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Attorney Volunteer Spotlight: 2004 Texas C-BAR Community Builder Awards: Texas C-BAR Honors Excellence in Transactional Pro Bono Service

Texas C-BAR established our annual Community Builder Awards to recognize attorneys, corporations, and law firms who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to Texas C-BAR and our clients through the volume of cases accepted, the number of attorneys participating from a firm and the number of hours worked either in direct representation or in assistance with our publications, Legal Resource Library or trainings. This year, Texas C-BAR is pleased to recognize the special work of the following attorneys and law firms, listed in alphabetical order.

Law Firms

Patton Boggs LLP demonstrated leadership in the field of transactional pro bono through the number of attorneys involved with Texas C-BAR, the volume of pro bono cases accepted through C-BAR, and an exemplary pro bono policy. Though one of C-BAR's newest firm partners, Patton Boggs sets a high standard in its level of commitment to pro bono work.

Winstead, Sechrest & Minick P.C. provided hundreds of hours of legal services to nonprofit groups and involved a large number of attorneys with Texas C-BAR clients. Winstead attor-


neys have accepted several community counsel partnerships. Transactional attorneys at all of Winstead's local offices have provided representation to Texas C-BAR clients, making Winstead one of C-BAR's key statewide partners.

Attorneys

Cheryl Camin, Gardere Wynne Sewell, LLP shone through excellence in service and outstanding dedication to her pro bono clients. Cheryl was nominated by her nonprofit client, the Migrant Clinician's Network (MCN), which wrote that Cheryl went above and beyond the call of duty to draft health privacy documents and protocols and train MCN staff on their proper use.

Mark A. Jones, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. demonstrated excellence in service and outstanding dedication to his pro bono clients. In one of his cases, Mark assisted Foundation of Hope through the purchase and development of a 36-unit housing complex for low-income residents. His dedicated work helped untangle some legal complications involved in the transfer of ownership to the nonprofit.

Terry McDonald, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P. has long exhibited an outstanding commitment to his pro bono clients. Terry has earned a reputation as a "go to" guy for Texas C-BAR staff, handling complicated cases with efficiency and dedication. Through Texas C-BAR, Terry has provided pro bono legal representation to numerous groups and his work has been important in strengthening the Texas nonprofit community. Terry often attends board meetings of his nonprofit clients and carefully explains legal options and procedures to a grateful audience.

Texas C-BAR congratulates our 2004 Community Builder Award recipients. We've chosen to present our awards to each attorney and firm in a local setting this year. Our first presentations were made in Dallas on October 7th as part of the **Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program's Annual Pro Bono Celebration**. Each attorney and law firm will be presented with one of Texas C-BAR's unique awards that are shaped like miniature "C-BAR" cattle brands. The cattle brand awards were custom-designed by **Bo McCarver**, a part-time blacksmith and long-time advocate for affordable housing in Austin. 

Gerald T. Welch, Dallas managing partner, and Michael S. Forshey, partner and Texas C-BAR board member, accepted a 2004 Community Builder Award on behalf of Patton Boggs LLP on October 4, 2004 at the DVAP Annual Pro Bono Celebration.



Cheryl Camin

Texas C-BAR Welcomes New and Returning Attorney Volunteers

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Joseph Alcorta - *Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.*

Alena Allen- *Baker Botts L.L.P.*

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Mark Mouritsen - *Dell Inc.*

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Ann Newton - *Haynes and Boone, LLP*

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Dathan Voelter - *Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.*

Michael Watson - *Westerra Management, L.L.C.*

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State Bar of Texas Benefits for Volunteer Attorneys

By volunteering with Texas C-BAR, attorneys are eligible for numerous benefits offered to volunteer attorneys by the State Bar of Texas through the Texas Lawyers Care program. These benefits include:

- State Bar Malpractice Insurance Network: Malpractice coverage for attorneys volunteering with legal aid and pro bono programs;
- State Bar Pro Bono Mentor Program: Provides up to 5 MCLE hours of credit (including 1 hour of ethics) for attorneys serving as mentors or receiving mentor guidance in a State Bar accredited program;
- Free Custom CLE;
- Free Membership in the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas: Available to attorneys who donate a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono legal services in one year; and
- Scholarships to State Bar of Texas CLE events : Available through nomination by a recognized pro bono program.

