A Message from your Fellows Chair

Dear esteemed colleagues, friends, and Fellows,

As we joyfully begin this new fiscal year at the Texas Bar Foundation, we welcome our newest 463 Fellows who joined our ranks last year across our 17 districts. And we look forward to welcoming 475 new Fellows this year - our new goal!

We have quite a few new Nominating Chairs this year and are thrilled to get to know them and to work with them. Welcome new Nom Chairs! And our sincere gratitude to those who are returning.

As Fellows, we are leading the charge to bring much-needed funding to non-profits that provide critical legal services and support for those in need throughout the State.

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Last year we awarded $1,248,297 in grants to 83 charities including:

- **Austin Classical Guitar** to support daily guitar classes in 4 Texas juvenile justice facilities, which are the only fully accredited arts programs for incarcerated youth in the state. (Dist 9)

- **CASA of McLennan County** to implement a strategic marketing campaign to increase diversity for CASA volunteers and reduce the number of children in foster care without a volunteer advocate. (Waco, Dist 8)

- **Girls Empowerment Network** to support the expansion into Bexar County of the Girl Connect Referral program for girls who are at high risk of entering the juvenile justice system. (San Antonio, Dist 10)

- **Guardianship Services** to support a new case manager for the Financial Exploitation Prevention Center. (Fort Worth, Dist 7)

- **Kidsave International** to inform child welfare legal professionals and stakeholders about Kidsave’s host family visit model as a solution to Texas’ foster care capacity crisis for older youth in care. (Houston, Dist 4/statewide)

- **Metroplex Military Charitable Trust** to provide legal clinics to remove the legal barriers to employment for Veterans (including racial injustice) and assisting disabled Veterans to obtain military/VA disability benefits. (Dallas, Dist 6)

- **One Heart Project** to focus on restorative justice education by strengthening life skills, lowering the recidivism rate and enhancing job skills for justice-involved and at-risk youth. (Corpus Christi, Dist 11)

- **Safer Path Family Violence Shelter** to provide legal representation for domestic violence victims in a rural area with high poverty, removing a major barrier to long-term security and survivor success. (Pleasanton, Dist 12)

We are excited to vet the next rounds of applications submitted during the July and January grant cycles. This year we have more than $1.5 Million to bestow on deserving charities for the benefit of our neighbors in need.

As a reminder, those who have met their initial $2,500 commitment become Life Fellows. Life Fellows who continue to contribute are Sustaining Life Fellows and 100% of their donation dollars go to grants. We encourage all our Life Fellows to become Sustaining Life Fellows!

We were fortunate to hold seven Fellows Receptions in 2021-22 and hope to hold even more this year. Watch for a Fellows Reception coming to a location near you! We’d love to see you there.

And see you at Annual Dinner in Austin in June 2023!

Go team,

Audrey
A special thanks to our sponsors!

2022 Annual Dinner

Elation and elegance created a special evening on June 10, 2022 in Houston where Fellows, families and friends gathered to celebrate another successful year of achievement for the Foundation. The event was the largest gathering for TBF yet. We are honored to have celebrated the recipients of the most prestigious legal awards in Texas in such great company.

Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award
Beryl P. Crowley, Austin
David T. López, Houston
Jane H. Macon, San Antonio
Hon. T. John Ward, Longview
William O. Whitehurst, Jr.

Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award
Talmage Boston, Dallas

Outstanding Law Review Article Award
Michael J. Ritter, San Antonio

Lola Wright Foundation Award
Ben Selman, Waco

Congratulations to the 2022 Texas Bar Foundation Award Recipients!

Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award
Darrell Barger, Houston

Samuel Pessarre Outstanding Jurist Award
Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht, Austin

Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award
Macey Reasoner Stokes, Houston

Terry Lee Grantham Memorial Award
Keri D. Brown, Houston

If you are interested in securing a sponsorship for the 2023 Annual Dinner, reach out to Baillie Hearne Milliken at bhearne@txbf.org or (512) 480-8014.
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During each bar year, the Foundation hosts Fellows Appreciation Receptions across the state. These receptions allow Fellows to connect with staff and other Fellows. At many receptions, a local grantee recipient is invited to share how TXBF dollars helped them achieve their mission and make a profound difference in the lives of the people they serve.

A special thank you to those speakers: Jodie Connaughton of Methodist Justice Ministry, Chevella Lane & Walker Waggoner of Goodwill Industries of East Texas, Inc., Gwen Ruppert of YMCA of the Coastal Bend, and Dave Harmon & Malilha Imami of SAMMinistries.

All Fellows are welcome to attend any reception so we hope to see you all at one soon! Check our website for upcoming receptions near you!

New Fellows added during 2021-2022!

A Note from the Executive Director

Dear Fellows,

Our team is eager for a return to more traditional activities this bar year. I am excited to be able to visit with you at our Fellows Receptions and share the work of our grantees who are supported by your generous contributions. Recently, the Texas Bar Foundation staff participated in a retreat and spent time thinking about our goals for the year. We were each asked, “Define Your Why” in relation to our work. The resounding themes: to make a difference, to provide support to Texans, and to fulfill the TBF mission of funding projects for those most in need of legal support within our state. There is no doubt you are a Fellow, Life Fellow, or a Sustaining Life Fellow for similar reasons and we thank you.

We are all part of the Texas Bar Foundation’s rich history, where for 57 years we have provided more than $24 million in grants. The opportunity to join the Texas Bar Foundation this past spring has been such an honor. I am grateful to our Board of Trustees for their leadership, to the staff for such dedication to our mission, to our Nominating Chairs and Committees who volunteer their time to build our membership and to you, the more than 10,000 Fellows across the state whose contributions year after year make this work possible.

With Gratitude,

Angela Castilleja

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