

# KATY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## KATY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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*Sarah Springer, Editor*

### **JUNE MEETING AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

#### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS -** **2016-2017 BAR YEAR**

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**Date:** June 27, 2017

**Topic:** **Reflections on Nearly 10 Years in the “Least Dangerous Branch”; the Effects of Politics and Criticism on the Judiciary; and “Ten People You Don’t Want to Be at Oral Argument”.**

**Speaker:** Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Place:** **WILLOW FORK COUNTRY CLUB—NOTE CHANGE!!!**

**Menu:** Delicious salad, entrée, assorted beverages

**Cost:** \$25 for members \$30 for non-members or walk-in members

**CLE:** 1 hour CLE Ethics credit

**IMPORTANT: RSVP NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2017.**

You may RSVP by email to [christy@gtkatylaw.com](mailto:christy@gtkatylaw.com) and pay at the meeting, or you may register on line and either pay via credit card or at the meeting with cash or check. You will also have the opportunity to register for the Featured Lawyer drawing for an additional \$5 paid in advance of the meeting. Entering the drawing at the meeting will cost you \$10. If you RSVP and do not attend or cancel, you are still responsible for your meal's cost. **If you do not RSVP, the meeting cost is \$30.00, but we cannot guarantee you either a seat or a meal.**

### **JUNE CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

Our June CLE speaker, pictured left, is Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Elrod was nominated by George W. Bush and was confirmed by the Senate and commissioned in October 2007. Judge Elrod graduated from Baylor in 1988 and received her law degree from Harvard in 1992. Prior to her appointment to the Court of Appeals, Judge Elrod served as a Law Clerk for Hon. Sim Lake, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1992-1994, was in private practice in Houston from 1994 to 2002, served as an Adjunct Professor at University of Houston Law Center in 1995, and served as Judge, Harris County, 190th District Court.

Judge Elrod's presentation is definitely not to be missed!



Please RSVP to Christy Theander ([christy@gtkatylaw.com](mailto:christy@gtkatylaw.com)) by 1:00 on Friday, June 23, 2017. You may RSVP by paying via our website or by emailing your RSVP to Christy and paying at the meeting. You might want to reserve your place early, as this meeting will be well-attended.

## MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the May meeting, Katy Bar Member Rehan Alimohamad gave an immigration law update as our CLE presentation. Jim Rensimer won the Featured Lawyer drawing and has been prominently presented on every page of our website during the past month.



Pictured left is Rehan Alimohammad during his CLE presentation; below is our Featured Lawyer from the May drawing, Jim Rensimer.



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## COMMITTEES

Committee work is a great way to get involved in your Bar Association, and it's fun! From time to time, ad hoc committees will be formed, so be ready to volunteer to staff those committees. In addition, there are standing committees which always are in need of additional help. Current committees and their chairs are as follows:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE	KERRI GRAHAM
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MEMBERSHIP	GERALD ZIMMERER
YOUNG LAWYERS	KELLY RIZZO
EDUCATION	STU LEVIN
PUBLIC INFORMATION	DAVID FRISHMAN
PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL	KATRINA ROGERS

Please feel free to contact the Chair of any committee in which you have interest. If you would like to volunteer to chair a committee, contact Michael Burg.

## PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEE FAMILY LAW EVENT

May 13, 2017 was all family law at the last People's Law School Event! Alex Hunt and Sarah Springer had a rapt and highly engaged audience as they presented valuable information on procedure and substance related to family law.

The topic at the next People's Law School will be elder law, including a review of the popular topics of probate and estate planning. Specialty topics will include asset protection, Medicaid, guardianships, and end of life planning. Kerri Graham and Christy Theander will be the presenters at the August 12 event.

The next sessions have been scheduled to take place from 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon at the Maud Marks Library on August 12 and November 11.

If you are interested in helping to plan these sessions, assisting on the day of the event, or being a speaker, please contact Alex Hunt at [ahunt@huntlawtexas.com](mailto:ahunt@huntlawtexas.com). The Committee also welcomes additional members. The People's Law School committee is led by Katrina Rogers. Other committee members are Rehan Alimohammad, Tiffany Garraton, Alex Hunt, Kate Marinacci, and Drew Zimmerman.



Pictured above and to the left are Katrina Rogers introducing the speakers to the audience and Alex Hunt and Sarah Springer during their very interesting presentations on family law. There are two more People's Law School events in the offing—don't miss this opportunity to make the Katy Bar Association visible in our community.

