



ATJ GALA HONORS VETERANS



The Texas Access to Justice Commission honored the service of veterans throughout the state at the Champions of Justice Gala Benefiting Veterans on May 1 in Austin. More than \$413,000 was raised to help provide civil legal services to low-income Texas veterans and their families, and more than \$1 million has been raised in the past three years at the gala to benefit veterans. The keynote speaker was Admiral **William H. McRaven** (pictured with State Bar Immediate Past President **Bob Black**), ninth commander of U.S. Special Operations Command who was in command of the mission to apprehend Osama Bin Laden.

The Commission presented several awards during the evening. Recipients of the James B. Sales Boots on the Ground Award were 2010–11 State Bar President **Terry Tottenham**, for his role in initiating *Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans*; **Charles Kimbrough**, a partner in Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, L.L.P., for providing legal assistance to families in the “Jarrell 13” case who were sold property but never received the title; and **Bruce Bower**, deputy director of Texas Legal Services Center, for helping create the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. Texas Attorney General **Greg Abbott** received the Star of Justice Award and Lt. Gov. **David Dewhurst** received the Legislative Hero Award for their support of access to justice efforts.

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JAMAIL DONATES LIBRARY TO TSU

Renowned Houston trial lawyer **Joe Jamail** has donated his law library to Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The collection includes more than 1,000 volumes with a value of approximately \$3 million. Jamail presented his collection to TSU President Dr. **John Rudley** and Thurgood Marshall School of Law Dean **Dannye Holley**. Said Holley of the donation: “This gift will further enhance the reputation of our highly regarded law library and serve to greatly benefit our faculty, alumni, as well as current and future students here at Thurgood Marshall School of Law.”

TEXAS LAW CENTER HOSTS TEXAS CITIZEN BEE

On May 11, the Texas Law Center in Austin hosted the Texas Citizen Bee, with high school students from across the state demonstrating their knowledge of civics, including the U.S. Constitution. This year’s winning school district was Whitehouse ISD. Whitehouse student **Asa Johnson** received top student honors and a \$1,000 scholarship and teacher **David Bell** took top teacher honors. The Texas Citizen Bee is funded by the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation and administered by the State Bar Law-Related Education Department.