

TYLA AT A GLANCE

The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) is a division of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT). TYLA's automatic membership consists of all Texas lawyers who are licensed for 12 years of practice or less. TYLA is the "public service arm" of the SBOT. The volunteer TYLA Executive Committee and Board of Directors assists the SBOT in furthering its mission of facilitating the administration of justice, fostering respect for rule of the law and, most prominently, advancing the role of lawyers in serving the public. Every year, TYLA reviews, creates, and publishes projects and develops, organizes, and shares programming for lawyers and the public to improve the quality of legal services and the functioning of the legal system. Please visit www.tyla.org to learn more or get involved.

NEW TO TYLA

The following projects are some of the newest content to be added to our extensive database:

Adulthood

This project is a website about adulthood as seen through a legal lens, focusing on the most common legal rights and responsibilities associated with adulthood and providing additional resources for navigating the same. TYLA's Adulthood website features topical videos, general guides, links to other resources, and educator resources. It covers such topics as: Voting, Jury Duty, Criminal Law, Contracts, Credit, Consumer Protection, Housing, Employment, and Military Service. The project can be found at <http://adulthood.tyla.org>.

How Texas Courts Work

This project is a website that assists everyone in understanding the Texas court system. TYLA's How Texas Courts Work offers short videos, resource guides, and other information to help Texans navigate the courts and understand their rights and responsibilities under the law. The project can be found at <http://howtexascourtswork.tyla.org/>.

A Lawyer's Guide to Substance Use and Addiction

This project is an updated and rebranded version of TYLA's former BSAFE project. The project includes helpful information and resources for anyone, but especially lawyers, supporting those battling substance use and addiction at all ages.

Sudden Loss Resource

This guide contains a checklist and other information about what to do if a parent, sibling, child, friend, or other loved one passes away unexpectedly and/or without a will. The purpose of this checklist and general guide is to help provide a basic resource for the friends and loved ones of Texans who pass away, expectedly or unexpectedly, without a will (although parts of this checklist will apply even if the deceased has a will). It can be a great starting point for the probate process.

INFORMATIVE PAMPHLETS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

To improve the quality of legal services and the functioning of the legal system, TYLA produces a variety of informative pamphlets and guides on a variety of legal topics. Many of these resources are also available in Spanish.



TYLA RESOURCES FOR NEW LAWYERS

In addition to the multiple resources listed above on a variety of legal topics and skills, TYLA has specific resources available for those new to the practice.

TYLA Checklist for 1st Year Attorneys

This guide helps all our new members navigate their mandatory requirements and recommendations for their first year of practice.

Attorney Wellness Website

This website features speakers sharing their own stories about living with anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. The website is located at www.texaslawyercare.tyla.org.

TYLA Podcasts

- **SHERO** – a podcast celebrating women in the legal profession focusing on Sheroes and the issues and challenges that face women in the law.
- **Young Gunners Podcast Series** – Young Gunners cuts through the noise and discusses practical tips and challenges facing new attorneys in Texas and the United States. The most recent season consisted of interviews and conversations with attorneys sharing intriguing/insightful stories about the different clauses of the Texas Lawyers Creed including stories of how they or someone they know exemplified a phrase of the Texas Lawyers Creed.
- **Practice Areas 101** – Lawyers from across Texas will discuss "what type of law do you practice?" Topics of discussions will include the various aspects of the practice area, including "war stories" and words of advice for law students.
- **Ten Minute Mentor** – These podcast episodes share brief introductions to skills or topics relevant to young lawyers.

Leadership Toolkit for Smaller and Rural Communities

TYLA created videos and written materials for our local bar associations to help them grow, create diversity programs, improve the mental health of its membership, and create a pipeline of leadership through leadership classes.

TYLA Roadshows

The TYLA Roadshow program provides free support and CLE activities to its local young lawyer members throughout the State of Texas.

TYLA RESOURCES FOR LAW STUDENTS

TYLA has additional resources and programs for our aspiring lawyers.

Advocacy Competitions

To help law students enter the practice with greater advocacy skills, TYLA annually partners with the American College of Trial Lawyers to host the National Trial Competition (NTC). As many as 300 teams from over 150 law schools regularly participate in the competition. TYLA also plans, coordinates, and stages the annual State Moot Court Competition during the State Bar Annual Meeting. TYLA also assists with the annual Paper Chase Competition in partnership with Baylor Law School.

Passing the Bar

A bar prep study guide that outlines the overall structure of the bar exam to help students get more comfortable with the exam.

What Do Lawyers Do

A project designed to help students understand a career in the law before, during, and after law school.

COMING SOON TO TYLA

Texas Law Student Hub

TYLA will create a new resource intended to support current and perspective law students. The website will provide current law students with resources, education, and the resources they need to successfully complete their legal education and join the legal profession. The resource will further perspective law students understand what they need to successfully apply and enter law school.

Young Gunners: Pathways to Success

This season of Young Gunners will focus on successful lawyers across a wide range of practices to identify how those lawyers reached their current roles. The episodes assist lawyers understand the skills and development necessary to elevate their practices and chart a path to success in their own practice.

OTHER HELPFUL PROJECTS AND WEBSITES

- **American Juror** – A guide that educates Texans about the importance of jury service.
- **And Justice For All** – A website that aims to educate the public about wrongful convictions
- **Civility for All** – A website dedicated to fostering civility and civil discourse.
- **Healing The Wounds** – A guide for those navigating the legal system after surviving domestic abuse.
- **Iconic Women in Legal History** – A website focused on iconic women in our nation's legal history who have promoted and protected civil rights, fought for equality, and ultimately shaped our present culture and it was designed to educate students about the plight women endured towards legal equality and the continued fight for equality.
- **Justice 101** – A client's guide to the litigation process.
- **Kids in the Crossfire** – A guide emphasizing the impact of parents' behavior during divorce.
- **Safeguarding Our Seniors** – A project dedicated to recognizing and reporting elder abuse.
- **Slavery Out of the Shadows: A Spotlight on Human Trafficking** – An extensive guide to the issue of human trafficking in Texas.
- **Strength in Unity** – A project designed to bridge the gap of misunderstandings between local law enforcement and the communities.
- **The Consequences of Vaping** – This project is a multimedia project which includes written material containing information about the legal and health consequences of vaping, helpful tips for recognizing warning signs, and tips on talking to teens about these consequences.
- **The Little Voice** – A guide focused on recognizing signs of child abuse and explaining your duty to report it.



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