



APPETITE FOR DECONSTRUCTION



In September, members of the third class of Leadership SBOT, the State Bar's leadership academy, convened in Austin. In addition to classroom programs and exercises, they volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity deconstruction project. Leadership SBOT is an initiative to identify promising new leaders from across the state. Members will present four group projects during the Annual Meeting in June.

TEXAS LAWYERS LOVE A PARADE



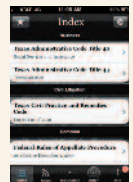
To help commemorate Veterans Day, State Bar President **Terry Tottenham** (center) and Texas Young Lawyers Association directors took part in the Veterans Day Parade in Dallas. They distributed Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans resource cards to veterans and family members along the parade route. Pictured, left to right, are TYLA officers **David Courreges**, **Alyssa Long**, **Kristy Sims Piazza**, **Alfonso Cabañas**, **Jennifer Evans Morris**, **Natalie Cobb Koehler**, and **Cori Harbour**. Also pictured (far right) is **Chris Hodge**, a Dallas lawyer who serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

MILITARY LAWYER RULES AMENDED

The Texas Supreme Court amended law-practice rules to allow military attorneys stationed in Texas but licensed elsewhere to represent military service members or their dependents in certain civil matters in state courts or tribunals. The new rule is limited to lower-grade military personnel and families and allows military attorneys licensed and in good standing outside of Texas to register with the Texas Board of Legal Examiners. Military attorneys cannot be paid for these cases and must obtain approval from a supervising military attorney. For more information, visit www.supreme.courts.state.tx.us.

DO WE HAVE AN APP FOR YOU!

The State Bar Computer and Technology Section is offering a mobile application containing Texas and federal codes, rules, and statutes, plus free case law for some areas. The iPhone and iPad app is free to section members. Nonmembers can join for \$25. For more information, visit www.sbot.org.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

On Oct. 6, the Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County marked 30 years of giving Houstonians greater access to justice. The DRC conducts mediations at its downtown office as well as several locations throughout Harris County. For more information, call (713) 755-8274 or visit www.drchouston.org.



FBA HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER

On Oct. 7, the Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter held its annual dinner, which honored Senior District Judge **John D. Rainey**. The keynote speaker was Judge **Diane P. Wood** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Pictured, from left, are President **Daniel David Hu**; U.S. District Judge **Nancy F. Atlas**, who serves as Chapter Judicial Liaison; Judge Wood; and Dinner Chair **Erik Garza**.