TAJC Honors Law Students

The Texas Access to Justice Commission honored two law students and a law school for their commitment to legal services at the Nov. 14 New Lawyers Induction Ceremony in Austin. University of Houston Law Center student **Sarah Loeffler** (above, right) and University of Texas School of Law graduate **Robert Brothers** (above, left) each received the ATJ Law Student Pro Bono Award. The University of Texas School of Law received the ATJ Law School Commitment to Service Award for expanding its access to justice efforts and establishing a pro bono program designed to educate students about public service.

In addition, the Commission, in conjunction with the Nov. 10 Texas General Counsel Forum in San Antonio, awarded the Magna Stella Pro Bono Award to the legal department of American Airlines, Inc. for its commitment to providing pro bono legal services. The department has nearly 100 percent attorney participation in its pro bono program, which is coordinated by senior attorney **Marjorie Powell**.

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, 2012. Mail or fax nominations to Gene Major, Committees, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin 78711-2487 or fax to (512) 427-4361.

CHANCE TO WIN iPAD 2

State Bar members have an opportunity to win a free iPad 2 just by requesting a quote on insurance through the State Bar Member Discount Program. Members who request a quote from State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust by Jan. 31 will automatically be entered in the drawing. To learn more, visit Member Discounts at **texasbar.com/discounts** and click on SBOT Insurance Trust.

TEXASBARCLE STAFF RECEIVE LERN AWARD

TexasBarCLE staff members Cyd Gallimore and Pam Gilley received an International Management Practice Award Dec. 2 from Learning Resources Network (LERN), for their work in implementing a more efficient and cost-effective method of analyzing each CLE course to improve course quality. LERN is an international association that provides training, consulting, and marketing services for continuing education professionals.

TBF DISTRIBUTES FALL GRANTS

During its 2011 Fall grant cycle, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded grants totaling $353,432 to 29 organizations throughout the state that provide services in the areas of civil legal assistance to the underserved, public education, ethics and professionalism in the legal profession, administration of justice, and victim services. Among the organizations receiving grants are Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) affiliates, Children at Risk, Inc., League of Women Voters, and Texas Advocacy Project, as well as the State Bar of Texas for the civics education program, *Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay! Civics Resources for Texas Students and Teachers*, and the Texas Young Lawyers Association for *The Unconscious Truth: Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking*.