

JOIN TOGETHER

MERGE JOIN FORCES UNIFY
MIX FUSE **CONNECT** COMBINE
MEET KEEP TOGETHER
BLEND KEEP TOGETHER SOLIDIFY COALESCE LEAGUE
STICK TOGETHER COOPERATE **MERGE** INCORPORATE
JOIN **PULL TOGETHER** CONNECT GATHER KEEP TOGETHER **RELATE**
MIX ALLY LINK MERGE CONCUR **RELATE** **UNITE** MIX ASSOCIATE
LINK MERGE CONCUR **RELATE** COOPERATE **LINK**
STRENGTHEN KEEP TOGETHER
LEAGUE LINK FUSE MEET
ALLY BLEND **RELATE** **STRENGTHEN**
KEEP MEET UNIFY
LINK EMBODY **RELATE** GATHER TOGETHER JOIN
JOIN MIX **BECOME ONE** RELATE
MEET FUSE
LEAGUE
CONSOLIDATE
BAND TOGETHER
ALLY **MERGE**
FUSE LINK

STATE BAR OF TEXAS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the State Bar of Texas is to support the administration of the legal system, assure all citizens equal access to justice, foster high standards of ethical conduct for lawyers, enable its members to better serve their clients and the public, educate the public about the rule of law, and promote diversity in the administration of justice and the practice of law.

UNITE

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2012-2013 State Bar of Texas Annual Report.

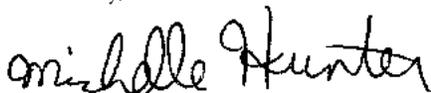
We are fortunate to call Texas our home. It is a place where lawyers are leaders in their communities, a place where some of the nation's largest firms represent global corporations, a place where we collaborate and learn from one another.

As lawyers, we are bound to serve the people of Texas. Our state is reflected by our profession, from the varied firm sizes and different practice areas to the distinct geographic regions and assorted backgrounds. Under the leadership of State Bar President Buck Files, we have worked diligently to come together and strengthen the legal profession. We have joined forces to help all the citizens of Texas. And as administrators of the State Bar of Texas, our duty is to ensure our members have the resources and services they need to succeed.

This year's annual report reflects the various functions of the State Bar by sharing the stories of Texas lawyers and members of the public who have benefited from a State Bar program or service. To be able to touch the lives of so many people is a privilege—and charge—the State Bar upholds with honor.

I am grateful for the dedication of the State Bar's officers, directors, volunteers, and staff. They work together to continuously improve services to make sure the State Bar fulfills its mission.

Sincerely,



Michelle Hunter
Executive Director

The State Bar of Texas has cut the staff-to-attorney ratio from one staff member for every 199 attorneys in 1999 to one staff member for every 344 attorneys today—just one example of the Bar's administrative and fiscal soundness.



STRENGTHEN

Buck Files walked through 30 courthouses across Texas—from Houston and Dallas to Quitman and Boerne to McAllen and Amarillo—while he was president of the State Bar of Texas. During these visits, he talked with 372 judges (either in their chambers or at their benches), more than 30 elected prosecutors and several first assistants, and numerous other lawyers. At a judicial conference, Files went to meet with judges from all eight different judicial regions to listen to their concerns in an informal setting.

These travels were part of his effort to inspire lawyers and judges to work together to strengthen our legal profession. Files reached out to every group in the Bar that had an executive director, including the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the metropolitan bars. He worked closely with association leaders such as Rob Kepple, the executive director of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and Joseph Martinez, the executive director of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

“I was concerned about the judges and lawyers who had expressed a feeling that they were being ignored by the State Bar,” said Files, a 50-year lawyer who has been a prosecutor or defense attorney his entire career.

Files is proud of the inroads he made. Kepple, of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, once credited him at an elected prosecutors conference with bringing prosecutors into the Bar. “I cannot say that I was totally successful in achieving my goals,” Files said. “However, I am glad I made the effort and am pleased with the responses I received.”

Files also worked to advance the importance of civility and professionalism. He requested that the justices of the Supreme Court of Texas and the judges of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reaffirm the Texas Lawyer’s Creed—and they did. “Over the next year, [as immediate past Bar president], I shall continue to work with judges, lawyers, and law school deans with the hope that we can all continue to emphasize the importance of the Creed.”

For more information or a copy of the Texas Lawyer’s Creed, go to texasbar.com/ethics.



CONNECT

Anna Romero needed a lawyer, so she contacted the Guadalupe County Courthouse for assistance. Romero, who lives in Cibolo, was told to contact the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral and Information Service. A call to LRIS led Romero to a lawyer who has a practice in San Antonio. Of the probate case he handled for her, Romero said, “Everything went wonderfully well.”