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## **KATY YOUNG LAWYERS**

Section Chairs Kelly Rizzo and Kathleen LeFevre are looking for a young lawyer to take over spearheading this section of the KBA and planning future events. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact President Elizabeth Pratt or any of the incoming officers and directors of the Katy Bar.

*Katy Young Lawyers is targeting attorneys under 40-years old or licensed less than 10 years (or both). The purpose of this committee is to provide opportunities for attorneys who live and/or work in the Katy area to meet other attorneys of similar ages and experience levels.*

## **ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTIONS!**

The following Slate is up for election at next week's KBA Meeting which will be held at **WILLOW FORK COUNTRY CLUB** next week, not Hasta La Pasta.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE OF 2017-2018 KBA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

1. President – Michael Burg
2. First Vice President – Alex Hunt
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First Term Directors (will serve two-year terms) – Katrina Rogers, Jim Rensimer, Rehan Alimohammad

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING, PLEASE GET A PROXY FORM (ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER) FILLED OUT AND DELIVERED TO OUR SECRETARY ALEX HUNT OR GIVE YOUR PROXY TO AN ATTENDING MEMBER. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AS WE DO HAVE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS TO GET THIS ELECTION ACCOMPLISHED!**

## **DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2017-2018 KATY BAR YEAR**

The end is fast upon the 2016-2017 KBA Bar year—our last meeting is NEXT WEEK!!! Our official bar year extends from July 1 to June 30 each year. Annual dues are only \$50--we get so much in return for such a small membership fee. The renewal form has been posted on our website, so you can renew your membership conveniently online.

**REMEMBER: YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL OR FIRM INVOICES.**

Take advantage of the many opportunities available to our members to get involved in our Bar. Volunteer for a committee! Come out for a Veterans' Clinic! Volunteer to give a CLE presentation in your field of practice.



Involvement in your Bar Association is beneficial for your professional and your personal lives. There are great people in the KBA who live and work in Katy.

**NOTE: If you joined or renewed your KBA membership on or after April 1, 2017, you will be treated as a paid member through June 30, 2018.**

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## **FEATURED LAWYER**

Congratulations to **JIM RENSIMER** for winning the June 2017 Featured Lawyer drawing. Take a look at our website--the Featured Lawyer is everywhere! The website is optimized and comes up when people are looking for a lawyer in Katy, so it's a great opportunity to be in the drawings for this bar year. You may pay \$5.00 per meeting to enter at the time you register online for the meeting. If you come to the meeting, want to be in the drawing, and you haven't paid in advance, the "on-the-spot" entry will be \$10 for that month's drawing. We will be drawing at the upcoming meeting for the July 2017 Featured Lawyer winner. The proceeds from our website ads and the Featured Lawyer drawings help support the continued visibility and optimization of our website, so please consider participating and supporting our Bar. This is an excellent time to participate as you will not be replaced as our Featured Lawyer until the August drawing!

## **WEBSITE ADS**

Purchase an ad on our website! For a mere \$100, you will be front-and-center with an ad promoting your law practice on the optimized and wonderfully maintained Katy Bar website. If you wish to purchase an ad, please send your check for \$100 to Andrew Weisblatt, KBA Treasurer, 2312 Katy Fort Bend Road, Katy, Texas 77493. You may also pay for your ad online. Please provide full ad content for our use in setting up your ad. If needed, you must secure Bar approval of your content. The ads are rotated in position, so your ad will change in position each time the website is loaded. What a great bargain! Reserve your space now, and help support our website. Ads purchased now will remain on the website through September 30, 2017, so the sooner you purchase, the more time you have to display your ad.

## **KATY AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

The Katy Bar Association has paid dues to become an Associate Member of the Katy Area Economic Development Council. If you are interested in attending KAEDC events as a representative of the KBA, please contact Elizabeth Pratt to advise of your interest. We rotate attendance among KBA members due to the participation limits of our membership.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

### **KBA MEMBER KATRINA ROGERS ADVISES LOCAL TEAM IN STATE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

KBA attorney Katrina Rogers served as the Attorney Advisor for the 2017 Mock Trial Team of the British International School's new Katy location. The team competed in the highly competitive Houston regional tournament in February 2017.

Katrina mentored a team of about eleven students. At the British School, this activity was an after school, non-graded elective. Thus, this was a volunteer effort on all fronts!

Though the team did not advance beyond the Houston regional competition, all team members enjoyed the experience and learned a great deal. Likewise, Katrina reports that she also had a good time working with the students and will happily volunteer again. She also points out that the program is always looking for attorneys to judge and coach the teams, so let us know if you are interested in volunteering for the 2018 competition!

