Moments Matter. Now, more than ever.

In the face of incredible challenges across our great state, do we believe in our capacity to create a better future and focus on the next step – what we are able to do now, in the moment?

We are proud to say that Texas lawyers have always known the answer.

It’s the moment when a pro bono attorney says, “Yes. I will help you,” to the woman trying to keep her children safe from an abusive father, or to the family trying to ward off homelessness from a wrongful eviction, or to the veteran who qualifies for a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

It’s the moment when a court says, “Yes. There is a form that allows people to file suit without paying court costs,” and hands it to the litigant who cannot afford them.

It’s the moment when a Texas lawyer says, “Yes. I will support your work,” to an organization engaged in improving access to justice for our low-income neighbors.

Does a moment matter?

You bet it does. Ask the thousands of low-income people who received pro bono assistance, or who had to represent themselves because they were too poor to afford an attorney, or who were helped by a legal aid lawyer at an organization your contribution supported.

You made these moments happen through your selfless dedication to providing pro bono assistance to your fellow Texans and your generous financial contributions. In 2021, these moments added up to almost 2.5 million hours of pro bono service and more than $1.5 million dollars generously contributed to the Justice for All Access to Justice Contribution Campaign.

The Texas Access to Justice Commission works alongside you year after year to solidify these moments of generosity by seeking to address barriers to the court system that impact thousands of low-income Texans.

Collectively, moment by moment, we will improve our justice system.
In 2022, look for the moments – large and small – that matter for your fellow Texans. When you pay your annual dues, please take a moment, and consider making the voluntary $150 contribution to support access to justice in our state. Look for opportunities to volunteer your skills, in one moment or in many moments, to enact an everlasting impact on your community.

Now is the time to make every moment matter.

Cordially,

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