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The State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association and the Access to Justice Commission invite you to the 2006 Bar Leaders Conference at the Westin Park Central in Dallas. 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 a **Local Bar Official Delegate.**

Two members of each young lawyer affiliate are invited to attend as a **TYLA Official Delegate.** 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 in the Westin Park Central, attend all conference events, including the Mix and Mingle and the Casino Party and eat the ticketed meals as a guest of the State Bar. The State Bar will also reimburse travel expenses. Please see the Travel Reimbursement Section for details.

How much does it cost?

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

What if you still 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 will cover the cost of meal tickets and admittance to the Mix and Mingle and 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 conference dinners and the Casino Party at their own expense. Complete Step 4 of the registration form if a spouse or guest is attending.

How to find the Westin Park Central:

Westin Park Central
12720 Merit Drive
Dallas, TX 75251
972-385-3000

From Dallas Ft. Worth International Airport

Proceed north and exit 635 East. Then go 18 miles and exit Coit Road. Take the first stoplight to Merit. Proceed one block on Merit. The hotel is located on the left hand side.

From Dallas Love Field

Go southeast on Cedar Springs Road. Turn left on W. Mockingbird, then left on the Dallas North Tollway. Merge onto I-635 E and take exit 19C toward Coit Road. Stay straight on the service road and take the first right turn onto Merit Drive. The hotel is on the left.

From the North

Take 75 South and exit Coit Road. Then turn left on Coit and proceed through 2 stoplights to Banner. Next, turn right on Banner and go one block to Merit. Turn right on Merit. The hotel is located on the right hand side.

From the South

Take 75 North and exit Coit Road. Proceed on Coit and go through 2 stoplights to Banner. Turn left on Banner and proceed one block to Merit. Turn right on Merit. The hotel is located on the right hand side.

From the East

Take 635 West and exit Coit Road. Turn left on Coit and proceed through 2 stoplights to Banner. Now turn right on Banner and travel one block to Merit. Turn right on Merit. The hotel is located on the right hand side.

Registration

See the attached registration form to register.

Register early! The early bird registration deadline is June 29, 2006. After June 29, a late fee of \$25 will be assessed for ALL registrants, including Official Delegates.

Your hotel room will be secured by the registration form attached to this brochure. 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 29 are subject to availability.

If you are unable to attend after registering, please notify the State Bar of Texas immediately. Any cancellations after July 17, 2006 must also be made with the Westin Park Central. If you do not attend and your room is not cancelled, you will be charged for your hotel accommodations.

Travel Reimbursement

Official Delegates, ATJ Delegates, 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.

Area A	0 – 200 miles roundtrip	\$100
Area B	201- 450 miles roundtrip	\$200
Area C	451 + miles roundtrip	\$275

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, cabs 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: 512.463.3201

Registration Information

Meals

Scheduled meals are included in conference registration for delegates. If a spouse, guest or child would like to attend dinner on Friday or Saturday night, tickets can be purchased on Step 4 of the registration form.

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 Westin Park Central!

Enjoy spending time at the Westin Park Central by taking advantage of the hotel's amenities including the Westin Heavenly Bed and in-room coffee makers with Starbucks Coffee. A comprehensive business center enables you to stay connected while away from the office. Stay on your workout regime by taking advantage of the outdoor swimming pool, whirl pool, fitness center and scenic jogging path.

Bringing your family? Check out the nearby attractions!

Crow Collection of Asian Art

The collection includes over 300 works on display in the galleries including precious jade ornaments from China, delicate Japanese scrolls and a rarely seen 28-foot by 12-foot sandstone facade of an 18th century Indian residence

The Science Place

One of the most convincing and unique museums in the Southwest United States. The Science Place offers three main areas of specialization (exhibit halls, a planetarium, and an IMAX® Theater) as well as hosting the oldest science preschool in the southwest. The Science Place is all about discovering the joy of learning through over 200 hands-on exhibits, larger than life films, engaging light shows and exhilarating soundscapes.

The Dallas Zoo

Owned and operated by the City of Dallas and the Dallas Park and Recreation Board, the Dallas Zoo and the Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park features nearly 8,000 animals programs. This is a must see attraction for all wildlife and animal enthusiasts.

Age of Steam Railroad Museum

See and explore the trains that helped build the city and the nation. The Age of Steam is preserved in an interpretive display, which includes Dallas' oldest depot, once the center of activity in the young little town. Over 30 historic pieces of equipment are on display, along with Dallas' oldest surviving depot.

Dallas Museum of Art

The Dallas Museum of Art has enriched the cultural life of Dallas since 1903. In celebration of its centenary year, the Museum will present a variety of exhibitions and programs that feature the extraordinary quality and comprehensive nature of the Museum's collections and focus on the museum's vision of the future.

