

State Bar of Texas
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State Bar of Texas Honors Journalistic Excellence with Announcement of Texas Gavel Awards

AUSTIN – The State Bar of Texas today announced recipients of the 2009 Texas Gavel Awards honoring journalistic excellence that helps foster public understanding of the legal system. Recipients include:

Chris Vogel, *Houston Press*, "Crime Doesn't Pay (Back)"

Dawn Tongish and **Barry Blonstein**, KDAF-TV Dallas, "DNA, Set Me Free"

Brian New, **Michael Humphries** and **Larry Burns**, KENS-TV San Antonio, "Stranded at the Pump"

Elliott Blackburn, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, "Hope Deferred"

Steve McGonigle and **Jennifer Emily**, *The Dallas Morning News*, "Mistaken Identities"

Awards will be presented Friday, August 21, at the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas (FOIFT) annual conference in Austin.

The Texas Gavel Awards are sponsored by the State Bar of Texas Public Affairs Committee and judged by out-of-state journalists and editors, legal reporting experts, and members of academia.

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