



UNITING STUDENTS, HELPING VETS



Uniting Students of Dallas, an organization of Yavneh Academy students, raised more than **\$16,500** to support civil legal services to the poor. This year's dinner benefitted legal services programs for veterans who cannot otherwise afford a lawyer. The event, which took place on Jan. 10, included presentations by State Bar President **Terry Tottenham**, Texas Young Lawyers Association President **Jennifer Evans Morris**, and a keynote presentation by former ambassador to Saudi Arabia Robert Jordan. The entire event was planned and implemented by students of Yavneh Academy, with the assistance of Vice Principal (and State Bar member) **Chad Baruch**.

SHARING THE LEGACY

The State Bar of Texas American Indian Law Section held its biennial American Indian Law Conference on Jan. 14 at the Texas Law Center in Austin. The section presented its Tom Diamond Award to Lee Walters and Pascal Regimbeau, who were instrumental in creating the Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival. The section presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Hon. Steve Russell, an associate professor of criminal justice at Indiana University–Bloomington. Here, members of the Eagle Point Drum group joined Walters, second from left, and Regimbeau, third from left, after a presentation of traditional Native American drumming and singing.



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KEEP TRACK OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

The 82nd session of the Texas Legislature began on Jan. 11. As the session unfolds, the State Bar Governmental Relations department will closely monitor legislative proposals, including the State Bar's 2011 Legislative Program. As a service to members, the department publishes a free "Friday Update" e-newsletter each Friday during the session. The newsletter includes bill summaries and links, with an emphasis on proposals that might affect the legal profession. To subscribe, visit www.texasbar.com/fridayupdate.

SAFEGUARDING IOLTA

Thanks to the efforts of U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, and the rest of the Texas Congressional delegation, Texas lawyers will continue to have unlimited FDIC coverage of Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA). The coverage faced elimination, but before Congress adjourned in 2010, Rep. Doggett wrote House Resolution 6398, which corrected an inadvertent omission of IOLTA protection from the Dodd-Frank Act. Sen. Cornyn enjoined his colleagues in the Senate to encourage bipartisan support for the measure. The bill was passed into law on Dec. 29.