

promote the highest degree of professionalism, education, fellowship, and excellence in the practice of family law.” The section conducts pro bono CLE seminars across Texas. Attorneys may attend the seminars free of charge if they agree to take at least two pro bono cases. In 2021, the six seminars resulted in over 120 pro bono cases assigned to various family law attorneys. Six seminars are also scheduled for 2022. On the subject of CLE, despite another year of uncertainties, the CLE course directors continued the proud tradition of presenting the highest-quality educational content, which remains the best in the country. Further, the section’s team of authors and committees remain hard at work providing cutting-edge publications and resources. These helpful items are available at the online store on the recently updated section website: sbotfam.org/shop. The Family Law Section welcomes you to roll up your sleeves and join the work of the section.

GENERAL PRACTICE, SOLO AND SMALL FIRM

Travis “Cho” Sherwood, Chair

This year has been filled with more ups and downs as we all continue to adjust our law practices and lives in a pandemic world. The section remains committed to assisting general practitioners, solos, and members of small firms (five attorneys or less) across the state in any way possible. The section encompasses many areas of the law and tries to stay up to date on State Bar activities while promoting policies that are helpful to solos and small firms. The section regularly publishes the *General Practice Digest*, sponsors the Annual General Practice Institute at Baylor Law School, and hosts a popular CLE event at the State Bar Annual Meeting. The section is focused on providing more CLE opportunities for its members this coming year as well as hosting live networking events in an effort to get people back together. Please let the section know how it can help you.

GOVERNMENT LAW

Kuruvilla Oommen, Chair

The Government Law Section

provides resources and services for its members who represent governmental entities across the state. The section provides e-blasts to its members with caselaw updates and a list of CLEs for government lawyers. The section is continuing to work on an initiative to establish legal specialization in local government law to recognize the distinct practice area and the breadth of knowledge required for practitioners. In the fall of 2021, the section hosted its first live event since the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic—a Road Show CLE in Bryan for government lawyers. The section plans to co-host the annual Government Law 101 and Advanced Government Law courses on July 6-8, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio. Speakers are slated to present foundational topics for new government lawyers as well as updates and emerging issues for seasoned practitioners.

HEALTH LAW

Gregory N. Etzel, Chair

The Health Law Section’s mission is to provide quality educational and collaborative opportunities for a diverse array of attorneys and other legal professionals who represent a multitude of interests within an ever-evolving health care industry. The section’s signature event continues to be the annual Texas Health Law Conference, co-sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association, in which an estimated 13 hours of quality health law CLE is offered for those interested in maintaining their practice focus or specialization certification. After two years of virtual programming, the section is excited to host this year’s 35th annual conference in person at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center in Austin on October 9-11, 2022. During the pandemic, the Health Law Section focused on virtual educational programming and outreach, including a significant upgrade to the section’s website. The weekly e-newsletters provided by the section tracking proposed and adopted Texas rules and regulations are easily accessible on the more user-friendly website along with other section information. In 2022, the

section will continue to use these virtual tools and platforms while returning focus to the in-person educational and outreach programs that have been central to the collegial and cooperative nature of members’ experiences.

HISPANIC ISSUES

Jaime Vasquez, Chair

The Hispanic Issues Section, or HIS, continued “raising the bar” this year. Starting with rebranding its newsletter to *HIStoric* and increasing the frequency of its newsletters and announcements, HIS continued to keep its members informed of the section’s activities and benefits. HIS repeated its successful statewide fundraising at the 2nd annual LAWteria, a virtual fundraiser based on the family game “Lotería.” HIS adapted the game, supplementing traditional pictures with those of Hispanic law “firsts” and other contemporary figures. HIS raised over \$56,000 and all of the proceeds went to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation to help Texans most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Combined with last year’s fundraiser, HIS has raised over \$100,000 to date toward this worthy cause. HIS also initiated a bar review scholarship program, which will assist law students across the state to afford bar review courses. HIS continues to provide timely, practical, and cutting-edge CLEs, including topics covering “COVID-19 and In-Person Trials,” “Navigating the Federal Court Appointment Process,” “Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence,” “Employment Law,” “Immigration Law,” “Campaign Finance,” “Criminal Law,” and “Legislative Updates.”

IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY LAW

Beatriz Hernandez, Chair

The Immigration & Nationality Law Section continued to strive to provide valuable resources for its membership as we all navigate the constantly evolving U.S. immigration climate. The section continued with its commitment to membership to provide free CLEs on cutting-edge immigration topics through the fourth-Tuesday monthly lunch CLE. The section also worked on website updates, complete with a CLE bank and pro bono resources. The section’s