COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

During the New Lawyer Induction ceremony in November, the Texas Access to Justice Commission recognized **Stephanie Kolmar** with its Law Student Pro Bono Award. Kolmar is a recent graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. The Commission also recognized Baylor Law School with its Law School Commitment to Service Award. Baylor students are involved in pro bono work in the community through a program called Bear PAWS (People at Work and Service), in which they work with several legal aid offices. Pictured, left to right, are Baylor Law School Dean **Brad Toben**, Kolmar, and Texas Access to Justice Commission Chair **Harry M. Reasoner**.

GOING OVER THE EDGE

Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody, P.C. in Austin donated more than $2,500 to Special Olympics Texas as part of Over the Edge, an event that took place at the Inter-Continental Stephen F. Austin Hotel. James Cornell, the firm's human resources director and president of the Austin Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, wore a Graves Dougherty T-shirt as he rappelled 15 stories down the side of the hotel. Cornell was the No. 2 individual fundraiser in Texas, with $7,900 raised.

EVERYTHING'S SUPER IN TEXAS

The annual Texas Environmental Superconference was named winner of the first-ever "State or Local Bar Environment, Energy, and Resources Program of the Year" award from the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. **Jeff Civins**, right, a partner in Haynes and Boone, L.L.P. in Austin who has chaired the conference since its inception, received the honor on behalf of the State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section. Pictured with Civins is Mike Pearce, chair of the ABA Special Committee on Annual Awards.

A CLASS APART

A bronze bust of the late Hon. **James DeAnda** was unveiled Nov. 12, 2010, at the University of Texas School of Law during a celebration to honor his legacy as an advocate for social justice, particularly for his role in the civil rights of Mexican-American school children in Texas. DeAnda was the youngest member of a legal team of four Hispanic attorneys who won *Hernandez v. State of Texas*, a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case. DeAnda, who in 1979 became the second Mexican-American named to the federal bench, died in 2006.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The State Bar Committee on Child Abuse & Neglect is accepting nominations for its Fairy Davenport Rutland Award for Distinguished Service to Children and Families. Candidates must be a practicing attorney who has made a substantial contribution to the field of advocacy for abused and neglected children. Judges and committee members are ineligible. To nominate an attorney, submit a written nomination with the nominee's address and telephone number. Also advise whether you will permit publication of your name as nominator in print media. The deadline is April 1, 2011. Mail or fax nominations to Gene Major, Committees, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin 78711-2487 or fax to (512) 427-4276.