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Committees Department – Standing Committee Purposes

Committee	Created	Purpose
Administration of Rules of Evidence	1983	To monitor the Texas Rules of Evidence, receive and consider comments regarding the Rules, and proposes revisions to the Rules of Evidence and the statutes of Texas relating thereto.
Advertising Review	1995	To concern itself with the attorney advertising issues and attorney compliance with the Lawyer Advertising Rules, Part VII of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and review all public media advertising and written solicitation communications submitted for review as required by 7.07 of the Rules.
Continuing Legal Education	1939	To concern itself with monitoring the continuing legal educational needs of lawyers and other professionals, reviewing and making recommendations for any mandatory educational requirements for lawyers to maintain professional competence, and promoting appropriate educational programs through TexasBarCLE of the State Bar of Texas.
Court Rules	1941	To concern itself with revisions of the Rules of Practice in civil actions and the statutes of Texas relating thereto, for the purpose of enhancing fairness to the litigants, judicial efficiency and economy, and the reduction of the cost of litigation.
Disability Rights and Issues	1992	To study the concerns of Texas lawyers with disabilities, as well as clients and members of the public, and make recommendations to the State Bar Board of Directors concerning ways in which the role of people with disabilities in Texas can be enhanced by improvement in programs and initiatives sponsored by the State Bar and to develop and promote such programs as appropriate.
Emerging Technology	2025	To identify and research emerging technologies and their impact on the practice of law and on the justice system. To make recommendations to the State Bar Board of Directors on ways the Bar might leverage the opportunities presented by emerging technologies, and to educate attorneys and the public about any risks those technologies may present and how to mitigate them.

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Law Focused Education	1984	To concern itself with developing, implementing, and augmenting programs for the education of the public in regard to each citizen's legal rights and responsibilities and the roles of the legal profession and the judiciary in protecting those rights and enforcing those responsibilities, and to concern itself with encouraging and supporting the programs of Law Focused Education, Inc.
Law Practice Management	1939	To concern itself with: (1) programs, publications, and other activities conducive to the efficient, ethical management of the delivery of legal services; (2) the delivery of legal services at reasonable prices, with sufficient return to ensure the viability of the professional; (3) increasing the management knowledge and skills of the members of the Bar.
Laws Relating to Immigration and Nationality	1982	To study and educate the legal profession on the current or proposed laws and policies pertaining to immigration and nationality, and the impact of such laws and policies upon the public.
Lawyers' Assistance Program	1984	To provide for identification, peer intervention counseling, and rehabilitation of attorneys licensed to practice law in Texas whose lives and practices are impaired because of physical or mental illness, including substance abuse, so that they may resume the competent practice of law to not only benefit themselves, but their clients as well.
Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters	1974	To concern itself with creation and means of implementation of programs, such as legal aid or pro bono efforts, to assure delivery of legal services to persons who are unable to afford counsel to represent them in civil matters. The composition of the committee shall include members of legal aid, legal services and pro bono programs, including at least one director from one of the Legal Service Corp. field programs.

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Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters	1994	To study the system of defense of indigent persons in criminal law matters in Texas, collect data and other information relevant to their defense, and to develop recommendations for action by the State Bar of Texas and all related entities that are or should be involved in the provision of quality representation to indigent persons involved in criminal matters.
Local Bar Services	1978	To concern itself with providing services and information to local and specialty bar associations by serving as a liaison between the State Bar and the local association and aiding local and specialty bar associations in developing and carrying out worthwhile projects through the Awards of Merit Program.
Minimum Continuing Legal Education	1986	To administer the program of minimum continuing legal education as established by Article XII of the State Bar Rules, formulate rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Article, evaluate through an accreditation system continuing legal education activities applicable to the Rules, and encourage development of high quality continuing legal education activities statewide.
Outreach & Engagement	2022	To develop and promote strategies and best practices for outreach to and engagement of the diverse membership of the State Bar of Texas. The Committee will identify opportunities within the organization to create an environment conducive to involvement of attorneys of all backgrounds and locations across Texas; assist in the creation of measurable goals; and periodically report on progress towards achieving the goals set by the State Bar Board of Directors.
PJC - Business, Consumer, Insurance & Employment	1985	To prepare and periodically revise pattern jury charges for common law and statutory claims encountered in consumer, insurance, business, commercial, and employment litigation. The committee shall consist of a balance of judges, plaintiffs, and defense lawyers with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by this committee.

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PJC - Criminal	2005	To monitor statutory and case law developments in criminal law and prepare supplementation as needed for *Pattern Jury Charges - Criminal* . The committee shall consist of a balance of judges and practitioners with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by this committee.
PJC - Family and Probate	1987	To monitor statutory and case law developments in family and probate law and prepare supplementation as needed for *Pattern Jury Charges - Family and Probate* . The committee shall consist of a balance of judges and practitioners with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by this committee.
PJC - General Negligence, Intentional Personal Torts & Workers Compensation	1984	To monitor statutory and case law developments in the subject matter of this PJC volume and prepare supplementation as needed. The committee shall consist of a balance of judges, plaintiffs', and defense lawyers with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by this committee.
PJC - Malpractice, Premises & Products	1987	To monitor statutory and case law developments in the subject matter of this PJC volume and prepare supplementation as needed. The committee shall consist of a balance of judges, plaintiffs, and defense lawyers with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by the committee.
PJC - Oil and Gas	2013	To monitor statutory and case law developments in the subject matter for this PJC volume and prepare supplementation as needed. The committee shall consist of a balance of judges, and practitioners with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice under review by the committee.
PJC - Oversight	2003	To set appropriate policies and standards, to act as an oversight and coordinating committee for the PJC committees, and to concern itself with the study and formulation of the form of charges submitted for publication through the Books and Systems Department. The membership of the PJC - Oversight Committee shall consist of two ex-officio members of the Texas Supreme Court as designated by the Supreme Court, a balance of district and appellate court judges, and a balance of lawyers with demonstrated expertise in the various areas of practice, including plaintiffs and defense lawyers, and general member appointments.

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Professionalism & Civility	1990	To identify factors that influence professionalism and to develop and recommend to the State Bar Board of Directors ways to improve professionalism with particular attention to the professional development of new lawyers. While encouraging civility to adversaries, officials, and colleagues, clients and other parties.
Real Estate Forms	1970	To review and update the *Texas Real Estate Forms Manual*.
Texas Bar Journal Board of Editors	1969	To advise and assist the editor of the *Texas Bar Journal* with matters of policy, content, and substance.
Women in the Profession	1989	To assess the status of women in the legal profession; to identify barriers that prevent women lawyers from full participation in the work, responsibilities, and rewards of the profession; to develop educational programs and materials to address discrimination against women lawyers; and to make recommendations to the State Bar Board of Directors for action to address problems identified by the committee.