

HOW MANY LAWYERS DOES IT TAKE TO **CHANGE TEXAS?**



# OUR MISSION



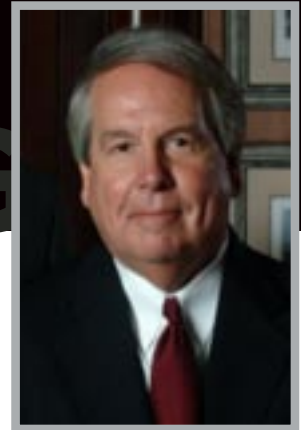
The Texas Bar Foundation was founded in 1965 by lawyers determined to assist the public and improve the profession of law. Starting out with 254 Charter members, the organization has grown to over 7,500 “Fellows” (an elected member of the Texas Bar Foundation) representing the best of the legal profession.

The mission of the Texas Bar Foundation is to use the financial contributions of its membership **to build a strong justice system for all Texans.**

To date, the Texas Bar Foundation has distributed more than \$9 million throughout Texas to assist nonprofit organizations with a wide range of justice-related programs and services. The Texas Bar Foundation has grown into the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the country.

IN 2008, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER AND GIVE AN UNPRECEDENTED \$1 MILLION.

# IMPROVING



## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION:

For more than 40 years, Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation have been changing Texas. In fact, the Texas Bar Foundation was founded so that lawyers could demonstrate their commitment to making Texas a better place. While there are many bar foundations in Texas and across the nation, the Texas Bar Foundation maintains the distinction of being the biggest. And, for the Texas Bar Foundation, size does matter. Our size gives us the ability to reach into the many underserved communities throughout Texas to make a difference.

Over the years, the steady financial support of our Fellows has allowed the Texas Bar Foundation to invest more than \$9 million in nonprofit programs and services throughout Texas. Our investments in grants to these programs have changed Texas through the provision of legal assistance to the needy, help in educating the public, and innovative work to uphold the ideals of the legal profession.

In fiscal year 2007, we awarded 48 grants to organizations totaling \$772,948 and an additional \$207,600 for 44 Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRAP) grants bringing the grand total of grants awarded to \$980,548. These grants are advancing justice and serving Texans in a variety of ways. As you read through this report, you will see how together we are changing Texas each and every day. Every year, we strive to make the Texas Bar Foundation an even greater resource for justice-related programs and services for the people of Texas. In 2008, our objective is to go one step further and give an unprecedented \$1 million.

As you will see in this report, the Texas Bar Foundation is making Texas a better place. Thank you for your continued support of the Texas Bar Foundation. I challenge you to do your part each day to continue to be the change in Texas.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'David R. McAtee' and the second is 'Claude Ducloux'.

David R. McAtee, 2007-2008 Chair / Claude Ducloux, 2006-2007 Chair



# CREATING PEACE OF MIND

Center for Child Protection  
Educating for Justice Project

For a child, talking about being abused can be one of the most difficult things they've ever had to do. Through a grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, the Center for Child Protection was able to implement the Educating for Justice Project wherein law enforcement officers, Child Protective Service investigators, prosecutors, attorneys ad litem, victim service professionals and others received critical multidisciplinary training to better prepare them to respond effectively in cases of child abuse and neglect. All of these professionals work together to make the interview process as comfortable as possible for the child, keeping in mind the Center's mission of reducing the trauma for children during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. Sometimes, one small clue that we are making a difference can be seen in the body language of children that visit the Center. Lauren\* is a seven-year-old who came to the Center for a forensic interview due to alleged sexual abuse. As Lauren finished her interview and returned to the play area, it was apparent she felt relieved by her more relaxed body language. She also verbally expressed feelings of relief in finally being able to discuss what had happened to her. After the interview, Lauren got a snack and then went into the Center's playhouse and curled up in the lap of a large teddy bear. Shortly after curling up in the bear's lap, Lauren fell asleep. Imagine the relief and safety Lauren must have felt to be able to fall asleep in the arms of a large teddy bear in a new place. The Center has many ways of evaluating the services being provided to clients, however, seeing Lauren relieved and at rest in the embrace of a big teddy bear's arms was the best evaluation of all.

\* Names and other identifying information have been changed to protect the privacy of children and families.



