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A Letter from the President



Nick Pesina

Final President's
Message – June 2025

Dear SCBA Members,

As my term as President of the Smith County Bar Association comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a humbling and rewarding year.

Much like the practice of law itself, serving in this role has reminded me (again and again) how fortunate we are to be part of a profession rooted in service, integrity, and resilience. I continue to be amazed by the caliber of attorneys we have here in Smith County. Your professionalism, generosity, and dedication to the community set a high standard, and it has been my honor to serve alongside you.

Whether you attended an event, volunteered on a committee, mentored a colleague, or simply paid your dues to help keep the lights on, your contributions have made a difference.

I appreciate your support of the Smith County Bar Association not just this year, but every year.

This is also the start of our new membership year. Our members are what make our Association; please be sure to renew! And, if you have friends, coworkers, or colleagues who are not a part of the SCBA, invite them to join or invite them to one of our functions, so that they can see the benefits of membership.

Finally, I am excited to pass the gavel to Marisa Allen, who will begin her term as our next SCBA President. Marisa brings experience, energy, and a deep commitment to this community, and I know the SCBA will continue to thrive under her leadership.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I'm grateful for this experience and even more grateful for the friendships, lessons, and memories that came with it.

With sincere appreciation,





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The Story of Passman & Jones and the Zapruder Film



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Your membership in the Smith County Bar Association gets you access to incredible programs like this, along with opportunities to network with and learn from a variety of other legal professionals. If you need more perks, come for the great food at Willowbrook! And, if you are lucky, you may get to hear some great piano playing by our own, Al Thigpen!



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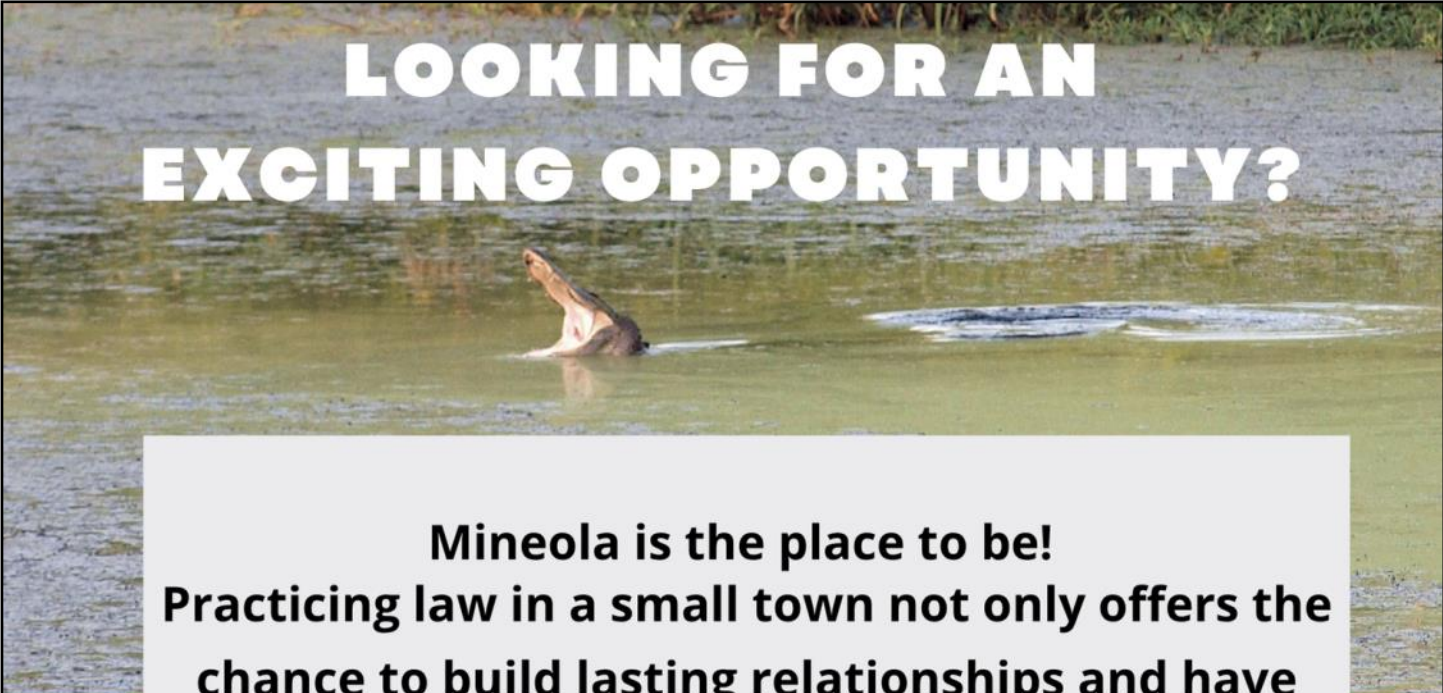
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State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
 June 19-20, *San Antonio*

SCBF Board Meeting
 June 11, *People's Petroleum Building, 12-1p*

SCYLA Board Meeting
 June 19, *Genecov conference room, 12-1p*

SCBA Board Meeting
 June 26, *Genecov conference room, 12-1p*

SCBA Renewal Celebration
 June 30, *True Vine on the Square, 4:30-6:30p*

SCBA Office Closed
 June 18-20, *State Bar Annual Meeting*

Smith County Courthouse Closed
 July 4



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