The Dallas Bar Association Mock Trial Committee is responsible for the organization and administration of the statewide high school mock trial program, which was established in 1979. The program's website reports that each calendar year over 150 schools across the state and approximately 2,000 students participate in this advocacy competition. In addition, hundreds of judges and attorneys judge each trial of the competition. The annual statewide Mock Trial Competition is open to all high school students – public, private and home school. To learn more about the program, check [www.texashighschoolmocktrial.com](http://www.texashighschoolmocktrial.com).

### **NEXT VETERANS' CLINIC UPCOMING THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 9 AM TO NOON!**

The Katy Bar Association and the Houston Bar Foundation are partnering once again to host a legal clinic for our area Veterans. The event will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on this coming Saturday, at the Katy VA Outpatient Clinic located at 750 Westgreen Boulevard in Katy. Please consider coming out and volunteering to pay back in a small way the service and sacrifice of our Veterans. It is a great way to get to know fellow KBA members, and to feel really great about volunteer work. Our Vets are always so very appreciative.

If you can come out, please let President Michael Burg know, so we can be sure the clinic is adequately staffed.

**BIRTHDAYS:** We are starting a new feature to wish our members HAPPY BIRTHDAY each month. If you have not sent me your birthday day/month, please do so and you will be included in Happy Birthday wishes in our Newsletter. As there will not be a newsletter during our summer hiatus, best wishes go to the following KBA Members with birthdays in June, July, and August:

**HAPPY SUMMER BIRTHDAY TO KENN CARR, DIANE GUILLERMAN, JACKY FRANKLIN, JOHN KELLY, TERESA LECHNER-FISH, SHERRIE TRAVERS, JULIE WARNOCK, ANNIE TRAVERS REED, SARAH SPRINGER, D.F., ALLISON TRAVERS HAMILTON!**

### **UPCOMING CLE SPEAKERS**

Thanks to the hard work of Second Vice-President Charles Knobloch, we have an exciting roster of speakers for our upcoming CLE Luncheons.

June 27	Fifth Circuit <b>Justice Jennifer Walker Elrod</b>
July	NO MEETING
August 22	<b>Melanie Bragg</b> (Chair, ABA GP Solo Division in 2018-2019) "Solo Practice and a Bunch of Fun Things to Talk About!"
September 26	<b>Jim Lowe</b> , "Driven"
October 24	<b>Walter "Tracy" Walne</b> "Oil and Gas Law for Katy Bar Practitioners"
November 28	<b>Gerald Zimmerer</b> , "eDiscovery under Texas and Federal Rules"
December	No meeting—Holiday Party
January 23	<b>Susan Read George and Charles Knobloch</b> , "BlockChain for Lawyers"

Mark your calendars for these upcoming CLE Luncheons. You don't want to miss out on any of them!



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## TEXAS BAR BENEFITS

There are many benefits available to members through the State Bar of Texas. Did you know that TLAP (Texas Lawyer Assistance Program) has wellness classes for free on line? You can get on the blind notice list by contacting [cameron.vann@texasbar.com](mailto:cameron.vann@texasbar.com). Classes include: Anger and Boundaries; Dealing with Grief and Loss, Lawyer Addiction and Recovery, Lawyers Fighting Back Against Burnout and Depression, Lawyer Happiness, Practical Tips for Lawyer Self-Care, Taking Care of You and Your Colleagues: Donald Davis Story, Unstuck from Depression. There are also in-person wellness groups which are confidential and all lawyers are welcome. In Houston, the meetings are the first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., 303 Jackson Hill, Houston. The telephone number for TLAP is 800-343-8527, website is [www.texasbar.com/TLAP](http://www.texasbar.com/TLAP).

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## **NEWS!**

Send your news and events to Sarah Springer at [sarah@sarahspringerlaw.com](mailto:sarah@sarahspringerlaw.com) for inclusion in future newsletters. We also invite our members to write and submit short posts on recent case law updates or areas of practice, or anything else you think might be a benefit for our members.

Editor: Sarah Springer

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## **THE KBA YEAR IN REVIEW**

***By Elizabeth Pratt***

The Katy Bar Association once again demonstrated its value as a coordinating force for our creative lawyers to come together to educate themselves and our community and encourage students in furthering their studies and perhaps viewing the world through a different lens; to socialize and support one another with shared advice, referrals, and pats on the back; and, to get the word out that the Katy area is replete with legal talent available to serve our community's needs.

What a productive year the Katy Bar Association has had! As the 2016 – 2017 bar year draws to a close this month, let's take a look back at what we accomplished.

