

Continuing THE MISSION



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LAST YEAR, THE TEXAS BAR JOURNAL LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL REDESIGN THAT INTRODUCED FRESH VISUAL ELEMENTS AND A CLEANER LOOK.

Our goal was to make the magazine more reader-friendly while staying true to our mission to publish insightful and thought-provoking legal articles, feature stories, attorney profiles, and more. We covered myriad topics, such as the disciplinary process, mentoring, and social media, including the November story about the Texas Young Lawyers Association initiative *TYLA Pocket Guide: Social Media 101*.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the State Bar of Texas, which was founded in 1939. In the coming months, we will celebrate people, places, and things related to the bar and the Texas legal community of present and past within the pages of the magazine. We will continue to provide compelling content by examining issues such as the shrinking of the law profession, practice management, substance abuse, and ethics. Of course, we will also continue to evolve, from tweaking the design of the magazine to embracing new technology and multiple platforms of storytelling, from blogs and web content to slide shows and social media.

We wouldn't be able to produce the *Texas Bar Journal* without our writers, whom I would like to thank for contributing their talents and time.

I am privileged to serve on the board of editors with a group of remarkable lawyers who come from diverse practice areas and big and small cities across the state. We are dedicated to the *Texas Bar Journal* and honored to be charged with setting the magazine's editorial direction.

We appreciate your continued loyal readership and encourage your feedback on ways to make the magazine even better. Email us at tbj@texasbar.com and let us know what you think.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Smith".

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