For more information about any of these benefits, contact the staff at Texas Lawyers Care, 512/ 463-1463, x2125, or 800/ 204-2222, x2155.

Supporting Texas C-BAR

Volunteers for Texas C-BAR lend their support in many ways: donating their time and expertise by taking referrals, contributing financially so the phones are on when our nonprofit clients call, and working with our staff to develop legal resources for our online Legal Resource Library and legal publications. Our most recently published legal manual, *Clearing Title to Land: a Guide for Nonprofits in Texas*, would not have been possible without the contributions of the following people: **Gail Weatherby, Richard Black, Frank Oliver, Jett Hanna, Dave Danenfelzer, Denise Cheney, Doc Watson, Brandy Copley, Michael Dailey, Jay Schall, Kathleen Ford Bay, and Ignacio Treviño.**

We would also like to recognize Texas C-BAR's most recent financial contributors:

Bank One	Holland & Knight LLP	State Bar of Texas - Business Law Section
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Nancy Hagquist	Reliant Energy, Inc.	Washington Mutual
Louisa Hoberman	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C.

Finally, our thanks to Barron & Budd, P.C., whose scholarship program provided Texas C-BAR with our law clerk, Joyce Iyamu, for one year.

Please consider joining this list and making a financial contribution of your own to Texas C-BAR with the attached envelope. Your support will help ensure that the only statewide community development law project in Texas will continue to serve nonprofits for years to come.

Meet the Newest Members of Texas C-BAR's Board

Texas C-Bar offers a warm welcome to three new members of our statewide board:

Jennifer Bligh of **Valero Energy Corporation** joined the Texas C-BAR Board of Directors in September. Jennifer is associate counsel at Valero, a company with a strong commitment to community involvement. Jennifer graduated from law school in 1998 and was an associate at Haynes and Boone, LLP in San Antonio before moving to Valero. She specializes in commercial real estate.

Michael S. Forshey, a partner at **Patton Boggs LLP**, joined the Texas C-BAR Board of Directors in June. Mike is a member of the

firm's litigation practice group. Mike has a long-term commitment to pro bono work and is the author of the influential article, "Billable Hours for the Soul," which was published in the *Texas Lawyer*.

Daniel J. Micciche, a partner at **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP**, joined the Texas C-BAR Board of Directors in September. Dan heads the tax practice group for the Dallas office, bringing expertise in a key area to C-BAR's mission. Dan chairs Akin Gump's Pro Bono Committee and has helped to establish the firm as a leader in the field of pro bono in Dallas.

Texas C-BAR Legal Resource Library Update

We are calling to your attention the IRS announcement: Package 1023 is Being Revised. Beginning May 1, 2005, the Package 1023, *Application for Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code*, dated September 1998, will not be accepted by the Internal Revenue Service since it is being replaced. A section 501(c)(3) organization applying for tax-exempt status as of May 1, 2005, must file the new Form 1023 with the revision date of October 2004.

Please take a look at the streaming video clip of our Employment Law for Nonprofits/Legal Compliance workshop at www.texasbar.org/workshops. A copy of the full video is available for \$15.00 (plus \$1.24 sales tax if you do not have a nonprofit tax exempt ID). Download the order form and send it along with your nonprofit tax exempt ID and a credit card number, check or money order to: Texas C-BAR, 2201 Post Road, Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78704-4300.

Email Notification

We are now offering to send our quarterly Newsletter by email. If you prefer to receive the Newsletter electronically, please email us at fleosmartinez@texasbar.org. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you wish to continue receiving the paper Newsletter.

About Texas C-BAR

Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR) is a statewide business pro bono project which provides community-based nonprofits with the legal tools they need to succeed in transforming distressed neighborhoods into healthy communities. As a special project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Texas C-BAR currently partners with more than 55 law firms and corporations to help nonprofits build communities and ultimately better the lives of thousands of low-income families throughout the state. For more information about Texas C-BAR, or to participate in our pro bono program, please contact the staff of Texas C-BAR at:

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