The LRIS program, which helps people who are in need of legal assistance find a lawyer or other resource, serves more than 240 counties in Texas. For the major metropolitan areas, LRIS refers people to the local lawyer referral agencies for assistance. Romero, who was unaware of the program, said she is thankful the county courthouse she contacted provides this information to the public.

In 2012, LRIS received 66,299 calls and made 61,830 referrals. Of the total referrals, 39 percent were to panel members, 37 percent were to other lawyer referral service programs, and 24 percent were to other resources, such as Legal Aid, hotlines, and government agencies. The service provides an initial 30-minute consultation with a participating attorney for \$20. If the lawyer agrees to take the case, additional charges are determined between the client and lawyer. Romero said the consultation fee made the process of hiring an attorney less intimidating.

The LRIS staff also made an impression on Romero. On her second call to LRIS, Romero spoke to the same individual she had spoken to previously. “I couldn’t believe she remembered me from the first call,” she said. “She was so friendly and helpful.”

Romero hopes other people in need of a lawyer know about the LRIS program. “I would definitely recommend it.”

For assistance, please contact LRIS at (800) 252-9690 or (877) 9TEXBAR (toll free), Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST. LRIS also has phone services in Spanish.



ENGAGE

In May 2012, the State Bar of Texas launched Texas Bar Today, an online media network that features 135 blog feeds in more than 50 categories such as bankruptcy, criminal law, dispute resolution, energy and environment, probate, divorce, and on the lighter side, hobbies and humor.

“Blogging is probably the most effective online and social media activity that a lawyer can engage in for business development,” said Houston-based lawyer coach Debra Bruce, whose Raising the Bar blog focuses on law practice management thoughts and tips. An online presence helps to generate business; however, lawyers need to be aware that all attorney websites, blogs, and social media must comply with lawyer advertising rules (texasbar.com/adreview). Bruce’s blog is one of the many that are written by Texas legal professionals and featured on Texas Bar Today.

TexasBarToday.com is updated weekdays with videos, selected blog posts, and Texas legal headlines, which are also promoted via social media on the Texas Bar Today Twitter account. All opinions and statements in linked blogs and videos are those of the authors and not the State Bar of Texas.

Bruce, president of Lawyer-Coach, L.L.C., said blogging is especially beneficial to small-firm lawyers. “It helps to level the playing field in terms of recognition about substantive expertise,” she added. While some lawyers create content that would be ideal for a blog, such as information in a newsletter, Bruce has found that many of them have not yet adapted to the new technology.

Blogs boost a lawyer’s search engine optimization, which according to Bruce, means the content will be easier to find and considered more relevant to clients. The key is to write things that somebody would care about, she explained.

Texas legal professionals who want to include their blog or video on Texas Bar Today, or submit a guest article for posting, can send an email request to webmaster@texasbar.com.



CANTEY HANGER LLP

ATTORNEYS



DIVERSIFY

For more than 20 years, the Texas Minority Counsel Program has provided diverse lawyers with networking and client development opportunities they could not get elsewhere. The program's unique format offers participants CLE credit, incomparable networking prospects, and a chance to take part in informational interviews to discuss outside counsel opportunities.

"We provide a lot of opportunities for networking, which I think is important," said Lu Pham, a Fort Worth attorney with Cantey Hanger, L.L.P., and a former TMCP Steering Committee member. "I call it a safe environment," Pham said. "Everybody expects to be approached."

Pham has been actively involved with the program since the mid-1990s and has seen a direct benefit to his law practice, especially through increased referrals. He also has given back to the State Bar Department of Minority Affairs through his work on the Steering Committee and as a speaker at the Annual Meeting Diversity Forum. "The TMCP has given me a larger platform so I get exposure statewide," Pham said. "I now know lawyers in Houston and other big cities, and they call me directly because of the relationships that we've developed."

Caroline Harrison, also an attorney with Cantey Hanger in Fort Worth, is serving her second year on the TMCP Steering Committee after Pham introduced her to the program. "It's unlike any other CLE that the State Bar puts on, and it's unlike any other networking activity that I've attended," she said. "Several companies send in-house attorneys for the purpose of trying to find outside counsel to employ," Harrison said. "During these informational interviews, you get a chance to sit down with in-house counsel and make your pitch. There's nowhere else you're going to get that access."

In 2012, the Texas Minority Counsel Program provided more than 500 diverse attorneys with CLE credit, networking events, and informational interview opportunities.



CULTIVATE

As a LeadershipSBOT class member in 2012-2013, Rudolph Metayer learned a great deal about leadership, team building, and the work of the State Bar of Texas. While Metayer said he enjoyed gaining insight and knowledge from authorities in the legal profession, giving back was the highlight of the program for him.

During one of the leadership sessions at South Padre Island, Metayer and other program participants worked together to assemble bicycles and provide them to children at the local Boys & Girls Clubs of America. “To see the kids’ faces when they came in to see the bikes, that was pretty sweet,” said Metayer, a special adviser to the Health and Human Services Commission’s Medical Transportation Program.

