



FOUNDATION *INSIGHT*

A Message from your Fellows Chair

Esteemed Fellows,

Thank you for your generous support of the Texas Bar Foundation. I am delighted to be serving you as Chair of the Fellows for the 2023-24 term.

Through the support of all Fellows, including 445 new Fellows, the Foundation last year awarded \$1.5 million in grants to organizations throughout Texas. Those grants were for projects that assist victims of crime, further the administration of justice, and enhance the rule of law. The prospects for the upcoming year are even brighter.

The Fellows are the Foundation's lifeblood - not only because of your financial support, but also through your efforts at recruiting new Fellows, encouraging your colleagues to become Sustaining Life Fellows, and by helping worthwhile charitable organizations to apply for Foundation grants.



Do you know a Texas lawyer who deserves the distinction of being named a Fellow? Please let us know.

Do you work with or know of charitable organizations that have funding needs that meet the Foundation's mission? Please direct them to the GRANTS Tab at www.txbf.org. The Foundation's staff has made the application process as seamless as possible.

Ours is the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the nation. Since its inception, the Foundation has funded over \$25 million in grant requests. With your continued support, we will both grow our endowment and use those funds to help Texans this coming year and for decades beyond.

Patrick Keel, Fellows Chair



\$1,529,051

**AWARDED TO
100
ORGANIZATIONS
IN 2022-2023**

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Baili Rhodes

Texas Bar Foundation to receive \$4.2 Million Cy Pres Award

A \$4,255,915.56 cy pres award to the Texas Bar Foundation was approved by Chief District Judge David C. Godbey of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas from the \$11 million settlement in Heath, et al vs. Insurance Technologies Corp.

The Texas Bar Foundation would like to thank John Yanchunis, attorney at Morgan & Morgan, who served as co-lead Counsel in the case, and coordinated the award.

The other co-lead counsel in the class action litigation was Joe Kendall of the Dallas firm Kendall Law Group. The class was additionally represented by Gary M. Klinger, Gary E. Mason and David K. Lietz of Mason Lietz & Klinger LLP in Washington D.C., and M. Anderson Berry of Clayeo C. Arnold in Sacramento, California. Insurance Technologies was represented by Dallas attorney Peter L. Loh of Foley Gardere and San Francisco, California attorney Eileen R. Ridley of Foley & Lardner.

This cy pres award will help the Texas Bar Foundation to fund projects that will enhance the rule of law and system of justice in Texas, benefiting our entire community well into the future.

For those involved in a class action case, consider designating the Texas Bar Foundation as a cy pres recipient when complete dispersal of the award or settlement is not practicable.

Fellows Appreciation Receptions



These receptions allow Fellows to learn more about the Foundation, welcome new Fellows and connect with peers. At each reception a representative from a recent grantee organization in the area shared how Texas Bar Foundation grant dollars helped achieve their mission. Fellows are welcome to attend all receptions, so please check our website for upcoming receptions near you!

Do you know an outstanding attorney?

Help us recognize your colleagues and mentors in the legal profession!

Each year, TXBF honors those who exemplify the highest standards of the legal profession. The 2024 award recipients will be recognized at our Annual Dinner on Friday, June 21, 2024 in Dallas.

While we love to recognize and celebrate our members—award nominees do not need to be Fellows of the Foundation to be eligible for these awards.

Nominations require a completed nomination form, the nominee's resume and between 3-5 letters of support.

Visit txbf.org/awards for a detailed description of each award, guidelines and the nomination form.



Seeking Nominations

DEADLINE: January 15, 2024

For more information on the nominations process, visit www.txbf.org or call the TXBF office at (512) 480-8000.

- Terry Lee Grantham Memorial Award
- Dan RugeleyPrice Memorial Award
- Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award
- Lola Wright Foundation Award
- Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award
- Outstanding Law Review Article Award
- Ronald D. Secest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award
- Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award

District 9

Ryan Botkin
Dave Floyd
Sara Foskitt

District 10

Patty Rouse Vargas

District 11

Judge Deeanne Galvan
Audrey Mullert Vicknair

District 12

Cynthia L. Benavides
Deborah L. Cordova

District 13

Andrew R. Evans
Justice Alex Yarbrough

District 14

Kimberly Pack Wilson

District 15

Milena Christopher
Daniel O'Brien

District 16

Tommy D. Sheen

District 17

Carmen Huerta-Perez
Jose Padilla

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2023 Annual Dinner

Elation and elegance created a special evening on June 23, 2023 in Austin where Fellows, families and friends gathered to celebrate another successful year of achievement for the Foundation. We are honored to have celebrated the recipients of the most prestigious legal awards in Texas in such great company.



