

# News

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## Dallas Bar Association

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## DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION WINS STATE & NATIONAL AWARDS

The Dallas Bar Association (DBA) accepted several awards for its programs and services at the State Bar of Texas (SBOT) Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

The State Bar's Local Bar Services Committee selected the DBA as the recipient of the prestigious Award of Merit for outstanding services to its members and the community, and the Outstanding Partnership Award for the Texas High School Mock Trial Program, which recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year.

Additionally, *Headnotes*, the official newsletter of the DBA, received two Star of Achievement Awards for outstanding articles written by DBA members and published in *Headnotes*:

- Best Substantive Law Series on Family Law: **Dawn Budner**, of Calabrese Budner LLP; **Elizabeth Brandon** and **Victor Vital**, of Barnes & Thornburg LLP; and **Bryan Ballew** and **Constance Mims**, of Beal Law Firm.
- Best Feature/General Series on Mental Health Awareness: **Terry Bentley Hill**, of The Law Offices of Terry Bentley Hill; **Michael K. Hurst**, of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst, LLP; and **Kelly Rentzel**, of Texas Capital Bank.

The awards are presented by the State Bar of Texas to recognize local bar associations for outstanding community involvement, commitment to increasing access to justice and dedication to the profession. The publication awards honor exceptional reporting, originality, and impact on the legal profession.

In addition, the DBA will be presented with the E. Smythe Gambrell Award for Professionalism from the American Bar Association for the Day of Civility program, which the judges said “represents an exemplary and innovative approach to educating lawyers about the importance of professionalism and civility in carrying out their legal responsibilities.”

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