LeadershipSBOT, which runs from September to June, is a diversity initiative of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association to recruit and train attorneys for leadership roles. Candidates for the program are nominated by anonymous peers and then must apply to be considered by the selection committee. The 20 finalists meet three times, including at the State Bar Annual Meeting in June, to examine leadership qualities and learn how to be more effective in the profession and respected in the community. They also complete projects on diversity, access to justice, member service, or public service.

“Honestly, I’ve been blown away with the program. It is more in-depth than I ever thought it would be,” Metayer said. “It has given me a framework for what I think I can do to better help the legal community.”

Metayer cultivated great friendships through the program. “This group of friends, we’re going to grow up together in the Bar,” he said. “We’re going to work across the state for the betterment [of the Bar], and we now have the training and tools to do so.”

LeadershipSBOT, which was created in 2008 by then-State Bar of Texas President Harper Estes, is designed to foster diversity awareness and cultivate leaders who show a propensity to excel, a desire to serve, and a commitment to the Bar. For more information, go to texasbar.com/leadershipSBOT.

Rudolph Metayer believes LeadershipSBOT has prepared him for a higher level of commitment to the Bar—and to his community, his legal network, and beyond.

BY THE NUMBERS

STATE BAR ACTIVE MEMBERS

92,210

SIZE OF BAR ASSOCIATION

3RD LARGEST (UNIFIED) IN U.S.

