Advantage, Alamo, and National. For details on how to take advantage of these offers, visit [www.texasbar.com/memberbenefits](http://www.texasbar.com/memberbenefits). Car rentals will not be reimbursed.

## Attire

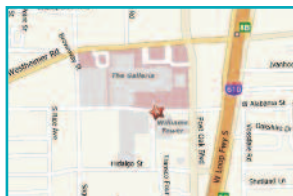
The Bar Leaders Conference is a casual event! Comfortable shorts, pants, and jeans are ideal for meetings. Keep in mind that meeting rooms are often cold, so bring a light sweater or jacket. For the Casino Party, dressy casual is in order for the festivities!

## Welcome to the Westin Galleria!

Enjoy spending time at the Westin Galleria by taking advantage of the hotel's amenities including the Westin Heavenly Bed, Heavenly Bath, and in-room coffee makers with Starbucks coffee. A comprehensive business center enables you to stay connected while away from the office. Stay on your workout regime by taking advantage of the outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, and scenic jogging path.

### How to find the Westin Galleria:

Westin Galleria  
5060 West Alabama Street  
Houston, TX 77056  
713.960.8100 or 866.716.8137



### From Bush Intercontinental Airport:

Take Interstate 45 South to Loop 610 West, which will become Loop 610 South. From Loop 610 South, exit right at Westheimer, proceed two blocks, and turn left onto Sage. Continue one block and turn left onto West Alabama. The hotel is on the left.

### From Hobby Airport:

Take Interstate 45 North to Loop 610 West. Exit at Westheimer and turn left. Proceed two blocks and turn left onto Sage. Turn left onto West Alabama, and the hotel is on the left.

### From West:

Take Interstate 10 East to Loop 610 South and exit at San Felipe/Westheimer. Turn right onto Westheimer, then turn left onto Sage. From Sage, turn left onto West Alabama. The hotel is on the left.

### From South:

Take Highway 59 North to Loop 610 North and exit at Westheimer. Turn left onto Westheimer, then turn left onto Sage. From Sage, turn left onto West Alabama. The hotel is on the left.

## Fun-filled activities for the whole family!

### The Galleria ([www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=805](http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=805))

Connected directly to the Westin Galleria, the Galleria Shopping Center boasts more than 375 stores, 30 restaurants, and a full-size, indoor ice skating rink. The Galleria is home to Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Chanel, Jimmy Choo, and Ralph Lauren, among others. Joining the upscale boutiques are anchor stores Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, and Macy's, adding up to more than two million square feet of shopping thrills.

### Houston Museum District ([www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org](http://www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org))

The Houston Museum District is composed of 18 institutions — 11 of which are free all the time. Visit the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Children's Museum of Houston, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston Zoo, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, and more.

### SplashTown Waterpark ([www.splashtownpark.com](http://www.splashtownpark.com))

SplashTown is Houston's largest and most diverse waterpark, featuring dozens of splashy adventures and acres of incredible rides, slides, chutes, and floats.

### Space Center Houston ([www.spacecenter.org](http://www.spacecenter.org))

Space Center Houston, the official visitor center for NASA's Johnson Space Center, is the only place on earth where guests can embark on an out-of-this-world journey through human adventures in space.

### Downtown Aquarium ([www.downtownaquarium.com](http://www.downtownaquarium.com))

The world-class complex boasts 500,000 gallons of visible underwater tanks filled with more than 200 species of marine life. Several rides and amusements add to the fun!

### Children's Museum of Houston ([www.cmhouston.org](http://www.cmhouston.org))

Rated a 5-star nationwide children's museum by Citysearch.com and the only one in Texas to receive such an accolade, the Children's Museum of Houston offers a multitude of exhibits bursting with action-packed fun that engage kids in the ultimate learning experience.

### Art Car Museum ([www.artcarmuseum.com](http://www.artcarmuseum.com))

The museum, or "Garage Mahal," as many people know it, features the most imaginative, elaborate, and artfully constructed art cars, low riders, and mobile contraptions, as well as art exhibitions by local, regional, and national artists.

### Forbidden Gardens ([www.forbidden-gardens.com](http://www.forbidden-gardens.com))

Forbidden Gardens is an outdoor museum north of Houston that replicates some of China's major historic scenes. Travel back to the third century B.C. and view the first emperor's amazing 6,000-piece terra-cotta army replicated in one-third scale.

### Museum of Printing History ([www.printingmuseum.org](http://www.printingmuseum.org))

Guided tours at the Museum of Printing History feature hands-on printing: See a sheet of the Gutenberg Bible pulled just as it was in 1455; watch the Declaration of Independence printed on a 19th-century iron handpress; and read eyewitness accounts of the struggle for Texas independence.

