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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Newsletter — *Alternative Resolutions* is published quarterly.

Website — www.texasadr.org

Public Service — The section has provided support for regional community dispute resolution centers, both collectively as an organization and individually through volunteer service of section members in the centers. The section has also provided support for the development of mediation programs in Texas public schools.

Member Services — The section provides a wide range of services to its members, including, but not limited to:

- representation on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation;
- representation on the Texas Mediator Credentialing Committee;
- development of relevant CLE opportunities, like the section's most recent program, "New Answers for a New Age," presented in cooperation with the Corporate Counsel Section;
- development of in-depth training programs, like the first annual international arbitration training course, co-sponsored with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
- publication of *Alternative Resolutions*; and
- maintenance of the section website.

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW

Gaines West, chair

Newsletter — The *American Indian Law Section Newsletter* is published twice yearly.

Public Service — Section members volunteer to aid Texas Indians in various legal issues involving Indian child welfare, grave protection, and repatriation.

Member Services — At the section's annual conference, members are encouraged to network with each other to better identify and serve Texas Indian legal needs.

ANIMAL LAW

Joel Hailey, chair

Newsletter — The *Animal Law Reporter*, published semi-annually, contains caselaw and legislative updates, and section announcements.

Website — www.AnimalLawTexas.com

ANTITRUST & BUSINESS LITIGATION

Karl S. Stern, chair

Newsletter — *Texas Business Litigation* is published two to three times a year. In addition to section news, the publication includes articles regarding developments relevant to antitrust and business litigation in Texas. *Monograph: Texas Antitrust and Related Statutes*, first published in the 1980s, was created



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

ANNUAL SECTION REPORTS

Section Reports are included in the July issue of the *Texas Bar Journal* to update lawyers about State Bar section activities. The reports do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the State Bar of Texas. State Bar policy is formulated by the State Bar Board of Directors or by the membership through referendum. Links to all section websites are available on the State Bar of Texas website, www.texasbar.com

Course.” The section serves as a co-host of that seminar each year with the State Bar. Each member of the section receives a bound copy of papers written with funding from the section’s research grants. The *Section Report* is also provided to each section member, as well as access to materials on the website. The section, together with the Real Estate Section, funds the Title Examination Standards Project.

REAL ESTATE, PROBATE AND TRUST LAW

James J. Aycock, chair

Newsletter — The *Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Reporter* is published quarterly. The publication includes caselaw, summaries, and updates; legal articles; and notices or other information of interest to section members.

Website (www.reptl.org) — The website contains information regarding officers, council members, past chairs, committees, and committee members, as well as numerous links. The site includes current and past editions of the *Reporter*. The site also has searchable CLE material, including material from State Bar advanced courses in real estate, probate, and trust law, as well as other CLE resources.

Public Service — The section has been involved in helping elderly and disadvantaged persons gain access to legal services through programs held in partnership with local bar associations.

Member Services — The section has assisted in the development of videotapes for ethics training and CLE in connection with the Texas Center for Ethics and Professionalism.

SCHOOL LAW

Neal W. Adams, chair

Newsletter — The section publishes a newsletter at least three times a year with at least three or four articles published by section members. The content of the newsletter is balanced between employee and employer issues.

Website (www.schoollawsection.org) — The website includes a complete membership directory, a history of the section, links to other education-related organizations, and current section newsletters.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTIFICATION ISSUES

Charles A. Spain, Jr., chair

Newsletter — *SO&GI Issues* is a semi-annual newsletter containing information about section activities.

Member Services — The section published its first membership directory in June.

TAXATION LAW

John Brusniak, Jr., chair

Newsletter — The *Texas Tax Lawyer*, published three times a year, contains articles on income tax, international relations, state tax, and property tax.

Website — www.texasbar.org

Public Service — The section helps indigent persons prepare tax returns.

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Ralph H. Brock, chair

Newsletter — The *Women’s Advocate* contains a report from the president, editor’s comments, section news, announcements, and information about section institutes and projects. An annual feature urges women to run for the State Bar Board of Directors. The newsletter is published three times during the bar year.

Public Service — The section’s primary pro bono project is fundraising and financial support for the Women’s Advocacy Project, which operates family violence legal lines and general legal hotlines and provides other services for battered women and victims of family violence, including a pro se protective order program for Texas women who live in rural areas not served by county programs.

The section also encourages women to serve as speakers for State Bar and other CLE providers.

Member Services — The section sponsored the 17th annual “Women and the Law Institute” on March 25 in Dallas. The institute offered 6.25 hours of MCLE for a nominal fee, and included topics on gender bias studies, violence against women, family law and probate law, alternative dispute resolution, women in education, and sex discrimination and sexual harassment in employment.

The section celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio with a program by State Bar President Lynne Liberato. The section also honored its past presidents and presented its annual Sarah T. Hughes Award to Justice Ann McClure of El Paso for influencing other women and advancing opportunities for women within the profession. The annual Ma’at Justice Award was presented to Iris Hefter Robinson of Houston for actively addressing the needs of and issues affecting women.

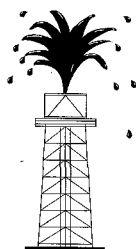
The section produced a brochure for use in membership recruitment, including efforts at the swearing-in event for new lawyers. It is reviewing the need for a membership directory.

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2000 ANNUAL MEETING AND CLE SEMINAR
JUNE 23, 2000
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

CLE PROGRAM – *TITLE ISSUES: THE LEGACY OF
THE ONE-EIGHTH ROYALTY AND OTHER STORIES*
Presented by Laura H. Burney

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS
SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER
IDENTIFICATION ISSUES SECTION

Friday, June 23, 2000

Section Annual Meeting
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLE Seminar
3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
including a legislative update by
Sen. Jeff Wentworth, San Antonio
Rep. Debra Danburg, Houston

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Intellectual Property Law Section
Annual Meeting and Seminars

Thursday, June 22, 2000
Reception: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, June 23, 2000
Luncheon: 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Business/CLE Meeting: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Presentation:

- New Legislative Changes in the Patent Act and PTO Rules
Abraham HersHKovitz
Greenblum & Bernstein, Reston, Virginia

Saturday, June 24, 2000
CLE: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Trademark Law Update:
William G. Barber
Fulbright & Jaworski, Austin, Texas
- Copyright Law Update:
Professor Melville Nimmer
University of Houston Law Center
- Patent Case Law Update:
Michael O. Sutton
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- Use of a Special Master in Patent Litigation:
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HEALTH LAW SECTION

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Educational Session
Friday, June 23rd

1:00 p.m.
At the State Bar of Texas
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