Welcome to another new year for the Texas Bar Foundation. As your 2019-20 Fellows Chair, I look forward to what the Foundation will accomplish this year. Thanks to your generosity and support, the Foundation will award $1.35 million dollars over the coming fiscal year, which will be the fifth year that the Foundation will have awarded over $1 million dollars. This would not be possible without you!

This past year, the Foundation was privileged to award grants to many worthy causes and entities. Among other things, the Foundation awarded grants to organizations that: 1) shut down illicit massage parlors and assisted victims of human trafficking; 2) provided education and information to elderly persons victimized by scam artists; 3) helped women who were victims of domestic abuse and violence; 4) provided pro bono legal services to immigrants and helped them to understand their rights in connection with deportation; 5) worked with children whose parents had been incarcerated; and 6) helped children who were the victims of child abuse and provided necessary protection. In all, the Foundation supported 89 different causes and made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of Texans.

I want to thank you for accepting your invitation and financially partnering with the Foundation to ensure that worthy grant applicants have access to needed funds in the future. I especially want to thank our Sustaining Life Fellows, as 100% of your contributions go directly toward grant funding.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Fellows Chair. I look forward to another incredible year for the Foundation, and I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

W. Stephen Benesh, Fellows Chair
Celebrating Success at the 2019 Annual Dinner

On June 14th, more than 550 Fellows, family, and friends gathered in Austin to celebrate another historic year of achievement for the Foundation. The black-tie event honored the recipients of the most prestigious legal awards in Texas and the success made possible by the contributions of all Fellows. After recognizing the distinguished award winners, guests continued the celebration with music by Hotcakes.

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