

## Benefit supports Military Spouse J.D. Network

The Military Spouse J.D. Network hosted a *Deep in the Heart* benefit brunch on Feb. 23 in Austin to recognize the program's ongoing work and support from Texas's legal community. The network connects attorneys who are spouses of military service members with job opportunities. Speakers included members of the Military Spouse J.D. Network, as well as the Supreme Court of Texas. *Above:* Members of the Military Spouse J.D. Network address the crowd.



## Attorneys and paralegals deemed board certified

The Texas Board of Legal Specialization welcomed 205 attorneys and 27 paralegals to its ranks at a Feb. 14 induction ceremony at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin. The class included the largest group of Oil, Gas, and Mineral attorneys in 25 years. The Texas Board of Legal Specialization is authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to certify attorneys in 21 specific areas of law and paralegals in seven areas. There are currently 8,504 attorney members and 342 paralegal members. *Above:* A group of 205 attorneys and 27 paralegals were recognized as board certified during a Feb. 14 ceremony.



## San Antonio Young Lawyers Association hosts Care clinic

More than a dozen attorneys volunteered to answer legal questions Feb. 27 at a free clinic presented by the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association and St. Mary's University School of Law. Several law students also joined in, and participants were able to meet with and advise 23 clients, said **Barrett Shipp**, the SAYLA project coordinator. The clinic was an extension of the State Bar of Texas Care Campaign, which is designed to help attorneys serve the millions of low-income Texans who need legal assistance. The campaign includes a Care Kit—a box containing all of the resources needed for a local bar association or legal organization to hold a legal advice clinic.



## Ms. JD guides women lawyers to create their dream careers

With the theme *Passion Forward*, the sixth annual Ms. JD Conference on Women in Law aimed to empower women attorneys to pursue their ideal careers. The event, held in Austin from Feb. 21 to Feb. 22, was cosponsored by the Center for Women in the Law at the University of Texas School of Law. Attendees reflected on their Myers-Briggs test results in order to have a clearer understanding of what kind of professional work would complement their personality types, discussed effective social media writing, and worked with professional trainers on how to turn passions into personal brands. For more information, go to [ms-jd.org](http://ms-jd.org). *Above:* Attendees at the Ms. JD Conference on Women in Law participate in a networking and icebreaker game.

## High school students compete in state mock trial championship

On March 7 and 8, teams from 24 Texas high schools competed at the 35th Annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition in Dallas. These teams made it to the final championship after winning regional contests among approximately 60 high schools during January and February. Creekview High School in Carrollton won first place and will represent the state at the national tournament in Madison, Wis., in May.

The Dallas Bar Association, which has sponsored the statewide competition for more than three decades, has awarded approximately \$300,000 in scholarships. Dallas area attorneys and judges help with the program by serving as “jurors,” judges, mock trial clinic instructors, and advisers. They also write the mock case that is presented at the state competition each year. For more information, go to [dallasbar.org/mocktrial](http://dallasbar.org/mocktrial).

## Houston attorneys win spelling bee

Houston Bar members **Linda Marshall** and **Ben Wickert** took the championship title during the Houston Center for Literacy's 22nd Annual Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee on Jan. 16. The pair spelled “rasorial” to win the event, which raised nearly \$200,000 for the literacy group. **TBJ**