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Attorney Volunteer Spotlight: Scott Hulse Lawyer Volunteers for El Paso Nonprofit

Marcelo Rivera, an attorney with the law firm of Scott Hulse in El Paso, donated his expertise to the El Paso Collaborative last December. Rivera was licensed in 2000 and practices in the area of corporate, business, and real estate law.

The Collaborative, a nonprofit devoted to the promotion of affordable



Marcelo Rivera

housing, homeownership and economic development in the region, needed a lawyer to review loan documents for a new lending program. Low-income families in the area will use these loans for purchase of property, utility hook-ups and home rehabilitation. Having heard about the nonprofit's needs from a co-worker who is also a C-BAR contact for the firm, Rivera called the Collaborative to offer his services.

Angie Briones-Sosa, Director of El Paso Collaborative, had high praise for Rivera's help, expressing surprise that he had been willing to start the pro bono

services during the holidays: "He was efficient and thorough, and turned the documents around so quickly."

This was Rivera's first C-BAR referral, and he enjoyed the experience of working with El Paso Collaborative to meet the community's needs. Briones-Sosa was clear about the impact this attorney's volunteer assistance would have in El Paso: "With Marcelo's help, we can be sure that a colonia resident has a loan product that meets their needs to get utilities connected to their home for the first time." 🏠

Texas C-BAR Welcomes New and Returning Volunteers

(November 1, 2002, to February 1, 2003)

Jason Barnes—*Patton Boggs*

Elizabeth Bourbon—*Conoco*

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Heidi Lewis—*King & Spalding*

Jennifer Lopez—*Skadden Arps*

Sean Markowitz—*Hughes & Luce*

Amanda McMillian—*Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld*

Mark Mouritsen—*Dell Computer Corporation*

Erik Norris—*Haynes & Boone*

Julia Nye—*Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue*

Catherine Ozdogan—*Bracewell & Patterson*

Kristine Patrick—*Bickerstaff Heath Smiley Keever & McDaniel*

Stanley Ramsay—*Weil, Gotshal & Manges*

A. Marcelo Rivera—*Scott, Hulse, Marshall*

Pollard Rogers—*Cantey & Hanger*

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New Staff Attorney to Launch Economic Development and Childcare Initiative

Texas C-BAR welcomes our newest staff member, Megan Sylvester, who will spearhead Texas C-BAR's economic development and childcare initiative. Megan, a University of Texas Law School graduate, brings to Texas C-BAR several years of experience working with nonprofits and in community economic development. Prior to joining Texas C-BAR, Megan served as a Presidential Management Intern with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fort Worth and Washington DC. Her interest in economic development stems from her work as an Americorps VISTA member with Campus Compact in Massachusetts.

The economic development and childcare initiative is an outgrowth of Texas C-BAR's strategic plan and work to target issues affecting the quality of life in Texas's most disadvantaged communities. Through the new initiative, Texas C-BAR will devote additional staffing and client outreach to serving nonprofits that operate job readiness and training programs for low-income workers, provide affordable child care, or offer other economic development services. C-BAR will also create a comprehensive legal toolkit for nonprofit childcare providers. The initiative offers exciting and diverse opportunities for volunteer attorneys to work with nonprofits in this field, including legal work on contracting, leasing, and employment issues. For more information on our economic development and childcare initiative, please contact Megan Sylvester, at (512)447-7707, ext. 317. [🏠](#)



Megan Sylvester

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Alexandra Schatzow–Haynes & Boone
Phillip Schmandt–Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
Lee Schwartz–Haynes & Boone
Cheryl Scott-Ryan–Clark, Thomas & Winters
Morgan Sheinberg–Warre–King & Spalding
Mark Tattoli–Haynes & Boone
Alethia Theisen–Bracewell & Patterson
David Tomek–Vinson & Elkins
Laura Tyson–Baker Botts
Shelton Vaughan–Weil, Gotshal & Manges
Derek Willis–Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati
Phyllis Young–King & Spalding
Joe Yu–Baker Botts


