

## State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting Events

As in past years, HIS will conduct and/or co-host several events at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas on June 22-23. **All events will be held on Thursday, June 22.** HIS will conduct its Annual Section Membership Meeting from 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm, to include the election of officers for the 2017-2018 bar year, followed by its Annual Reception, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. HIS annual awards will be presented at the reception including the Reynaldo G. Garza Lifetime Achievement Award, given to an attorney or judge who has demonstrated a long commitment and made great achievement in addressing concerns and issues affecting the Hispanic community and the Hispanic Bar in Texas and has worked toward advancing diversity and access to justice in the practice of law; the Pete Torres, Jr. Community Service Award, given to an individual or organization that has demonstrated a history of service and commitment to the Hispanic community; and the James W. Wray, Jr. Founder's Award, given to recognize exceptional achievements on behalf of the Hispanic legal community.



We are also excited to host a CLE program from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm on some timely issues affecting the Hispanic community, presented by experts in the areas covered. The CLE topics and speakers are as follows.

***Immigration Law Update*** presented by: Jenna Carl Jabara, Catholic Charities of Dallas; Mary Elizabeth Dedillo-Pereira, Senior Immigration Counsel, Mexican-American Legislative Counsel; and John Amaya, Obama Administration Homeland Security Senior Advisor and Attorney at Law.

***Voting Rights Update*** presented by: Mimi Marziani, Texas Civil Rights Project; Nina Perales, MALDEF; and Tomas Lopez, Brennan Center for Justice, New York City.

***The Past, Present and Future of Minority Participation*** presented by: Gloria Leal, Gloria Leal and Associates; Jose “Joe” Escobedo, Jr., Escobedo & Cardenas, LLP; Honorable J. Manuel Banales, Retired Senior Judge; and Angelica Hernandez, Linebarger Gogan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

In addition, HIS will co-sponsor a ***Diversity Forum*** with the African-American Lawyers, Asian Pacific Interest, LGBT Law, Native American Law, and Women and the Law Sections. The forum will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 9 am to noon. The topics of discussion will be: ***The Law of Affirmative Action at a Half Century*** and ***Intersectionality: The New Legal Imperative*** featuring HIS Vice Chair, the Hon. Gina Benavides, Justice, 13th Ct. of Appeals as panelist.

**Please join us for these events!**