



State Bar of Texas president-elect candidates to answer questions in online forum

State Bar of Texas 2024-2025 president-elect candidates Denise Scofield, of Houston, and Santos Vargas, of San Antonio, will participate in a live, virtual candidate forum from noon to 1 p.m. CDT on March 26. The forum provides an opportunity to hear each candidate's views on issues related to the bar and their plans for office if elected. Submit questions for the candidates in advance by emailing webmaster@texasbar.com or during the forum by using the Zoom Q&A feature. If submitting questions by email, please use the subject line "Questions for the Candidates." The candidate forum is not approved for CLE credit. For more information and to register, go to texasbar.com/elections.

FIRST COURT OF APPEALS WARNS OF JURY DUTY SCAM

The 1st Court of Appeals in Houston is warning the public that scammers are calling community members claiming to be an officer on behalf of a justice of the court. The scammers claim the community member missed jury duty and must pay money to avoid having a warrant issued for their arrest. The 1st Court of Appeals does not have jury duty, issue warrants for missing jury duty, or prosecute as such. The court advises members of the public that they should not give any personal information to these callers. If you have fallen victim of this crime, contact your local law enforcement.

DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Dallas Bar Association, or DBA, elected Stephanie Culpepper as chair and Jennifer King as vice chair of its 2024 board of directors during its January organizational meeting, according to an article in a recent issue of the Dallas Bar Association's *Headnotes*. Culpepper, deputy general counsel to Lument, has served on the DBA Board of Directors for nine years and is a past president of both the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and the Dallas Women Lawyers Association. King, a member in Kershaw Anderson King, served as president of the Dallas Women Lawyers Association in 2021. For more information about the DBA, go to dallasbar.org.

SAN ANTONIO BAR FOUNDATION WELCOMES 2024 FELLOWS CLASS

The San Antonio Bar Foundation elected 20 fellows to its 2024 class, according to a press release. Selection as a foundation fellow is by nomination only and is restricted to members of the San Antonio Bar

Association. Fellows must demonstrate professional achievement, an exemplary reputation, and commitment to the legal community. Each year's class is subject to confirmation by the San Antonio Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Members of the 2024 class are: Elizabeth C. Boddy, of Person, Mohrer, Morales, Boddy, Garcia & Gutierrez; Demetrio Duarte Jr., of Duarte Molina; Elizabeth H. Fry, of Hornberger Fuller & Garza; Josué J. Galván, of Jackson Walker; Paul Garcia, of Paul Garcia & Associates; Zachary K. Gilbert, of Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza; Daniela Gonzalez de Serna, of Alamo Trust; Jobe S. Jackson, of Langley & Banack; Joseph L. Korbel, of Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza; Byron L. LeFlore Jr., of Pulman, Cappuccio & Pullen; Matt Maupin, of Gonzalez Chiscano Angulo & Kasson; Marc A. Notzon, of the Law Office of Marc A. Notzon; Oscar Quiroz, of Watts Guerra; Derick J. Rodgers, of Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza; Jeffrey A. Saenz, of Gonzalez Chiscano Angulo & Kasson; Bennett L. Stahl, of Curl Stahl Geis; Lauren A. Valkenaar, of Chasoff | Stribling; Miguel Villarreal Jr., of Gunn, Lee & Cave; West W. Winter, of the Winter Law Firm; and Veronica S. Wolfe, of Ford Murray. For more information about the San Antonio Bar Foundation, the fellows program, and the San Antonio Bar Association, go to sanantoniobar.org.

UNT DALLAS, UT LAW STUDENTS WIN TOP THREE PLACES IN PAPER CHASE WRITING CHALLENGE

Nabutsingso Hoshut, of UNT Dallas College of Law, won first place in the 2023 Paper Chase writing competition, an annual legal writing competition for Texas law school students hosted by Baylor Law School. UT Law students Lauren Bush took second place and Sarah Chavey won third place. Hoshut will receive a trophy and a \$5,000 prize, while both Bush and Chavey will each receive a trophy, as well as a cash prize of \$1,500 and \$500, respectively. Organized by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, or TYLA, and Baylor Law School, the Paper Chase tests Texas law students' ability to craft succinct responses to a fictional prompt based on current events. Once the prompt was released, students had one week to prepare and submit their responses for judging. TYLA members judge the anonymized entries, while Austin-based law firm FVF Law sponsors the competition's prizes. "Baylor Law enjoys hosting this competition in which students are challenged to draft documents required in real practice and under similar time constraints," Professor Lee Ann James, legal writing lecturer at Baylor Law and the overseer of the competition, said in a press release. "We were particularly pleased this year with the record number of submissions and schools participating. Those chosen as the top ten entries should be extremely proud of their accomplishment." **TBJ**