## 2007 GRANT DESCRIPTIONS

For over 40 years, the Texas Bar Foundation has relied on the generosity of its membership to improve the lives of the people of Texas. Beginning with only a \$5,000 grant, the combined efforts of Fellows over the years has resulted in the distribution of more than 700 grants throughout Texas totaling in excess of \$9 million. Although the financial support has grown, the three categories for grants consideration have remained the same:

- *LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY*
- *EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC*
- *IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE*

During 2006-2007, the Texas Bar Foundation approved 48 grants for organizations totaling \$772,948. For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at [www.txbf.org](http://www.txbf.org).

### Legal Services For The Needy

<b>South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR)</b> “Children’s Assistance Project”	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas</b> “Video Conferencing Project”	<b>\$50,500</b>
<b>Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.</b> “Educational Project for Legal Services and Community Outreach”	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Meet in the Middle</b> “Child Visitation and Exchange Center, Cooperative Parenting Class”	<b>\$29,260</b>
<b>CASA of Johnson County</b> “Foster Children – From Turbulence to Permanence”	<b>\$26,000</b>
<b>Fort Bend County Bar Association</b> “Establishment of Fort Bend Lawyers Care”	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.</b> “FVPS Court Liaison”	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>Daysprings Center of the Metroplex for Counseling and Development, Inc.</b> “Scholarship & Expansion Project”	<b>\$20,200</b>
<b>Bridgehaven Children’s Advocacy Center</b> “A Voice for Victims”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc.</b> “Project Counsel”	<b>\$20,000</b>

<b>State Bar of Texas Committee on Disability Issues</b> “Sign Up Fund”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Catholic Family Service, Inc.</b> “Rural Immigration Impact Project”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Hill Country Children’s Advocacy Center</b> “Purchase of Colposcope”	<b>\$18,150</b>
<b>William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law at The University of Texas School of Law</b> “Access to Justice Internship Program”	<b>\$15,280</b>
<b>Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.</b> “Community Presentations on the Violence Against Women Act and the Legal Rights of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Abuse”	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)</b> “Volunteer Training and Retention”	<b>\$11,285</b>
<b>San Antonio Bar Association</b> “Community Justice Program”	<b>\$11,282</b>
<b>Spaulding for Children</b> “FBI Background Check Fund for Adoption and Foster Care Services”	<b>\$10,280</b>
<b>Political Asylum Project of Austin “PAPA”</b> “Technology Improvement Plan”	<b>\$10,144</b>
<b>Connections Individual &amp; Family Services</b> “Kids Exchange Program”	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Women’s Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc.</b> “Regional Outreach/Community Education Project”	<b>\$9,500</b>
<b>Texas Legal Services Center</b> “Texas Statewide Website Enhancement Project”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Arc of the Capital Area</b> “Pro-Bono Guardianship Project”	<b>\$4,200</b>
<b>Center for Child Protection</b> “Educating for Justice”	<b>\$3,900</b>

# LENDING A HELPING HAND

## **Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Texas Unit** Audio Plus Digitally Recorded Legal Textbooks

Reading is something most people take for granted. Many don't realize the frustrating struggles of people with print disabilities such as blindness or dyslexia. It is difficult to find books to accommodate their unique visual challenges. Consider the law student with a type of visual impairment that makes reading standard text impossible who faces the challenge of struggling through many reading assignments in thick standard textbooks. Thanks to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&DR), audio books are available for everyone in need, even law students. Through RFB&D's extensive lending library, people with print disabilities have access to a vast array of books and textbooks that are available to them in digitally formatted textbooks on CD. Reading finally made simple, available and accessible.





