

## **DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

### **Admissions & Membership**

Assists the DBA Membership Department in recruiting lawyers from all areas of practice to become DBA members; studies and discusses new recruitment/retention ideas; researches and recommends new member benefits as needed; provides input in the coordination of the New Member Reception and any other membership activities.

### **Bar None Production Company Committee**

Produces Bar None, the annual show benefiting the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarship. Writers, fundraisers, marketers, musicians, backstage crew, and anyone interested in HARD WORK and FUN are needed. Participation on this committee is not a prerequisite to perform in the show (but we'd sure appreciate it!).

### **Bench Bar Conference**

Assists in planning and organizing the annual DBA Bench/Bar Conference attended by DBA members and the judiciary.

### **Community Involvement Committee**

Provides volunteers for the community projects and activities such as annual food and clothing drives; provides volunteers for community organizations. Contact [Grecia Alfaro](#) to join this committee.

### **Continuing Legal Education Committee**

Arranges quality programs and speakers for weekly Friday CLE Programs. Plans and directs various evening CLE programs and special seminars at Belo, North Dallas, South Dallas, and Oak Cliff.

### **Courthouse Committee**

Provides input and recommendations on the utilization of the court facilities and considers improvements for the benefit of the public, the judiciary and the legal profession. Focuses on utilization of the court facilities and considers improvements for the benefit of the public, the judiciary and the legal profession. As well as remains abreast of the overall operations and maintenance of the Dallas County Law Libraries.

### **Criminal Justice Committee**

Analyzes the criminal justice system in Dallas and makes recommendations for its improvement. Meets on an as-needed basis.

### **Entertainment**

Plans and arranges various DBA social functions, including happy hours, Mother's Day Brunch, Oktoberfest, sport outings and other special events to encourage networking among members and other professional organizations.

### **Golf**

Assists in the overall planning and organization of the DBA Annual Pro Bono Golf Tournament, including assistance in obtaining underwriters, vendors, prizes and sponsors.

### **Home Project**

The Home Project Committee is part of the Community Involvement Committee that partners with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and build a new Habitat home each year. To view the Home Project Committee's Facebook page, [click here](#).

### **Judicial Investiture/Judiciary Committee**

Works with the judiciary to address current issues of concern to the bench and bar, conducts CLE programs and judicial panels, oversees compilation of the Bench Book, oversees the Clerk Awards and Clerk Seminar, makes recommendations to the Board as needed and generally acts as a liaison with judges in Dallas.

### **Juvenile Justice Committee**

Focuses on at-risk juveniles. Members may work on various projects and CLE programs, as well as provide direct services to youth and participate in other projects that focus on training and education regarding juvenile issues.

### **Law in the Schools and Community Committee**

Law in the Schools & Community Committee provides a fall program that allows legal volunteers the opportunity to speak to students in Dallas ISD classrooms for up to a 1/2 day.

### **Legal Ethics Committee**

Conducts an annual legal ethics seminar, plans various ethics presentations generally on a monthly basis.

### **LegalLine Committee**

Committee members volunteer to join a team of lawyers anonymously answering legal questions over the phone for the bi-monthly DBA LegalLine program at the Belo, and assist in recruiting volunteers outside the committee to attend LegalLine.

**Individual attorney volunteers or groups are needed to answer calls the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 5:15 to 7:30 pm. Email [sbush@dallasbar.org](mailto:sbush@dallasbar.org) to get involved.**

### **Memorial and History Committee**

The Memorial & History Committee is charged with carrying out the oldest tradition of the Dallas Bar Association. The Committee members research and prepare memorial resolutions honoring DBA members who have passed away during the prior year, and it conducts a memorial observance at the DBA Annual Meeting each November. Formal copies of the resolutions printed on parchment are sent to the family of the deceased. The resolutions are also posted in digital form on the DBA website as a permanent honor and so they can be viewed by DBA members as well as the public. [Click here](#) to see resolutions.

### **Minority Participation Committee**

The Minority Participation Committee encourages minority lawyers to practice in Dallas, to become members of the DBA, and to participate in DBA activities. The committee assists with programs that enhance the practice of law for minority lawyers and hosts minority clerkship luncheons and other programs to increase minority participation in the DBA.

### **Mock Trial**

Organizes and administers the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, which includes the Dallas schools' competition, known as Region 10, and the State Championship Tournament, all held in Dallas. Writes the problem, serves as team advisors, and judges the various tournaments. [View Texas High School Mock Trial Competition Web Site](#)

### **Morris Harrell Professionalism Committee**

Promotes and implements programs to enhance professionalism.

### **Peer Assistance Committee**

Provides assistance to lawyers who are stressed, depressed, alcoholic, chemically dependent, mentally ill, or unable to conduct their legal practices due to personal or health reasons. The committee also educates the community with seminars presented each year.

### **Pro Bono Activities Committee**

Focuses on programs to improve the delivery of legal services to low income persons and provides assistance to legal service providers through volunteer lawyers who represent clients on a pro bono basis.

### **Public Forum/Media Relations Committee**

Educates the Bar and community on vital issues that impact the public at large, through forums, debates, speaking engagements and discussions at the Belo Mansion, and out in the community occasionally. As well as helps to improve the relationship between the media and the bar.

### **Publications Committee**

Assists in determining the articles for the Focus presented in the monthly issue of Headnotes and coordinates contributing writers for the publication.

### **Senior Lawyers Committee**

Oversees operations of a mentor program; may host an annual dinner; and prepares an oral history of members and of the DBA.

### **Summer Law Intern Program Committee**

Interviews and selects students from Dallas ISD to serve as summer interns at participating law firms, and plans orientations and educational events for the interns.