



# Texas Lawyers Supporting Veterans Day



To commemorate Veterans Day, members of the Texas Young Lawyers Association gathered in Waco to participate in the city's Veterans Day Parade. They distributed *Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans* resource cards and handouts to veterans and family members along the parade route. Pictured are (front row, from left) Waco attorney **Scott Omo**, TYLA Director **Kimberly Smith**, TYLA Vice President **Kristy Piazza**, and TYLA Director **Cameron Cox**; (second row, from left) Waco attorney **Rebecca Griffin**, Waco-McLennan County Young Lawyers President **Spring Thummel**, Waco attorney **Lewis Giles**, and TYLA President **Natalie Cobb Koehler**; (back row, from left) Waco attorneys **Andy Powell** and **Shannon Brandt**, Baylor Law student **Josaphat Plater-Zyberk**, and TYLA Director **Angela Cruseturner**.

## FORGING NEW LEADERS

In September, members of the fourth class of LeadershipSBOT, the State Bar of Texas leadership academy, met in Austin, where they participated in group exercises and projects designed to build teamwork and communication. LeadershipSBOT is an initiative to identify promising new leaders from across the state. Class members will present final group projects during the Annual Meeting in June 2012.



## TAJC HONORS PRO BONO AWARD WINNERS

The Texas Access to Justice Commission honored Austin legal aid attorney **Randall D. Chapman** and Houston lawyer **Reagan M. Brown** for their contributions to improving access to justice to low-income Texans at an Oct. 24 luncheon with the Texas Supreme Court in Austin. Texas Supreme Court Justice **Nathan L. Hecht** presented the awards at the luncheon, which was hosted by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation as part of the national Pro Bono Week celebration.

Chapman, who has served as executive director of Texas Legal Services Center (TLSC) since 1985, received the Emily C. Jones Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes an individual whose commitment to legal services has improved society and inspired others. During his time at TLSC, Chapman has established the statewide Legal Hotline for Texans, helped develop **TexasLawHelp.org** for the public, and served as a dedicated advocate for the expansion of legal services to the poor.

Brown, a partner in Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., received the Star of Justice Award for his work in leading the Texas Trial and Pre-Trial Academies, which provide litigation training for Texas legal aid lawyers. For the past two years, Brown has served as course director.



Justice Nathan Hecht presents Randall Chapman with the Emily C. Jones Lifetime Achievement Award



Star of Justice Award Winner Reagan M. Brown