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juvenilelaw.org

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legislativeandcampaignlaw.com

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litigationsection.com

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militarylawsection.com

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2022-2023 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

SECTION REPORTS

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included judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation/detention officers, law enforcement, and mental health practitioners. Regional caucuses allowed everyone the opportunity to meet and discuss locally relevant issues while offering input and perspectives from each respective position. The council updated the section bylaws and is working to update relevant juvenile law forms to be utilized by the state and defense, led by John Gauntt Jr. and Terrance Windham. In April, forms for regular indeterminate proceedings, detention hearings, and inter-county transfer matters were added to the section website. The section will follow with forms covering determinate sentences, determinate sentence transfer hearings, certifications, Chapter 55 issues, sex offender registration, and sealing of juvenile records. I want to give a big thanks to council members for their hard work and service to the field of juvenile law!

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Jason Boulette, Chair

The Labor and Employment Law Section consists of more than 3,200 licensed labor and employment attorneys in the state of Texas, representing a diverse set of clients, including employees, employers, nonprofits, governmental entities, labor unions, and public interest groups. The mission is to promote and enhance the practice of law by any attorney interested in labor and employment law. In pursuit of this mission, the section gathers (and makes searchable) verdicts in Texas labor and employment cases, publishes a quarterly newsletter summarizing legal developments and section activities, promotes outreach programs with Texas law schools, and provides grants to pro bono organizations focused on labor and employment matters. The section also presents high-quality continuing legal education conferences at affordable rates, which are discounted for section members. Most recently, the section hosted its Advanced Employment Law Conference in Dallas in January, and the section looks forward to its upcoming 33rd annual Labor and Employment Law Institute to be held in San Antonio in August. If you are not a section member and have any interest in labor and employment, consider joining today to get access to jury verdicts, labor and

employment updates, discounted CLE, and more.

LAW STUDENT DIVISION

Kaylie Morgan, Chair

The Law Student Division worked to meet its goal of increasing law students' access to State Bar resources in different ways during the 2022-2023 academic year. Representatives from Texas law schools hosted a variety of free programs for students at their respective schools, including student outreach events and educational and legal career related panels. For a \$15 annual membership fee, the Law Student Division provides many benefits to its student members, including exclusive scholarship opportunities, free membership in select State Bar of Texas sections, a monthly subscription to the *Texas Bar Journal*, member discounts, free registration for TexasBarCLE live seminars, and—new this year—free publications and online resources from Texas Bar Books. The Law Student Division also awarded over \$4,000 in scholarships to its members. Law Student Division representatives from several Texas law schools continue to encourage their law school administrations to cover the cost of first-year law students' annual membership. Texas Tech University School of Law is leading the way in providing this benefit to its students once again this year.

LEGISLATIVE AND CAMPAIGN LAW

J. Pete Laney, Chair

The Legislative and Campaign Law Section, founded in 2014, is still the State Bar's newest section and continues to grow each year. The section is made up of attorneys who work in and around the Legislature, state agencies, elections, and campaigns, and those who are interested in those processes. In December, the section held a pre-legislative session CLE, which was a great success. The section was honored to hear from the experts at the Sunset Commission and especially grateful to have the chiefs of staff to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house share their insight and wisdom with attendees. The section is planning a post-session CLE, regarding legislative changes that will affect practitioners. The section is proud to have shepherded one of the nation's first-ever legislative and campaign law legal specialization areas into existence. Since implementation, 13 attorneys have

become board certified, and many others are busy prepping and studying for the next round of exams. If you are interested in legislative or government processes, election law, campaign law, or any of the ethical issues that pop up in those areas, please consider joining the section. You can learn more by visiting legislativeandcampaignlaw.com.

LGBT LAW

Brian Klosterboer, Chair

The LGBT Law Section celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with a full-day CLE program, dinner, and reception in Dallas on April 15. At that event, presented by Kastl Law, the section honored its founders, gave the 2020 Judge Black Award to the late John Loza, and delivered a section lifetime achievement award to Hon. Christopher Walter for his many years of work for the section. At the State Bar Annual Meeting in June, the section held a full-day CLE and reception, awarding the 2022 Judge Black Award to Maddy Dwertman. The section also established a self-sustaining LGBTQ+ service and leadership scholarship at Texas Tech University School of Law, hosted a virtual CLE about providing high-quality legal services to LGBTQ+ clients, worked to include LGBTQ+ demographics data in state bar surveys, and sponsored and contributed to local bar association and law school events across the state.

LITIGATION

J. Paul Manning, Chair

The Litigation Section continues to find new ways to come alongside its members to assist in the ever-challenging practice of law. In December, the section presented the Litigation Update Institute in Houston and hosted a mentor/mentee fellowship following. Council members presented an "Ethics Jeopardy" CLE to several local bar associations and inducted Ray Barrera Sr. and David J. Beck into the Legal Legends program. At the 2022 State Bar Annual Meeting, the section presented an outstanding CLE track with great speakers and topics. Of course, the *Advocate* once again knocked it out of the park with issues titled "Client Confidentiality" and "Discovery Disputes." The Spring 2023 edition devoted to appellate law issues for trial lawyers is a must read for all Texas litigators. This year the