

Know Your Regulator

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Know Your Regulator is a carefully curated bulletin designed to keep you up-to-date with your specific regulatory agency's news. Agency decisions can affect your professional license and we know you want to stay informed. You can stay ahead of the curve by getting to know your regulatory agency closely.

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What's new that could be impacting your license?

Changes at your regulatory agency are frequent, whether stemming from newly enacted legislation, staff proposed rules, internal agency review, or due to public feedback. To assist license holders with staying informed of these changes, we've created the Know Your Regulator Bulletin. This Winter, the State Bar of Texas released important news updates and annual meeting details relevant to its license holders. Continue reading below to learn more.

Who is affected by this?

The State Bar of Texas is responsible for regulating the legal profession, enforcing ethical standards, and ensuring attorneys meet licensing and continuing legal education (CLE) requirements. Licensed attorneys in Texas may be significantly affected by changes to the State Bar of Texas. Any modifications to the Bar's rules, disciplinary procedures, or governance structure could impact an attorney's ability to stay compliant, defend against complaints, or fulfill their professional obligations. Additionally, changes in membership dues, ethics rules, or regulatory oversight could alter how attorneys interact with the Bar, ultimately influencing their ability to practice law effectively in the state.

News Releases

Texas Young Lawyers Association receives Texas Bar Foundation Grant

The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) has received a \$45,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to create a website aimed at educating prospective law students on the law school process. Scheduled to launch in the spring, the site will provide resources for first-time and nontraditional students, covering topics such as admissions, financial aid, the Socratic teaching method, law school extracurriculars, and bar exam preparation.

State Bar of Texas Announces Candidates for 2025 - 2025 President-Elect

The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors has approved Deborah L. Cordova and G. David Smith as candidates for 2025-2026 president-elect. They will appear on the ballot in April 2025, along with any certified petition candidates. Members have until March 3 to submit petitions.

Deborah L. Cordova, a founding member of Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC in Edinburg, specializes in real estate, corporate, estate planning, and probate law. She has held leadership roles in multiple legal associations, including the Hidalgo County Bar Association and Texas Women Lawyers, and has served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and various committees.

G. David Smith, a founding partner of Smith & Lee Lawyers, PC in Rockwall, has practiced criminal defense and personal injury law since 1983. He has been active in the Rockwall County Bar Association, served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, and is board certified in personal injury trial law.

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Upcoming Meetings



State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting JW Marriott Hill Country Resort - San Antonio June 19 - 20, 2025

The State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting will take place from June 18 to June 20, 2025, at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. This event provides legal professionals with opportunities to enhance their practice, explore new solutions, and connect with peers across various disciplines.

Attendees can customize their experience with educational sessions, networking receptions, and exhibits designed to improve practice efficiency. Highlights include a Bar Leaders Recognition Luncheon, Bench Bar Breakfast, and the President's Party Dinner and Dance!

For more details on registration and the full schedule, visit the [State Bar of Texas website](#).

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