Continuing Legal Education. Our bar has hosted nine CLE luncheons, and we are looking forward to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod presenting our tenth and final CLE program of this bar year on June 27, 2017. I extend an additional thank you to these fine speakers who have educated us during the past year:

August 2016 – Teresa Messer (Refugee and Asylum Law)

September 2016 – Gerald Zimmerer (Intro to the Texas Medical Futility Act – When Doctors and Patients Disagree)

October 2016 – Stanley Santire (State and Federal Trade Secrets Laws and the Impact on Texas Workplaces)

November 2016 – Michael Burg (Ethics for the Modern Lawyer)

January 2017 – Teresa Lechner-Fish (What We All Need to Know About Copyright Law)

February 2017 – Richard Nguyen and Andrew Weisblatt (Reviewing a Commercial Lease – A Practical Guide for the General Practitioner)

March 2017 – Geoff Garber (That Qualifies? The Legal Evolution of the Federal Research and Experimental Tax Credit)

April 2017 – Sarah Springer (client conflicts: Common Ethical Dilemmas)

May 2017 – Rehan Alimohammad (U.S. Immigration Law and Executive Orders Update)

As in years past, the Katy Bar Association served up an array of topics that crossed legal specialty borders and provided valuable information that virtually all lawyers will find useful in counseling clients. We look forward to hearing Judge Elrod's unique counsel in June!

Our CLE schedule for the fall is full of interesting speakers thanks to the efforts of our Second Vice-President, Charles Knobloch, and the creative ideas of other members who have proposed topics and dynamic speakers sure to appeal to everyone. We also extend appreciation to Third Vice-President Michael Cramer for his work ensuring that our CLE credit was duly processed by the State Bar. Michael also devoted a great deal of time last fall to developing a candidates' forum. Though we decided to put the forum on hold, we thank Michael for the hours he put in wrangling details.

In addition to our monthly CLE programs, the KBA presented its fourth full-length CLE event in February 2017. This year, KBA provided its members the opportunity to take care of five hours of ethics credits in single day – all in the laid back setting of the Swinging Door. Our speakers were terrific, and we could not have squeezed any more participants into the room! I offer another round of applause to our enthusiastic and engaging speakers, each of whom kept us awake and gave us lots to worry about:

Heather Hughes (U.S. Legal Support, Inc.)

Jett Hanna (Texas Lawyers Insurance Exchange)

Alistair Dawson (Beck Redden, LLP)

Michael Burg (The Burg Law Firm)

Each month, Public Information Committee chair David Frishman reliably put together our press releases, always managing to snare generous amounts of space for us in several publications. Hand in hand with David's efforts, Sarah Springer regularly updated the KBA's Facebook page.

When our members were not busy educating themselves, they were busy volunteering for a variety of KBA projects.

Veterans Clinics. KBA collaborated with the Houston Bar Association and its *pro bono* legal aid arm, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, to staff two clinics offering free legal services to veterans. Thank you to clinic volunteers Kevin Michaels, Katrina Rogers, Michael Burg, Stu Levin, Elizabeth Pratt, Lora Lenzsch, Jeff McCarthy, Elizabeth Rowatt, Kelly Gamble, and Aileen Diaz-Meador. Through these clinics, we were able to help dozens of veterans take care of pressing legal needs. KBA volunteers will staff a third free clinic on June 24, 2017. (There is still time to volunteer for that one! Contact Michael Burg to sign up.)

People's Law School. Through its People's Law School Committee, KBA also extended a helping hand to citizens of the Katy area in need of a better general understanding of integral areas of the law. In February, People's Law School volunteers Harry Herzog and Kate Marinacci provided a wealth of information concerning powers of attorney and the basic principles of planning wills. In May, Sarah Springer and Alex Hunt presented a program covering key aspects of the divorce process. The People's Law School will resume its programs in August, when it will tackle the complex subject of "elder law." Thank you to committee chair Katrina Rogers; committee members Drew Zimmerman, Rehan Alimohammad, Kate Marinacci, and Tiffany Garraton; and, our volunteer speakers for organizing the project, putting together truly top-notch programs, and keeping everything running smoothly. KBA has worked with the Maud Marks Library to plan these events, and we also extend our thanks to the library staff for their supportive, professional collaboration.



High School Mock Trial Competition. Member Katrina Rogers also made the time to train the British International School's mock trial team for the annual statewide mock trial competition sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association. With Katrina as its Attorney Advisor, the team enthusiastically competed in the Houston regional competition in February 2017 and came away from the experience ready to gear up for next year.

