



## MY OPINION

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# Texas Bar Journal Overview

As a Baylor Law graduate, nothing made me more proud than to see the Bears play in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio last month. Before that, I had the opportunity to get back to Waco in November and watch the Baylor football team beat Mizzou during Baylor's homecoming game. The highlight of the weekend — aside from being able to watch the Bears' most notable asset, Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III, or RG3, in person — was an image that ran in the Waco newspaper that weekend. It was an artist's conceptual drawing of a proposed new on-campus football stadium, which would sit on the banks of the Brazos River across from Baylor Law School.

The last time the Baylor Bears played on campus was in 1936. Since 1950, the team has called Floyd Casey Stadium (then known as Baylor Stadium) home. But, the stadium is located about four miles from the campus. It would be nice for the Bears to play home games at, well, home, and of course it would be a nice piece of yard art for the the law school.

Baylor's regents are seeking input from the public about what the stadium can be — seating capacity, pricing, and amenities. In the same way, we at the *Texas Bar Journal* are looking to the future. We recently updated our website to make it easier for members to find information relating not only to the *Texas Bar Journal*, but also to your State Bar membership as well. There is a digital edition available on the site, as well as

a central spot for information on how to submit legal articles to the *Texas Bar Journal* Board of Editors (these guidelines are also included adjacent to this column), letters to the editor, professional announcements, and more. You can also access recent issues as well as the



An artist's rendering of a proposed new football stadium for the Baylor campus. Graphic courtesy of Baylor University.

*Journal's* searchable archive that goes back to the magazine's origins in 1938. Like the Baylor regents looking for input on a possible new stadium, we too are looking for input. Take a look at the updated *Texas Bar Journal* site at [texasbar.com/tbj](http://texasbar.com/tbj). We would like to know what you think of our new online design.

In the coming months, the *Texas Bar Journal* will examine topics that we've not covered in some time, including the state of the legal profession, juries and jury service, and globalization and its effect on the way we practice law. We'll also showcase the work of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, whose mem-

bers work hard every year to create projects to educate and assist both the public and the profession. We will also be featuring the work of the Supreme Court of Texas Court Records Preservation Task Force, which has spent the past two years examining the preservation of historic state district and county court records. As someone with a deep appreciation for history — both our state's and our profession's — I am excited that the *Bar Journal* will serve as a forum to share the Task Force's important work on preserving our heritage.

I would like to thank those Texas attorneys that are members of the *Texas Bar Journal* Board of Editors for their commitment to ensuring high editorial standards for the magazine. In this, my seventh year on the editorial board, I have come to thoroughly enjoy as well as appreciate the editorial board's experience and insights. I also want to thank the *Bar Journal's* staff, who work behind the scenes to ensure that the magazine meets the needs of the Texas legal community while keeping up with changes in technology.

With iPads and other mobile technology quickly changing the way we all read and share news, the *Texas Bar Journal* editorial board and staff will continue to work to ensure that the *Bar Journal* remains timely and relevant to its readers. Our ideas may merely be ideas right now, but with your help, we can turn those into better ideas, and even better, into reality. Email us at [tbj@texasbar.com](mailto:tbj@texasbar.com).