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The State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association, and Texas Access to Justice Commission invite you to the 2008 Bar Leaders Conference at the The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. Join other local bar leaders for a two-day training program that addresses common concerns for volunteer leaders. In addition, meet the State Bar of Texas and TYLA elected leaders as you learn about resources provided by the State Bar. Walk away from the conference with knowledge on how to improve your local bar and your law practice!

Who is invited to Bar Leaders Conference?

One member of each local bar association is invited to attend as a **Local Bar Official Delegate**.

Local Bar Executive Directors are also invited to attend as **Local Bar Official Delegates**.

Two members of each young lawyer affiliate are invited to attend as **TYLA Official Delegates**. In addition to the TYLA Official Delegates, each young lawyer affiliate may send **one TYLA Minority Delegate**.

One member from each local bar association and young lawyer affiliate may attend as an **Access to Justice Delegate**. All Access to Justice Delegates must register and attend all of the Access to Justice workshops and breakouts.

What is included if you are one of the delegates listed above?

Delegates will receive two nights at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott; attend all conference events, including the Casino Party; and eat the scheduled meals as a guest of the State Bar. The State Bar will reimburse travel expenses. Please see the **Travel Reimbursement** section for details.

How much does it cost?

Delegates attending all events are the guests of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association, and Texas Access to Justice Commission. Other attendees are welcome to attend at their own expense.

What if you wish to attend but do not qualify as an Official Delegate?

Additional delegates are encouraged to attend the conference but will be responsible for conference registration fees and hotel expenses. Conference registration fees cover the cost of scheduled meals and admittance to the Casino Party. The State Bar of Texas will **NOT** reimburse additional delegates for travel expenses.

Spouses and guests are invited to attend!

Spouses and guests may attend the Casino Party. Complete Step 3 of the registration form if a spouse or guest will attend.

Registration

Register early! The early bird registration deadline is **June 20, 2008**. After June 20, a late fee of \$25 will be assessed for ALL registrants, including Official Delegates.

Complete the attached registration form. Your hotel room will be secured by the registration form. ALL delegates, even complimentary Official Delegates, must provide credit card information to hold a hotel room. A special room block has been reserved on a first-come basis for participants. Reservations received after June 20 are subject to availability.

If you are unable to attend after registering, please notify the State Bar immediately. Any cancellations after July 14, 2008, must also be made with The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. If you do not attend and you do not cancel your room, you will be charged for your hotel accommodations.

Special Accommodations

People with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact the State Bar of Texas at 800.204.2222 or 512.427.1463, ext. 1514 prior to June 20, 2008.

Meals

Scheduled meals are included in conference registration for delegates.

Travel Reimbursement

Official Delegates, ATJ Delegates, and TYLA Official and Minority Delegates will be reimbursed for travel expenses up to a specified dollar amount, depending on the distance from their home to the conference.

0–200 miles round-trip	\$150
201–450 miles round-trip	\$250
451+ miles round-trip	\$325

Reimbursement forms will be distributed after the Saturday afternoon workshops. Forms can be turned in on-site, faxed, or mailed. Please provide receipts for airline tickets, taxis, and shuttle services. If submitting the reimbursement form off-site, please mail or fax to:

State Bar of Texas
Local Bar Services Department
P.O. Box 12487
Austin, TX 78711
Fax: 512.427.4107

Mileage

You will be reimbursed \$.505 per mile up to the maximum specified dollar amount listed above depending on the distance from your home to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott.

Transportation

Hotel Parking

Valet parking: \$13 per day.

On-site parking: \$2 per hour or \$7 per day.

Shuttle and Taxi Service

From Bush Intercontinental to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott:
Super Shuttle — \$23 each way. 800.258.3826, 713.523.8888, or www.supershuttle.com.

From Hobby Airport to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott:
Super Shuttle — \$35 each way. 800.258.3826, 713.523.8888 or www.supershuttle.com.

Taxi — approximately \$60 to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott from Bush Intercontinental and \$100 from Hobby Airport.

Car Rental

Through the State Bar Member Benefits Program, Texas lawyers are entitled to discounts on rental cars from companies including Hertz, Avis, Budget, Advantage, Alamo, and National. For details on how to take advantage of these offers, visit www.texasbar.com/memberbenefits.

