

Family Law Section’s Nomination of Sally Pretorius as Large Section Representative to the State Bar Board of Directors

1. Provide your candidate’s first and last name, firm/affiliation and full contact information, including phone number and email address.

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2. List which section(s) your candidate is a member of.

Family Law Section and Computer and Technology Section

3. There is one small section representative and one large section representative position open this year. Select which position your candidate is running for.

LARGE Section Representative to the Board of Directors

4. Briefly describe your candidate’s personal background, character, and contributions to their community.

Sally Pretorius was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. A cum laude and honors program graduate of St. Mary’s University, with a degree in political science, she went on to earn her juris doctor degree in 2009 from the SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas. She is married with a four-year old daughter.

Sally has always been passionate about helping others. Her passion for family law took hold while watching her mother go to court without an attorney against her father in an attempt to get more child support for her brother. She represents clients facing what is the most difficult part of their lives. Sally enjoys the “people side” of the practice, particularly helping children make the best transition possible.

Since 2019, Sally has been on the board, and is now the chairwoman of that board, for the Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center. She has served on the board and as president of the auxiliary for The Family Place, a leader in the work to stop family violence. She has worked to improve access to prenatal care and early childhood development, as well as access to public parks. She has been a leader with the Junior League of Dallas, including serving as training vice president, and been a leader with the Dallas Museum of Art. Please see her resume for further information.

5. Describe your candidate’s professional achievements and commitments to the legal profession.

Sally is board certified in Family Law and is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She has made the Texas Rising Stars, Texas Super Lawyers, The Best Lawyers in America, and Best Lawyers in Dallas lists on a consistent basis. Texas Super Lawyers has named her one of the Top 50 Women in Texas and one of the Top 100 DFW Super Lawyers.

Sally was the president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2018 – 2019. In addition to her work at the statewide level, Sally was a leader in first the Austin and then the Dallas Young

Lawyers Associations. She is in her second three-year term on the board of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. She served as a director on the State Bar's Board of Directors. Sally coaches law students in mock trial competitions and is an adjunct professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law during the spring semesters. Sally writes and speaks on legal issues to different organizations, as shown in her resume.

6. Describe your nominee's participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.

Sally's journey in TYLA began in 2012, when she was elected to the board as the Austin area representative. In 2014, when she moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth area, she was appointed to the Large-City Minority Director position. Since then, she was truly fortunate to have been granted other leadership opportunities within TYLA, including being elected to the Executive Committee, where she served as Secretary for the 2015-2016 bar year and Vice-President for the 2016-2017 bar year. Sally had the pleasure of serving on several different committees as chair and co-chair and was Executive Committee Advisor for the Diversity and Public Service Committees. Sally received one of the First Year Director of the Year awards in 2013 and then the Director of the Year award in 2014.

If there is one thing Sally learned from TYLA it is that when we, as young lawyers, combine talents and leadership, we can accomplish so many great things for the benefit of young attorneys and the community. This has proven to be so very true throughout her TYLA career as she was honored to work on and roll out several successful projects that have had a great impact on Texas lawyers and citizens. Sally had the privilege of working on *Welcoming Home: Be a Foster Family*, the *Social Media Toolkit*, the *Family Law Toolkit*, *Educating Educators*, and *If I Knew Then... Life Lessons from Legendary Texas Lawyers*; of being filmed for the family law portion of *What Do Lawyers Do*; and of helping coordinate the revamping of the *Ten Minute Mentor* segments. She was able to create and collaborate on signature projects based on her passions and knowledge such as *If I Knew Then*; *Strength in Unity*; *Pregnancy and the Workplace*; *Divorce Guide for Teenagers*; the *Divorce Guide for Children*; and the *Sexual Assault Survivor Guide*. The latter was just launched, and Sally is excited to see its success. It has been her absolute pleasure to help take many of the existing projects that TYLA has created, such as *Vote America* and *Breaking the Silence*, and roll them out to the community.

During her year as President, Sally served on the Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas, and American Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division. Many projects were launched, including *Proud to be an American* (which won awards at the American Bar Association), Name Change Pamphlets, and a diversity toolkit.

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8. Please acknowledge that you have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected. -- I have.