

# Cali's Story

Cali Franks is a litigator who now curates CLEs for lawyers across the country. She devotes her time to listening to the needs and concerns of lawyers and learning about their areas of practice. Born and raised in DFW, Cali is a first-generation college and law school graduate; she attended the University of Texas and St. Mary's University School of Law.

She is the daughter of a firefighter and an oil and gas saleswoman, both of whom instilled the drive, passion, and dedication Cali carries into her legal career and bar service. Cali is passionate about serving young lawyers through programming, spotlighting the work of young lawyers, and supporting local affiliates.

She enjoys playing with her rescue dogs, Murphy, Bailee, and Chiquita; making homemade greeting cards; and traveling with her pilot fiancé, Jesse.



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FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT  
TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



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Voting begins April 3.  
All ballots must be received  
by 5 p.m. on May 2.



## Dear TYLA Members,

It is my privilege to be a candidate for President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

As a Texas native, I cannot contain my excitement to travel around the state, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. I hope to connect with each of you to share my vision for TYLA and learn about your passions and concerns. I am excited for the opportunity to highlight young lawyers like you through the work of TYLA!

I believe my hard work and commitment to young lawyers and the mission of TYLA speak for themselves. On April 3rd, I ask for your vote.

Thank you for your support and your vote.

*Cali Franks*

# Breaking the Mold

- ★ **No One Right Way to Be A Lawyer.** The spectrum of practicing law is broad, and each person approaches it differently. I want to showcase young lawyers in all career paths through programming that demonstrates the many ways lawyers use their legal skills.
- ★ **First Comprehensive Approach to DEI.** I plan to partner with a leading statistician to create a survey built on industry best practices to assess the current DEI landscape for young lawyers in Texas and identify opportunities for improvement. This will guide us as we create meaningful, state-wide virtual CLEs and programs with legal and DEI leaders.
- ★ **Tailored Support for Young Lawyer Organizations.** I plan to uplift, promote, and support young lawyer organizations throughout Texas. I know how vital membership growth is to the success and sustainability of an organization. Through better funding of young lawyer organizations, changes to grant requirements, and increased investments in marketing resources by the State Bar of Texas, TYLA can provide more comprehensive support for young lawyers across the state.
- ★ **New Perspective for Well-being.** It's no secret that the legal profession can be stressful. Other professions, especially first responders and veterans, have experienced exponential stress throughout their service. I want to collaborate with these public servants to share their experiences and guide us as we navigate the importance of our mental health, all while we continue to serve others as legal professionals.



## Success in Leadership

Cali understands the needs of young lawyers, because she has served in roles supporting them in local, state, and national bar organizations.

### Bar Leadership

- ★ Texas Young Lawyers Association
  - o Treasurer, 2022 - Present
  - o District 5, Place 1 Director (Dallas), 2020 - Present
  - o President's Award of Merit, 2021 & 2022
- ★ Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
  - o Director, 2022 - Present
  - o President's Award of Merit, 2022
- ★ American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
  - o Managing Director of Programming, 2022 - Present
  - o District 26 Representative (North Texas), 2020 - 2021
  - o On the Rise-Top 40 Under 40 Young Lawyers, 2022

### Community Leadership

- ★ Dallas Firefighter's Museum, Director, 2021 - Present
- ★ Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy Leadership Class, 2021 - 2022
- ★ Dallas Regional Chamber, LEAD YP Leadership Class, 2020 - 2021
- ★ Junior League of Dallas, Member, 2021 - Present

### Education

- ★ St. Mary's University School of Law, 2018
- ★ The University of Texas, 2015