Attire

The Bar Leaders Conference is a casual event! Comfortable shorts, pants, and jeans are ideal for meetings. Keep in mind that meeting rooms are often cold, so bring a light sweater or jacket. For the Casino Party, dressy casual is in order for the festivities!

Welcome to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

Follow the meandering waterway through a lovely wooded retreat to The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. Enjoy your stay in this state-of-the-art facility replete with luxurious accommodations and amenities, including a fitness center, spa, and heated pool, as well as a comprehensive business center. Wired and wireless Internet are also available in all guest rooms. The hotel is a smoke-free environment.

How to find The Woodlands Waterway Marriott:

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott
1601 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77380
281.367.9797



From Bush Intercontinental:

Take the Hardy Toll Road North. This road will merge with Interstate 45. Exit at Woodlands Parkway. At second traffic light, Six Pines Drive, turn right. At second traffic light, Lake Robbins Drive, turn right. Hotel is on the right.

From Hobby Airport:

Take Interstate 45 North to Loop 610 East. Follow 610 Loop around to Hardy Toll Road North. Hardy Toll Road will merge with Interstate 45. Exit at Woodlands Parkway. At second traffic light, Six Pines Drive, turn right. At second traffic light, Lake Robbins Drive, turn right. Hotel is on the right.

From West:

Take Interstate 10 East to Loop 610 North. Take Interstate I-45 North. Exit at Woodlands Parkway. At second traffic light, Six Pines Drive, turn right. At second traffic light, Lake Robbins Drive, turn right. Hotel is on the right.

From North:

Take Interstate 45 South. Take Exit 76 and follow access road past The Woodlands Mall. Turn right on Lake Robbins Drive. The hotel is on the left.

Fun-filled Activities for the Whole Family!

The Woodlands Mall (www.thewoodlandsmall.com)

Directly across from the Waterway Marriott, The Woodlands Mall houses more than 200 stores, including Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Banana Republic, Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, and Macy's. Children will enjoy the Enchanted Woodlands play area and the full-sized carousel. And don't forget to take a boat tour on the Waterway!

The Woodlands Children's Museum

(www.woodlandschildrensmuseum.org)

The Woodlands Children's Museum provides hands-on, interactive learning activities for both children and their parents! Visit the Critter Room, go on a Dinoventure, or explore the vast ocean depths in the Spirit of the Sea exhibit.

Market Street Shops (www.marketstreet-thewoodlands.com)

Nearby Market Street offers plenty of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. Visit upscale boutiques, spas, and cafes in a pleasant outdoor setting.

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

(pavilion.woodlandscenter.org)

Connected by Skybridge to the Waterway Marriott, this outdoor amphitheater hosts an array of major concerts and shows. Martina McBride performs the evening of July 19.

Houston Astros (www.astros.com)

Head out to the ballpark! The Astros face the Chicago Cubs at Minute Maid Park from July 18 to July 20.

Downtown Aquarium (www.downtownaquarium.com)

Houston's world-class complex boasts 500,000 gallons of visible underwater tanks filled with more than 200 species of marine life. Several rides and amusements add to the fun!

Houston Museum of Natural Science (www.hmns.org)

From dinosaurs to star clusters, the Houston Museum of Natural Science offers educational fun and excitement. And the IMAX Theater presents the ultimate movie experience on one of the world's largest screens. Other attractions include permanent and visiting exhibits, the planetarium, a butterfly center, and the Challenger Center.

Space Center Houston (www.spacecenter.org)

Space Center Houston, the official visitors' center for NASA's Johnson Space Center, is the only place on earth where guests can embark on an out-of-this-world journey through human adventures in space.

Blue Bell Creamery (www.bluebell.com)

This creamery in nearby Brenham produces one of the most popular brands of ice cream in Texas. Blue Bell is only available in about 20 percent of the nation's supermarkets, yet it ranks as one of the top three best-selling ice creams in the country. Approximately a 1½-hour drive.



