# TARRANT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2016-2017 Committee Volunteer Form

#### **Administrative Committees**

**Judicial Evaluations & Polls** - Upon the request of the Board of Directors, develops and distributes judicial candidate qualification and preference polls in election years, and a judicial evaluation poll during non-election years.

**Strategic Planning** - Will prepare a long-term strategic plan to guide the direction and future of the Bar Association and will also prepare short-term plans to direct specific areas, as appropriate.

## **CLE Committees**

**Bench Bar Conference** - Plans and conducts an annual Bench Bar Conference for the TCBA attorney and judicial members.

**CLE Seminars** - Plans and conducts CLE seminars on varying topics of interest to all members of TCBA, including the Brown Bag Seminar Series as well as the Juvenile Law Seminar.

### **Communications Committee**

**Editorial** - Assists the Editor and Staff Editor in publishing the Bulletin and soliciting legal articles for the publication.

### **Membership Committees**

**Diversity Program** - Promotes active involvement and participation of ethnic minority attorneys.

**Fee Arbitration** - Reviews and hears disputes between clients and attorneys regarding attorney fees. Also hears disputes between attorneys regarding fees.

**Lawyer Referral & Information Service** - Oversees the LRIS Rules & Regulations; provides educational workshops for staff, and promotes the LRIS to TCBA membership and the public.

**Membership** - Promotes membership in TCBA and solicits new members, as well as researching new member benefits, reviewing proposals from vendors and promotes benefits and services for the membership.

**Transition to Practice/Mentor Program** - Seeks experienced attorneys to mentor young lawyers in developing their practice of law and help plan CLE programs to further educate them on the daily practice of law.

#### **Social Events**

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Court Staff Appreciation Awards Reception & Court Coordinator Seminar - Assists in the selection of the recipients of the Outstanding Staff Awards and plan the reception honoring the court staff and the award recipients. Also plans and conducts annual CLE seminar for Court Coordinators.

**Docket Call Socials** - Coordinates socials, including seeking sponsors and securing locations.

Holiday Party - Plans and coordinates the annual Holiday Party.

**Law Day Awards Dinner** - Plans the annual awards dinner and coordinates with subcommittees of the various awards including Blackstone, Professionalism and Silver Gavel.

**Rodeo Gathering -** Plans and coordinates the event that kicks off the Rodeo season. Assists in soliciting sponsors and auction items

**Women in the Law Luncheon** – Plans and coordinates an annual luncheon honoring women attorneys. Assists in soliciting sponsors.

## **Community Service Foundation Committees**

The following committees are underwritten by the Tarrant County Bar Foundation. Volunteers are provided by TCBA members.

**Annual Food Drive** - Plans and coordinates the annual drive for the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

**Bears & Friends Project** - Coordinates the collection of bears and other stuffed animals for National Adoption Day and the Family Courts.

**Big Brothers & Big Sisters** - Acts as a liaison between the local law firms and the Big Brothers & Big Sisters agency (which matches adults in one-on-one mentoring relationships with local children.)

Blood Drive - Plans and coordinates the annual blood drive.

**Elder Law** - Presents programs on various areas of law to senior citizen groups as requested. Updates the Elder Law Handbook as needed.

**LegalLine** - Seeks volunteers for the bi-monthly LegalLine, a free call-in public service, and solicits sponsors for refreshments for volunteers.

**National Adoption Day** – Assist with planning the annual National Adoption Day event usually held in November.

**People's Law School** - Plans and coordinates an annual event to provide free information and education on the legal system to the public.

**Tarrant County Volunteer Attorney Services (TVAS)** - Develop a network of lawyers to assist low-income citizens who otherwise could not afford counsel.

**Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans (TLTV)** - Develop a network of lawyers to assist veterans who otherwise could not afford counsel and to develop and assist a pro bono legal clinic for veterans.

**Tortfeasors** - Plans the annual fundraiser program, is responsible for getting acts and sponsors and help with staging the program. All monies raised are used to fund the Community Service Committees below.

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