### Houston Arboretum & Nature Center ([www.houstonarboretum.org](http://www.houstonarboretum.org))

Located on the western edge of Memorial Park, the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center offers an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and the opportunity to experience the natural world. Visitors can walk the five miles of trails free of charge. The Nature Center building includes the Discovery Room with interactive exhibits and activities.

### Houston Zoo ([www.houstonzoo.org](http://www.houstonzoo.org))

Set in a 55-acre lush tropical landscape, the Houston Zoo is home to more than 4,500 exotic animals representing more than 800 species. The Houston Zoo was named one of the top 10 zoos in the U.S. by *Parents* magazine in 2009.

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# 2009 Bar Leaders Conference Agenda

## Friday, July 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.     **Registration and Exhibits**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.     **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by Nexus Legal Search*

**Leadership**  
Robert Witte  
*Local Bar Services Committee*

**Introductions**  
Roland Johnson  
*State Bar of Texas President*  
Cori Harbour  
*TYLA President*

**Helping Young Lawyers Build a  
Brighter Future**  
.5 HR ETHICS  
How can your bar play a role in the future of young lawyers? Bar leaders who have taken part in mentoring programs share their successes. Learn how your bar can establish a mentoring program to help build a brighter future for young lawyers.

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.     **Break**

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.     **Choose one of the following:**

**Diversity Summit, Part I**  
As the state’s population continues to diversify, it is important for the legal profession to reflect the state’s demographics. Learn about initiatives to increase diversity in the profession and the State Bar and how those activities can benefit your bar.

**Communications Workshop:  
Get the Attention You Deserve**  
How can you publicize your bar’s programs, events, and accomplishments for maximum effect? Learn from local bar communications experts on the best way to gain media coverage for the great work that your members do!

**Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Texas Lawyer’s Creed**  
1 HR. ETHICS  
*William J. Chriss*  
When is the last time you reviewed the Texas Lawyer’s Creed? Texas attorneys pledge to preserve and improve the legal system by protecting the legal system, clients, the judiciary, and other lawyers. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Texas Lawyer’s Creed. William J. Chriss will present on the significance of the creed and what your bar can do in honor of the anniversary

2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

**Break**

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Choose one of the following:**

**Diversity Summit, Part II**  
Brainstorm with other bar leaders to determine common issues faced while increasing diversity. Share and develop ideas that your bar and the State Bar can utilize to overcome obstacles.

**Using Alternative Means of Communication in a New World**  
Ensure that your bar is taking advantage of new communication methods! Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and more — learn from the experts.

3:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

**Social Break**

4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

**Regional Breakouts**  
Meet volunteer bar leaders and State Bar directors from your area of the state. Learn ways the State Bar can help you and “steal” ideas from other bar leaders on how to lead your bar association.

5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**TYLA: Meeting Uncommon Leaders**  
Take advantage of all the fun the Bar Leaders Conference has to offer. Join us Friday after the meetings for snacks and cocktails hosted by TYLA.

Dinner

**On Your Own** (State Bar will reimburse up to \$15, with receipt.)

10:00 p.m. – Midnight

**Hospitality Suite**

## Saturday, July 18, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast With the Justice**  
1 HR. ETHICS  
Joins us for a morning ethics presentation from the Texas Supreme Court.

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Choose one of the following:**

**Breakout by Size of Bar**  
The Local Bar Services Committee will facilitate roundtable discussions with leaders from bars of similar size and type. Share common problems and frustrations, as well as successes. Together, we can build better bars!

**TYLA: Supporting Uncommon Affiliates**  
TYLA's comprehensive plan to empower young lawyer affiliates and their leaders offers something for everyone. Find out more about TYLA and how it can help you and your organization achieve its goals. Awards of Achievement will also be presented to outstanding local affiliates.

10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Break**

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Choose one of the following:**

**SBOT Breakout**  
1.25 HRS. ETHICS  
Learn how to implement a local bar mentoring program that has been road tested and is ready to go! Make the program your own and improve the professional experience for our newest lawyers.

**ATJ Breakout: Increasing Access to Justice in Texas**  
1.25 HRS. ETHICS  
Hear an ATJ presentation available for your local bar association meetings that will provide attendees with ethics CLE credit while they learn how attorneys can help increase access to justice.

**TYLA: Building Uncommon Leaders**  
This program allows affiliate presidents, presidents-elect, and other representatives to learn from each other and strategize about the future.

12:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

**Lunch**  
*Sponsored by ExxonMobil*

**Off the Shelf Projects That Work for You**  
Take advantage of the resources provided by the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association. Just by clicking a mouse or making a phone call, you have access to some of the nation's top projects to utilize in your schools or community.

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Break**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Choose one of the following:**

**TYLA Presents Projects! Projects! Projects! (Small Affiliates)**  
Learn about several highly successful and innovative TYLA and local affiliate projects on a wide variety of topics, which your local bar can duplicate. Each session will feature a variety of projects designed to serve the public and various size bars.