Scholarship Programs. This year, KBA based its scholarship program on the theme of the State Bar of Texas's Law Day celebration: "The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." The KBA opened its competition to all KISD high school students, inviting them to submit editorials responding to this prompt: "Why is it important that all people receive equal protection of the laws?" The editorials submitted were thoughtful, scholarly, and inspiring. Selecting the winners was a difficult task. The KBA awarded a total of \$3,250 to our four competition winners. We are proud that our local winner also won first place in the SBOT's statewide competition. Thank you to Chair Stu Levin and the Education Committee members (Andrew Weisblatt, David Frishman, Gerald Zimmerer, Elizabeth Pratt, Teresa Lechner-Fish, and Rehan Alimohammad) for their efforts planning, promoting, judging, and ensuring a memorable awards presentation.

KBA also awarded the \$2,000 Judge Sarah Springer Scholarship to a University of Houston Law School student from the Katy area who was selected based upon her academic performance, as well as financial considerations. External donors contributed the funds to the KBA in honor of Sarah Springer's volunteer efforts and professionalism.

KAEDC Participation. Throughout the year, KBA members attended general assemblies and other meeting of the Katy Area Economic Development Council as representatives of the KBA – keeping up with area development action and increasing awareness of services offered by KBA members.

Behind the Scenes Work. The KBA officers and members of the Board of Directors have been reliable and creative guardians of the organization. I thank all of them for their thoughtful responses to all of my questions and requests for Board action of one sort or another as the year flew by. The KBA will miss the counsel of outgoing directors Grace Nwanguma and David Heller. Thank you, also, to directors Michael Burg, Rebecca Hafner, and Teresa Lechner-Fish, who will continue on as either directors or officers.

Our bar relies on officers who regularly perform necessary work behind the scenes each month. Our Secretary, Alex Hunt, prepared our meeting minutes and has handled coordination of our election process, while also serving on the People's Law School Committee. Our Treasurer, Christy Theander, faithfully, month after month, managed the collection of RSVPs, dues, luncheon fees, and all other payments flowing in; paid our bills; and, maintained our membership roster and assisted in coordinating with our webmaster.

This year, we continued to improve our internal resources, tweaking the website and identifying ways to streamline the membership enrollment process. I extend a heartfelt thank you to Gerald Zimmerer for creating a master database of all current and "recent past" former members.

Socializing! We're not "all work and no play," of course. In December, our members took time out to attend the holiday dinner party planned by Kerri Graham. Everyone enjoyed the gathering, made special by the thought Kerri put into the details and the gracious hospitality of Joe and Kerri in opening their home to all of us.

The newly formed Katy Young Lawyers Committee also played its part in increasing the KBA's social quotient. Under the leadership of Committee Chair Kelly Rizzo and her collaborator extraordinaire, Kathleen LeFevre, the KYLA put on three events: a kick-off meet and greet in September 2016; a trivia night in December 2016 ; and, an April 2017 celebration of both the end of tax season and the joys of crawfish season. All attendees gave these events glowing reviews on all counts. (The rest of us may start crashing them next year!)

Newsletter. A look back at our busy year would not be complete – and would not be nearly so vivid – without a loud round of applause for our Newsletter Editor, Sarah Springer. For two years, Sarah has tirelessly pulled together updates, photographs, and legal news each month to keep our members current on both KBA doings and news from our community of bar members. We have an abundance of top-level legal talent in our association, but I believe we are a special local bar because we also look for ways to get to know each other as people with families, dogs, interesting hobbies.... The newsletter created by Sarah served as a coordinating force for that purpose. (If you have missed any of our newsletters, you can find them all on [KatyBar.org](http://KatyBar.org).)

I also extend a sincere thank you to Sarah Springer in her capacity as “Past President” for serving as an always-helpful resource as I took over the responsibilities of President. I hope to pass the enthusiasm and support forward to KBA's next President, Michael Burg.

Have a good summer, everyone!

**KATY BAR ASSOCIATION PROXY VOTE**  
**2017-2018 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

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3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	:	Rebecca Hafner
Secretary	:	Gerald Zimmerer
Treasurer	:	Andrew Weisblatt

Directors:

1 <sup>st</sup> Year :	Katrina Rogers
1 <sup>st</sup> Year :	Jim Rensimer
1 <sup>st</sup> Year :	Rehan Alimohammad
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year :	Sarah Springer (completing Director term of Rebecca Hafner)

\_\_\_\_\_ I cast my vote to elect the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominations Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I vote for the slate of candidates except for the following write-in votes:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> VP : \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

First Year Directors:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Second Year Director (partial term)

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a member in good standing of the Katy Bar Association.