Texans always overcome. It’s who we are.

In 2020, the challenges mounted, one after the other, especially for our low-income neighbors. We endeavored to meet every single one with grit, valor, and a generosity that benefited scores of Texans facing unprecedented unemployment, complex healthcare challenges, looming eviction, escalating domestic abuse, and widespread economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many of you faced challenges alongside your less fortunate neighbors but you continued to show up with your time, expertise, and generous donations. During these turbulent times, you and your colleagues contributed more than $1.4 million to the Justice for All Campaign and provided more than 2.48 million pro bono hours to our fellow Texans in need. Many of you, in true Texas style, generously contributed both “dollars and hours” to make an impressive impact.

Our profession has been profoundly challenged, yet you gave your all to help our fellow Texans in need. Your efforts mattered to more than 140,000 families who qualified for civil legal aid in 2020. For that you are to be commended. We are profoundly grateful.

The need continues to mount in 2021, so we call on you to keep responding and to encourage your peers to do the same. Before the pandemic, there were 5.2 million Texans who qualified for civil legal aid or pro bono assistance. These numbers have undoubtedly increased due to the pandemic’s economic impact.

The Texas Access to Justice Commission will continue its efforts to improve our justice system through strategic reform of policies and procedures that disproportionately impact low-income Texans and complement the work you and our legal aid providers do to facilitate increased access to justice for all.

When you pay your annual dues, please consider making the $150 contribution, tax-deductible as allowed by law, to support access to justice.
With Texans helping fellow Texans, we have lifted each other up and overcome so many obstacles. We look forward to your support this year.

Together, we can effect positive change for thousands of Texans in need.

Cordially,

Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice
Eva M. Guzman, Justice
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice
John P. Devine, Justice
James D. Blacklock, Justice
J. Brett Busby, Justice
Jane N. Bland, Justice
Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice
What’s on Your 2021 Wish List?

While many Texans searched for disinfectant spray, bleach wipes, and toilet paper, **Becky was searching for legal help.**

Becky was desperate because her wayward adult daughter had reappeared and was threatening to take Becky’s 12-year-old granddaughter, Carrie, away from her. Becky had raised Carrie since she was a baby and was the only mother Carrie had ever known.

That all this was happening during a pandemic and a looming winter storm was terrifying. Thankfully, Becky was able to get help from legal aid. She got custody of Carrie and her daughter was ordered to pay child support.

Please help the thousands of low-income Texans like Becky who, due to the pandemic and winter storm Uri, are struggling with issues like eviction, unemployment, or repairs.

Your donation brings relief by securing needed legal assistance and effecting change through systemic reform of policies that disproportionately impact people like Becky and her family.

**With your support, we can put legal help on the wish list this year.**

Please donate today.

Thank you!

Trish McAllister
Executive Director


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