State Bar Sections Partner with Texas C-BAR

Texas C-BAR is currently partnering with three sections of the State Bar of Texas. In addition to providing financial support, the Corporate Counsel Section is helping Texas C-BAR recruit more in-house counsel for Texas C-BAR's pro bono referrals. Texas C-BAR is also partnering with the State Bar Business Law Section and the Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Section, both of which have provided Texas C-BAR with a \$5,000 grant and are assisting with recruitment of transactional lawyers. The Litigation Section has also given Texas C-BAR a \$5,000 grant. [🏠](#)

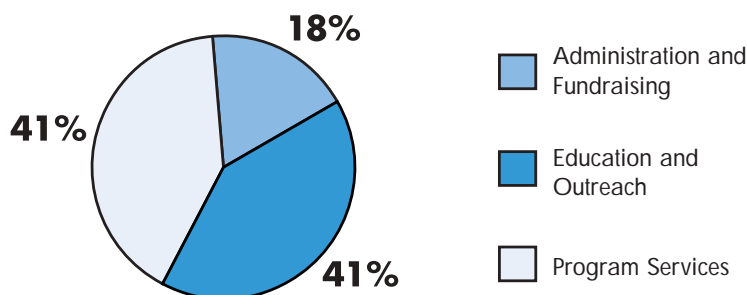


Texas C-BAR Makes Every Dollar Invested in 2002 Count... Three Times

Texas C-BAR is extremely grateful to the donors who support our work. Our newest funders include: the Bank of America Foundation, Bank One, the Houston Endowment, the Kayser Foundation, the Fannie Mae Foundation, Skadden Arps, and the State Bar Corporate Counsel Section.


Every dollar invested in Texas C-BAR is multiplied almost three times in the value of free legal services delivered to nonprofits. Maximizing the impact of these resources and using them wisely guides every decision we make. Texas C-BAR divides its resources between three areas: education and outreach (workshops, publications, on-line resource center, attorney and client outreach); program services(client intake, referrals and direct services); and administration and fundraising. In 2002, Texas C-BAR continued to demonstrate outstanding stewardship by allocating over 80 percent of its resources to directly strengthening nonprofits working to make Texas a place where all families can succeed. 

2002 ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES



Texas C-BAR Resource Center: Updates

If you haven't visited the Texas C-BAR Resource Center in a while, you should take a few minutes to review the numerous legal documents and links for nonprofit organizations and the attorneys who represent them. The Center, located at www.texasbar.org, has recently added twenty documents under the Real Estate folder.

The Resource Center also offers another opportunity for Texas C-BAR volunteers. We are constantly looking for additional legal resources and ideas for the Resource Center. If you have documents or ideas to offer, contact D'Ann at djohnson@trla.org. 

Upcoming Legal Workshops for Nonprofits

Employment Law for Nonprofits

March 12, 2003

Dallas

Presented by James Birch, Hughes and Luce

Sponsored by the Center for Nonprofit Management

Nonprofit Legal Compliance Training

March 25, 2003

Houston

Presented by D'Ann Johnson, Texas

C-BAR, and Brandy Copley, Skadden Arps

Co-sponsored with LISC

Nonprofit Legal Issues

April 10, 2003

Bryan

Sponsored by the Brazos Valley

Volunteer Leader's Network and the

City of College Station

How to Form a Nonprofit CDC

June 24, 2003

Corpus Christi

Co-sponsored with TACDC

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Texas C-BAR receives numerous requests to present workshops throughout the state. Training materials and powerpoint presentations are available for volunteer trainers. If you are an attorney interested in assisting with C-BAR workshop presentations, please contact D'Ann at djohnson@trla.org.

About Texas C-BAR

Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR) is a statewide business law 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 Rural Legal Aid, Texas C-BAR currently partners with more than 35 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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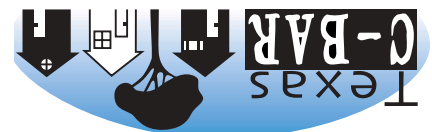
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