



WOMEN AND THE LAW
STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Mission Statement

The mission of the Women and the Law Section is to encourage and facilitate the active and effective participation of women in the legal profession and in the community, and to address women's current needs and the issues affecting them. Some of the projects the section has undertaken to fulfill this mission include:

- Helping pass the first alimony bill in Texas history.
- Supporting sexual predator legislation and legislation to prohibit gender discrimination in private clubs.
- Helping plan and produce one of the State Bar's first telephone CLE seminars with a national audience and national speakers.
- Honoring Sarah T. Hughes, an outstanding woman judge and mentor, by making a major contribution to furnish the Sarah T. Hughes Reading Room at the University of North Texas.
- Providing speakers on legal topics from the women's perspective for schools and civic groups, and more!



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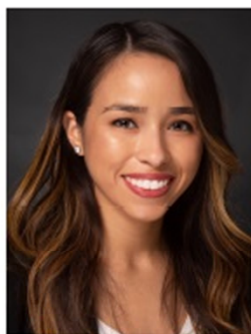
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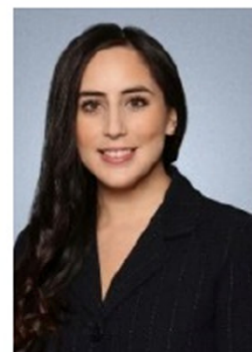
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The Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award

In 1992, The State Bar Women and the Law Section established the Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The award honors the accomplishments of women who have achieved outstanding recognition in their professional area and who, by doing so, have paved the way for success for other women attorneys.

The Sarah T. Hughes Women Lawyers of Achievement Award Past Recipients

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| 2019 | Adrienne Braumiller | 2005 | Pauline Higgins |
| 2018 | Hon. Elizabeth (Peach) Ray | 2004 | Charley Farris |
| 2017 | Hon. Hilda G. Tagle | 2003 | Justice Alma L. Lopez |
| 2016 | Jan Woodward Fox | 2002 | Susan Horton |
| 2015 | Carol Dinkins | 2001 | Justice Barbara Rosenberg |
| 2014 | Justice Eva M. Guzman | 2000 | Justice Ann McClure |
| 2013 | Nancy F. Atlas | 1999 | Evelyn H. Bierry |
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| 2010 | Linda Reyna Yanez | 1996 | Frances "Sissy" Farenthold |
| 2009 | Jeanne C. "Cezy" Collins | 1995 | Barbara Jordan |
| 2008 | Janette Johnson | 1994 | Dean Barbara Aldave |
| 2007 | U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith K. Guthrie | 1993 | Louise B. Raggio and Harriet Miers |
| 2006 | Judge Barbara Lynn | | |



The Louise B. Raggio Award

(formerly the MA'AT Justice Award)

Louise Ballerstedt Raggio was a lawyer who was the first woman lawyer in almost everything she did from being an assistant district attorney to being the lawyer who oversaw creation of the Texas Family Code to being named the first voting emeritus council member of the Women and the Law Section.

The Ma'at Justice Award was established in 1995 to recognize and celebrate individual attorneys or an association of attorneys who have contributed to the furtherance of justice in our society.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section 2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition Recipient

Khyra Kolidakis

University of Houston law Center



Khyra Kolidakis is originally from Chicago, Illinois, and she graduated from high school in Tracy, California. Khyra attends the University of Houston Law Center and intends to graduate in December of 2020. She plans to practice family and probate law, hopefully returning to Chicago at some point to help take care of her mother and little sister. Khyra loves to sing and is an active member of her church choir.

**State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section
2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition Recipient**

Tara Bush

University of North Texas at Dallas



Monthly 1 Hour CLEs



May 2020

COVID-19 and the FFCRA: What Employers Need to Know Regarding Mandated Paid Leave



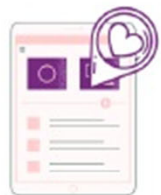
April 2020

Intellectual Property Traps in Contracts



March 2020

**Personal Branding in the Workplace:
Increasing Your Visibility and Confidence at Work**



February 2020

Premarital and Postmarital Agreements



January 2020

Closing the Wage Gap with Smart Negotiations

Monthly 1 Hour CLEs



December 2019

Knock, knock! Who's There? CPS



November 2019

**Implications of Implicit Bias on Women in Law Practice:
from our Careers, to our Clients, to the Courtroom**



August 2019

**Privacy and Security Issues in Protecting
Client Information in a Growing Cyber World**



October 2019

Tips for Wellness in the Practice of Law

2020 Texas Women Lawyers Annual CLE and Annual Meeting State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section Networking Reception Sponsors



2019 Access to Justice Dinner





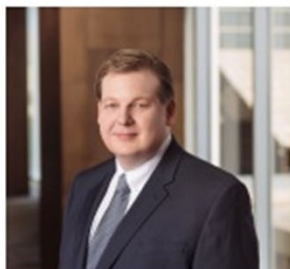
2019 State Bar of Texas Annual CLE Women and the Law Section CLE Identifying and Overcoming Obstacles and Stereotypes



AMY STEWART
Moderator



HEATHER STERN
Panelist



MICHAEL COWEN
Panelist



TONI NGUYEN
Panelist



JEANNE C. COLLINS
Panelist



2019 State Bar of Texas Annual CLE Women and the Law Section CLE



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2019 Texas Bar CLE Women and the Law Section CLE

