

TYLA AT A GLANCE

TYLA, the public service arm of the State Bar of Texas, is governed by a volunteer Executive Committee and Board of Directors. These individuals work tirelessly with other uncommon leaders from across the state to provide public service to their fellow Texans. TYLA helps those in need through pro bono activities and community education, participates in communities and schools, and aids young lawyers. Visit TYLA online at www.TYLA.org to learn more or to get involved.

NEW TO TYLA

And Justice For All – An interactive website and campaign that aims to educate the public and the legal profession about the most common causes of wrongful conviction and the toll it has taken on exonerees' lives. And Justice For All also suggests steps to be taken to improve the criminal justice system from investigation through to trial.

Strength in Unity – Through the use of vignettes of common police and community interactions, this program is designed to bridge the gap of misunderstandings between local law enforcement and the communities they are sworn to protect.

Breaking the Silence Panel Discussions – Candid panel discussions on mental illness, substance abuse, and how to recognize and help colleagues who are suffering from them.

Pregnancy and the Workplace – TYLA has published companion resources to help employees and employers understand their rights and obligations as it relates to pregnancy in the workplace. Each guide provides a basic overview of the federal laws that impact pregnant workers, including the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Affordable Care Act. The guide also discusses family leave rights as it relates to paternity leave.

INFORMATIVE PAMPHLETS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

- Dementia
- How to Obtain a Texas Protective Order
- Expunctions
- Senior Citizen Telemarketing Fraud
- Name Changes
- Oil & Gas Basics for Homeowners
- Pro Se Divorce Handbook
- Guardianship
- Seniors & the Law: A Guide for Maturing Texans
- Service Members Civil Relief Act
- Teen Dating Violence
- To Will or Not to Will
- What to Expect in Texas Family Court
- Texas Probate Passport
- Peace of Mind: A Guide to Supporting Special Kids with Special Needs
- Remaining Civil: An Officer's Guide to Responding to Non-criminal Calls for Service
- CPS Handbook: What You Should Know about Your Child Abuse, Neglect, or CPS Case
- Guide to Traffic Court
- Attorney-Client Privileges
- Preventing Fraud on Veterans
- Criminal Law 101
- Financial Resources for a Public Interest Legal Career
- From the Inside Out: In-House Counsel's Advice for Young Lawyers
- Responding to a Texas Criminal Subpoena

- Responding to a Texas Civil Subpoena
- Identity Theft
- Attorney General Process Handbook for Attorneys
- Social Media 101
- Grievance & Malpractice 101
- Criminal Law Toolkit
- Tax Controversy Toolkit
- Guide to Immigration
- Court Visitor Program
- Juvenile Justice System
- Understanding Employment Contracts in Texas
- Visas for Victims of Abuse
- Pro Se Litigant Guide
- Educating Educators
- Bicycle Safety
- Permanent Kinship Placement

HELPFUL VIDEOS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

- *American Juror – Educating Texans About the Importance of Jury Service.*
- *Healing The Wounds: Navigating the Legal System After Surviving Domestic Abuse*
- *Justice 101: The Client's Guide to Litigation*
- *Kids in the Crossfire – Emphasizing the Impact of Parents' Behavior During Divorce.*
- *Safeguarding Our Seniors: Recognizing & Reporting Elder Abuse*
- *Slavery Out of the Shadows: Spotlight on Human Trafficking*
- *The Little Voice: Recognizing Child Abuse and Your Duty to Report It*
- *B.S.A.F.E. – Battling Substance Abuse for Everyone*

TYLA WORKING IN OUR SCHOOLS

TYLA offers Texas educators several programs serving all grade levels, such as:

What Do Lawyers Do? – An interactive web-based project that is designed to educate high school and college students about how to become a lawyer.

VoteAmerica! Honor the Fight, Exercise Your Right – A video and curriculum that educates students about the heroic efforts made for equality and democracy, the struggles of the civil rights era, passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 15th, 19th, and 26th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The Unconscious Truth – The Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking – A multi-media project educating teenagers about the dangers of binge drinking, the laws associated with underage drinking and the laws that apply to parents who provide alcohol to teens.

End Bullying Now – A project that educates the public about bullying in Texas and the laws concerning bullying. Bullying is not a "new" issue, but the project addresses how bullying can be immediate and constant, especially in social media.

R U Safe? Protecting Yourself in Cyberspace – A video designed to educate children and their parents about online dangers and provide them the tools needed to be safe while online.

