

# TYLA AT A GLANCE

TYLA, the public service arm of the State Bar of Texas, is governed by a volunteer Executive Committee and Board of Directors. These individuals work tirelessly with other uncommon leaders from across the state to provide public service to their fellow Texans. TYLA helps those in need through pro bono activities and community education, participates in communities and schools, and aids young lawyers. Visit TYLA online at [www.TYLA.org](http://www.TYLA.org) to learn more or to get involved.

## NEW TO TYLA

**Slavery Out of the Shadows: Spotlight on Human Trafficking** – a project that educates the public about what human trafficking is, the laws concerning human trafficking, and how to identify and assist young people who may be at-risk or victims of trafficking in our local communities.

**Criminal Law 101: Overview of the Texas Criminal Justice Process** – provides an overview of the criminal justice process and is a resource that young lawyers can use to educate victims of, and clients who are accused of, crimes in Texas.

**Financial Resources for a Public Interest Legal Career** – provides valuable information about the financial resources available to college and law school students who want to pursue a public interest legal career.

**From the Inside Out: In-House Counsel's Advice for Young Lawyers** – The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division and the Texas Young Lawyers Association sought advice from in-house counsel across various industries in Texas and Florida in order to provide our young lawyers with practical advice to improve and enhance client service.

**What Do Lawyers Do** – an interactive web-based project that is designed to educate high school and college students about how to become a lawyer.

## INFORMATIVE PAMPHLETS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

- Adoption Options
- Involuntary Commitment Procedures
- Consumer Bankruptcy
- Dementia
- Employment (for employees and employers)
- How to Obtain a Texas Protective Order
- Expunctions
- Facing Foreclosure
- How to Sue in Small Claims Court
- Identity Theft
- Introduction to Mechanic's Liens
- Senior Citizen Telemarketing Fraud
- Know Your Rights at Work
- Immigrants and Their Legal Rights and Responsibilities
- Legal Guide for Cancer Patients
- Loan Modification Scam
- Name Changes
- Occupational Licenses in Texas
- Oil & Gas Basics for Homeowners
- Pro Se Divorce Handbook
- Protecting Your Ideas

- Guardianship
- Seniors & the Law: A Guide for Maturing Texans
- Service Members Civil Relief Act
- Small Business Toolbox
- Special Education Laws
- Teen Dating Violence
- The Constitution at School (for principals and students)
- To Will or Not to Will
- What to Expect in Texas Family Court
- Texas Probate Passport
- Peace of Mind: A Guide to Supporting Special Kids with Special Needs
- Reminding Civil: An Officer's Guide to Responding to Non-criminal Calls for Service
- CPS Handbook: What You Should Know about Your Child Abuse, Neglect, or CPS Case
- Truancy Guide
- Guide to Traffic Court
- Attorney-Client Privileges
- Preventing Fraud on Veterans

## HELPFUL VIDEOS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

- *American Juror – Educating Texans About the Importance of Jury Service.*
- *Healing The Wounds: Navigating the Legal System After Surviving Domestic Abuse*
- *Justice 101: The Client's Guide to Litigation*
- *Kids in the Crossfire – Emphasizing the Impact of Parents' Behavior During Divorce.*
- *SafeGuarding Our Seniors: Recognizing & Reporting Elder Abuse*

## TYLA WORKING IN OUR SCHOOLS

TYLA offers Texas educators several programs serving all grade levels, such as:

**VoteAmerica! Honor the Fight, Exercise Your Right** – A video and curriculum that educates students about the heroic efforts made for equality and democracy, the struggles of the civil rights era, passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

**The Unconscious Truth – The Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking** – features the story of Shelby Allen, a teenager who died from alcohol poisoning. TYLA produced a multi-media production educating teenagers about the dangers of binge drinking, the laws associated with underage drinking and the laws that apply to parents who provide alcohol to teens.

**R U Safe? Protecting Yourself in Cyberspace** – A video designed to educate children and their parents about online dangers and provide them the tools needed to be safe while online.

**You're Hired! Now What? Knowing Your Legal Rights On Your First Job** – A video for Texas high school students entering the workforce.