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2008 Bar Leaders Conference Agenda

Friday, July 18, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration and Exhibits**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Remarks .5 HR. ETHICS
Harper Estes
State Bar of Texas President
Joe Shannon, Jr.
State Bar of Texas Chair of the Board
Sylvia Cardona
TYLA President
Clay Scheitzach
TYLA Chair of the Board

Keynote Address:

James Grippando, trial lawyer turned novelist, discusses *Leapholes*, his young adult novel published by the ABA, about a magical old lawyer who compiles legal “research” by “leaping” into law books to meet historic persons from cases that established key legal precedents. Attendees will receive a copy of the book.

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. **Break**

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. **Choose one of the following:**

Diversity Summit, Part I

As the face of the state’s population continues to change, it is important that the legal profession reflects the demographics. Learn what is being done to increase diversity in the profession and the State Bar and how those activities can benefit your bar.

Let’s Do Justice for Texas — Take 2

Find out what’s next for the State Bar’s public education initiative, including a new YouTube contest, “Ideals That Unite Us.”

Meeting Mayhem — Gaining Control Over Your Meetings

Do you often find your head spinning during your board or committee meetings? Do you ever leave wondering whether proper procedures were followed and communications were clear? If so, this workshop will provide you with the tools you need to run a more efficient meeting.

2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Break

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Choose one of the following:

Diversity Summit, Part II

Brainstorm with other bar leaders to determine common issues faced while increasing diversity. Share and develop ideas that your bar and the State Bar can utilize to overcome such obstacles.

Lawyer Mental Health Issues

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Attorneys are at a higher risk than other professionals for depression. Discover ways local bars are helping those in need and find out how the State Bar of Texas can help!

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3:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Social Break

4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Regional Breakouts

Meet volunteer bar leaders and State Bar directors from your area of the state. Learn ways the State Bar can help you and “steal” ideas from other bar leaders on how to lead your bar association.

5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

TYLA: Meeting Uncommon Leaders

Take advantage of all the fun the Bar Leaders Conference has to offer. Join us Friday after the meetings for snacks and cocktails hosted by TYLA. *Sponsored by Kierstad Systems.*

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Buffet

10:00 p.m.

Hospitality Suite

Saturday, July 19, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Choose one of the following:**

Breakout by Size of Bar

The Local Bar Services Committee will facilitate roundtable discussions with leaders from similar size and type of bar. Share common problems and frustrations, as well as successes. Together, we can build better bars!

TYLA: Supporting Uncommon Affiliates

TYLA's comprehensive plan to empower young lawyer affiliates and their leaders offers something for everyone. Learn more about TYLA and how it can help your organization achieve its goals. Achievement Awards will also be presented to outstanding local affiliates.

10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Break**

10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. **Choose one of the following:**

SBOT Breakout

Learn about programs and issues of import to the State Bar and its members. This panel of staff and volunteers will provide knowledge you will find useful as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

ATJ Update

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Betty Balli Torres, Director

Texas Access to Justice Foundation

Lisa Villarreal-Rios

Texas Access to Justice Commission

Hear an ATJ presentation available for your local bar meetings that provides attendees with ethics CLE credit! Learn about the IOLTA "Comparability Rule" and prime-partner banks, as well as what perks the State Bar offers to thank pro bono attorneys.

TYLA: Building Uncommon Leaders

This program allows affiliate presidents, presidents-elect, and other representatives to learn from each other and strategize about the future.

12:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Lunch

Project Showcase

Don't reinvent the wheel! This segment highlights proven projects that can be conducted by any size of bar.

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Choose one of the following:

TYLA: Projects! Projects! Projects! (Small Affiliates)

Learn about several highly successful and innovative TYLA and local affiliate projects on a wide variety of topics, which your local bar can duplicate. Each session will feature a variety of projects designed to serve the public and various size bars.

Focus on ATJ

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Daniel Hu

ATJ Commissioner

Learn about the initiatives of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and how local bars can be more involved in this exciting work to provide access to justice for low-income Texans.

TYLA: Show Me the Money

Is dues money not covering the cost of a project? Learn new strategies and discover non-dues sources of revenue that are available to local bars.

Hands-on help will be available for various grant opportunities. This workshop will help you develop alternative financial resources with guidance from a variety of networks and materials.