NUMBER OF BOARD-CERTIFIED MEMBERS

ONE IN EVERY 13

RATIO OF ALL TEXAS LAWYERS TO TEXANS

1:315

PERCENTAGE OF ATTORNEYS IN A STATE BAR SECTION

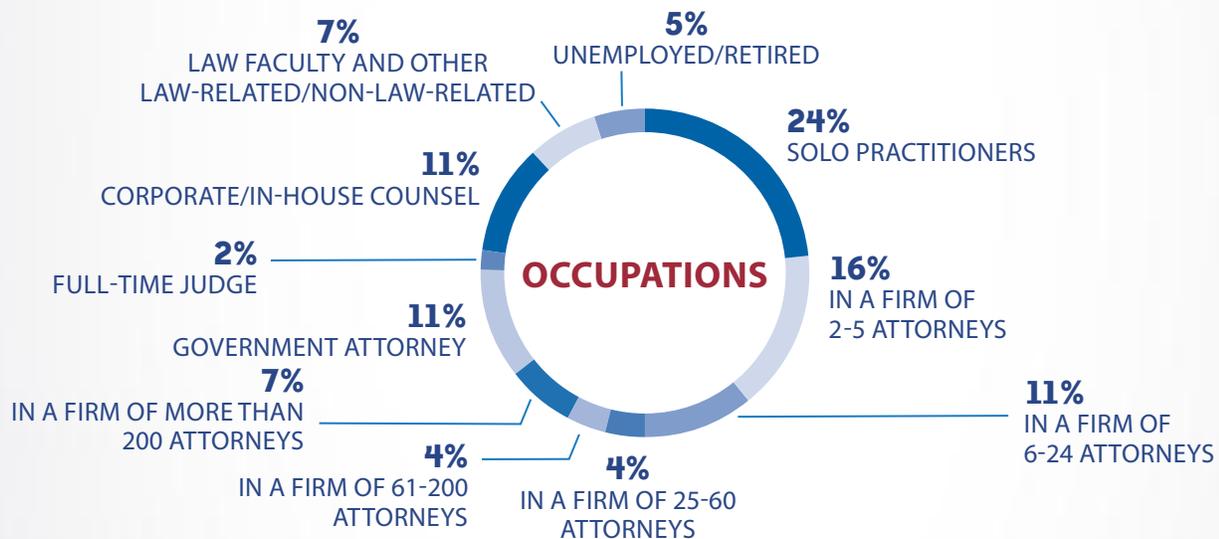
44%

MEDIAN INCOME OF ALL FULL-TIME PRIVATE PRACTICE ATTORNEYS

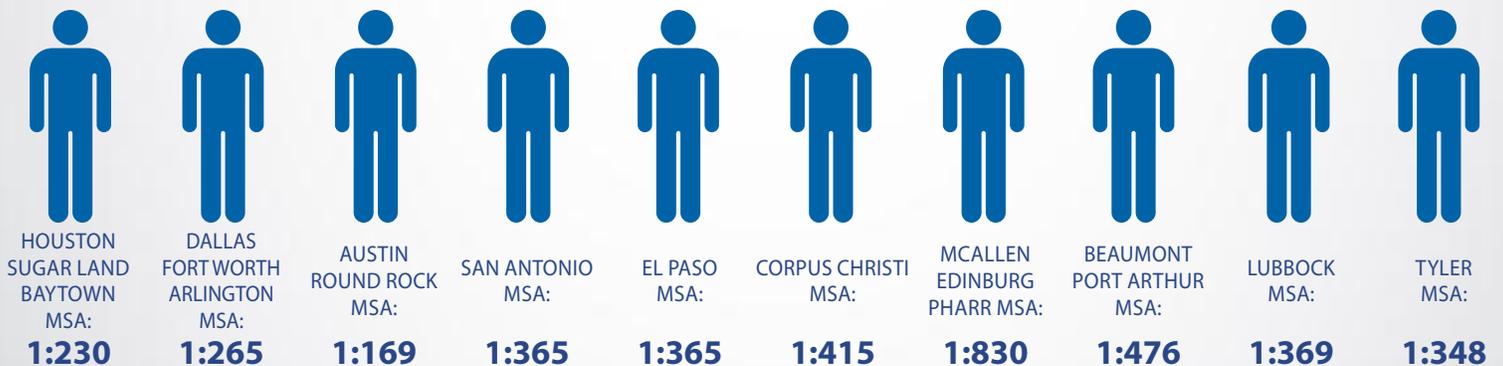
\$113,120

MEDIAN BILLABLE HOURLY RATE OF ALL FULL-TIME PRIVATE PRACTICE ATTORNEYS

\$218



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BY METROPOLITAN AREA: Ratio of Attorneys to Population



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

COMMUNICATIONS

- Public information brochures distributed: **46,691**
- Visits to websites and related social media sites: **3,649,257**
- Unique visitors to websites and related social media sites: **1,464,502**

LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

- Number of courses provided: **163**
- Number of teachers trained: **7,300**

TEXASBARCLE

- Live CLE events: **107**
- Live CLE attendance: **19,027**
- Video CLE events: **63**
- Video CLE attendance: **3,504**
- Webcast offerings: **165**
- Webcast attendance: **14,586**
- DVD CLE offerings: **85**
- DVD CLE attendance: **3,546**
- Online classroom offerings: **764**
- Online classroom participants: **88,498**

TEXAS MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM

- **450** attorneys attended
- **130** law firms participated
- **17** corporate and government legal departments participated

ETHICS HOTLINE

- More than **5,600** calls received

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Hours of free pro bono work (survey reporting): **2.42 million/59.9%** of in-state attorneys provided an average of **49** hours
- Hours of reduced fee services (survey reporting): **2.11 million/33.2%** of attorneys provided an average of **76.8** hours
- **\$956,797** voluntarily contributed to ATJ by **6,663** attorneys
- ATJ Gala raised **\$341,300** for veterans legal services



GENERAL RUDDER

SERVE

“Volunteering is very important to me because I’ve experienced those moments of terror on the field,” said Elizabeth Spears, a Galveston attorney who spent more than seven years serving her country in Operation Desert Storm. Spears wanted to give back to those who serve in the military, so she began volunteering with Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans. “Some of these soldiers have just returned or are being redeployed, and they are doing their jobs every day because that’s what they signed up for,” said Spears. “If I can help ease their minds by helping them take care of legal matters, then that’s what I’ll do.”

Spears works on TLTV projects with attorney Bill Glenn, a lecturer at Texas A&M University at Galveston who volunteers as a way to give back to the military men and women who attend the university.

The TLTV initiative in Galveston also receives volunteer assistance from the Student Veterans Association at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Jack Dougherty, a six-year veteran and vice president of the Student Veterans Association, enlisted in the military during his senior year at TAMUG. “I couldn’t sit back and watch others fight for my country while I enjoyed the college lifestyle,” he said. Dougherty became involved because it allows him the opportunity to provide support to all veterans.

Christian Sistrunk, who is a junior at TAMUG, is also a member of the Student Veterans Association. Sistrunk served four years in the U.S. Army and said he now volunteers to stay connected. “I wanted to continue to serve veterans in any way, shape, or form.”

Members assist via varied efforts, from helping with the logistics of hosting clinics to brainstorming for ideas on how to improve them. Suggestions and questions are encouraged during these sessions and often lead to investigations and potential solutions.

Since 2010, nearly 3,000 attorneys have provided pro bono legal services to more than 10,000 veterans. To learn more or to get involved, go to texasbar.com/veterans.



RENEW

“Sometimes we save careers. Sometimes we save lives,” said Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program Committee Chair Dan Garrigan. Before TLAP was created in 1984, attorneys dealing with alcoholism, drug addiction, depression, or any other type of mental problem had nowhere to turn to for assistance at the State Bar. “Their situation might have led to disciplinary actions, the loss of their license, or both,” said Garrigan, who practices law in Dallas. TLAP provides assistance through a confidential helpline that is answered 24/7, videos, educational materials, and financial aid from the Sheeran-Crowley Memorial Trust. In establishing TLAP, Garrigan said, the State Bar made available to attorneys a vital program. “If someone contacts TLAP about an attorney in need of assistance, TLAP throws them a lifeline.”

