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2023-2024 State Bar President-elect Candidates

The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors approved the nominations of Jerry Alexander, of Dallas, and Steve Benesh, of Austin, as president-elect candidates at its meeting on September 30, 2022. Texas lawyers will vote for the president-elect and district directors from April 3 to May 2. The winner will serve as president-elect from June 2023 to June 2024 and as president from June 2024 to June 2025. For more information, go to texasbar.com/elections.

Jerry Alexander

Dallas

Jerry Alexander, a graduate of Southern Methodist University for his bachelor's and law degrees, is a 50-year lawyer who began his career at Passman & Jones in Dallas as a court runner and law clerk. He has served as the firm's president since 1998, and his practice focuses on commercial litigation, bankruptcy, antitrust, trade secrets, and aviation law.

Alexander started early in his career as an active member of the Dallas Bar Association, working on several committees, and became its 107th president in 2016. He served as State Bar of Texas director of District 6, Place 3 (2017-2020) and was State Bar board chair in 2019-2020. This year, he received the State Bar of Texas President's Award "In Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions through Distinguished Service to the Lawyers of Texas."

Alexander is receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award this year from the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Steve Benesh

Austin

Steve Benesh, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, is a 35-year lawyer and has spent his entire legal career at Bracewell, becoming a partner in 1995. A frequent author and lecturer on legal topics, his practice is focused on business litigation and commercial disputes.

Benesh began his service to the profession over 20 years ago as a member of the Austin Bar Association, culminating in his service as Austin Bar president in 2006-2007. Thereafter, he served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 2008 to 2011 and chaired the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in 2014, for which he received a Presidential Citation. Since 2017, Benesh has served on the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Directors, currently serving as its chair-elect.

Benesh has twice received the Austin Bar Association President's Award for Outstanding Service.