Adoption Day

Denise Hyde, Austin attorney

Adoption Day is an ideal bar project, and this workshop will help your bar plan one in your area. Learn how to work with community partners and train attorneys of all disciplines to represent families adopting through Child Protective Services. You can help bring security to these children and their new families in a meaningful and fun event.

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Break

2:40 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

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ATJ: “Day of Giving”

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In celebration of the Houston Bar Foundation’s 25th anniversary, the Foundation — working with the Houston Bar Association and the HBA’s Volunteer Lawyers Program — organized 10 simultaneous legal clinics throughout Harris County. Learn how this recent, highly successful model of access to justice can be replicated in your area.

TYLA: Leadership Training

What Bar Leaders Conference would be complete without discussing leadership itself? Join TYLA leaders for a fun, interactive session designed to hone your leadership skills and show you how your affiliate can implement a leadership training program for your members.

Texas Lawyers for Children Pro Bono Network and Attorney Support

*Barbara J. Elias-Perciful, Director
Texas Lawyers for Children*

This session provides information on getting involved in pro bono work and the support and resources offered through the Texas Lawyers for Children website.

3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Break

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ATJ Roundtable Discussion

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Participate in a roundtable discussion with other volunteer bar leaders and pro bono coordinators to learn strategies for developing successful bar-sponsored pro bono programs in your area. Representatives of successful bar-sponsored programs will facilitate the roundtable discussion.

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Checklists for Excellence in Bar Management and Governance

Elizabeth Derrico

ABA Division of Bar Services

What policies, procedures, and processes should your bar have in place to help you better serve your members, the public, and the profession? This program is particularly helpful to smaller bar associations that try to build continuity from year to year. You’ll save time and money while preventing a world of frustration.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Casino Party



2008 Bar Leaders Conference Registration Form

STEP 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Bar Card Number _____

Name _____

Preferred Name for Badge _____

Bar Association or TYLA Affiliate Representing _____

What is your office/title for represented organization? _____

If representing a local bar association, in which SBOT District are you located? _____

If representing a TYLA affiliate, in which TYLA District are you located? _____

STEP 2: TYPE OF DELEGATE

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Official Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> SBOT Officer/Board of Director | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Affiliate Official Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Executive Director | <input type="checkbox"/> SBOT Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Local Affiliates Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Services Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor/Exhibitor | <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Executive Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Justice Delegate | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bar Additional Delegate.....\$125 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TYLA Local Affiliate Additional Delegate.....\$125 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration Fee (after June 20)\$25 | | |

STEP 3: SPOUSE OR GUEST REGISTRATION

Guests attending the Casino Party must be registered. The Casino Party admission is included in the price of registration.

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Children(s) Name(s) _____

- Adult Guest Registration.....NO FEE
 Child Registration.....NO FEE

STEP 4: HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please complete this portion of the registration form to book your hotel room. Although Official Delegates' rooms will be charged to the State Bar of Texas, EVERY delegate must provide credit card information to hold a room. If canceling, you will be responsible for room payment if you do not call the State Bar of Texas by July 14, 2008. If after July 14, you must cancel your reservations directly with the hotel.

Official Delegate (No Charge for Two Nights)

Additional Delegate (\$114 Plus Tax Per Night)

Arrival Date _____ Time _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____

Room: Non-Smoking Smoking

Bed Type: King Double

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

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STEP 5: DOOR PRIZES & SPONSORSHIPS

To make the conference more fun and to promote involvement of all bar associations and TYLA affiliates, it is suggested that each association bring a door prize indigenous to the area of the state in which they represent. Suggestions include gift baskets, hotel visits, wine, event tickets, and admission to local attractions. Be creative! The door prizes are given away at conference events and the Casino Party.

Donated Door Prize Will Be _____

If your bar wishes to underwrite an event, contact Holly Wilkerson at hwilkerson@texasbar.com or 800.204.2222, ext. 1514.

STEP 6: PAYMENT

Please add the amounts in Step 2 to total the amount owed for your registration.

Please write a check (payable to State Bar of Texas) or complete the credit card information for the amount owed.

Total Registration Fee Enclosed..... \$ _____

Credit Card Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Mail or fax the completed registration form to:

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For questions, contact Karen Kelley at kkelley@texasbar.com or 800.204.2222, ext. 1517.