Sarah T. Hughes

Women Lawyers of Achievement Award Recipient



Adrienne Braumiller

**2019 Texas Bar CLE
Women and the Law Section CLE
Louise B. Raggio Award Recipient**



Judge Diane DeVasto



2019 Texas Bar CLE Women and the Law Section CLE Barbara Culver Clack Award



Teresa Schiller
Waco

**2019 Texas Bar CLE
Women and the Law Section
Law Student Writing Competition
Harriet E. Miers Award Recipient**



Aubrey Eyrolles
University of North Texas
Dallas College of Law



2019 Texas Bar CLE Women and the Law Section 2018-2019 Chair

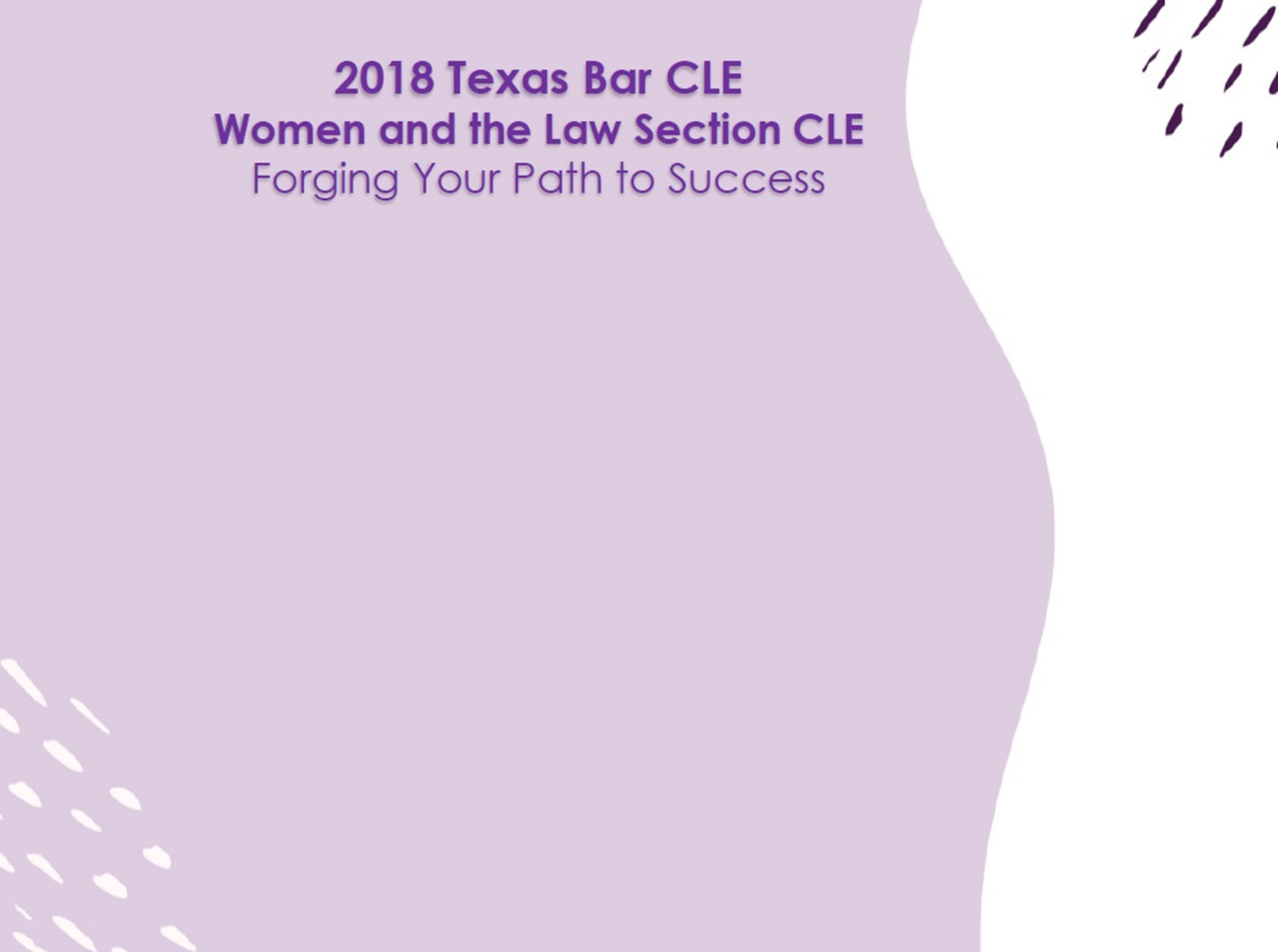


*Deborah Cordova
McAllen*



2018 State Bar of Texas Annual CLE
Women and the Law Section CLE
Impacts of #MeToo Movement

Buena Vista Lyons and Rachel Ullrich, of Ford Harrison, Dallas, presented on the impacts of the #MeToo movement on sexual harassment in the workplace and how the #MeToo movement plays a role in gender pay gaps.



2018 Texas Bar CLE
Women and the Law Section CLE
Forging Your Path to Success

2017 Texas Bar CLE Women and the Law Section CLE

Sarah T. Hughes

Women Lawyers of Achievement Award Recipient



Hon. Hilda G. Tagle
Houston



**2017 Texas Bar CLE
Women and the Law Section CLE
Louise B. Raggio Award Recipient**

Marcy Hogan Greer



2017 Texas Bar CLE Women and the Law Section CLE Barbara Culver Clack Award





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<http://txwomenlawsection.org/join/>



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