A TLAP volunteer for nearly 15 years, Garrigan said the work is not difficult: “You’re going out there and saying to attorneys that someone who cares about them contacted us.” Some attorneys are receptive and open to assistance, but oftentimes attorneys are not only resistant to the idea but also in denial that a problem even exists. “We can’t change their lives for them,” Garrigan said. “We can only let them know they have options and follow up with them—and hope that down the line they will come around.”

TLAP’s services have expanded and increased in the past 15 years, and according to Garrigan, TLAP has seen a rise in assistance sought as attorneys practice longer than ever before. TLAP can provide support as attorneys transition into less strenuous practices.

Garrigan believes TLAP, and the work administered by its staff and volunteers, is essential to the legal profession.

TLAP has nearly 600 volunteers throughout the state, and in 2012, TLAP provided confidential assistance to more than 586 attorneys and concerned others. For more information or to get help, go to texasbar.com/tlap or call (800) 343-8527.



MOTIVATE

Thanks to television, many young Texans think there is only one kind of lawyer: the courtroom litigator who is savvy, articulate, even aggressive. They can't begin to grasp the vast spectrum of issues covered by Texas law. That realization is what inspired C.E. Rhodes, who in June completed his term as president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, to create the *What Do Lawyers Do?* initiative.

"I knew when I was in high school that I wanted to be a lawyer," Rhodes recalled. "But I didn't know anything about the process of trying to become one. I didn't want other potential lawyers, especially those from a small town and a certain socioeconomic background, to be in that same situation." Thus *What Do Lawyers Do?* was crafted to provide students with insightful information they could use to determine whether the legal profession was the right path for them.

A huge component of the initiative is the website, which is divided into three sections—life before law school, life during law school, and life after law school—that provide a road map for students. Information via text, related resources, and videos answers myriad questions, from what courses to study in high school to how to select the right law school and pay for it. Even paying off credit cards is addressed. There is also information on the types of jobs attorneys can hold, from working as an administrator in higher education to providing legislative analysis as a lobbyist. Rhodes also envisioned a sort of specialized Career Day, in which attorneys would visit high schools and colleges around the state and urge students to consider legal careers. Dozens of TYLA volunteers talked about everything from prepping for the LSAT to discussing realistic salary expectations.

The responses of students, teachers, and parents have made it clear that *What Do Lawyers Do?* is a success. Rhodes summed up why the program will continue to flourish: "The particular education you get in law school is a passport to travel—not just around the world but through all of life."

TYLA's e-newsletter—which features legal articles, profiles on noteworthy attorneys around the state, and Bar news—is distributed to nearly 25,000 lawyers each month. For more information, go to tyla.org.



RODUCTION
MECHANIC'S

CONSUMER
BANKRUPTCY

HOW TO USE IN
SMALL CLAIMS
COURT

EDUCATE

Grayson County residents who go to the Judge R.C. Vaughan County Law Library in Sherman are typically seeking information to help them understand their rights or determine whether they need to hire an attorney. They have questions about tenants' rights, small claims, wills, family law matters, or a number of other important issues.

Among the resources that law librarian Virginia Eldridge can tap to assist these citizens are public service pamphlets created by the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association. The materials are distributed by the State Bar Public Information Department, and many are also available for free download at texasbar.com/pamphlets. Topics range from jury duty and family law to employment law and veterans' assistance. "They [customers] love them," she said. "I can even open them and show them what they are looking for. Sometimes they come back for more pamphlets."

The Public Information Department distributes the pamphlets and other resources to help educate the public about the legal and judicial systems. Staff members also provide news releases, advisories, and opinion articles to the media. Along with the State Bar Public Affairs Committee, the Public Information Department coordinates the open government seminar at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting and the Texas Gavel Awards, which recognize journalistic excellence that promotes public understanding of the legal system. In addition, the Public Information Department provides Texas attorneys with materials to distribute to clients and hand out at speaking events, such as Career Day at schools.

While the pamphlets are not a substitute for professional legal advice, Eldridge said they do provide her clientele with basic information on their legal rights. "[The pamphlets are] something they can take with them," she said. "They add a lot of value to the library."

The Public Information Department distributes approximately 5,000 free public service pamphlets per month.



INSPIRE

Since 1992, James Stevenson has kept his civics teaching skills sharp with the help of the State Bar of Texas Law-Related Education Department. The high school government teacher at East Chambers High School in Winnie has attended numerous Law-Related Education workshops. “They have made my job so much easier that I’m almost embarrassed to show up,” said Stevenson, who has been a teacher for 36 years.

