

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

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justiceofthepeacesection.com

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juvenilelaw.org

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laborlaw.org

Budget Code: 9345

Created: 1947

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texasbar.com/lawstudentdivision

Budget Code: 4070

Created: 1979

Dues: \$15

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legislativeandcampaignlaw.com

Budget Code: 9348

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Dues: \$20

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LGBT LAW

lgblawtx.com

Budget Code: 9372

Created: 1998

Dues: \$20

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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. Section membership and dues are voluntary. These 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. The Animal Law Section did not submit a report. For more information or to join a section, go to texasbar.com/sections or call 800-204-2222, ext. 1420.

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LEGISLATIVE AND CAMPAIGN LAW • LGBT LAW • LITIGATION • MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW • MUNICIPAL JUDGES

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW • OIL, GAS, AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW • PARALEGAL DIVISION • POVERTY LAW • PUBLIC UTILITY LAW

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Ultimately, the Legislature passed a bill that would increase judicial compensation based on longevity. This would reward judges who desire to stay on the bench (and who manage to get re-elected). At press time, this bill was pending before the governor.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

Howard M. Bookstaff, Chair

Several board members have been instrumental in providing educational opportunities for the attorneys and justices of the peace members of the section. During the past year, the section had a CLE luncheon presentation on the "Renewal and Revival of Judgments" and added material to the website. The section also had a CLE presentation at the Annual Meeting on June 13, 2019, followed by a social that afternoon.

The purpose of the section is to: (1) further the administration of justice in the justice courts; (2) provide a forum for the exchange of information on matters of practice and procedure in justice courts; (3) provide information and educational opportunities for the membership; and (4) cooperate closely with the State Bar of Texas and other professional organizations in developing, supporting, and promoting legal and professional activities affecting justice of the peace courts.

In addition to licensed attorneys in good standing with the State Bar of Texas, membership in the Justice of the Peace Courts Section is open to all current and former Texas justices of the peace. Justices of the peace who are not licensed attorneys can become associate members of the section.

JUVENILE LAW

Kaci Singer, Chair

The Juvenile Law Section held its 32nd annual Juvenile Law Conference in Austin in February. Over 400 people attended from all juvenile law disciplines, including judiciary, prosecution, defense, state agency, probation, and law enforcement. The section continues to emphasize juvenile justice psychology and theory, law and legal practicum, practical implementation, and best practices in the educational information it provides. The section will sponsor its 33rd annual conference in

Galveston February 16-19, 2020.

The section continues to provide multiple networking opportunities at its annual conference. It is also seeking to expand its reach by offering advertisement for and networking opportunities in connection with local juvenile law conferences.

The section also seeks to provide more meaningful resources to its members, such as updated forms and contact information for members. The section requests that members provide input and ideas on ways to increase member input and involvement.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Teresa Valderrama, Chair

Among the larger and more diverse sections, the Labor and Employment Law Section consists of attorneys who represent both employers and employees, as well as in-house and government attorneys concerned with workplace law issues. Because the section strives to represent interests across a diverse constituency, the section does not ordinarily take sides on legislation affecting workers.

The section promotes efficient litigation, conflict resolution, and trial skills development focused on workplace law issues, including through the sponsorship of two CLE programs annually and the publishing of a newsletter every two months, featuring relevant and important decisions during the year.

Reflecting the balance of interests, the section's council consists of an equal number of employee and employer attorneys, and the chair rotates between them. The section strives to make cohesion, candor, and concern for clients its hallmark, as it builds friendships that cross many lines.

LAW STUDENT DIVISION

Taylor Winn, 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 many of the great benefits that are available to licensed attorneys, including a monthly subscription to the *Texas Bar Journal*, the Texas Young Lawyers Association *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.

LEGISLATIVE AND CAMPAIGN LAW

Ross Peavey, Chair

As one of the fastest growing new sections of the State Bar, the Legislative and Campaign Law Section continues to build on the success of previous years. Hosted in December, the section's most recent annual CLE featured a panel discussion by the Texas Legislative Council on best practices for legislative drafting, an overview of legislative procedure, and an insider's preview of the 86th Legislature. The section looks forward to continuing this event.

The section issued several newsletters throughout the year featuring analyses of recent court decisions involving elections, redistricting, and campaign finance. The Texas Ethics Commission has issued a number of important new rules and opinions recently and the section has worked hard to update members about its important work. The section continues to work with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization to create a certification in the areas of legislative and campaign law.

The section participated in the State Bar Annual Meeting by providing a half-day CLE that provided a legislative and ethics update as well as a presentation on state and federal election law. The section ended the year with a meet and greet that allowed section members to network and make connections in this growing practice area.

