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A Letter from the President



Nick Pesina

Dear
Colleagues and
Friends:

Happy
Independence
Day! As we
celebrate the
Fourth of July,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the importance of freedom and the crucial role we play in preserving it. This holiday isn't just about fireworks and barbecues—it's a reminder of the values that our country was founded on—justice, equality, and the rule of law.

As lawyers, we have a unique responsibility to uphold these values. Every case we take on is an opportunity to stand up for what's right and ensure that everyone has access to justice.

This Independence Day, let's renew our commitment to these principles. Let's strive to be the best advocates, counselors, and champions of justice that we can be. Our work makes a real difference in people's lives, and we should be proud of that.

So, as you enjoy the festivities with your friends and family, take a moment to think about the impact of our work and how we can continue to make a positive difference in our community.

Thank you to our past presidents and board members; I am humbled and honored to serve as your president for the upcoming year. We have a fantastic slate of directors with some new faces and other familiar ones, ready to improve your experience as members of the SCBA.

As always, if there is anything we can do to improve the local bar, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you all a fun and meaningful Independence Day!



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Thank You

Dear Smith County Bar Foundation donor,

Thank you for the generous scholarship award of \$500. It has brought me tremendous joy to hear that this year I was named the recipient of this scholarship from the East Texas Communities Foundation. I'm so appreciative of your generosity and plan to achieve great goals with this scholarship. I recently graduated from Early College High School, and this fall I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in Political Science. This would hopefully be the start of my journey into law, my career path of choice. A path where I hope to be able to help others in the same way you have helped me. I will be able to focus on my academic career and stress less on finances with the generosity of your scholarship. One day, I hope to be able to support other students' future endeavors the way you have supported me.

Thank you again for your generosity,
Aryana Gutierrez

Thank You

Dear Smith County Bar Foundation donor,

I am writing to thank you for the generous \$500 scholarship I recently received from the East Texas Communities Foundation. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as this year's recipient.

I am a recent graduate of Tyler Junior College in Tyler, TX. I am a junior at UT Tyler and am majoring in Criminal Justice. Upon graduation, I will begin applying to law schools across the state in hopes of becoming an attorney. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goal.

This scholarship will help lift my financial burden while attending college and allows me to focus on my academics. Your generosity is an inspiration. I hope to someday be able to give back to students the way you have given to me.

Thank you again for this investment in my future.

Sincerely,
Victoria Bradley



2024 STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING DALLAS

SCBA was well represented at the State Bar Annual Meeting. Kristina Ross served on a panel discussing details of sports and entertainment law. Jim Huggler presented on procedural due process and municipal courts. And, the Hon. Diane deVasto and John Payne were recognized as 50-year lawyers!



Many thanks to the
Smith County
Criminal Defense
Lawyers Association
for their tradition of
inviting the public to
join in the reading of
the Declaration of
Independence and
for reminding all of
us why we celebrate
the Fourth of July!



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RECRUITING PROGRAMS

October Recruiting Program
October 8 - 15, 2024

Register by September 6

Spring Recruiting Program
February 24 - March 5, 2025

Register by January 20

Questions?

Contact Beth Lee (beth@smu.edu) or Smitha Mathews (mathews@smu.edu)

On behalf of the SCBA,
Social Committee Co-Chairs
JIM NOBLE AND NATHAN THAUWALD

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AUGUST 1, 2024
4:30 TO 6:30

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We now have auto renew!

Important SCB Dates

SCBF Board Meeting

July 10, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

SCYLA Board Meeting

July 18, *2nd Floor Blackstone Building, 12-1p*

Monthly CLE

July 19, *1836 Texas Kitchen, 12-1p*

SCBA Board Meeting

July 24, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

HAPPY HOUR!!

August 1, *True Vine on the Square, 5-7p*

The Smith County Bar office will be closed July 24 - July 26 due to the Bar Leaders Conference in Houston.



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