### Texas Bar Foundation
#### Grants Awarded 2010 - 2011

For 46 years, the Texas Bar Foundation has relied on the generosity of its Fellows to improve the lives of the people of Texas. Beginning with a $5,000 grant, the combined efforts of the Fellows over the years has resulted in the distribution of more than 900 grants throughout Texas totaling $12,971,340. The financial support has grown, and the Foundation currently has five program areas:

- Legal Aid for the Underserved
- Education of the Public
- Victim Services
- Professionalism/Research/Publications/Forums
- Administration of Justice

During 2010-2011, the Texas Bar Foundation approved 53 grants for organizations totaling $761,146. For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at [www.txbf.org](http://www.txbf.org).

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<td><strong>Administration of Justice through Research/Publications/Forums</strong></td>
<td><strong>$99,992</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.</strong></td>
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<td>&quot;Padilla v. Kentucky Legal Assistance Project&quot;</td>
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<td>To provide advice and training to public defenders and private criminal attorneys in El Paso County to educate them on the Supreme Court's recent decision in Padilla v. Kentucky, which requires criminal defense attorneys to advise their clients of the possible deportation consequences of a guilty plea.</td>
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<td><strong>Grassroots Leadership</strong></td>
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<td>Organize and train volunteers to visit women detained at the T. Don Hutto detention center in Taylor to break the isolation caused by prolonged immigration detention, act as human rights observers, help visitors become advocates for detained immigrants.</td>
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<td><strong>Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation</strong></td>
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<td>“Domestic Violence Training Initiative/Family Violence Resource Guide”</td>
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<td>A three-day training and Family Violence Training Manual, targeting the unique role of prosecutors' office personnel in combating domestic violence.</td>
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Amarillo Area Bar Foundation  
$12,610

“Texas Supreme Court Student Education Day”
To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Amarillo Area Bar Association by bringing the Texas Supreme Court to Amarillo to hear oral arguments, answer questions from the students attending the arguments and attend other centennial celebration functions.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)- Texas  
$13,218

“Judicial Conference on Mental Illness”
Develop and provide a one day mental health educational training conference for the judiciary, in collaboration with the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.  
$25,000

“Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day”
Texas Bar Foundation Day during the 12 hour CJE Annual Judicial Education Conference.

Children at Risk, Inc.  
$27,800

“Texas Juvenile Justice Project”
To recruit and train 6 law students as Juvenile Justice Fellows to conduct extensive legal research into the state of juvenile justice in Texas.

Educate the Public  
$165,928

YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas  
$5,000

“YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program - "Establish, Expand, Enhance and Experience Y&G"”
Establish new Youth and Government clubs in rural or at-risk communities, provide student scholarships and create opportunities for additional students to experience hands-on "District Court".

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock  
$5,000

“Elder Law Community Education Division”
To expand the Community Education Program to increase awareness of and disseminate basic information about legal issues of particular concern to the elderly by going out into the community.
Home Health Services of Texas Inc.  
$5,350  
“Understanding Your Rights to Community-Care Options under Medicaid: A Guide to Families of People with Disabilities”  
To create a brochure and presentations, in both English and Spanish, to make families of people with disabilities aware of what community-based services they are entitled to under Medicaid.

Arc of the Capital Area  
$7,000  
“Future Care Guardianship Program”  
To educate parents and caregivers of a dependent with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities about their rights and responsibilities under the law.

Disability Rights Texas  
$13,000  
“Children with Disabilities Right to Special Education Instructional Videos Project”  
Video project to address the unmet legal needs of low-income Texas children with disabilities receiving, or in need of, special education services in Texas school districts.

Fort Bend Lawyers Care  
$15,000  
“Equal Access to Justice”  
Seed money to start a weekly Pro Se/Self Help Litigant workshop in county courthouse.

Discovery Place Inc.  
$20,000  
“Courthouse Exhibit”  
Build a courthouse exhibit to give children the ability to experience the inside of a courthouse and educate museum guests on aspects of the legal process.

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.  
$25,000  
“Juvenile Justice Project”  
To enhance project by including staff to provide direct representation of students and enhance the website to include information on self-help representation for parents.

Houston Urban Debate League  
$25,578  
“Texas Bar Foundation "Future In the Law" Texas-wide Urban Debate League Tournament”  
A joint Dallas Urban Debate Alliance-Houston Urban Debate League "Future in the Law" tournament that provides urban debate students from throughout Texas with a greater understanding of future opportunities for a career in the law.
Texas Young Lawyers Association $45,000
“The Little Voice - A Child Abuse Reporting PSA and DVD Project”
A public service multi-media project intended to educate the public about the legal obligation to report child abuse and to provide the tools needed to recognize child abuse when it exists.

Legal Services for Low Income Defendants $34,000

Texas Center for Actual Innocence $14,000
“Collaborative Case Review of Actual Innocence Claims”
To better serve indigent defenders and resolve current caseload, funding for DNA testing, expert witnesses, documents and travel expenses.

Innocence Project of Texas $20,000
“Statewide Forensic Science Review in Post-Convictions Claims of Innocence: The Texas Forensic Science Review”
A multi-tiered forensic science case review, litigation, student training and public education program for non-DNA based claims of innocence.

Legal Services for Underserved and the Poor $216,111

Lutheran Ministries and Social Services $3,000
“Legal Assistance Project”
An assisted pro se civil litigant clinic which provides information, education and referrals in family and elder law matters.

Refugee Services of Texas $3,550
“Expansion of Immigration Assistance to Refugees in Texas”
To allow two staff members to complete the Basic Immigration Law course sponsored by the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

The University of Texas at Brownsville $5,047
“Cameron County Wills Clinic”
Pair volunteer attorneys with UTB/TSC paralegal students to interview low-income residents and prepare and execute estate planning documents at no charge.