## **Educating The Public**

<b>The Dallas Urban Debate League Advisory Board</b> “The Dallas Urban Debate League”	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>State Bar of Texas Litigation Section</b> “Our Courthouse DVD Project”	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>Texas Tech University School of Law</b> “P20 Educational Pipeline - Texas”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Texas Wesleyan University</b> “Public Service Leadership Fellow”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>University of Texas at San Antonio</b> “Connecting the Pipeline: Enhancing Access, Education, Information, and Opportunity”	<b>\$17,900</b>
<b>Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.</b> “LGVT & HIV Civil Rights Education”	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Comal County Senior Citizens’ Foundation</b> “Comal County Money Management Program (MMP)”	<b>\$13,520</b>
<b>Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas</b> “Immigration Services – Information Campaign”	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Victoria County Bar Association</b> “Project Advancement: Advancing Technology, Juror Knowledge, Community Education and Service, the Administration of Justice and the Practice of Law”	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Hill Country Alternative Dispute Resolution Center</b> “PEP (Peers Encouraging Peace)”	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Preservation Texas, Inc.</b> “Shaping Places for the Administration of Justice”	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Smith County Bar Association</b> “Web-based Legal Education and Outreach Project”	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Bexar County Women’s Bar Association</b> “Elder Law Handbook Project”	<b>\$6,100</b>
<b>Recording for the Blind &amp; Dyslexic Texas Unit</b> “Audio Plus Digitally Recorded Legal Textbooks”	<b>\$5,450</b>
<b>Texas Appleseed</b> “Diversity Legal Scholars Program”	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>International Women’s Peace Conference</b> “Legal Education Forum”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Center for Nonprofit Management</b> “Nonprofit Legal Clinic”	<b>\$4,000</b>



**Improving The Legal System Through Forums, Research, And Judicial Education**

<b>Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.</b> “Judicial Section Annual Conference – Texas Bar Foundation Day”	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center</b> “19th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Texas Women Lawyers</b> “Maternity Leave Policy Survey for Legal Professionals”	<b>\$6,997</b>
<b>Austin College</b> “2007 Law Symposium”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>American Judicature Society</b> “The South Central Regional Conference on Pro Se Litigation”	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Supreme Court of Texas Task Force to Expand Legal Services Delivery</b> “Section Pro Bono Project Competition”	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Amarillo Area Bar Association</b> “Preserving the Historical Records of the Legal Profession in the Texas Panhandle”	<b>\$2,500</b>



# OFFERING A SAFE HARBOR

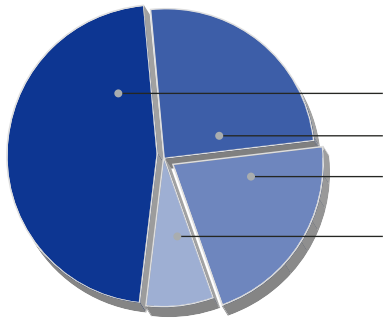
# PROTECTING

## Connections Individual & Family Services Kids Exchange Program

When divorced or separated parents cannot get along, their children are among those who suffer the most. Visitations with parents can become a frightening experience for both parents and children. For the citizens of Comal County, these services were only available at locations ranging from twenty to sixty miles away. Given the economic hardships that often accompany divorce and separation, one can imagine the financial strain on parents to expend money on gasoline and travel for visitation purposes. With the addition of the new Connections Kids Exchange Program, residents of Comal County save gas, travel time and worry in keeping supervised parental visitations and transfers of children in a safe and convenient location.

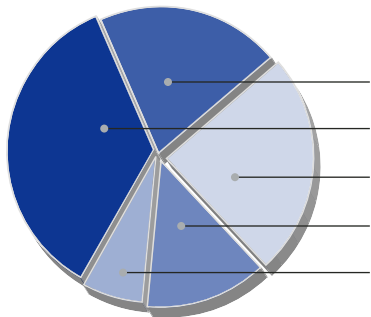
## GRANTS AWARDED FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

During 2006 – 2007 the Texas Bar Foundation awarded 48 grants and 44 SLRAP grants totaling \$980,548.



### 2006-2007 Grants by Category

Legal Services for the Needy	\$458,981	46.8 %	24 grants
Education of the Public	\$242,970	24.8 %	17 grants
Student Loan Repayment Assistance	\$207,600	21.2 %	44 attorneys
Improvements in the legal profession and the administration of justice	\$ 70,997	7.2 %	7 grants



### Grants by Geographic Impact

Statewide Impact	\$240,627	24.5 %	18 grants
North Texas	\$347,000	35.4 %	32 grants, loan repayments
San Antonio & Texas/Mexico Border	\$199,267	20.3 %	23 grants, loan repayments
Central Texas	\$129,054	13.2 %	13 grants, loan repayments
Southeast Texas	\$ 64,600	6.6 %	5 grants, loan repayments

