

Foundation *INSIGHT*



A message from your Fellows Chair

Welcome to a new year for the Texas Bar Foundation. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as the 2020-21 Chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Fellows and I look forward to what we will accomplish together this year. The Foundation continues to make outstanding contributions which further the rule of law, largely thanks to your efforts. Your efforts are particularly important now, when conditions have created more need than ever.

Thanks to your generosity, support, and efforts the Foundation will again award more than \$1 million dollars over the fiscal year. That would not happen without you, our Fellows. I particularly want to thank our Life Fellows and Sustaining Life Fellows, whose contributions go entirely toward grant funding.

The work of the Foundation is ongoing and impressive. This past year the Foundation awarded grants to many deserving charities, including:

- 1) Dallas' Senior Source to educate senior citizens about how to avoid fraud, scams and financial exploitation;
- 2) El Paso's Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, providing advocacy for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse;
- 3) Central Texas' Childsafe program providing care and coordination from victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking;
- 4) Austin's Family Eldercare program providing expanded access to advance care planning;
- 5) Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston providing immigration legal services for migrant youth;
- 6) Communities In Schools of the Coastal Bend supporting their FORCES - Focus On Reducing Cyberbullying by Educating in Schools program; and
- 7) the Midland Teen Court program to engage students in programs about the legal system, personal accountability, community engagement, self-improvement, and healthy attitudes toward authority.

Overall, the Foundation awarded 106 different grants totaling \$1,403,581, profoundly bettering the lives of thousands of Texans.

Thank you for joining the best of the best and accepting the invitation to financially support the work of the Foundation. I look forward to another outstanding year, working together.

Mark A. Shank

Mark A. Shank, Fellows Chair

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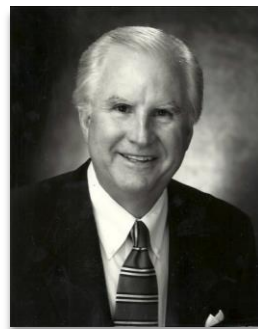
**Outstanding
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Lawyer Award**



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Dallas



John T. Montford
San Antonio



Dudley Oldham
Houston



Judge Lee Yeakel
U.S. District Judge
Austin



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**Outstanding
Law Review
Article Award**

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Neal Adams
Grapevine

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Price
Memorial
Award**



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**Samuel
Pessarra
Outstanding
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**Lola Wright
Foundation
Award**

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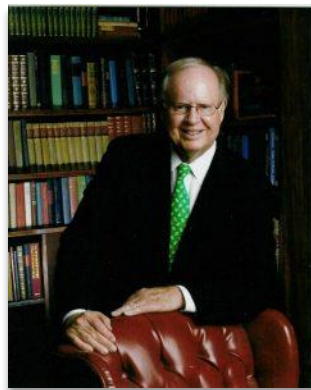
**Gregory S. Coleman
Outstanding
Appellate
Lawyer
Award**



Reagan W. Simpson

Houston

**Ronald D. Secrest
Outstanding
Trial Lawyer
Award**



Kenneth Tekell, Sr.

Houston

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Grantham
Memorial
Award**



Sara E. Dysart

San Antonio

Now accepting nominations for the 2021 Texas Bar Foundation Awards Program.

Download instructions and an application for an award nomination by visiting www.txbf.org/nominate/ or looking for this icon.



Annual Dinner Update

While we had to cancel our 2020 Annual Dinner, we are looking forward to the next time we can celebrate and honor our award recipients, the contributions of all Fellows, and the remarkable history of the Foundation. Join us June 18, 2021 in Fort Worth for our Annual Dinner.

We are humbled and extend a special thank you to our 2020 Annual Dinner Sponsors who generously allowed their contributions to be used for grants in 2020-2021. Their generosity added an additional \$80,000 to grant funds.



**Sara E. Dysart
and
Diana M. Geis**



Karee and Greg Sampson



Recognizing the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees

Connect with Fellows!

Have you registered for the Texas Bar Foundation online directory?

The online directory is password protected and only accessible to Fellows of the Foundation.

Visit www.txbf.org to sign up and access the directory, update your address and pay your Fellows pledge.

To make your contribution, call (512) 480-8000 or look for this icon on www.txbf.org.



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Nominate a Fellow

Do you know an attorney who makes outstanding contributions to the legal profession and to the community?

Consider nominating them to the Fellows Class of 2020-2021. Contact your District Nominating Chairs or visit txbf.org/about-us/our-members/ for more information.

Fellows Appreciation Receptions

During the 2019-2020 bar year, the Foundation hosted 7 Fellows Appreciation Receptions across the state of Texas and welcomed 531 new Fellows! Our receptions allow Fellows to learn more about the Foundation, welcome new Fellows and mix and mingle.

All Fellows are welcome to attend all receptions, so please check our website for up to date information regarding possible receptions near you once we are safely able to gather again!

Making a Difference!

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded a total of \$1,403,581 in grants to 106 nonprofit organizations during the 2019-2020 grant cycle.

The devotion of its founders and continued Fellows support has made the Texas Bar Foundation one of the largest charitably funded bar foundations in the nation. During its five decades the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$21 million in grants to over 1,500 charitable organizations across Texas.

The Texas Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the Board of Trustees voted and will award over \$1.2 million for the 2020-2021 bar year! Now more than ever your contributions are helping to ensure legal aid and the administration of justice is available for all Texans. With your continued and collective contributions, we can ensure that the work of the Texas Bar Foundation will continue well into the future.

For a full listing of the 2019-2020 grants with descriptions, please visit www.txbf.org.



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Apply for a grant online

Grant Deadline: January 15, 2021, 5 P.M. Central

Please encourage non-profit organizations in your area whose work aligns with our mission to apply for a grant. Visit our website for qualifications and to apply.

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www.txbf.org