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(www.juvenilelaw.org)

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(www.laborlaw.org)

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(www.lgbtlawtx.com)

Budget Code: 9372

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(www.litigationsection.com)

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2012-2013 State Bar of Texas

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than 550 participants in attendance. During the conference, the section continued its long-standing tradition of conducting a silent auction to raise funds for college scholarships and financial aid for deserving youth who were originally committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. This project allows young people to attend a college or university of their choice where they would not otherwise be able to attend. Next year's conference is scheduled from Feb. 24 to Feb. 26, 2014, at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.

The section also continues its collaboration with a number of organizations, such as the Juvenile Justice Roundtable and Texas Lawyers for Children. Through these collaborations we are able to network with other juvenile practitioners to share expertise and current information from around the state regarding specific delinquency issues and trends.

As always, the section continues its strong collaboration with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The section offers its support to TJJD so that the critical needs of our youth and the safety of our communities are addressed through the juvenile justice system. TJJD will again provide its invaluable assistance in planning and coordinating the section's annual conference coming up in February 2014.

With the Legislature in session this year, the section encourages all juvenile practitioners to attend TJJD's Post Legislative Conference to learn about all the changes affecting delinquency cases. The conference will be held July 30-31 at the Crown Plaza Austin.

Please visit juvenilelaw.org to learn more about the section.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Robert Sheeder, Chair

The Labor and Employment Law Section continued its strong tradition of sponsoring pro bono awards and internships. The section awarded

a total of \$29,200 in connection with these programs this year. Of that total, \$20,000 was distributed to four organizations for pro bono internship stipends, and the remaining \$9,200 was awarded to three other organizations for pro bono grants, all to be used with respect to labor and employment law issues.

The section continues to provide quality continuing legal education to its members. In the fall of 2012, the section provided its annual Employment Law Update in San Antonio. In the fall of 2013, this update will be held in the Houston area. The section also conducts a shorter CLE activity at the State Bar Annual Meeting. To promote interest in the labor and employment law field, the section further sponsors an award for the best labor and employment law student article published in a law review or journal of a Texas law school.

This year, the section launched a new and improved website, laborlaw.org, that provides to section members a jury charge database of employment law cases, access to the section's regularly published newsletters that summarize recent labor and employment law cases that are of interest to Texas practitioners, and highlights the many other activities the section undertakes on behalf of its growing membership.

LGBT LAW

Jacqueline M. Houlette, Chair

The section reached an all-time high membership level with more than 400 members in 2013. It continues to offer its members a variety of benefits including updates on cases affecting LGBT law, CLE opportunities, and networking opportunities.

The section had a productive and eventful year. In 2012, the section worked with the State Bar of Texas to secure bereavement leave for State Bar employees with same-sex partners. In addition, the section drafted and submitted a proposed bill for the

State Bar's legislative package that would repeal Texas Penal Code Section 21.06, a law that declares homosexual conduct illegal. The board of the State Bar voted unanimously to include the proposal bill in its legislative package. For the first time, the bill was filed in the Senate as well as the House, and for the first time, hearings were held in both the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. Though ultimately the bills were not passed during the 2013 session, Senate Bill 538 was voted out of committee, which also constitutes a first.

The section is pleased to report that for the first time, the Texas Minority Counsel Program included in its program a panel focusing on LGBT Law, which proved to be very well received. The section looks forward to expanding its participation in that program, as well as co-sponsoring several CLEs in the upcoming year.

OIL, GAS, AND ENERGY RESOURCES

Timothy R. Brown, Chair

2013 marks the 75th anniversary of the section, making it the senior section of the State Bar. To mark this milestone, a celebration gala will be held on the evening of Oct. 3, 2013, in Houston in connection with the 2013 State Bar advanced oil and gas course, at the Westin Galleria, Consort Ballroom. Dr. Daniel Yergin, author of the Pulitzer prize-winning *The Prize*, and the follow-up to that work, *The Quest*, has agreed to deliver the keynote address for the evening.

The section continues to offer quality CLE courses, with record-level attendance at its two largest CLE conferences, the one-day Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Institute, and the two-day Advanced Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Course in the fall. The section also continues to participate in UT Law CLE offerings such as Gas and Power, International Upstream Energy Transactions, and