Interested in securing a sponsorship for the 2024 Annual Dinner? Contact Gabrielle Navarrette at gnavarrette@txbf.org or (512) 480-8017

- (standing) Katie Hester, Mason Hester, William Hagans, Lauren Snead, (seated) Peter Thornton, Hon. Cheryl Elliott-Thornton, Fred Hagans, Lindsay Hagans, Dr. Jance Hagans
- Jenny Jackson, Lauren Schoenbaum, Sara Foskitt, Dave Floyd



Top row: Audrey Mullert Vicknair, Kevin Dubose, E. Marie Jamison, Ricardo Cedillo, Mark A. Shank, Hon. Sim Lake, Quentin Brogdon, Hon. John Browning, Alistair Dawson
Seated: Hon. Alice Bonner, Roy L. Barrett, David H. Segrest, Rick Rogers, Fred Hagans, Al Ellis

Congratulations

2023 TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award

Roy L. Barrett, Waco
Hon. Alice Bonner, Houston
Al Ellis, Dallas
Fred Hagans, Houston
Fredrick F. "Rick" Rogers, Jr., Corpus Christi
David H. Segrest, Dallas

Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award

Kevin Dubose, Houston

Outstanding Law Review Article Award

Hon. John Browning, Plano

Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award

Judge Simeon T. Lake III, Houston

Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award

Quentin Brogdon, Dallas

Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award

Ricardo G. Cedillo, San Antonio

Lola Wright Foundation Award

E. Marie Jamison, Houston

Terry Lee Grantham Memorial Award

Mark A. Shank, Dallas

GRANT SPOTLIGHT:

Last year, the Texas Bar Foundation funded \$1,529,051 to 100 organizations across Texas. Recent grant recipients include:

ChildSafe (San Antonio) \$15,000

Foreign Language and Sign Language Interpreters for Victim Services

To provide victims of child abuse certified, trauma-informed language and sign language interpreters as necessary for forensic interviews, family support, and therapeutic services.

Education Based Housing (Houston) \$9,000

Building Community Advocates & Legal Clinic

To connect lawyers to vulnerable populations in Houston and equip low-income people to become self-advocates and leaders in their communities.

Lone Star CASA (Rockwall) \$22,315

Innovative In-Home Child Advocacy in Response to New Legislation

To recruit, train & supervise advocates to offer in-home supportive interventions to families who are being investigated by CPS but whose children remain at home.

Lone Star Justice Alliance (Statewide) \$37,500

Juvenile Sentencing Project/Survivor's Project

To provide free legal services to survivors of human trafficking & domestic violence seeking clemency for crimes tied to their victimization & child victims of trafficking in Texas Juvenile Justice Detention.

Texas Young Lawyers Association (Statewide) \$48,000

Adulting

To create a multimedia website that educates students and the general public about their rights and responsibilities under the law upon reaching adulthood.

Voz de Ninos (Laredo) \$18,000

Expansion of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Children in the Foster Care System

To provide an additional Advocate Supervisor to serve more abused and neglected children in Webb County.

Help us spread the word!

Please encourage non-profit organizations in your area whose work aligns with our mission to apply for a grant. Requirements and application available online at txbf.org.

Next grant deadline: January 15, 2024, 5 pm central

Your New Officers and Trustees

The start of a new year includes a transition of the Board of Trustees. In June, we welcomed new trustees Judy Barton of Dallas as a Public Member, David Calvillo of Houston, Deborah Cordova of Edinburg, Hon. Elisabeth Earle of Austin, Cori Harbour-Valdez of El Paso, Kristal Cordova Thomson of San Antonio and Andy Tindel of Tyler.

We also welcome new leadership for the 2023-2024 year. Geoffrey W. Anderson of Fort Worth was elected Chair, Carlos Cardenas of El Paso became Chair-elect, and Kenda Culpepper of Rockwall became Secretary-Treasurer. Patrick Keel of Austin is Fellows Chair, Sara E. Dysart of San Antonio is Fellows Chair-elect, and William G. Hagans of Houston was elected as Fellows Secretary.



Pictured (left to right): Andy Tindel, Deborah Cordova, Kristal Cordova Thomson, Judy Barton, Cori Harbour-Valdez, Hon. Elisabeth Earle, David Calvillo

A Note from the Executive Director

Dear Fellows,

Welcome to a new fiscal year for the Texas Bar Foundation! Our team is proud of the accomplishments from the past year, and eager and enthusiastic for a successful 2023-2024 year.

The Texas Bar Foundation has provided more than \$25 million in grants to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Texas over the past 58 years. This is possible because of you – our Fellows, Life Fellows, and Sustaining Life Fellows.

Thanks to the collective efforts of our more than 10,000 Fellows, the Foundation awarded a record total of \$1,529,051 in grants to 100 organizations throughout Texas last fiscal year. Your support made it possible for thousands of people in need to get critical legal help and for innovative projects to takeoff with a goal of building a fairer and better justice system that will benefit our community well into the future. With your continued generosity and support, we look forward to again awarding more than \$1.5 million this year to ensure that worthy grant applicants have access to needed funds.

I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of the Foundation and to have the opportunity to work with our committed Board of Trustees, dedicated staff, Nominating Chairs, committee members and volunteers, and generous Fellows. I am excited for the year ahead, as we work together to grow the Texas Bar Foundation to better serve the people of Texas.

With Gratitude,

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