The Law-Related Education Department provides educational tools, curriculum development, and training educators can use to teach civics to students at all grade levels. A key part of Law-Related Education’s strategy is to train teachers via on-site workshops, teaching institutes, teacher law school classes, and vast online resources. Through its website, texaslre.org, the Law-Related Education staff has developed tools, such as videos and online games, that make learning interesting and fun.

At the workshops, teachers discover innovative and creative ways to engage their students in civics-education subjects, and they leave with specific materials to use in their classrooms. “I can implement the information into my lessons the next day,” Stevenson said.

Ann Frugia, a self-described “LRE junkie” who also teaches at East Chambers, agreed with Stevenson. “If the workshops are within driving distance, I’m there,” said Frugia, who teaches 11th grade U.S. history and ninth grade world geography. “I just can’t get enough.”

Stevenson and Frugia both said the Law-Related Education staff is quick to adapt the materials to the latest changes in state assessment tests. “I don’t think it could get any better,” Stevenson said. “It’s so aligned with what we do.”

The ultimate benefit of Law-Related Education’s programs is their impact on students, Frugia said. “The better informed I am, the better teacher I can be.”

From June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013, more than 29,800 unique visitors went to texasbar.com/civics to learn about the civics initiative Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay!, which focuses on the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions that students must know for the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills assessment test. During that same time, the site garnered more than 42,500 visits and 85,600 page views. For more information, go to texaslre.org.

2012-2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Buck Files, *Tyler*

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Lisa M. Tatum, *San Antonio*

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Bob Black, *Beaumont*

CHAIR

Frank E. Stevenson II, *Dallas*

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Beverly B. Godbey, *Dallas*

DIRECTORS

David Alders, *Nacogdoches*

Robert E. Aldrich Jr., *Fort Worth*

Jaime Balli, *Edinburg*

Kristy Piazza Blanchard, *Plano*

Lawrence Boyd, *Dallas*

Roy Dayton Brantley, *College Station*

Virginia Milam Campbell, *Fort Worth*

Sylvia Cardona, *San Antonio*

Christina Melton Crain, *Dallas*

Greg M. Dykeman, *Beaumont*

Sara E. Dysart, *San Antonio*

Becky Baskin Ferguson, *Midland*

Steve Fischer, *Rockport*

Laura Gibson, *Houston*

Christopher Gilbert, *Houston*

Robert Guest, *Kaufman*

Cori A. Harbour-Valdez, *El Paso*

Daniel Horowitz III, *Houston*

Louis H. Iselin, *Cypress*

John Kazen, *Laredo*

Mark Kelly, *Houston*

Tim Kelly, *Austin*

Roger A. Key, *Lubbock*

Natalie Cobb Koehler, *Meridian*

Michael W. McDonald, *Hillsboro*

Larry McDougal, *Richmond*

Jo Ann Merica, *Austin*

Toni Nguyen, *Austin*

Andy Payne, *Dallas*

Barrett H. Reasoner, *Houston*

Jo Ann Reyes, *Fort Worth*

C.E. Rhodes, *Houston*

R.W. "Ricky" Richards, *Jacksonville*

Thomas C. Riney, *Amarillo*

Eliseo Ruiz Jr., *Los Fresnos*

Stephen J. Schechter, *Boerne*

Denise Scofield, *Houston*

David D. Teuscher, *Beaumont*

Cindy V. Tisdale, *Granbury*

John V. Trevino Jr., *Fort Worth*

Ike Vanden Eykel, *Dallas*

David Whittlesey, *Austin*

LIAISONS TO THE BOARD

Judge Micaela Alvarez, *McAllen*

Judge Alfonso Charles, *Longview*

Justice Phil Johnson, *Austin*

Judge Michael Keasler, *Austin*

Harry Paul "Hap" Weitzel, *Irvine, Calif.*

SECTION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Luis G. Garcia, *Temple*