## COLLABORATING WITH THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS (SLRAP)

Long before any attorney has time to build on their knowledge and experience in the profession, they must endure and, more importantly, pay for law school. Student loan expenses can present an overwhelming burden to young lawyers as they strive to gain experience in the profession. Consequently, in 2003, the Texas Access to Justice Commission created the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program (SLRAP) to encourage recent law school graduates to work for Texas legal aid organizations and to assist legal aid programs in retaining experienced lawyers. SLRAP recipients receive a one-year grant for \$4,800 to assist in their student loan expenses. The State Bar of Texas and individual donors provide the funding for the SLRAP. The Texas Bar Foundation administers the program, selecting the recipients and determining the loan amount. There are currently 44 recipients receiving loans through the SLRAP. Organizations benefiting from the service of SLRAP recipients include:

- Dallas Legal Hospice
- Equal Justice Center
- Family Haven Crisis and Resource Center
- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas
- Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, Inc.
- Lone Star Legal Aid
- Political Asylum Project of Austin
- Texas Civil Rights Project
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.
- YMCA International Services

# COLLABORATION



## MEMORIAL GIFTS/TRIBUTES

Each year, the Texas Bar Foundation is honored to receive tributes presented in memory of a loved one or colleague, or as a remembrance of a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. These generous gifts help fund charitable programs throughout the state.

Received September 27, 2006 – August 2, 2007

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Texas Bar Foundation

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ending May 31, 2007

<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2007 Total	2006 Total
Contributions	\$ 616,785	\$150,100	\$ 306,540	\$ 1,073,425	\$ 985,135
Return on investments	2,775,510	-	-	2,775,510	1,112,980
Change in cash surrender value	833	-	-	833	2,940
Special events	51,000	-	-	51,000	43,150
Other income	13,104	-	-	13,104	4,367
Net assets released from restrictions	150,100	(150,100)	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues and other support</b>	<b>3,607,332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>306,540</b>	<b>3,913,872</b>	<b>2,148,572</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Program services	1,091,522	-	-	1,091,522	988,607
General and administrative	277,672	-	-	277,672	236,853
Fundraising	120,830	-	-	120,830	138,610
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,490,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,490,024</b>	<b>1,364,070</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>2,117,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>306,540</b>	<b>2,423,848</b>	<b>784,502</b>
Net assets, beginning of year	5,251,417	-	12,284,655	17,536,072	16,751,570
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$7,368,725</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$12,591,195</b>	<b>\$19,959,920</b>	<b>\$17,536,072</b>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an intergral part of these financial statements.

A complete copy of the audited financial statements, including notes and the auditor's opinion, is available for inspection during normal working hours at 1414 Colorado, Austin, Texas.

Texas Bar Foundation

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of May 31, 2007

<b>ASSETS</b>	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	2,010,080	1,941,972
Investments	17,836,563	15,428,694
Accrued interest receivable	60,911	61,362
Promises to give	0	27,900
Prepaid expenses and other assets	10,406	5,938
Cash surrender value of life insurance	135,639	134,806
Life estate interest	145,450	127,520
Property and equipment	2,380	2,380
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>20,201,429</b>	<b>17,730,572</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to the State Bar of Texas	47,759	41,850
Grants payable	169,700	121,600
Deferred revenue	24,050	31,050
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>241,509</b>	<b>194,500</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	2,942,029	2,324,721
Board designated endowment	4,426,696	2,926,696
Temporarily restricted	0	0
Permanently restricted	12,591,195	12,284,655
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>19,959,920</b>	<b>17,536,072</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$20,201,429</b>	<b>\$17,730,572</b>

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# Doyle School Community Center

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Education - Community - Hope

# TEACHING A BETTER ALTERNATIVE

# TEACHING

Hill Country Alternative Dispute Resolution Center  
Peers Encouraging Peace (PEP) Program

What happens when a dispute arises between students at school? With the recent increase in shocking school crimes, school disputes can be a frightening thing for students, teachers and parents. To alleviate this problem in the Hill Country area, the Hill Country Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center created the Peers Encouraging Peace (PEP) program in all eight counties they serve. Through the PEP program, peer mediation programs are being established in at least one elementary school in each of the eight rural counties served by the Hill Country ADR Center. The results...amazing!!! Not only have school conflicts been reduced, but adults now have an increased awareness of an affordable and accessible option to the legal system.

