

Supreme Court Justices Sworn in, Honored at Ceremony



The investiture ceremony for the two new Texas Supreme Court justices — **Jeffrey S. Boyd** (left) and **John P. Devine** (right) — was held Monday, Jan. 14, at the State Capitol. The event also included current Justices **Nathan L. Hecht** and **Don Willett** taking the oath of office to start their new terms.

In addition, outgoing Justices **Dale Wainwright** and **David M. Medina** were honored for their service on the Texas Supreme Court. Chief Justice **Wallace B. Jefferson** gave the tribute for Wainwright, while Justice Hecht presented Medina's recognition.

The ceremony included comments by Gov. Rick Perry, who swore in the four justices, and U.S. Sen. **John Cornyn**, a former Texas Supreme Court justice. Senior Judge **Thomas M. Reavley** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit presented Boyd, and Houston attorney **Mark Lanier** presented Devine.

TYLA Hosts 'Ladies Night Out'

On Dec. 3, the Texas Young Lawyers Association hosted "Ladies Night Out" for the Bastrop Family Crisis Center. They previewed TYLA's *Healing the Wounds* video, which overviews what victims of domestic violence can expect when utilizing the court system, and TYLA directors and officers answered questions on obtaining a protective order and filing a temporary restraining order. The women were also treated to dinner and pampering by hair and make-up consultants. The Austin Young Lawyers Association donated backpacks, which were filled with goodies for women and children attending the event. Pictured: TYLA directors **Sally Pretorius** and **Dustin Howell** with TYLA President-elect **Kristy Piazza Blanchard** and TYLA President **C.E. Rhodes**.



'Pay It Forward'

The Houston office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, L.L.P., participated in a "Pay It Forward" initiative — a team charity challenge program based on the book and movie of the same name. With nearly 100 percent employee participation and beginning with only \$5,000 in seed money, the Houston office raised \$45,000 for local charities and non-profit organizations such as Boys and Girls Harbor, Houston Area Women's Center, Little Feet Foundation, Project Joy and Hope, and YES Prep Public Schools. Overall, the program raised more than \$120,000 across five of the firm's offices around the world.

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