Pharr Community Outreach Project $10,000
“Justice For Our Neighbors Outreach Program”
To provide advocacy, free high quality immigration legal services and education for indigent aliens.
Ft Bend County Child Advocates Inc  
“WINGS Coordinator”  
Coordinator to allow expansion of project for youth aging out of foster care to prevent homelessness and crime after leaving foster care.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.  
“Texas Foster Youth Justice Project”  
To print 2,000 copies of "Guide for Those Aging Out of the Foster Care System in Texas".

Casa de Esperanza  
“Adoption Program”  
To provide legal services for the adoption of children in crisis due to abuse, neglect or effects of HIV.

Opening Doors Immigration Services, Inc.  
“Project Hope”  
To increase legal expert resources to respond to the needs of immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse by providing CLE training to Denton County attorneys and legal professionals with the objective of creating a bank of legal resource experts.

The Bernardo Kohler Center, Inc.  
“Casitas”  
To provide legal representation to unaccompanied alien children seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

Center for Family Relations d/b/a San Antonio Kids Exchange  
“Monitored Exchange Scholarship Program”  
Expansion of Monitored Exchange Scholarship Program due to increase in need and cuts from Bexar County.

Texas Access to Justice Commission  
“Access to Justice Summer Internship Program”

FATE-Texas  
“Building for the Future”  
Seed money to develop first supervised independent living community in Austin to serve young adults ages 18 to 21 who have aged out of foster care.
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center  $23,584
“Mexican Asylum Representation and Pro-Bono Project”
Address the increasing legal needs of refugees from Northern Mexico through free consultations and representations on the most deserving cases. (This is a continuation of the project started last year.)

American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education  $50,000
“ProBAR”

Services for Victims and/or not requiring proof of poverty  $245,115

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc.  $3,000
“Regional Outreach/Community Education Project”
Project to increase the current availability of legal advocacy, community education, information and referral services and accompaniment to court for victims of domestic violence.

Center for Child Protection  $4,100
“Multidisciplinary Training on Injury Reconstruction Techniques”
A one-day multidisciplinary training open to all child abuse professionals in Central Texas, including, but not limited to, law enforcement, Child Protective Services, medical professionals and prosecutors.

Texas CASA, Inc.  $5,000
“The 22nd Annual Texas CASA Conference”
The conference is the largest education and training opportunity for CASA volunteers, staff, and board members, attorneys ad litem, judges, court staff and other stakeholders in Texas who are involved in representing children in the court system.

CASA of Central Texas, Inc.  $5,000
“Court Program Services/Casework Supervisor to train and support community volunteers”
Partially pay the salary and benefits of a Casework Supervisor to train and guide community volunteers.

Mosaic Family Services, Inc.  $9,600
“Multicultural Legal Services: Language Access Program”
Expand interpreter services in order to improve access to justice for Limited English Proficiency victims.
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Collin County, Inc. $10,000
“Advocate Training”
Partial Salary for a Trainer/Community Educator to provide volunteers with the required, initial 30 hours of training, and on-going requirement of 12 hours of yearly on-going training.

CASA of Travis County $10,000
“Child Advocacy for Court-Ordered Services”
Services for neglected children not yet in the state's custody but who require a court appointed guardian-ad-litem.

Tahirih Justice Center $10,000
“Reaching New Survivors: Outreach and Representation for Immigrant Women and Girls Fleeing Violence”
To sustain and expand the "Reaching New Survivors" project funded last year, in order to enable at least 250 immigrant women and girls fleeing gender-based violence.

Boys and Girls Club of McAllen $10,000
“Together Time”
Continuation of the child visitation/exchange between custodial and non-custodial parent project previous funded by Texas Bar Foundation, due to an increase in participants, new referrals from attorneys and cuts in funding by the State of Texas.

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center $10,000
“23rd Annual Crimes Against Children Conference”
To provide scholarships to the Crimes Against Children Conference for Texas professionals in the field of child abuse.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas $11,500
“Case Manager to Assist Human Trafficking Survivors and Criminal Victims Clients”
Provide comprehensive case management for human trafficking survivors and for other Immigration Services clients eligible for legal protections as victims of certain crimes.

Christus Health Foundation Southeast Texas $14,140
“Equipment for Forensic Nursing Program for 9 County Region in Southeast Texas”
To replace old equipment to perform medical/forensic exams by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners for sexual assault survivors.
ChildSafe

“Core Services for Sexually Abused Children”
To provide comprehensive investigative, prosecutorial and therapeutic services for sexually abused children.

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

“Protective Order Project”
To underwrite the "private funds match" required to leverage a federal Violence Against Women Act grant to insure the continuation of the Protective Order Project.

CASA of Williamson County Texas

“Williamson County Expansion Program”
To expand the Williamson County CASA in its second year of existence by adding Volunteer Supervisors to the staff.

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.

“Women and Children's Program Bilingual Legal Assistant”
To protect the rights of women and children who are not US citizens and are the victims of human rights abuses

Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.

“Access to Attorneys Program”
Expansion of the Access to Attorneys Program to serve clients through the use of high definition teleconferencing equipment located at the Project's Austin offices and six domestic violence shelters throughout the state of Texas.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth

“Legal Assistance for Immigrant Victims”
To provide free immigration related legal assistance to low-income victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County

“Rape Crisis & Victim Services”
Continuation of support to fund 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis counseling in hospitals and in clinics, support through criminal justice process, sexual assault and prevention education, training for criminal justice, medical and other professionals.
Children's Advocacy Center of Hood and Somervell Counties Inc.  $23,255

“Purchase of New Forensic Interviewing Electronic Recording Equipment”

Purchase two new electronic systems to use in the forensic interview process with child abuse victims.