

NOMINATION – LARGE SECTION REPRESENTATIVE – TERM 2025-2028

1) Nominee

Jonathan J. Bates
Dallas

2) There is one medium section representative and one large section representative position open this year. Select which position are you running for:

- MEDIUM Section Representative to the Board of Directors
 LARGE Section Representative to the Board of Directors

3) This candidate is a member of the following sections: State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section

4) If applicable, list any positions candidate held within candidate's section(s) and what years candidate served.

- Chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas 2021-2022
- Executive Committee Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas 2017-2023
- Council for the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2011-2017
- Formbook Committee (Texas Family Law Practice Manual), 2022-2025
 - Co-Chair 2023-2025
- Mentor, Family Law Section Leadership Program 2024-2025
- Course Director, 2019 Marriage Dissolution Institute
- Course Director, 2017 Advanced Family Law Course
- Course Director, 2012 Marriage Dissolution Institute 101
- Course Director, 2007 Advanced Family Law Course Boot Camp

5) Briefly describe the candidate's personal background, character, and contributions to their community.

Jonathan grew up in the Metroplex and remote locations around the globe. He attended college and law school at Baylor University and is an avid sports fan. He is the loving husband of Krissy, father to two grown sons, and “Pops” to adoring granddaughters. Jonathan’s character is beyond reproach, and he always seems to find time to mentor and encourage those around him. He is notoriously prepared – be it for court, meetings, or being there for his family and friends. His wisdom and insight are sought out by all who are privileged to know him.

6) Describe candidate's professional achievements and commitment to the legal profession.

Jonathan is the epitome of a servant leader and has demonstrated incredible commitment to the legal profession through his tireless donation of time, skills, energy, and effort. His recognized professional achievements are exceptional, and he shines even brighter when he is quietly at work behind the scenes, encouraging and empowering others, providing wisdom and guidance in the toughest of circumstances.

His achievements and professional activity outside of the State Bar are noted in his attached CV, but highlights include hours of meetings and countless hours of thoughtful consideration and coordination and efforts in the Texas Supreme Court/Access to Justice Working Group, Scope of Practice Subcommittee, and Family Law Subgroup; creative and solution oriented contributions to the Texas Access to Justice Strategic Plan Working Group; leadership up to and including as President of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists; active participation and membership in the Texas Family Law Foundation; leadership and participation in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; and, Immediate Past President of the AAML Texas Chapter.

The list continues well beyond these endeavors, but it should not go unnoticed that, in each organization Jonathan contributes to, he is recognized time and again for his excellence. He has received recognition as the prestigious Sam Emison Memorial Award Recipient, was named AAML National Fellow of the Year for 2020, holds an “AV” Preeminent (5.0 of 5.0) rating from Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, has been named a “Super Lawyer” (2009-2024) by Thomson Reuters Service printed in *Texas Monthly*, including Top 100 Lawyers in Texas 2022 and Top 100 Lawyers in Dallas/Fort Worth 2022-2024, and is recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* (2019-2025) and a previous *D Magazine* “Best Lawyers Under 40” (2004-2006).

7) Describe candidate’s participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.

Jonathan has demonstrated outstanding participation in Bar-related entities, committees, CLE and projects that are included on his CV and are too numerous to fit the page limitations here. Highlights include his past and ongoing leadership as a Past Chair of the State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, his efforts with the State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charges - Family and Probate Committee, and his historic and ever-growing participation as a course director or speaker at TexasBarCLE events. Last year, he received the Family Law Section Chair’s Award for “Timeless Service and Dedication to the Family Law Council”. He serves as a mentor in the Section’s new Leadership Program and as Co-Chair of the Formbook Committee, which is one of the hardest working committees within the Family Law Section.

8) Please acknowledge that candidate is aware of the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.

Yes, I acknowledge that I have discussed this nomination with him, and he has verified that he is willing to serve if elected.

JONATHAN J. BATES

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION, SERVICE & RECOGNITION

Board Certified-- Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2000

AAML Certified Arbitrator

Family Law Mediator

State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section

- Family Law Section Chair's Award 2023-2024 for "Timeless Service and Dedication to the Family Law Council"
- Chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas 2021-2022
 - Executive Committee Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas 2017-2023
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- Course Director, 2007 Advanced Family Law Course Boot Camp
- 2019 Recipient of the *STANDING OVATION* Award from TexasBarCLE in recognition of "exceptional contributions" and "extraordinary energy, commitment of time, and leadership" in volunteer Continuing Legal Education

State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charges - Family and Probate Committee 2023-2024

Texas Supreme Court/Access to Justice Working Group, Scope of Practice Subcommittee, and Family Law Subgroup 2023

Texas Access to Justice Strategic Plan Working Group 2024

Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists

- Sam Emison Memorial Award Recipient 2024 – for "Meritorious Contributions to Family Law"
- President of TAFSL 2016-2017
- TAFSL Executive Committee 2012-2018
- TAFSL Board of Directors 2009-2012
- Course Director, 2011 Trial Institute

Texas Family Law Foundation - Sustaining Life Member

- Board of Trustees 2010-2016
- Auction Chair 2010-2013
- Fundraising/Auction Committee 2009-2015

The American College of Family Trial Lawyers, Diplomate - 2024

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Fellow - 2006 - present

AAML National

- AAML National Fellow of the Year 2020
- AAML National Treasurer 2020-2022

- AAML National Board of Governors 2018-2020
- Chair, Budget & Finance Committee 2020-2022
- Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee 2019-2020
 - o Course Director, National Meeting CLE 2020
- Continuing Legal Education Committee 2018-2022
- Vice Chair, Bylaws & Policies Committee 2018-2020
- Chair, Governance Task Force 2019-2022
- Governance Task Force 2018-2022
- Co-Chair, AAML/ACTEC Task Force 2020-2021
- AAML/ACTEC Task Force 2019-2022
- AAML/ABA – FLS Liaison Committee 2019-2020
- Admissions Standards and Procedures Committee 2014–2015, 2018-2019
- Mediation Committee 2016-2018

AAML Texas Chapter

- President of Texas Chapter of AAML 2023-2024
- Texas Chapter of AAML Executive Committee 2019-2023
- Course Director, Innovations - Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation Course, 2019
- Chair, Bylaws Committee 2019

AAML Foundation – Lifetime Member

Texas Bar Foundation – Life Fellow

The College of the State Bar of Texas - Fellow

Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section

- Board of Directors 2003-2005

Collin County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Collin County Bench-Bar Foundation

- Board of Directors 2009-2010
- Course Director, Collin County Bench Bar Conference 2009

Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association

Leonard Loeb Scholarship Committee 2022-2024

“AV” Preeminent (5.0 of 5.0) - Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating

“Super Lawyer” 2009-2024, by Thomson Reuters Service printed in *Texas Monthly*

- Top 100 Lawyers in Texas 2022
- Top 100 Lawyers in Dallas/Fort Worth 2022-2024

Best Lawyers in America 2019-2025

D Magazine “Best Lawyers Under 40” 2004-2006

EDUCATION

BBA (Finance/Economics), Baylor University, 1990

JD, Baylor University School of Law, 1993

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A full listing of publications and presentations is available at kinserbates.com.