Steven C. James, *El Paso*

Michele Wong Krause, *Dallas*

Susan I. Nelson, *Waco*

Gary Nickelson, *Fort Worth*

Scott Rothenberg, *Houston*

EX-OFFICIO

Michelle Hunter, *Executive Director*

John Sirman, *Legal Counsel*

Linda Acevedo, *Chief Disciplinary Counsel*

PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAST PRESIDENTS

Angus G. Wynne, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1939-40	Darrell Jordan, <i>Dallas</i>	1989-90	J.L. Shook, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1964-65
Few Brewster, <i>Temple</i> (deceased)	1940-41	James N. Parsons III, <i>Palestine</i>	1990-91	R.E. Schneider Jr., <i>George West</i> (deceased)	1965-66
Gordon Simpson, <i>Tyler</i> (deceased)	1941-42	Charles R. "Bob" Dunn, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1991-92	Howard G. Barker, <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1966-67
Claude E. Carter, <i>Harlingen</i> (deceased)	1942-43	Harriet Miers, <i>Dallas</i>	1992-93	Fred T. Porter, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1967-68
Major T. Bell, <i>Beaumont</i> (deceased)	1943-44	Lonny D. Morrison, <i>Wichita Falls</i>	1993-94	Morris Harrell, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1968-69
Joseph B. Dooley, <i>Amarillo</i> (deceased)	1944-45	James L. Branton, <i>San Antonio</i>	1994-95	Curtiss Brown, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1969-70
John H. Bickett Jr., <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1945-46	David J. Beck, <i>Houston</i>	1995-96	Jim D. Bowmer, <i>Temple</i> (deceased)	1970-71
James L. Shepherd Jr., <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1946-47	M. Colleen McHugh, <i>Corpus Christi</i>	1996-97	Lucius D. Bunton, <i>Midland</i> (deceased)	1971-72
H. Grady Chandler, <i>Austin</i> (deceased)	1947-48	W. Frank Newton, <i>Lubbock [Beaumont]</i>	1997-98	Mark Martin, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1972-73
Robert G. Storey, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1948-49	Richard Pena, <i>Austin</i>	1998-99	John M. Lawrence III, <i>Bryan</i>	1973-74
Allen Crowley, <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1949-50	Charles F. Aycok, <i>Farwell [Amarillo]</i>	1999-00	Emil C. Rassman, <i>Rockport</i> (deceased)	1974-75
Albert P. Jones, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1950-51	Lynne Liberato, <i>Houston</i>	2000-01	Donn C. Fullenweider, <i>Houston</i>	1975-76
Cecil E. Burney, <i>Corpus Christi</i> (deceased)	1951-52	Broadus A. Spivey, <i>Austin</i>	2001-02	William B. Hilgers, <i>Austin</i>	1976-77
J. Glenn Turner, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1952-53	Guy N. Harrison, <i>Longview</i>	2002-03	Louis J. Weber Jr., <i>Dallas</i>	1977-78
Everett L. Looney, <i>Austin</i> (deceased)	1953-54	Betsy Whitaker, <i>Dallas</i>	2003-04	Kleber C. Miller, <i>Fort Worth</i>	1978-79
R.N. Gresham, <i>San Antonio</i> (deceased)	1954-55	Kelly Frels, <i>Houston</i>	2004-05	Joe B. Cannon, <i>Groesbeck</i>	1979-80
Maurice R. Bullock, <i>Fort Stockton</i> (deceased)	1955-56	Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez, <i>Brownsville</i>	2005-06	Charles L. Smith, <i>San Antonio</i>	1980-81
Newton Gresham, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1956-57	Martha S. Dickie, <i>Austin</i>	2006-07	Joel P. Kay, <i>Houston</i>	1981-82
Virgil T. Seaberry, <i>Eastland</i> (deceased)	1957-58	Gib Walton, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	2007-08	Bryan F. Russ, <i>Hearne</i> (deceased)	1982-83
Leo Brewster, <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1958-59	Harper Estes, <i>Midland</i>	2008-09	Oliver S. Heard Jr., <i>San Antonio</i> (deceased)	1983-84
A.J. Folley, <i>Amarillo</i> (deceased)	1959-60	Roland K. Johnson, <i>Fort Worth</i>	2009-10	David F. Chappell, <i>Fort Worth</i>	1984-85
Paul Carrington, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1960-61	Terry O. Tottenham, <i>Austin</i>	2010-11	James B. Sales, <i>Houston</i>	1985-86
William L. Kerr, <i>Midland</i> (deceased)	1961-62	Bob Black, <i>Beaumont</i>	2011-12	Jerry Lastelick, <i>Dallas</i>	1986-87
Leon Jaworski, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1962-63			D. Hull Youngblood Jr., <i>San Antonio</i>	1987-88
Buster Cole, <i>Bonham</i> (deceased)	1963-64			James B. Barlow, <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1988-89
Joyce Cox, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1964-65			Willis E. Gresham Jr., <i>Lamesa</i>	1989-90
Clint C. Small Jr., <i>Austin</i> (deceased)	1965-66			Richard C. Hile, <i>Jasper [Austin]</i>	1990-91
W.O. Shafer, <i>Odessa</i> (deceased)	1966-67			Tom Cunningham, <i>Houston</i>	1991-92
Thomas M. Phillips, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1967-68			M. Colleen McHugh, <i>Corpus Christi</i>	1992-93
Ralph W. Brite, <i>San Antonio</i> (deceased)	1968-69			Pearson Grimes, <i>Houston</i>	1993-94
Josiah Wheat, <i>Woodville</i> (deceased)	1969-70			Michael J. Crowley, <i>Austin</i> (deceased)	1994-95
Morris Harrell, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1970-71			Otway B. Denny Jr., <i>Houston</i>	1995-96
James C. Watson, <i>Corpus Christi</i> (deceased)	1971-72			Lynne Liberato, <i>Houston</i>	1996-97
Jim D. Bowmer, <i>Temple</i> (deceased)	1972-73			Guy N. Harrison, <i>Longview</i>	1997-98
Leroy Jeffers, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1973-74			Betsy Whitaker, <i>Dallas</i>	1998-99
Lloyd Lochridge, <i>Austin</i>	1974-75			David E. Keltner, <i>Fort Worth</i>	1999-00
John M. Lawrence III, <i>Bryan</i>	1975-76			Richard T. Miller, <i>San Saba</i>	2000-01
Gibson Gayle Jr., <i>Houston</i>	1976-77			Vidal G. Martinez, <i>Houston</i>	2001-02
Travis D. Shelton, <i>Lubbock</i> (deceased)	1977-78			Charles W. Schwartz, <i>Houston</i>	2002-03
Cullen Smith, <i>Waco</i>	1978-79			Kim J. Askew, <i>Dallas</i>	2003-04
J. Chrys Dougherty, <i>Austin</i>	1979-80			William D. Elliott, <i>Dallas</i>	2004-05
Franklin Jones Jr., <i>Marshall</i> (deceased)	1980-81			Tom Godbold, <i>Houston</i>	2005-06
Wayne Fisher, <i>Houston</i>	1981-82			Bob Black, <i>Beaumont</i>	2006-07
Orrin W. Johnson, <i>Harlingen</i>	1982-83			Travis Vanderpool, <i>Dallas [Georgetown]</i>	2007-08
Blake Tartt, <i>Houston</i>	1983-84			Joe Shannon Jr., <i>Fort Worth</i>	2008-09
Tom B. Ramey Jr., <i>Tyler</i>	1984-85			David Jefferson Fisher, <i>Silsbee</i>	2009-10
Charles L. Smith, <i>San Antonio</i>	1985-86			Pablo J. Almaguer, <i>Edinburg</i>	2010-11
Bill Whitehurst, <i>Austin</i>	1986-87			Beverly B. Godbey, <i>Dallas</i>	2011-12
Joe Nagy, <i>Lubbock</i> (deceased)	1987-88				
James B. Sales, <i>Houston</i>	1988-89				

