



Join an HBA Committee

July 2021 – June 2022 Committee Opportunities

IMPORTANT:

- You must be a member of the HBA to serve on an HBA committee.
- Appointment to any committee is not guaranteed.
- Reappointment to a committee is not automatic.
- Committee appointments are made by the HBA president.
- You may serve on more than one committee.
- Some committees have limited membership or prerequisites.
- **Committee applications are due April 15, 2021.**

Advancement of the Profession

Bench Bar Conference Plans the annual HBA Bench Bar Conference.

Continuing Legal Education

Plans the CLE programming for Friday seminars, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit, Implicit Bias Education & Training Program, and other CLE events.

Fee Dispute* Arbitrates fee disputes between attorneys and clients.

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 & 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 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* Develops training materials for employers to hire individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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 & Hunger 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 benefiting HBF.

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

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, Equity & Inclusion

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

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

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Organizes a summer clerkship program for diverse 1L law students from Houston law schools.

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Ancillary Organizations

2-year board positions – extremely limited!

Dispute Resolution Center

Board members advance the mission of each of these non-profit organizations by providing oversight of strategy, operations and finance, and making recommendations to the HBA on governance.

Houston Lawyer Referral Service

Houston Volunteer Lawyers

**Some committees are duplicated here because they fit into more than one category.*

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

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