



A Resolution Honoring Melody Poole

Whereas *Melody Poole is a 15-year member of the State Bar of Texas, a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a member of the Texas Bar College,*

Whereas *Poole graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in business and received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Houston Law Center in 2008,*

Whereas *after earning her law degree, Poole worked for four years as a staff attorney for Lone Star Legal Aid, the nation's fourth-largest free legal aid provider, and was named Lone Star Legal Aid Rookie of the Year in 2009,*

Whereas *Poole served as president of the Galveston County Young Lawyers Association in 2011-2012, and that organization named her Outstanding Young Lawyer of Galveston County in 2012,*

Whereas *in 2014, Poole opened her solo practice, the Poole Law Center, in League City,*

Whereas *Poole continued her volunteer service to the legal profession as president of the Galveston County Bar Association in 2016-2017 and as a member of the council of the State Bar of Texas Immigration and Nationality Law Section since 2019,*

Whereas *Poole has supported the self-regulation of the profession by serving on a State Bar of Texas District Grievance Committee, 2013-2019, including as panel chair, 2015-2017, and on the Supreme Court of Texas Grievance Oversight Committee since 2020, acting as its chair since 2022,*

Whereas *Poole has provided pro bono legal services through both the Tahirih Justice Center and KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) for a decade,*

Be It Therefore Resolved *that the State Bar of Texas honors Melody Poole with this resolution for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the people of Texas, her dedication to the Gulf Coast community, and her unwavering commitment to the legal profession as a whole.*

Resolution Adopted *this 19th day of April 2024 by the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors in Galveston, Texas.*

*Cindy V. Tisdale, President
State Bar of Texas*

*Steve Benesh, President-Elect
State Bar of Texas*

*Kennon Lily Wooten, Chair of the Board
State Bar of Texas*

witnessed by

*Trey Appfel, Executive Director
State Bar of Texas*