PAST CHAIRS OF THE BOARD

J.Cleo Thompson, <i>Dallas</i>	1939-40
Gordon Simpson, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1940-41
William Jarrel Smith, <i>Pampa</i> (deceased)	1941-42
C.C. Renfro, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1942-43
G.W. Parker Jr., <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1943-44
John A. Rawlins, <i>Dallas</i> (deceased)	1944-45
Murray G. Smyth, <i>Houston</i> (deceased)	1945-46
H. Grady Chandler, <i>Austin</i> (deceased)	1946-47
Allen Clark, <i>Greenville</i> (deceased)	1947-48
Austin C. Hatchell, <i>Longview</i> (deceased)	1948-49
W.P. Abernathy, <i>McKinney</i> (deceased)	1949-50
C.A. Williams, <i>Childress</i> (deceased)	1950-51
Traylor Russell, <i>Mt. Pleasant</i> (deceased)	1951-52
Wilford W. Naman, <i>Waco</i> (deceased)	1952-53
Vernon B. Hill, <i>Mission</i> (deceased)	1953-54
Virgil T. Seaberry, <i>Eastland</i> (deceased)	1954-55
Leo Brewster, <i>Fort Worth</i> (deceased)	1955-56
Frank D. Stubbeman, <i>Midland</i> (deceased)	1956-57
F.W. Hustmyre, <i>Orange</i> (deceased)	1957-58
Buster Cole, <i>Bonham</i> (deceased)	1958-59
Homer E. Dean Jr., <i>Alice</i> (deceased)	1959-60
W. Pat Camp, <i>San Antonio</i> (deceased)	1960-61
W.C. Haley, <i>Waco</i> (deceased)	1961-62
W.O. Shafer, <i>Odessa</i> (deceased)	1962-63
Ralph W. Brite, <i>San Antonio</i> (deceased)	1963-64

THE TEXAS LAWYER'S CREED

A lawyer owes to the administration of justice personal dignity, integrity, and independence. A lawyer should always adhere to the highest principles of professionalism.

- 1. I am passionately proud of my profession. Therefore, "My word is my bond."*
- 2. I am responsible to assure that all persons have access to competent representation regardless of wealth or position in life.*
- 3. I commit myself to an adequate and effective pro bono program.*
- 4. I am obligated to educate my clients, the public, and other lawyers regarding the spirit and letter of this Creed.*
- 5. I will always be conscious of my duty to the judicial system.*

—The Texas Lawyer's Creed, Article I

To request a copy of the complete Texas Lawyer's Creed, go to [texasbar.com/ethics](https://www.texasbar.com/ethics).

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS
texasbar.com