

# *Cindy Tisdale Elected Chair of the State Bar Board of Directors*

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Cindy Tisdale, the owner of the Law Office of Cindy V. Tisdale in Granbury, will take office as chair of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors at the State Bar Annual Meeting June 20-21 in Dallas.

Tisdale, who practices family law, said she is humbled and honored. “I love the people—the bar directors, the State Bar employees. I have come to respect tremendously the work the bar does.”

Tisdale realizes that not everyone on the board is going to see eye-to-eye on every issue. “When you have that many intelligent people in the room, there are going to be differences of opinion,” Tisdale noted. But she has seen firsthand the commitment the board has to uniting to make great things happen. “I want to continue that cohesiveness,” she said. Tisdale sees her new role as a facilitator, working with incoming State Bar President Lisa Tatum and helping to bring everybody on the board together for a common goal—to make the State Bar better. “It amazes me how much this bar does for the attorneys of Texas.”

A native of Early, near Brownwood, Tisdale studied journalism at Baylor University. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree, Tisdale stayed in Waco and worked in the university’s public relations department for a year before entering Baylor Law School and earning her J.D. Tisdale began her legal career doing civil work, including CPS cases, for the McLennan County district attorney’s office. She eventually moved to a private firm in Waco and then started her own firm in Granbury. Although she dabbled in other areas of practice, she quickly found herself back in family law. “The cases that stand out to me are the ones in which kids are involved. There’s no question,” she said.

Tisdale has dedicated her life to helping children and families. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a member of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, and a council member of the State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, in which she has served on the pro bono committee for the past three years. “We put on CLE seminars for free, and in exchange, the participant must agree to take two pro bono cases. The legal service providers are stretched so thin that this seminar is a way to aid them in getting legal help for the indigent in family law cases,” she explained. Tisdale has also served as president of the board of directors of the Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center.

When Tisdale is not busy working, she enjoys exploring Granbury and the surrounding area and spending time with her friends, family, and two children.



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