**New ATJ Commission Initiatives**  
1 HR. ETHICS  
Learn about the exciting initiatives of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and how local bars can become more involved in providing access to justice to low-income Texans.

**TYLA: Show Me the Money**  
Is dues money not covering the cost of a project? Learn new strategies and discover non-dues sources of revenue that are available to local bars. Hands-on help will be available for various grant opportunities. This workshop will help you develop alternative financial resources with guidance from a variety of networks and materials.

**Checklists for Excellence in Bar Management and Governance**  
*Elizabeth Derrico*  
*ABA Division of Bar Services*  
What policies, procedures, and processes should your bar have in place to help you better serve your members, the public, and the profession? This program is particularly helpful to smaller bar associations that try to build continuity from year to year. You'll save time and money while preventing a world of frustration.

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**Break**

2:40 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

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**ATJ: National Pro Bono Celebration**

1 HR. ETHICS

Come learn about the American Bar Association's annual National Pro Bono Celebration, scheduled for October 25–31, 2009. Hear what the State Bar of Texas is planning for the celebration and how local bars can get involved.

**TYLA: Leadership Training**

What Bar Leaders Conference would be complete without discussing leadership itself? Join TYLA leaders for a fun, interactive session designed to hone your leadership skills and show how your affiliate can implement a leadership training program for your members.

**Adoption Day**

*Denise Hyde, Austin attorney*

Adoption Day is an ideal bar project, and this workshop will help your bar plan one in your area. Learn how to work with community partners and train attorneys of all disciplines to represent families adopting through Child Protective Services. You can help bring security to these children and their new families in a meaningful and fun event.

3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

**Break**

3:50 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

**Choose one of the following:**

**TYLA Presents Projects! Projects! Projects! (Large Affiliates)**

Learn about several highly successful and innovative TYLA and local affiliate projects on a wide variety of topics, which your local bar can duplicate. Each session will feature a variety of projects designed to serve the public and various size bars.

**ATJ Legislative Updates and Hot Topics**

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Come learn about new ATJ legislation and hot topics that directly impact access to justice and how you and your local bar can join this effort!

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**Texas Lawyers for Children Pro Bono Network and Attorney Support**

*Barbara J. Elias-Perciful, Director Texas Lawyers for Children*

This session provides information on getting involved in pro bono work and the support and resources offered through the Texas Lawyers for Children website.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Dinner Buffet**

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**Casino Party**

*Sponsored by LexisNexis*



# 2009 Bar Leaders Conference Registration Form

## STEP 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Bar Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Association or TYLA Affiliate Representing \_\_\_\_\_

What is your office/title for represented organization? \_\_\_\_\_

If representing a local bar association, in which SBOT District are you located? \_\_\_\_\_

If representing a TYLA affiliate, in which TYLA District are you located? \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2 TYPE OF DELEGATE

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Official Delegate                        | <input type="checkbox"/> SBOT Officer/Board of Director | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Affiliate Official Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Executive Director                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SBOT Staff                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Local Affiliates Committee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Services Committee                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor/Exhibitor              | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Executive Committee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Justice Delegate                         |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Additional Delegate.....\$125            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Local Affiliate Additional Delegate.....\$125 |   |   |

## STEP 3 SPOUSE OR GUEST REGISTRATION

Guests attending the Casino Party must be registered. The Casino Party admission is included in the price of registration.

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult Guest Registration.....NO FEE  
 Child Registration.....NO FEE

## STEP 4 HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please complete this portion of the registration form to book your hotel room. Although Official Delegates' rooms will be charged to the State Bar of Texas, EVERY delegate must provide credit card information to hold a room. If canceling, you will be responsible for room payment if you do not call the State Bar of Texas by July 10, 2009. If after July 10, you must cancel your reservations directly with the hotel.

Official Delegate (No Charge for Two Nights)

Additional Delegate (\$99 Plus Tax Per Night)

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Room:  Non-Smoking  Smoking

Bed Type:  King  Double

Credit Card  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

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**STEP 5 DOOR PRIZES & SPONSORSHIPS**

To make the conference more fun and to promote involvement of all bar associations and TYLA affiliates, it is suggested that each association bring a door prize indigenous to the area of the state in which they represent. Suggestions include gift baskets, hotel visits, wine, event tickets, and admission to local attractions. Be creative! The door prizes are given away at conference events and the Casino Party.

Donated Door Prize Will Be \_\_\_\_\_

If your bar wishes to underwrite an event, contact Catherine Dilworth at [cdilworth@texasbar.com](mailto:cdilworth@texasbar.com) or 800.204.2222, ext. 1517

**STEP 6 PAYMENT**

Please add the amount in Step 2 to total the amount owed for your registration.

Please write a check (payable to State Bar of Texas) or complete the credit card information for the amount owed.

Total Registration Fee Enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

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