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# OPENING UP NEW HORIZONS

HISTORY



**Austin College**  
**2007 Law Symposium**

In 1997, a Constitutional amendment allowed the Texas Supreme Court to sit outside of Austin as a means of educating and exposing Texans to the proceedings of the highest court in the state. This year, the Texas Supreme Court held proceedings at Austin College as part of Austin College's Annual Law Symposium. For the first time in Austin College's history, students, faculty, alumni, local lawyers, interested community people, and several area school groups from surrounding areas used the opportunity to witness the Texas Supreme Court in action hearing oral arguments on two cases. Following the court proceedings, the members of the Texas Supreme Court stayed for a question and answer session with the audience and met with several Law Symposium participants. For this brief moment in history at Austin College, the members of the Texas Supreme Court became judicial role models and educators using the profession of law to inspire a community.



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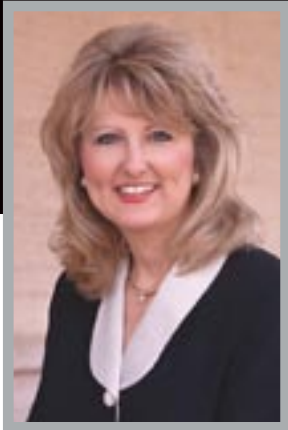


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## DEAR FELLOWS:

In answer to the question “how many lawyers does it take to change Texas?” It takes the 7,500 Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation working together. It takes more than just our annual gifts; it takes our constant commitment to promote the Texas Bar Foundation as the hallmark of charitable excellence in our chosen profession and the first option that non-profits should choose for funding innovative justice-related programs and services.

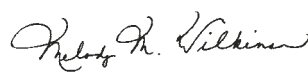
This year has been full of opportunity and growth. We elected 340 new Fellows into our ranks. Our staff worked hard this year to provide more networking events than ever before. These networking events, held throughout the state, not only gave us the opportunity to meet with each other, but also to learn about the many programs and services we support. Hopefully you had a chance to come to at least one of the seven events held throughout Texas. If not, we encourage you to stay tuned for this year’s events and plan to attend the one closest to you. You will see old and new friends while showing your support for the Texas Bar Foundation.

As we move forward with our commitment firmly intact, we have and will continue to recruit the most outstanding attorneys in Texas to join our ranks. We will also continue to be involved in our communities and look for opportunities to make more nonprofit organizations aware of the financial resources of the Texas Bar Foundation. Through our consistent collective commitment, we have been changing and will keep on changing Texas.

Keep in mind that the Texas Bar Foundation is you and me, so let’s all keep doing our part to keep it strong and growing so we stay at the forefront of providing opportunities and protecting justice throughout Texas.

Finally, we want to thank you for your support of the Texas Bar Foundation through your strong presence in your local community. Remember, you are the change in Texas, and we thank you for doing your part each and every day.

Sincerely,



Melody Wilkinson, 2007-2008 Chair / Hull Youngblood, 2006-2007 Chair



# BEING THE CHANGE

Election as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is a unique distinction in the legal profession. Fellows have proven themselves to be actively involved and engaged givers. Fellows give their professional expertise to their clients and their energetic involvement to their communities. Fellows also give their financial resources to support the work of the Texas Bar Foundation.

The Texas Bar Foundation's commitment to **"providing opportunities, protecting justice,"** is more than words; it is a pledge to keep giving to even more worthwhile justice-related programs and services throughout Texas. Therefore, every dollar that Fellows contribute goes to support communities throughout Texas. In 2007, the combined resources of the 7,500 Fellows resulted in \$772,948 distributed to 48 organizations throughout Texas. The goal for 2008 is an unprecedented \$1 million.

There are many worthwhile projects that deserve the support of the Texas Bar Foundation. As leaders in the legal profession, Fellows can keep on supporting the work of the Texas Bar Foundation by opening their hearts to give even more through the following ways:

**Honors and Memorials** – An opportunity for anyone to honor people who influenced or inspired them. This honor is publicly recognized in the Texas Bar Foundation biannual newsletter and annual report.

**Sustaining Life Fellow membership** – Life Fellows who continue to annually donate one tenth of their original financial commitment to the charitable work of the Texas Bar Foundation are elevated to the highest status of Sustaining Life Fellow.

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