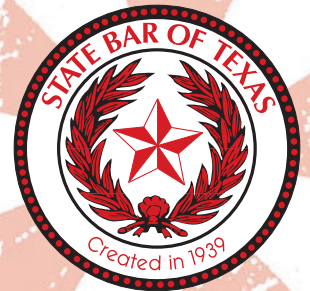


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Potts, Jr. for their time, expertise, and involvement in the section leadership. Their successors have big shoes to fill.

## **SCHOOL LAW**

Wayne Douglas Haglund, Chair

Whether it is the school finance litigation, sessions of the Legislature, or other controversies, the public schools are always in the news.

The section newsletter was published in electronic format only for the first time this year. Included were articles on the Texas Anti-Bullying Law and educator's liabilities; highlights of the 2004 re-authorization of the IDEA; relationship recording requirements under new Local Government Code Chapter 176; and the Texas Supreme Court's ruling declaring the Texas school funding system unconstitutional. The section website, [www.schoollawsection.org](http://www.schoollawsection.org), provides invaluable service to the public. Interested persons can find the current and past editions of the newsletter.

A special project begun this year will write and preserve a history of the section. This effort will preserve and promote the legacy and inspiration of so many great lawyers of this section.

The section is unique in the family atmosphere that the section promotes. Entire families become acquainted and form lifelong friendships. Through this family setting, the section promotes trust and goodwill and seeks to preserve the professionalism, gentility, and civility that is the proud tradition of the State Bar of Texas.

Planning is nearly complete for the Annual Meeting and Summer Retreat and continuing legal education seminar. This year's Summer Retreat will be held at The Woodlands on July 21-22, 2006. Persons interested in attending should contact any section officer.

## **SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTIFICATION ISSUES**

Michael George Grable, Chair

This year, the section has focused its resources on continuing and improving the content of our annual CLE presentation during the State Bar Annual Meeting in

Austin on June 16, 2006. We are pleased to have presented an outstanding lineup of legal minds to discuss cutting-edge LGBT legal issues at the CLE, including not only section council members Karen Langsley and Jerry Simoneaux, but also Shannon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Ken Upton of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Chris Bacon of Vinson & Elkins on employment issues, Connie Moore of Moore & Hunt on the ethical pitfalls of representing LGBT clients, and Phyllis Randolph Frye of Nechman, Simoneaux & Frye on recent developments in transgender law.

The section also co-sponsored the "Representing Non-Traditional Families" webcast CLE with TexasBarCLE on April 26, 2006, and continues to work toward enabling Texas Bar members to purchase insurance for family members through the State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust. We also congratulate section council member and former section Chair Jerry Simoneaux on receipt of the 2006 Judge Norman Black Award, which recognizes a past or present member of the State Bar for significant contributions to LGBT legal issues.

## **TAXATION**

William Paul Bowers, Chair

The section submitted comments to the U.S. Treasury Department regarding recently released proposed regulations on compensatory partnership interests, non-qualified deferred compensation and practice before the Internal Revenue Service. These comments received praise from the assistant secretary of the Treasury for tax policy and other national bar associations.

Pro bono activities by the section increased this year with the addition of a pro bono committee. Through the committee, section members participated in programs sponsored by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR). Also, contributions by the section were made to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation and the Texas C-BAR.

Quality CLE programs continued to be a significant part of the section's activities. In an effort to increase the quality, cost effectiveness, and availability for mem-

bers, the CLE committee completed a study of new technology for program delivery. Recommendations made by the CLE committee will be substantially implemented next year.

The section sponsored forums for law school students at the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Tech University. These programs were designed to acquaint students with the activities of the section and provide insight into the practice of tax law.

Finally, the section continued the publication of the *Texas Tax Lawyer*, a compilation of articles on a variety of tax topics and current developments.

The section website, [www.texastaxsection.org](http://www.texastaxsection.org), provides information about the section, links to online resources and a members-only area that provides archived *Texas Tax Lawyer* publications, CLE materials and minutes of the IRS Council meetings.

## **WOMAN AND THE LAW**

Mara Asya Blatt, Chair

The section's 2005-06 bar year began with its annual contribution to the statewide Women's Advocacy Project. Funds for the donation were raised through the now-famous WAL book sale at the State Bar Annual Meeting. Fortunately, the WAL contribution was amplified by a matching grant and resulted in a donation of more than \$2,000. This year, the section got its website, [www.bxwomenlawsection.org](http://www.bxwomenlawsection.org), back up and running. Most exciting was the section council's decision to expand its upcoming 2006 annual meeting to include a cutting-edge CLE on women's health issues and the law. Panelists for the CLE include outstanding medico-legal experts from around Texas. Of course, the section again presented the Sarah T. Hughes and Ma'at Justice Awards at the 2006 State Bar Annual Meeting. Happily, nominations for these prestigious awards were at an all-time high. This bar year ends with our treasury richer than ever, a strong and diverse slate for the 2006-07 council, and new resolve to get our email newsletter back into circulation in the year to come. Thanks goes to all the section members and its council whose contributions made this year an outstanding one.