Hello there!

Welcome to a new academic year.

It is an honor to serve as Chair of the State Bar of Texas Law Student Division. As law students, we spend much of our time focused on classes, clinics, journals, competitions, networking, and preparing for our future careers. Amid all of that, it can be easy to forget that we are also part of a much larger legal community. Whether you're beginning your first semester of law school, returning for another year, or preparing for graduation and the bar exam, I hope this year brings meaningful growth, new opportunities, and a renewed sense of purpose in your legal journey. No matter where you are in law school, I hope you know that there is a community of students and attorneys across Texas invested in your success.

While each of our ten Texas law schools has its own culture and traditions, we share many of the same goals, challenges, and aspirations. My hope this year is to strengthen those connections and ensure that every law student feels supported, informed, and empowered to engage with the opportunities available through the State Bar of Texas.

The Law Student Division is a dedicated public service arm of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). Members of the Law Student Division have access to a catalog of resources from both TYLA and SBOT, all of which can be accessed here: **texasbar.com/lawstudentdivision.** This year, we are especially excited to share that **membership in the Law Student Division is now completely FREE for all Texas law students.** By removing the cost of membership, we hope to make it even easier for students across the state to access valuable resources, build professional connections, and engage with the broader legal community.

Membership benefits include:

- **Scholarships** and professional development opportunities
- Free registration to **TexasBarCLE programs**
- A subscription to the ***Texas Bar Journal***
- **Access to mental health and wellness resources** through TLAP and BetterHelp
- **Mentorship** and networking opportunities with attorneys across Texas
- Member discounts and benefits through the State Bar of Texas

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to working alongside our Student Bar Representatives and law students across the state. If you have ideas, questions, or feedback about how the Law Student Division can better serve students, I encourage you to reach out. Your perspective matters, and it helps shape the future of our Division.

Law school can be challenging, but it is also an opportunity to build lasting relationships, develop your professional identity, and make a meaningful impact on the communities you will serve. I hope you take full advantage of the opportunities this year has to offer.

Wishing you a successful and rewarding academic year,

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