Lochridge, Reavley Receive Pope Professionalism Awards

On June 4, as part of the annual Texas Supreme Court Historical Society dinner, the Texas Center for Legal Ethics presented the Chief Justice Jack Pope Professionalism Award to **Lloyd Lochridge** of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. in Austin and Judge **Thomas Reavley** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Pictured, left to right, are Jonathan Smaby, executive director of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics; Lochridge; Chief Justice Pope; Judge Reavley; and Charles M. Wilson, chair of the board of trustees for the Texas Center for Legal Ethics.

LEHRMANN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED O'NEILL

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed **Debra Lehrmann**, formerly judge of the 360th Judicial District Court in Fort Worth, to the Supreme Court of Texas to complete the term of Justice Harriet O'Neill. Lehrmann will stand for election in November. A former associate family law judge in Tarrant County with more than 22 years of service, Lehrmann is chair-elect of the American Bar Association Family Law Section, a member of the State Bar Judicial Section, a Fellow of the American and Texas Bar Foundations, and a charter member of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation. Lehrmann received her bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

AMICUS HONORS HOUSTON ATTORNEYS

Students, alumni, and friends gathered for the annual Soiree and Silent Auction to benefit the AMICUS Achievement Grant, which sponsors up to three South Texas students each year. The event raised more than $7,900 for the grant. Among this year's honorees were Houston attorneys **Phyllis Randolph Frye**, left, **Mitchell Katine**, second from left, South Texas College of Law Dean Donald Guter, center, and former State Rep. **Debra Danburg**, second from right, who were recognized for their accomplishments and for helping shape gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues.

HELPING TEXANS GAIN ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The Texas Access to Justice Commission and Texas Access to Justice Foundation presented the "Star of Justice Award" to the League of Women Voters of Texas for the organization's efforts to help preserve funding for civil legal aid during the 81st Texas Legislature. The Legislature approved a $20 million appropriation for the biennium dedicated to civil legal services. Because of this funding, nonprofit legal aid providers are able to continue serving more than 100,000 Texas families this year with basic civil legal needs. Pictured, left to right, are LWVT President Karen Nicholson and Judge Katie Kennedy of the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE TO MEET

The State Bar Legislative Policy Subcommittee is tentatively scheduled to meet Aug. 19–20 for the purpose of discussing all legislative proposals that have been properly submitted for consideration by the committee. To request a copy or for questions regarding the August meeting, contact the State Bar Governmental Relations Department at (800)204-2222 or (512)427-1463, ext. 6826, or **govt.relations@texasbar.com**.

SAVE THE DATE!

The State Bar Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a reception at the Advanced Family Law Conference in San Antonio on Aug. 11. Former Texas Supreme Court Justice **Harriet O'Neill** will be the guest speaker.