

DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION SECTIONS

Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Dallas Bar Association provides continuing legal education and training opportunities for alternative dispute resolution professionals. The ADR Section is an Affiliated Organization of the American Institute of Mediation.

Antitrust & Trade Regulation

The Antitrust & Trade Regulation Section focuses on antitrust litigation and counseling in matters involving the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, State Attorneys General, and private parties. It also focuses on trade regulation matters, including employee non-competition agreements and deceptive advertising

Appellate Law

The Appellate Law Section's mission is to provide quality, advanced continuing legal education for appellate specialists and to encourage collegiality and communication among members of the appellate bench and bar.

Bankruptcy & Commercial Law

The Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section provides attorneys representing all segments of the bankruptcy bar with monthly educational programs related to topical issues in this continuously emerging area of law.

Business Litigation

The Business Litigation Section provides attorneys representing all segments of the bankruptcy bar with monthly educational programs related to topical issues in this continuously emerging area of law.

Collaborative Law

The Collaborative Law Section promotes the private reconciliation of disputes through goal-oriented and client-driven negotiations. The Collaborative Law Section provides a forum for lawyers and other professionals to promote and expand the use of collaborative law concepts during negotiations and throughout various areas of legal practice.

Construction Law

The Construction Law Section focuses on a broad range of legal and industry issues that arise in the context of public and private construction projects. It provides an opportunity for continuing education and a forum for discussing and answering questions on construction law issues of all types.

Corporate Counsel

The Corporate Counsel Section provides continuing legal education programs of interest to both in-house and outside corporate counsel, hosts social events, and publishes a membership directory.

Criminal Law

The Criminal Law Section serves the needs of all criminal law practitioners in the Dallas area. Since the bulk of the membership consists of solo practitioners and institutional lawyers, every effort is made to provide for maximum MCLE credits. Speakers will cover topics of general interest and ethics will be covered at least once a year.

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation

The Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Law Section meets monthly for a program on employee benefits and executive compensation, pensions, profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, health coverage, disability plans, other standpoints, IRS, DOL, PBGC, SEC, ERISA, and state law.

Energy Law

The Energy Law Section provides a forum for energy practitioners to meet, network, and to study topical issues in the industry. Annually, the Section sponsors a two-day, in-depth seminar that attracts energy attorneys from all regions of Texas and surrounding states.

Entertainment, Art & Sports

The Entertainment, Art & Sports Law Section welcomes lawyers who practice sports or entertainment law, enjoy art, watch TV or movies, read or write books, make or listen to music, or participate in sports as a player or fan. The Section presents monthly CLE programs in its major substantive areas, bringing in experts from around the country.

Environmental Law

The Environmental Law Section provides a monthly forum for members to hear a speaker address a topic of interest in the field. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, including government, corporate in-house, and private firm counsel, as well as non-attorney environmental professionals.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section emphasizes continuing legal education for attorneys who have an active practice in family and juvenile district courts and provides qualified attorneys to assist in pro bono activities that involve family law, divorce, and juvenile matters.

Franchise & Distribution

The Franchise & Distribution Law Section provides programs and information for the general practitioner and beginning practitioner to facilitate a greater understanding of the basics of franchise law, providing speakers and information which give insight into the practice of franchise law for the seasoned practitioner. Franchise practitioners can meet and socialize together for the benefits of a mutual exchange of experience and ideas.

Government

The Government Law Section holds monthly CLE programs dealing with Government-related law and issues.

Health

The Health Law Section provides an organization of attorneys representing all segments of the health care law industry with educational programs addressing current issues in this complex and diverse area of law.

Immigration

The Immigration Law Section promotes the ongoing development of skills and competency of members who practice immigration law through the open exchange of ideas, legal education, communication between the bar and the bench, and mutual respect and collegiality between members of the bar.

Intellectual Property

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association offers monthly lunch time CLE seminars generally on the 4th Friday of each month (excluding November).

International

The International Law Section promotes international law and business in the Dallas area and provides educational programs and social opportunities for the development of international lawyers.

Labor & Employment

Provides a forum for employment law practitioners to study employment law issues as well as to meet and mingle with other employment law attorneys. The Section holds monthly CLE meetings, an evening seminar dealing with a specific area of employment law, and organizes social events including a reception for judges.

Mergers & Acquisitions

The Mergers & Acquisitions Section holds monthly CLE programs dealing with M&A-related law and issues.

Probate, Trusts & Estates

The Probate, Trusts & Estates Section concentrates activities in three areas: 1) providing continuing legal education for members; 2) promoting good working relationships among the probate bar and three Dallas County statutory probate courts; and 3) serving the needs of the public in the area of wills, guardianships, probate matters, and probate court dispute resolution on a pro bono basis.

Real Property

The Real Property Law Section aims to advance the objectives of the Dallas Bar Association within the field of real property by providing educational resources and philanthropic opportunities to its members.

Science & Technology

Each month the Science & Technology Law Section holds a luncheon meeting and presentation that focus on emerging trends and issues related to computers, technology, and the law, and how

it relates to legal and business professionals. The section meetings often focus on topics concerning intellectual property law.

Securities

The Securities Section focuses on education for its members through monthly programs with an additional focus on providing programs of interest to prospective clients.

Solo & Small Firm

The Solo & Small Firm Section provides meaningful and practical continuing legal education to its members and assists members in achieving economics in law office administration and procedure.

Tax

The Tax Law Section focuses on providing monthly meetings at which speakers make presentations regarding topics of current interest in the area of tax practice for continuing legal education credit.

Tort & Insurance Practice

The Tort & Insurance Practice Section includes tort and insurance trial and coverage lawyers on both sides of the docket, corporate risk managers and in-house insurance industry lawyers. CLE presentations offer competing views on cutting edge issues and explore the intricacies and interwoven nature of tort and insurance law.

Trial Skills

The Trial Skills Section is devoted to the art, science and practice of trial advocacy. The Section promotes the continuing advancement of trial skills of members of the legal community by the open exchange of ideas, continuing legal education, communication between the bar and bench, and the mutual respect and collegiality between members of the bar.