You're Hired! Now What? Knowing Your Legal Rights On Your First Job – A video for Texas high school students entering the workforce.

Junior Judges – A video and curriculum for elementary school students on making the right decisions in situations dealing with cheating, theft, bullying, drugs, and alcohol.

They Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement – 11th and 12th grade curriculum and video that educates students about the role young people played in the Civil Rights Movement and encourages students that they too can make a difference.

TYLA HELPING YOUNG LAWYERS – ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

Work Life Balance Blog – Designed to provide a supportive environment for female attorneys and to provide a forum for the issues and challenges that are unique to them. Visit www.lawyerswholunchblog.com.

Breaking the Silence – A Path to Mental Health – Features podcasts on various topics in the area of mental health.

Office in a Flash – Everything a lawyer needs to know to open up a law practice, all on a flash drive. Includes 1 free hour of CLE. www.tyla.org/officeinaflash

eNews – Over 27,000 young lawyers stay informed with TYLA eNews each month.

- Reports on state and local bar activities and opportunities for involvement
- Useful practice tips for young lawyers
- Profiles of young lawyer leaders

Ten Minute Mentor – Collection of videos viewed over 70,000 times this year.

- Each video gives young lawyers a brief introduction into an area of the law
- More than 35 categories available online, from alternative dispute resolution and appellate practice to trusts and wills

Providing Resources for Texas Young Lawyers by Partnering with TexasBarCLE

- Federal Court Practice
- Handling Your First (or Next) Series
- The New Lawyer Course and Practice Skills for New Lawyers

TYLA Roadshows – The TYLA Roadshow program provides free support and CLE activities to its local young lawyer associations throughout the State of Texas.

TYLA GUIDING LAW STUDENTS

TYLA has a vested interest in ensuring that law students know about its outstanding programs and opportunities for service. As law students become lawyers they also automatically become members of the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

To help law students enter the practice with greater advocacy skills, TYLA annually partners with the American College of Trial Lawyers to host the **National Trial Competition (NTC)**. As many as 300 teams from over 150 law schools regularly participate in the competition.

TYLA also plans, coordinates, and stages the annual **State Moot Court Competition** during the State Bar Annual Meeting.

Ten Minute Mentor Goes to Law School: This is an extension of TYLA's Ten Minute Mentor and assists aspiring and current law students.

Interns Across Texas – Summer judicial internships provide not only experience, but can open the door to a future job. Visit <http://internsacrosstexas.tyla.org/>.

Passing the Bar: A Study Guide, attempts to break down the exam structure to help students get more comfortable with the exam.

COMING SOON TO TYLA

I Was the First. You Can Be a Lawyer Too! – A web-based “pipeline” project aimed at increasing the diversity of the legal profession. The project highlights lawyers who were the first in his or her family to complete a legal education and who then went on to make significant contributions to Texas and the nation. The project centers on one-minute videos discussing the lawyer and his or her achievements and contributions to society. It complements the State Bar's *I Was the First. Vote for Me!* and TYLA's *What Do Lawyers Do?* projects.

Sexual Assault Victim Rights Guide – A guide addressing legal issues, including legal hurdles, victims of sexual assault may encounter as they seek to bring an alleged perpetrator to justice. TYLA addresses the criminal justice system generally, victim interaction with law enforcement agencies, and courts. In addition, the guide emphasizes the rights afforded to college and high school students who may be victims of sexual assault, including a discussion about the administrative disciplinary processes that may be used by educational institutions.

Client Development and Client Management Resource Guide – A guide to assist young lawyers with client development and client management issues. The guide addresses strategies to grow a law practice, including client-interviewing tips, attorney advertising, ethical issues arising out of the attorney-client relationship, and administrative issues such as engagement letters and retainers. In addition, the guide provides information and tips for young lawyers as to how to manage client expectations, disputes over fees, and other related issues.

Regional Practical Skills CLEs – TYLA will partner with various sections of the State Bar to conduct practical skills CLEs in regional hubs around the state. The CLEs will be modeled after TYLA's *10 Minute Mentor* videos, but on an expanded basis. Topics include depositions, appeals, real estate transactions, bench trials, and jury trials.

Press Tool Kit for Young Lawyer Affiliates – A tool kit produced with the help of the State Bar's Communications Department to guide local affiliates with best practices for seeking media coverage for projects and events. It provides practical advice as to how to best catch the attention of media outlets. Special attention is devoted to on-line and social media outlets.