LGBT LAW

Nicole LeBoeuf, Chair

The LGBT Law Section began the 2018-2019 year at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Houston in June 2018 by hosting CLE, leading a local LGBT Bar Association's Affiliates Congress, hosting two evening receptions, and participating in the Diversity Forum. The section again worked closely with the State Bar to produce a full day of live CLE covering LGBT legal topics in December 2018 called "LGBTQ

Legal Issues in Changing Times: What Every Texas Practitioner Needs to Know,” bringing the section’s total CLE offerings to more than 1.5 days for the year. The topics included LGBT family law issues, LGBT issues in immigration and employment law, and the criminalization of HIV. The LGBT Law Section also cooperated with developing local LGBT bar associations by cosponsoring programming.

LITIGATION

Wes Christian, Chair

The Litigation Section continued to thrive this year by providing valuable grants, publications, and programs. The section provided more than \$85,955 in grants and scholarships principally to those who provide legal aid to those less fortunate.

The section also published the highly acclaimed *News for the Bar* and *The Advocate*, which a lawyer recently used to win a key hearing on an anti-SLAPP motion. Both publications keep section members current on caselaw and events impacting our practice.

The section additionally provided the thought-provoking and character-building Texas Legal Legends program. Last year, the program inducted Harriet Miers, Carolyn Wright-Sanders, and James C. Harrington as Texas Legal Legends. These lawyers continuously used their law licenses to effect positive change by enforcing the rule of law, acting as gatekeepers of justice for all, exposing and stopping systemic fraud (which damages citizens in multiple business settings), and making a difference in the lives of countless citizens in this great state.

The section also continued its fiscal responsibility program by enforcing its recently passed reimbursement policies and developing a corporate short- and long-term planning committee to examine how lawyers will practice in the future and how that impacts the needs of members.

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW

Lisa Windsor, Chair

The Military and Veterans Law Section serves active duty/reserve judge advocates, former service members, government

civilian attorneys, and anyone interested in representing military members and veterans. The section’s Facebook page provides members with up-to-date news, answers attorney questions on military/veterans law, and advertises clients needing assistance. Section members routinely provide pro bono representation to indigent veterans and participate in veterans’ free legal clinics.

On February 22, the section co-sponsored the Veterans Justice Clinic with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, presenting topics on Veterans Justice Outreach, Veterans Affairs appeals, military discharges, and the recent U.S. Supreme Court session. The section’s spring CLE, held March 29-30 in Salado, trained participants on the effect of antimalarial drugs on service members’ mental health, the use of biometrics, military prevention of sexual assault, and the VA Caregiver Support program. At the State Bar Annual Meeting in Austin on June 14, experts presented on the military status of immigrants in positions of vital national interest, restrictions on free speech in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, processing sex crime allegations, representing veterans with mental illnesses, and ethics in sexual assault cases.

The section welcomes any suggestions on topics of interest and how it may better serve its membership.

MUNICIPAL JUDGES

Hon. Laura Anderson, Chair

Over 5.2 million cases were filed in 940 municipal courts throughout Texas last year. In every case, procedural justice is paramount. Procedural justice occurs when people are treated with respect, they understand the process, they have a chance to be heard, and they believe they have been treated fairly. When procedural justice occurs, people are more likely to obey court orders.

Fifty-eight percent of municipal judges in Texas are attorneys and many of those attorneys also serve as magistrates. Almost 700,000 magistrate warnings were given by municipal judges last year. In light of the recent litigation and proposed legislation on bail reform,

the Municipal Judges Section co-sponsored a discussion on bail reform at the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center’s judge seminar in Addison. The topic remains important as evidenced by the discussions at the State Bar Annual Meeting and TMCEC legislative updates.

Not only are 1,317 municipal judges throughout the state handling on average over 3,600 cases, they also understand that traffic safety initiatives save lives by gaining compliance and driver responsibility. By engaging the community and providing traffic safety materials, municipal judges don’t have to wait until someone steps into their courtroom to explain the importance of traffic safety.

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW

Ray Torgerson, Chair

The Native American Law Section has been productive in the 2019 State Bar year. Members have been involved in various matters, including ongoing federal challenges to the Indian Child Welfare Act, peyote conservation issues in South Texas, and monitoring proposed legislation in the Texas Legislature.

At the State Bar Annual Meeting in Austin, the section participated in the Diversity Forum on June 13 and hosted several CLE sessions on June 14. CLE topics included ongoing federal challenges to the Indian Child Welfare Act, a caselaw update on national and local levels, and ethics. The section held its annual business meeting on June 14, following the CLE presentations.

The section also is planning an annual meeting for January 2020. The section continues to work on its long-term goals of increasing membership—especially among young attorneys—and increasing attendance and participation at conferences. The section’s website is texasnativeamericanlawsection.com.

OIL, GAS, AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW

Kathleen E. Magruder, Chair

The Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section is older than the State Bar itself. Thus, it was fitting that the section celebrated its 80th anniversary in September 2018 with a gala held in