We all know lawyers are leaders in their communities. These pages are dedicated to sharing information about activities, accomplishments, and community service projects and accolades lawyers are involved in for the good of the profession and the community. Fill out our online form at **www.texasbar.com/tbj** or send contributions to *Texas Bar Journal*, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487; or email tbj@texasbar.com.

Edward "Teddy" Adams, Jr., a partner in Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. in Houston, was elected to the Rice University Board of Trustees.

Fish & Richardson, P.C. received the 2012 Exceptional Service Award from the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project for its commitment to the pro bono representation of prisoners on death row. Houston principal **John Lane** and Houston associate **Claire Devine** represent a death row inmate in Mississippi.

Linda McMillen, of the Law Office of Linda L. McMillen in Arlington, was awarded the second annual Jack Colley Award for Volunteerism. The award honors an outstanding volunteer who exhibits leadership, dedication, self-sacrifice, and service to the state of Texas in the field of emergency management. This statewide recognition is the highest honor presented to a volunteer by the state's Citizen Corps Program.

Marshall Miller, a partner in Jackson Walker, L.L.P. in San Antonio, was named to the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University.

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. was recognized with one of five 2012 Pro Bono Publico Awards from the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. In 2011, lawyers and staff members at the firm devoted more than 67,000 hours to pro bono work.

To celebrate 100 years of service, the Dallas office of Perkins Coie, L.L.P. made a $10,000 contribution to the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. Children's Medical Center, a private, not-for-profit system, is the seventh-largest pediatric health care provider in the country. Pictured are, from left, **Steve Smith**, office managing partner, Dallas; Shana Santoni, director, Corporate Relations and Cause Marketing at Children's Medical Center; and Bob Giles, firmwide managing partner.

Neil J. Orleans, a partner in Goins, Underkofler, Crawford & Langdon, L.L.P. in Dallas, was elected to a two-year term as a director of the Richardson Symphony Orchestra.

Greg Erwin, a shareholder in Winstead, P.C., was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Houston District Council of the Urban Land Institute.

Gary Reaves, senior vice president and general counsel to General Genetics Corporation, was re-elected to the Keller City Council.

Roland Garcia, a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P. in Houston, received the 2012 International Leadership Award from the Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation for his contributions in for-profit, not-for-profit, and public sectors.

The Tessmer Law Firm, P.L.L.C., owned by **Heather Tessmer**, in Fair Oaks Ranch, received national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise Alliance, a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council.