Nasher Sculpture Center

Opened in 2003, The Nasher Sculpture Center offers an extensive collection of pre-Columbian art and other ethnographic, archaeological and American modernist works. Don't forget to explore the three-dimensional sculptures in the Garden. The museum's exhibits are from the personal collection of Patsy and Raymond Nasher.

Rental Car Information

Avis

800.331.1600

State Bar of Texas Discount Code: A520499

Hertz

800.654.2240

State Bar of Texas Discount Code: CV#03PZ0001

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2006 Bar Leaders Conference Agenda

Friday, July 21, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration/Exhibits**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- Welcome**
Sue Kurita
Local Bar Services Committee Chair
- Remarks .5 HR CLE ETHICS**
Martha Dickie
State Bar of Texas President
Robert Black
State Bar Chair of the Board
Karin Crump
TYLA President
Gindi Eckel Vincent
TYLA Chair of the Board
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Keynote Speaker**
Cordell Parvin
“The Life Balance as a Volunteer Leader”
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson**
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Judges Report .5 HR CLE ETHICS**
Justice Dale Wainwright
Supreme Court of Texas
Judge Larry Meyers
Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Regional Breakouts**

- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Diversity Summit**
This forum enables leaders from around the state to target opportunities to increase diversity in the profession as well as in State Bar programs and leadership.
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Uncommon Happy Hour**
If you are a young lawyer or just young at heart, take advantage of all the fun the Bar Leaders Conference has to offer. Join us Friday night in a relaxed and casual atmosphere for snacks and cocktails hosted by TYLA! Sponsored by Capital Credit Union
- 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite**

Saturday, July 22, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
Project Showcase
Learn about successful projects that can be implemented in any size bar. Local leaders from around the state will share their top notch community service programs so you do not have to reinvent the wheel.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. **Break**
- 10:10 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. **SBOT Breakout by Size of Bar**

SBOT/TYLA Breakout

Learning from Each Other!

Breakouts will be lead by SBOT Board and Local Bar Services Committee members. Please attend the breakout with bars of same district.

Area	SBOT District	TYLA District
North/Panhandle	13, 14, 16	3, 11, 16
Houston/Gulf Coast	3, 4, 5	2, 6, 7, 21
North/Northeast	1, 2	1, 4
D/FW Metroplex	6, 7	5, 10
Central	8, 9	8, 9
South	10, 11, 12	12, 13, 18, 19
West	15, 17	14, 15, 17

SBOT Breakout

These breakouts will be lead by members of the Local Bar Services Committee and SBOT staff. Please attend breakout by size or type of bar association.

- 0-25
- 26-70
- 71-150
- 151-300
- 301-999
- 1000+
- Women and Minority Bars

**TYLA:
“Supporting Uncommon Affiliates”**

TYLA’s comprehensive plan to empower young lawyer affiliates and their leaders offers something for everyone. Find out how TYLA can help you and your organization achieve its goals. Awards of Achievement will also be presented to outstanding local affiliates.

11:25 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch
Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program**
1 HR CLE ETHICS

Staff and volunteers from TLAP will provide information about assistance available for attorneys who suffer from substance abuse and/or depression.

12:35 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**SBOT Delegate Breakout –
Cracking the Code of the SBOT**

Learn about the hot issues facing the State Bar of Texas, the legal profession and Texas lawyers. Find out how the Bar can help you better serve your members. Discussion will be lead by SBOT leadership and staff.

**TYLA Working for You,
“Building Uncommon Leaders”**

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

**ATJ Breakout — Supreme Court
Task Force to Expand Legal Services
Delivery** 1 HR CLE ETHICS

Tom Bick, Chair
Learn about what is being done as well as new ideas for expanding civil legal services to underserved areas of the State.

1:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop Sessions

For a complete description, see “Saturday Conference Workshops.” Not every workshop is offered in every time slot, so plan accordingly. There will be seven choices per session.

Session I 1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Session II 2:55 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.
Session III 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Casino Party
Sponsored by Lexis Nexis

Saturday Conference Workshops

ATJ Breakout: Doing Good and Doing Well

Steve Gardner, Center for Science in the Public Interest and
Barbara Barron 1 HR CLE ETHICS

Find out how to settle difficult cases, satisfy your clients and support legal services to the poor, all at the same time.

*ATJ Delegates Must Attend

ATJ Breakout ATJ Legislative Update – Emily Jones, Director of
Texas Lawyers Care and KaLyn Laney, Director of State Bar of
Texas Legislative Affairs 1 HR CLE ETHICS

Come learn about legislation that directly impacts access to justice, both on the federal and state level, and how you can (and why you should) educate your elected officials on these issues.

