



## *A Resolution Honoring Keri D. Brown*

**Whereas** *Keri D. Brown graduated from South Texas College of Law Houston and has been a licensed Texas attorney since November 2006,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown is a partner at Baker Botts, where she handles complex federal estate, gift, and income tax litigation and controversy matters,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown chairs the pro bono committee of the Baker Botts Houston office, where she coordinates and helps manage the office's pro bono matters,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown's tireless efforts to ensure access to justice for Hurricane Harvey survivors were featured in the Wall Street Journal, ABA Journal, Texas Bar Journal, Texas Lawyer, Houston Business Journal, and the Houston Lawyer,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown is a member of the State Bar of Texas Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters Committee, is secretary of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Board of Directors, and has served on several Houston Bar Association committees and sections,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Brown has received numerous awards for her service to the legal profession, including the Houston Bar Association President's Award in 2010 and 2013, the State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Coordinator Award in 2018, and the Texas Appleseed Pro Bono Leadership Award in 2019,*

**Be It Therefore Resolved** *that the State Bar of Texas honors Keri D. Brown with this resolution for her tireless service to the State Bar, the Houston Bar Association, the legal profession as a whole, and Texas residents to whom she has offered a helping hand in their times of greatest need.*

**Resolution Adopted** *this 24th day of January 2020 by the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors in Houston, Texas.*

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*Randall O. Sorrels, President  
State Bar of Texas*

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*Larry P. McDougal, President-Elect  
State Bar of Texas*

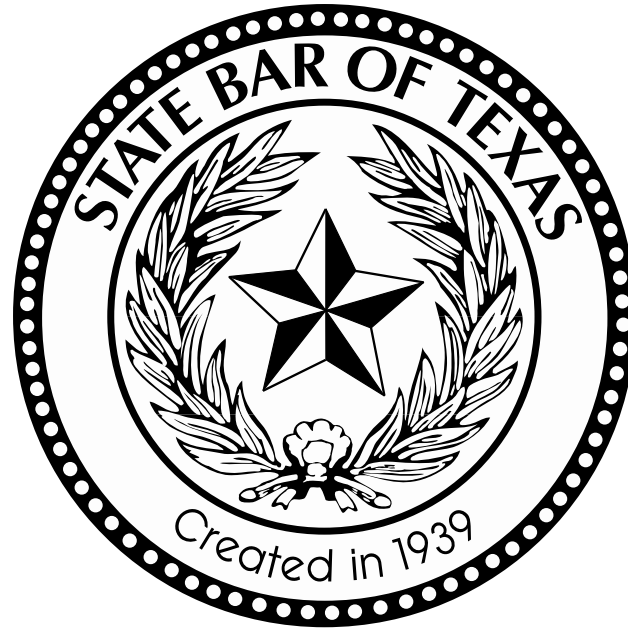
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*Jerry C. Alexander, Chair of the Board  
State Bar of Texas*

**witnessed by**

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*Trey Appfel, Executive Director  
State Bar of Texas*



## *A Resolution Honoring Tobias A. "Toby" Cole*

**Whereas** Tobias A. "Toby" Cole has been a licensed Texas attorney since November 1998,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole overcame a catastrophic injury to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer, graduate from the University of Houston Law Center, and start his law practice as a defense lawyer for multinational corporations,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole now represents personal injury victims as the founding attorney of Cole Law Firm, where he uses his firsthand knowledge and experience to serve clients with catastrophic injuries,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole has extensive litigation experience across Texas state and federal courts helping clients recover compensation for injuries sustained as a result of defective products, vehicle accidents, and other catastrophes,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole is board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and a member of the American Bar Association, the Houston Young Lawyers Association, the Houston Bar Association, and the Texas Trial Lawyers Association,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole's leadership positions in the legal profession include service as 2019-2020 president of the Houston Trial Lawyers Association and 2019-2020 vice chair of the State Bar of Texas Disability Issues Committee,

**Whereas** Mr. Cole has volunteered with a number of community groups including United Spinal Association of Houston, the Institute for Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, Memorial Hermann Health System, Houston Commission on Disabilities, Houston City Council Accessibility Task Force, and Living Hope Wheelchair Association,

**Be It Therefore Resolved** that the State Bar of Texas honors Tobias A. "Toby" Cole with this resolution for his service to the State Bar of Texas, his volunteerism to the greater Houston community, and his dedication to the legal profession.

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State Bar of Texas

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Trey Appfel, Executive Director  
State Bar of Texas



## *A Resolution Honoring Tara Shockley*

**Whereas** *Tara Shockley has served the Houston Bar Association, its members, and the general public for a remarkable 40 years,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Shockley joined the bar association just a year after graduating in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication from Lamar University in Beaumont,*

**Whereas** *After decades of faithful service, Ms. Shockley was promoted to associate executive director for the HBA in 2019,*

**Whereas** *During her years as Communications Director for the HBA, Ms. Shockley served as director for all internal and external communications for the 11,000-member HBA,*

**Whereas** *in addition to her expanded duties as associate executive director, Ms. Shockley continues to serve as managing editor for The Houston Lawyer, the bar's bi-monthly magazine, and to oversee all member communication including web and social media content for the association,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Shockley serves as staff liaison to the HBA's Law & the Media Committee, Judicial Polls Committee, Gender Fairness Committee, and Historical Committee,*

**Whereas** *Ms. Shockley serves as planner for many of the association's events, including assisting with the coordination of and securing funding for approximately 22 yearly clinics for the HBA's Veterans Legal Initiative that provide crucial assistance to veterans,*

**Whereas** *Those who know her best speak of Ms. Shockley's kind manner, helpful nature, complete dedication to the mission of the HBA, and her desire to make a difference in the community,*

**Be It Therefore Resolved** *that the State Bar of Texas honors Tara Shockley with this resolution for her decades of dedication to the Houston Bar Association, its members, the greater Houston community, and the legal profession as a whole.*

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State Bar of Texas*

**witnessed by**

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*Trey Appfel, Executive Director  
State Bar of Texas*



## *A Resolution Honoring Christine E. McKeeman*

**Whereas** *Christine E. McKeeman has been a licensed Texas attorney since November 1982 after earning her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman spent nine years in private practice in Austin, concentrating on residential and commercial real estate law, before joining the Board of Disciplinary Appeals shortly after it became fully operational in 1992 as its first executive director,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman is executive director and general counsel for the Board of Disciplinary Appeals and has served the board for nearly three decades,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman once served as a briefing attorney to Chief Justice Joe R. Greenhill of the Supreme Court of Texas,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman was appointed to the Supreme Court of Texas Task Force on the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in 2003 and served from 2001 to 2005 on the State Bar's Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Committee,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman is a member of the National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards and was instrumental in its creation and served as its president from 2011 to 2012,*

**Whereas** *Ms. McKeeman is a member of the American Bar Association, the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, and the State Bar of Texas Appellate Practice Section,*

**Be It Therefore Resolved** *that the State Bar of Texas honors Christine E. McKeeman with this resolution for her decades of dedication to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals and her service to the Supreme Court of Texas, State Bar of Texas, and the legal profession as a whole.*

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