**Junior Judges** – A video and curriculum for elementary school students on making the right decisions in situations dealing with cheating, theft, bullying, drugs, and alcohol.

**They Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement** – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and video that educates students about the role young people played in the Civil Rights Movement and encourages students that they too can make a difference.

**We The Jury** – A video and curriculum for junior high and high school students on jury service, including a mock trial that allows students to experience being a juror.

## **TYLA HELPING YOUNG LAWYERS – ANYWHERE, ANYTIME**

**Answering the Call: Responding to a Subpoena** – consists of two companion pamphlets for responding to civil and criminal Texas subpoenas.

**Breaking the Silence – A Path to Mental Health** – features podcasts on various topics in the area of mental health.

**Partnering for Pro Bono** – a sustainable web-based program that partners in-house counsel with law firm lawyers to increase the provision of pro bono work. [www.tyla.org/partneringforprobono](http://www.tyla.org/partneringforprobono)

**Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans** – supporting pro bono clinics for veterans across the state through two informative pamphlets for lawyers and veterans.

**Office in a Flash** – Everything a lawyer needs to know to open up a law practice, all on a flash drive. Includes 1 free hour of CLE. [www.tyla.org/officeinaflash](http://www.tyla.org/officeinaflash)

**eNews** – Over 24,000 young lawyers stay informed with TYLA eNews each month.

- Reports on state and local bar activities and opportunities for involvement
- Useful practice tips for young lawyers
- Profiles of young lawyer leaders

**Ten Minute Mentor** – More than 48,000 Ten Minute Mentor videos viewed

- Each video gives young lawyers a brief introduction into an area of the law
- More than 35 categories available online, from alternative dispute resolution and appellate practice to trusts and wills

### **Providing Resources for Texas Young Lawyers by Partnering with TexasBarCLE**

- Choosing and Courting a Jury
- Federal Court Practice
- Success Strategies for Mid-Career Lawyers
- The New Lawyer Course and Practice Skills for New Lawyers

**TYLA Roadshows** – The TYLA Roadshow program provides free support and CLE activities to its local young lawyer associations throughout the State of Texas.

## **TYLA GUIDING LAW STUDENTS**

TYLA has a vested interest in ensuring that law students know about its outstanding programs and opportunities for service. As law students become lawyers they also automatically become members of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

To help law students enter the practice with greater advocacy skills, TYLA annually partners with the American College of Trial Lawyers to host the **National Trial Competition (NTC)**. As many as 300 teams from over 150 law schools regularly participate in the competition. TYLA also plans, coordinates, and stages the annual **State Moot Court Competition** during the State Bar Annual Meeting.

**Ten Minute Mentor Goes to Law School:** This is an extension of TYLA's Ten Minute Mentor and assists aspiring and current law students. The video segments covers various topics, including admission requirements of Texas law schools, student loan advice, how to succeed in law school, practice areas, and job searching tips.

## **COMING SOON TO TYLA**

**Social Media and Malpractice Guide** – will help educate lawyers on the do's and don'ts when advertising in social media and tips on how to avoid malpractice suits and ethical violations.

A series of toolkits, CLE, and mentor programs aimed to educate and provide resources to mentor lawyers on how to perform different tasks in the practice of law.

**Health and Fitness Program** – aimed to educate lawyers about health and fitness issues, provide a forum for lawyers to disseminate information about health and fitness events, and create a method for providing health and fitness CLE and fitness programs at State and local bar events.

**Substance Abuse Program** – to help educate about the dangers and real life consequences of substance abuse, provide resources to those who are struggling with substance abuse and their families, and to educate the public about the use of drug courts to help deal with substance abuse issues and the benefits these special courts provide.

**Juvenile Law Guide** – to help educate and provide resources to youth involved in the juvenile court system and their families.

**Immigration Guide** – to educate and provide resources on common immigration issues.

TYLA will be partnering with the Family Law Section of the State Bar and local bar and legal aid organizations to provide a free CLE on "How to Do a Pro Bono Divorce" across the State. This CLE will provide free CLE to lawyers and will provide them with the tools they need to take a pro bono divorce case.



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