



YOUR STATE BAR

SELF-GOVERNANCE

Texas lawyers have the ability to practice law in a self-regulated profession with an independent grievance system. Since the bar's inception, Texas lawyers have retained the right to approve proposed disciplinary rule changes in referenda elections and vote on members of the board of directors, which governs all manner of bar administration, programs, policies, and budget management. Learn more at texasbar.com/board.

POWERFUL LEGAL RESEARCH TOOLS

The State Bar of Texas offers its members free access to Fastcase. Fastcase has merged with Casemaker to offer a comprehensive set of legal resource tools under one platform. For more information, go to texasbar.com/legalresearch.

TEXAS BAR CAREER CENTER

Grow your career with the free services available through the Texas Bar Career Center. Search for jobs, sign up for job alerts, post your resume, and access other career resources. For more information, go to texasbar.com/careercenter.

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TEXAS LAWYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program confidentially helps lawyers, judges, and law students who are concerned for themselves or a colleague with regard to general well-being, mental health, or substance use issues affecting the practice of law. TLAP provides support and referrals, peer assistance programs, and much more. TLAP can be reached 24 hours a day by calling or texting **800-343-TLAP (8527)**. Additional resources are available at tlaphelps.org.

ETHICS HELPLINE

Texas-licensed attorneys may call **800-532-3947** with ethics questions related to professional conduct rules, ethics opinions, and some caselaw. The helpline is staffed by ethics attorneys from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. More ethics resources can be found at texasbar.com/ethics.

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MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES

The State Bar of Texas has negotiated special offers and discounts on a variety of resources to help members with the everyday practice of law including:



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Get peace of mind with health insurance and a retirement plan that work for you.



Technology

Discover the latest tools and programs to keep your firm in the know.



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Make your practice more efficient with new tools and programs.



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TEXAS BAR JOURNAL

The *Texas Bar Journal*, published monthly except for a combined July/August issue, includes informative articles about legal technology trends, caselaw updates, and practice tips along with orders from Texas' highest courts. Thanks to an alliance with William S. Hein and Co., State Bar members have free access to a complete archive of the TBJ, from 1938 to the present. Read the TBJ online and access its archives at texasbar.com/tbj.

TEXASBARCLE

TexasBarCLE offers members more CLE options than any other Texas provider. Choose from hundreds of live programs, webcasts, and online classes. The TexasBarCLE Online Library offers free access to more than 2,500 ethics-related articles. Scholarships are available for lawyers who need financial assistance. For information, including how to apply for scholarships, go to texasbarcle.com.

FACTS

Lawyers in Texas pay lower membership fees than those in almost every other state where a mandatory unified bar performs regulatory functions.¹

Lawyers who live in states that have voluntary bars are still required to pay annual licensing fees, most often to government-sanctioned bodies that are charged with the regulation or discipline of the profession.

Texas lawyers pay membership fees as follows:

- Licensed <3 years: \$68
- Licensed 3-5 years: \$148
- Licensed >5 years: \$235

Attorneys age 70 or older are exempt from paying membership fees if they have filed a written notice requesting enrollment as an emeritus attorney. If you have questions about emeritus status, please contact the Membership Department at **800-204-2222**.

With some exceptions, attorneys also must pay an annual legal services fee of \$65 imposed by Government Code Section 81.054. This fee is a legislative mandate and is not imposed by the State Bar. The funds are collected and paid to the clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas and remitted to the State of Texas Comptroller. The legal services fees do not fund any State Bar activities. Read more at texasbar.com/fees.

1. ABA Division for Bar Services 2021 benchmarks survey.