

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

# **VOLUNTEER AND STAFF GUIDE**

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[laborlaw.org](http://laborlaw.org)

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Created: 1947

Dues: \$30

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[texasbar.com/lawstudentdivision](http://texasbar.com/lawstudentdivision)

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## LEGISLATIVE AND CAMPAIGN LAW

[legislativeandcampaignlaw.com](http://legislativeandcampaignlaw.com)

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## LGBT LAW

[lgbtlawtx.com](http://lgbtlawtx.com)

Budget Code: 9372

Created: 1998

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[litigationsection.com](http://litigationsection.com)

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Created: 1979

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# SECTION REPORTS

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updates on the Texas Ethics Commission, an update and review of the Sunset process from the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, and a look ahead at the interim legislative year. The section has enjoyed hosting several happy hours throughout the year for members to network and communicates regularly with members through newsletters and e-blasts with updates on state and federal laws affecting legislative and campaign law, as well as court decisions and ethics commission opinions applicable to the profession. The section participated in the 2019 State Bar Annual Meeting by providing a half-day CLE that featured a legislative and ethics update and a presentation on state and federal election law.

## LGBT LAW

*Elliott Beck, Chair*

The LGBT Law Section began the 2019-2020 year at the Annual Meeting by hosting a full day of CLE, leading a local LGBT Bar Association Affiliate Congress, hosting back-to-back receptions, and participating in the State Bar of Texas Diversity Forum. The section provided financial and promotional support to local LGBT bar organizations in Austin, Dallas, and Houston, in addition to organizational and programming resources. In December, the section worked closely with the State Bar to produce another full day of live CLE covering a broad array of LGBT legal topics titled “LGBTQ Legal Issues in Changing Times: What Every Texas Practitioner Needs to Know.” Presentations included a legislative update, current LGBT issues before the Supreme Court, and LGBT immigration and asylum, followed by a networking event after the CLE for leaders in the LGBT legal community from around the state. The section also reconnected with its fellow minority bar associations by hosting a table at the 2019 Texas Minority Counsel Program, and it is assisting the National Trans Bar Association in establishing a third hub in Texas, which would be the only location in existence outside of a major coastal city.

## LITIGATION

*Jennifer Doan, Chair*

The section continued to excel in its mission of empowering advocates, promoting justice, and preserving the rule of law. Through the Litigation Champions Challenge, the section exceeded membership and participation goals, and Sustaining Membership reached historical gains. The Texas Legal Legends continued to thrive with the induction of James Sales and James Coleman—two lions of the bar who effected positive change by enforcing the rule of law, acting as gatekeepers of justice, and making a difference in countless lives. Giving back through pro bono services, numerous grants, much needed internships to nonprofit legal organizations, and CLE scholarships continued as a section hallmark. The award-winning publication *The Advocate* covered stirring symposia on pro bono, ethics, effective trial advocacy, and the Litigation Update Institute, while *News for the Bar* provided bimonthly news, pointers, and “Top 10” articles. Litigation Update Institute, the Annual Meeting, and litigationsection.com delivered exceptional CLE. The Litigation Section canceled several in-person CLEs, changing course to prepare exceptional online CLE opportunities instead. The section’s new strategic plan provides guidance into the next decade and forecasts changes for all Texas lawyers. Finally, all of these benefits and more are on litigationsection.com—a revamped, one-stop and must-have resource for all Texas trial lawyers.

## MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW

*Wade Faulkner, Chair*

Wow, what a tremendous and incredible year for the Military and Veterans Law Section and world. First, the section’s CLE for spring 2020—like many sections’ CLEs—fell victim to COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders. MVLS will be back in the fall with Chair-elect Jon Shelburne leading instructive CLE for military and VA law. MVLS, true to its name, will present CLE for those attorneys who

practice military law and/or veterans law. VA law has undergone a sweeping change since February 2019. Military law also experienced major changes in 2019, and the effects of many of those changes are starting to show up both in trial and on appeal. The MVLS plans to host two CLEs—one in the fall and another in the spring. Each will be full of important information concerning both military and veterans law. The MVLS CLEs planned will enable VA-accredited attorneys to understand and best represent their veteran clients. The MVLS invites any Texas attorney with an interest in military justice or veterans law to join the Military and Veterans Law Section.

## MUNICIPAL JUDGES

*Laura Anderson, Chair*

COVID-19, social distancing, video conferencing, court closures, essential hearings, and interpreting emergency orders from the president, governor, Texas Supreme Court, county judges, and mayors. What happens when someone violates emergency orders? Can we close our court? How do you Zoom anyway? Where do we start? First, we wash our hands. After looking at precedent, the section was somewhat prepared for court closures because two years ago at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Judge Elaine Marshall, presiding judge of the city of Houston Municipal Courts, hosted “How Houston Survived Harvey: Getting Your City Ready for Disaster.” The panel included the police chief, who spoke of building relationships prior to the disaster, planning, and being nimble. The section also looks to the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the Office of Court Administration for guidance. With traditional seminars on hold, both agencies went into overdrive by setting up opportunities not only to learn remotely but also conduct hearings remotely. The 2020 section meeting will host a panel called “Mental Health and Municipal Courts: How Judges Can Lead.” The question of whether or not the meeting will be conducted remotely should be answered by the time of publishing.