



Join an HBA committee.

July 2020 – June 2021 Committee Opportunities

IMPORTANT:

- You must be a member of the HBA in order to serve on an HBA committee.
- Appointment to any committee is not guaranteed.
- Reappointment to a committee on which you have been serving is not automatic.
- All committee appointments are made by the HBA president.
- You may serve on more than one committee.
- Some committees have limited membership or membership prerequisites.
- **Committee applications are due May 31, 2020.**



Advancement of the Profession

Bench Bar Conference Plans the annual HBA Bench Bar Conference.

Continuing Legal Education Plans the HBA's CLE programs.

Fee Dispute* Arbitrates disputes between attorneys and clients involving legal fees.

Gender Fairness* Addresses issues related to gender equity in the legal profession.

Historical Researches and preserves the history of the HBA & local legal community.

The Houston Lawyer Editorial Board Edits and publishes the HBA's bi-monthly magazine.

Judicial Polls* Develops, distributes, and disseminates results of judicial preference polls and evaluation questionnaires.

Law and the Media Plans the HBA's annual Law & the Media Seminar.

LGBTQ+* Empowers LGBTQ+ and ally members of the

legal community through mentorship, networking, CLEs, and community projects.

Membership, Member Benefits and Pictorial Roster Recommends and executes ways to improve the HBA membership experience.

Professionalism Promotes professionalism in the legal community through events and a mentorship program.

Project TRAIN* (Training, Readiness and Inclusion Network) Develops training materials for employers who will solicit, hire and retain individuals with special needs or cognitive disorders.

Senior Lawyers Plans quarterly luncheon meetings and recruits speakers on topics for lawyers 50 and over.

Teach Texas* Recruits legal professionals to teach court history and judicial civics program to seventh graders.



Community & Pro Bono

AIDS Outreach* Coordinates holiday gift drive for HIV/AIDS-affected families.

Campaign to End Homelessness and Hunger (Formerly Campaign for the Homeless) Partners with Houston Food Bank and local veterans' shelters.

County Law Library Partners with, supports, and reviews the facilities, funding and resources of the Harris County Law Library.

Elder Law Assists with HVL's Will-A-Thon.

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Fun Run Organizes annual HBA John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run benefiting The Center for Pursuit.

Golf Tournament Plans HBA's Annual Golf Tournament.

Habitat for Humanity Funds and constructs a new house for Houston Habitat for Humanity every year.

HAY Center Works with Houston Alumni Youth (HAY) Center

to help those aging out of foster care.

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Law Week* Coordinates activities to observe Law Day (May 1), including contests, readings, and school presentations.

Lawyers for a Beautiful Houston Enhances the natural surroundings of the Houston area with events and initiatives.

Lawyers for Literacy Organizes an annual book drive, a school reading program, and school library donations.

Speakers Bureau Provides speakers on legal topics for schools, service clubs, and other civic organizations.

Special Olympics Coordinates volunteers for Special Olympics Texas athletic events.

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Diversity & Inclusion

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Communities In Schools Helps organize Communities In Schools of Houston's Summer Legal Internship Program.

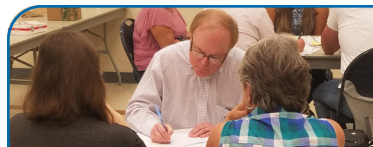
Gender Fairness* Addresses issues related to gender equity in the legal profession.

Diversity and Inclusion Organizes a summer clerkship program for diverse 1L law students from Houston law schools and awards the HBA Diversity & Inclusion Awards.

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Ancillary Organizations

2-year board positions – extremely limited!

Dispute Resolution Center Makes recommendations to the HBA on the operation and administration of programs and the yearly budget for the DRC.

Houston Lawyer Referral Service Makes recommendations to the HBA on the operation and

administration of programs and the yearly budget for HILRS.

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Makes recommendations to the HBA on the operation and administration of programs and the yearly budget for HVL.

Learn more about HBA committees and sign up online at hba.org/committees.

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