Join an HBA Committee
July 2024 - June 2025 Committee Opportunities

PLEASE NOTE: You must be an ACTIVE HBA member to serve on a committee. Appointment to a committee is not guaranteed, and reappointment to a committee you currently serve on is not automatic. Some committees may have limited membership or prerequisites. Appointments are made by the HBA President.

Advancement of the Profession

Bench Bar Conference
Plans annual HBA Civil/Appellate Bench Bar Conference

Continuing Legal Education
Plans Friday webinars and other CLE events

County Law Library
Supports and promotes facilities and resources of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Provides employment and mentorship opportunities to underrepresented first-year law students through its DEI 1L Summer Clerkship program

Elder Law
Provides HBA members with resources and CLEs on Elder Law issues

Gender Fairness
Addresses issues and plans events related to gender equity in the legal profession

Historical
Produces interviews for the HBA Living History project

Judicial Polls
Develops, distributes, and disseminates results of judicial preference polls and evaluations

Law & the Media
Plans HBA’s Law & the Media programming

LGBTQ+
Supports LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in the legal profession by fostering connections, offering CLEs, engaging in community initiatives, and hosting social events

Membership
Recommends and executes ways to recruit, retain, and engage HBA members

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

Senior Lawyers
Plans quarterly luncheon meetings and recruits speakers on topics for lawyers of all ages

The Houston Lawyer
Edits and publishes the bi-monthly magazine The Houston Lawyer and records the accompanying podcast Behind the Lines

Wellness
Develops programs and resources to promote mental health and well-being of lawyers to support practice enhancement and discharge of the duty of competence and ethical obligations

Community Education

Communities in Schools
Coordinates the HBA CIS Summer Legal Internship Program with Communities In Schools Houston, targeting high school students from at-risk schools

Law Week
Coordinates HBA Law Day Contests for K-12 students

Lawyers for Literacy
Organizes an annual book drive, school reading program, and other literary initiatives in the community

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

Community Service

AIDS Outreach
Coordinates holiday gift drive for HIV and AIDS-affected families

Campaign to End Homelessness & Hunger
Collaborates with the Houston Food Bank and other local partners to combat food insecurity and homelessness

Fee Dispute
Arbitrates fee disputes between attorneys and clients

Fun Run
Organizes annual Eikenberg 8K Fun Run benefitting 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

HAY Center
Works with Houston Alumni Youth (HAY) Center to help those aging out of foster care

Lawyers for a Beautiful Houston
Dedicated to the enhancement of the Houston area’s natural surroundings

Military & Veterans
Plans programs for and by HBA members who are current military service members or veterans

Project TRAIN
Educates within community about intellectual and developmental disabilities

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

Learn more and sign up at hba.org/committees

Appointments to the boards of directors of Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Houston Lawyer Referral Service and Dispute Resolution Center are very limited and are not addressed in the general interest form.

If you are interested in learning more about these organizations and servce on their board of directors, please email HBA Associate Executive Director Ashley Gagnon Steininger at ashleyg@hba.org.

Questions? Contact Ashley Gagnon Steininger (ashleyg@hba.org, 346-471-3431) or Alli Hessel (allih@hba.org)