



2023 Law School Commitment to Service Award

This award honors the Texas law school that has most distinguished itself by actively educating its students about access to justice issues, thereby carrying forward one of the finest traditions of the legal profession.

Nomination Criteria

Pro bono service is a critical component of the leadership development provided for law students, assisting them in many aspects of their law school education and preparing them for the practice of law. Academically, pro bono work promotes ethics and professionalism training while also supplementing classroom learning.

Established by the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the Law School Commitment to Service Award is open to all accredited law schools in Texas. The award recipient will be honored at the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony in November. A law school may be nominated by a law school dean, clinic professor, law student, or legal services organization by submitting a nomination form to the Texas Access to Justice Commission. A law school also may nominate itself for this award.

Completed nomination forms may be emailed to atjmail@texasbar.com, or mailed to P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487.

Nominations must be received by 5pm, Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Additional materials such as news articles may be included with a nomination. Please limit supporting materials to four pages so that the total pages submitted for a nomination do not exceed eight.

The nomination form must contain the following information:

1. **Nominee information:** Law school name, Dean's name, address and telephone number;
2. **Nominator's information:** Name, position title, organization, address, telephone number and email address of the nominating individual; and
3. **Synopsis:** A summary (four pages maximum) of why the nominee should receive the Law School Commitment to Service Award, clearly identifying the programs, services and accomplishments in the areas of pro bono and legal service activities which benefit low-income Texans as well as describing the nominee's qualifications for this award.

The award recipient will be a law school whose curriculum, clinics, and student organizations have made a significant impact on the community and reflects the following characteristics:

- A dedication to advocating for underserved populations, demonstrated by involvement from students, staff and faculty work for that population during law school;
- Substantial encouragement for students to engage in pro bono legal service (as opposed to general public service); and
- Number of active public service-oriented law student groups.

The selection committee will review all submitted materials and may consider clinical coursework or summer activities in evaluating nominees to determine the award recipient.

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Nomination Form

On behalf of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the selection committee seeks nominations from the law school and legal services community to honor a law school that has actively encouraged its students to provide pro bono legal services for poor Texans. Please review the award criteria and nominate the school you believe is deserving of such recognition. Self-nominations by law schools are accepted.

The award recipient will be recognized by the Supreme Court of Texas at the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony in November.

Nominee Information

Law School:	
Dean:	
Address:	
City & State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name:	
Organization:	Title:
Address:	
City & State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:

A synopsis of no more than four pages in length describing the nominee's qualifications must be attached to the nomination form. See nomination criteria for description of the synopsis. Additional materials such as news articles may be included with a nomination. Please limit each nomination to eight pages, including supporting materials.

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