

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

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justiceofthepeacesection.com

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juvenilelaw.org

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laborlaw.org

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legislativeandcampaignlaw.com

Budget Code: 9348

Created: 2014

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LGBT LAW

lgblawtx.com

Budget Code: 9372

Created: 1998

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SECTION REPORTS

Section reports are included in the July issue of the *Texas Bar Journal* to update Texas lawyers on State Bar section activities. The reports do not necessarily reflect the position or official policy of the State Bar of Texas, which is formulated by the State Bar Board of Directors or by the membership through referendum. For more information or to join a section, go to texasbar.com/sections or call (800) 204-2222, ext. 1420.

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continued to work to make its website more dynamic and meaningful, including by inserting contact information for section members on the website.

The section's focus for the past few years has been, and continues to be, increasing member involvement and identifying ways to give back to the membership. Section members who would like to be involved in committees for the upcoming bar year are encouraged to contact council members with their interest.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

John Griffin, Chair

Among the larger and more diverse sections, the Labor and Employment Law Section features attorneys who practice plaintiffs' law and defense law, as well as in-house counsel. While the section does not ordinarily take sides on legislation that affects workers and employers, it does promote more efficient litigation and conflict resolution and respects the right to trial by jury.

Reflecting the balance of interests, the section's council consists of an equal number of plaintiffs' attorneys and defense attorneys, and the chair rotates between those interests. The combination of cohesion, candor, and concern for clients works remarkably while building friendships that cross many lines.

LAW STUDENT DIVISION

Steven Traeger, Chair

The Law Student Division had another active year, and once again many students took advantage of joining the division online. For a \$15 annual membership fee, law students receive all the great benefits that are available to licensed attorneys, including a monthly subscription to the *Texas Bar Journal* and the Texas Young Lawyers Association's eNews and free access to Fastcase and Casemaker. Each student receives a student bar card, a free T-shirt, and free registration to TexasBarCLE live and video replay seminars and complimentary written materials.

Student representatives at each of the state's American Bar Association accredited law schools continued to host informational programs for their respective schools, contributing to the success of the division. The Law Student Division also offers two scholarships for members each year.

LEGISLATIVE AND CAMPAIGN LAW

Andrew Cates, Chair

The Legislative and Campaign Law Section enjoyed a fruitful fourth year as one of the fastest growing sections of the State Bar of Texas. As has become customary, the section put on a large continuing legal education event in December. The well-attended seminar covered conflict of interest requirements for Texas administrative agency employees and revolving door provisions applicable to state agencies. The CLE featured a presentation from the Texas Ethics Commission on ethics reform, a conversation with investigative journalist Jay Root from the *Texas Tribune* on how the press can track down bad behavior at the state level, and presentations by members of the section knowledgeable in the area.

The section now issues several e-newsletters throughout the year featuring analyses of recent court decisions involving elections, redistricting, and campaign finance, in addition to updates on Texas Ethics Commission meetings, rulemakings, and opinions of interest to members. Moreover, the section is still pursuing a Texas Board of Legal Specialization certification in this practice area and has begun conversations to work with law students on in-depth research papers regarding the role of lawyer-lobbyists and the myriad disciplinary and statutory rules that apply to the practice.

LGBT LAW

Claire Bow, Chair

In 2017-2018, the LGBT Law Section again worked closely with the State Bar to produce a full day of live CLE covering LGBT legal topics. The sec-

tion also provided content for the 12th annual Bill of Rights CLE course and hosted the social mixer after both events.

LITIGATION

Carlos Eduardo Cárdenas, Chair

The Litigation Section responded to the needs of its members and communities in the Gulf Coast, Harris County, and Southeast Texas areas resulting from the wrath of Hurricane Harvey. When an explosion and fire damaged the Houston office of Lone Star Legal Aid during the flooding, the section appropriated an emergency donation of \$5,000 to aid LSLA in rebuilding. The section supported nonprofit legal aid and community services by funding \$93,500 in grants and internships, with over \$50,000 of those donations earmarked for the direct relief of Harvey victims.

The section continues to empower its membership by providing quality legal publications, *The Advocate* and *News for the Bar*, and the production of over 10 hours of free CLE, all of which are accessible at litigationsection.com.

In the interest of fiscal responsibility and financial prudence, the section adopted policies on expense reimbursement and investment fund expenditures to ensure the stability and growth of the section's mission and programs.

With an eye toward its future success, the section is formulating a strategic long-term plan to ensure the relevance of the section to its membership and to study the future of litigation.

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW

Dawn M. Laubach, Chair

The Military and Veterans Law Section provided training and materials regarding important issues impacting service members and veterans. On October 12-14, the section co-sponsored a CLE with the San Antonio Bar Association on military divorce and retirement with topics such as the Board of Corrections of Military/Naval Records, Service Members Civil Relief