

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS
2023–2024 VOLUNTEER AND STAFF GUIDE

TYLA
COMMITTEES

TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

AS OF JULY 1, 2023

TYLA committees conduct much of the work of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). Committees of the TYLA are divided into two categories: service and standing. Standing committee members are appointed for one year. Service committee members are recruited annually. Young lawyers across Texas have donated their time and effort in furtherance of TYLA programs through their volunteer work on committees.

If you are interested in joining a TYLA committee, please visit our website at www.tyla.org, or call the TYLA office at (800) 204-2222.

ABA YLD LIAISONS

Purpose: Elected Position. The elected representatives for the ABA YLD in Texas serve as liaisons to the TYLA board and coordinate with FEMA for relief efforts in the event of a declared natural disaster. Texas has two ABA YLD District Representatives: District 25 (South/Central Region) and District 26 (North/West Region). District Representatives serve staggered two-year terms and are elected by the local bar organizations in Texas that are affiliated with the ABA YLD in the appropriate region. Nominations are open to any eligible attorney in Texas meeting the requirements set out in the ABA YLD bylaws.

David R. Hagan, Co-Chair
Armin Salek, Co-Chair

ACCESS-TO-JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Access-to-Justice Committee will primarily work on expanding TYLA's resources for supporting and increasing access to justice across Texas and educating the general public about legal rights and resources.

Michael Hanson, Executive Committee Advisor
Marshall Sales, Co-Chair
Russell Shrauner, Co-Chair
Rachael K. Jones, Vice-Chair
Guillermo M. Hernández, III
Rosalyn Lark
Matthew S. Manning
Christy Mazurek
Nadine Ona
Armin Salek

ANNUAL MEETING

Purpose: Appointed Position. Assist in the planning and organization of TYLA's annual meeting activities.

Laura Pratt, Chair

BYLAWS & POLICY MANUAL

Purpose: Appointed Position. Regularly conducts a comprehensive evaluation of the TYLA Bylaws and/or Policy Manual, including a review of the current election procedures for all TYLA officers and directors; recommends and drafts any needed or proposed revisions to the TYLA Bylaws and/or Policy Manual, including any approved redistricting plans; provides interpretations as needed to fairly implement all matters in compliance with the TYLA Bylaws and Policy Manual.

Courtney M. White, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Communications committee will manage TYLA's communications via its website, social media, and annual report. The committee will develop a plan for cross-platform synergy that allows content to be easily adapted from social media, and to the annual report, with the goal of communicating information that is the most important to the TYLA membership in multiple ways.

Michael J. Ritter, Executive Committee Advisor
Alyson A. Martinez, Chair
Katya Nikitina, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Ferguson
Sushant Mohan
Nadine Ona

COMPETITIONS

Purpose: National Trial Competition (NTC) committee and State Moot Court (SMC) committee will work on TYLA's three annual law student competitions, which promote the long-term quality of legal services by providing training in essential legal skills, including oral and written advocacy, and maintain TYLA and the State Bar of Texas as leaders in providing high-caliber learning opportunities for law students.

Ashley Hymel, SMC, Executive Committee Advisor
Timothy Adams, SMC, Co-Chair
Sushant Mohan, SMC, Co-Chair
Hon. Lauren Sepulveda, SMC, Vice-Chair
Aamir Siddik, NTC, Executive Committee Advisor
Ryan R. Bauerle, NTC, Co-Chair
David R. Hagan, NTC, Co-Chair
Garrett S. Brawley, NTC, Vice Chair
Kenneth Ferguson
Tyler Granger
Chase Newsom
Katya Nikitina
Armin Salek
Micah Satterwhite
Jackson Willingham

DIVERSITY, DEVELOPMENT & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Diversity, Development & Wellness committee will focus on creating and distributing projects and resources that improve and enrich the lives of young attorneys from various backgrounds. Specifically, the committee will expand upon TYLA's B-SAFE project, develop additional resources for supporting our law students, update and revitalize mentoring resources, and administer TYLA's diversity scholarship.