*ATJ Delegates Must Attend

ATJ Breakout Pro Bono Update 1 HR CLE ETHICS

Hear and discuss the results of the most recent Pro Bono Survey, watch the Pro Bono video, which was produced to inspire lawyers to do pro bono. Learn about some of the “perks” available from the State Bar to say “thanks” to those who volunteer their time to pro bono legal services.

*ATJ Delegates Must Attend

Disaster Response

In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, bar leaders have become more aware of the need for a disaster response plan for local bar associations, private law practices, and the courts. Discover tips that can help save the foundation of any organization in case of disaster.

Innovations of Law Practice Management

Orlando Lopez, State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management

Why are the requests for assistance and resources continuously increasing when it comes to matters of law practice management? With more competition than ever, increasing demands by your clients, and more technology to use, find out how YOU can serve YOUR members. The Law Practice Management Program will demonstrate its new products and services.

Positive PR

You know that lawyers do a lot of good in the community. You know the judicial system is an integral part of our democracy. What steps can you and your local bar association take to ensure that the good things lawyers do are publicized and that the misinformation and unjustified criticisms of our legal system and the profession are challenged? This session will give you a few tips for working with the media as well as help you develop an ongoing method for responding to unjustified criticism.

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 guaranteed to introduce you to other BLC participants. Does your bar association need more volunteers? If so, consider attending the Leadership Training Workshop. This workshop will show you how your affiliate can implement a leadership training program for your members to help them become better leaders in the bar and the community. Attorneys who participate in a bar-sponsored leadership training program are likely to volunteer with other bar projects. Come see why.

Parliamentary Procedure

Anne Yeakel, Executive Director of the Texas Bar Foundation

Do you often find your head spinning during your board or committee meetings? Do members and leaders speak out of turn, often interrupting one another? If so, this workshop will provide you with the tools you need to run a more efficient meeting.



Providing Custom CLE

Adriana Resendez, Program Attorney for TexasBarCLE

How can TexasBarCLE deliver to local bars? Learn about all new initiatives, many at no charge, available to local bars and their members. Get your members involved on a statewide level through TexasBarCLE.

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.

Strategic Planning

Elizabeth Derrico, Associate Director, ABA Division of Bar Services

One of the fundamental responsibilities of the board is to set the strategic direction of the association. From board orientation to effective strategic planning, this session will help you define goals, set priorities and create action plans for the benefit of the association's members.

Technology Tools to Benefit Members

John Sirman, State Bar of Texas Web Team Leader

Today, the best tools on the Internet really are free (or almost free). Have you considered adding a weblog or podcast to your association website? Are you interested in online community and collaboration? This workshop will provide practical advice on how to offer cutting edge member services without breaking the bank.

TYLA Presents Projects, Projects, Projects

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 distinct variety of projects designed to serve the public and various size bars.

Registration Form

STEP 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Bar Card Number _____

Name _____ 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? _____

Is there anything special you would like addressed during this conference? (issue, activity or idea)

STEP 2 TYPE OF DELEGATE

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <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.....\$25 | | |

STEP 3 DELEGATE MEALS

Although meals are complimentary or included in the additional delegate registration fee, please check which meals you will attend for planning purposes. This will help us hold down costs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Dinner |

STEP 4 SPOUSE OR GUEST REGISTRATION

Guests attending the Casino Party or one of the dinners must be registered. The Casino Party admission is included in the price of registration. Meal tickets are an additional cost to the registration fee.

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Children(s) Name(s) _____

- Adult Guest Registration.....\$25
- Child Registration.....NO FEE

Spouse or Guest Meals

Friday Dinner Adult ___ Adult(s) at \$28 a person\$ ____

Friday Dinner Child ___ Child(ren) at \$16 a person.....\$ ____

Saturday Dinner Adult..... Adult(s) at \$28 a person \$ ____

Saturday Dinner Child..... Child(ren) at \$16 a person \$ ____

Total Guest Meal Costs..... \$ ____

Total Guest Registration + Meal Costs.....\$ ____

STEP 5 HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

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 17, 2006. If after July 17, reservations must be canceled with the hotel.

Official Delegate (No Charge for Two Nights)
Additional Delegate (\$89 Plus Tax Per Night)

Arrival Date _____ Time _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____

Room: Non-Smoking Smoking

Bed Type: King Double

Credit Card Type Visa MasterCard American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

STEP 6 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 Cristina Rosales at crosales@texasbar.com or 800.204.2222, extension 1517.

STEP 7 PAYMENT

Please add the amounts in Step 2 and Step 4 to total the amount owed for your registration, or if registering a spouse/guest and purchasing spouse/guest/children meals. Please write a check or complete the credit card information for the amount owed.

Total Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card Type 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 Holly Wilkerson at hwilkerson@texasbar.com or 800.204.2222, extension 1514.