Hisham Masri, Executive Committee Advisor
Austin W. Stevenson, Chair
Rosalyn Lark, Vice-Chair
Anietie Akpan
William Biggers
Jenna Castleman
Jenée Durán
Guillermo M. Hernández, III
Caitlin McDuffee
Marshall Sales
Russell Shrauner

EXECUTIVE

Purpose: Elected Position. Officers are elected by the TYLA board, and the President-elect and succeeding officers are elected by the general membership of TYLA. The TYLA Executive Committee monitors board activities and makes administrative and policy recommendations to the board as necessary.

Laura Pratt, President
Ashley Hymel, Chair
Michael Hanson, Vice President
Aamir Siddik, Secretary
Tiffany Sheppard, Treasurer
Hisham Masri, President-elect
Courtney M. White, Chair-elect
Michael J. Ritter, Immediate Past President

JOSEPH M. PRITCHARD INN

Purpose: Membership Limited to Present/Past TYLA Board. Annual membership dues support the activities of the Inn. The Joseph Pritchard Inn conducts the following activities each year: (1) recognizes one second-year law student as recipient of the annual Joseph Pritchard Inn scholarship; (2) sponsors the meeting of the "Joseph M. Pritchard Inn of Former Officers and Directors of the Texas Young Lawyers Association"; and (3) prepares a directory of Current Members of the Inn. The Outstanding Director of TYLA is named in honor of the Inn.

Ashley Hymel, Chair

LIBERTY BELL AND OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARDS

Purpose: Appointed Position. Plans, coordinates, judges, and presents the annual statewide Liberty Bell Award. The Liberty Bell Award recognizes an outstanding non-lawyer who has made the most selfless contribution to his or her community that strengthens the effectiveness of the American system of justice. The Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes one attorney who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community.

Victor Flores, Co-Chair
Britney Harrison, Co-Chair

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Purpose: Appointed Position. Monitors, reviews, and updates TYLA's Long Range and Strategic Plan. This includes a periodic review and evaluation of TYLA's district composition and recommendations for redistricting changes as outlined in Article V, Section 5, of the TYLA Bylaws. Also works with the TYLA Bylaws/Policy Manual Committee to prepare proposed changes for approval at the TYLA annual meeting. Redistricting review mandated every five years.

Hisham Masri, Chair

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Member Services committee, otherwise known as the "Local Affiliates Committee," will help provide membership services through local young lawyers' associations, who often have more direct connections with TYLA members throughout Texas.

Courtney M. White, Executive Committee Advisor
Garrett Coutts, Chair
Jenna Castleman, Vice-Chair
Ryan R. Bauerle
Claire Harbert
Rachael K. Jones
Jenna Malsbary
Julia Peebles
Micah Satterwhite
Austin W. Stevenson
Jackson Willingham

NOMINATIONS

Purpose: Appointed Position. Interviews prospective nominees and presents the slate of officer candidates to the TYLA board of directors. Coordinates with the Bylaws/Policy Manual Committee to propose guidelines for the statewide president-elect campaign and election.

Michael J. Ritter, Chair

OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER

Purpose: Appointed Position. Plans, coordinates, judges, and presents the annual Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas Award, which recognizes one young lawyer who best demonstrates professional proficiency, service to the profession, and service to the community. Nomination applications may be submitted by any TYLA local affiliate or local bar association, under rules prescribed by this committee.

Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, Chair

POLICY MANUAL REVISION

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Courtney M. White, Chair

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Programming committee will work on new and ongoing programs and content that help TYLA members and other lawyers in the practice of law, including CLEs and other helpful content.

Tiffany Sheppard, Executive Committee Advisor
Steven M. Traeger, Chair
Julia Peebles, Vice-Chair
Ashton Butcher
Jenée Durán
Tyler Granger
Claire Harbert
Christy Mazurek

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Public Service committee will focus on completing the various components of this year's Texas Bar Foundation project, Adulging. This Committee will also work with the TYLA President and Chair to coordinate public service projects for each board meeting.

Hisham Masri, Executive Committee Advisor
Laura Pratt, Executive Committee Advisor
Ashton Butcher, Chair
Anietie Akpan, Vice-Chair
William Biggers
Garrett Coutts
Jenna Malsbary
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