

The Council of the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

2025 – 2026 Committee Appointments

By Committee / Sub-Committees

CLE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Lauren Parker / Christina Culver

Deputy chair: William McMichael

Members: TBD by Chair and Deputy chairs through selection of planning committee

The CLE Committee plans and provides all CLE that is sponsored or co-sponsored by the Section, including the Advanced Insurance Law seminar and Insurance 101 course in conjunction with TexasBarCLE, and its associated Casino Night and happy hour(s), including selecting course directors and the planning committee. The CLE Committee is also charged with providing support for Section members taking the Texas Board of Legal Specialization exam and requiring additional CLE resources to maintain certification.

Sub-committees:

Advanced Seminar

Co-Chairs: Lauren Parker / Christina Culver

Members: Catherine Hanna, Jennifer Johnson; Camille Johnson; Hunter Klein; Jason McLaurin; William McMichael; Steve Melendi; Vince Morgan; Matt Rigney

Activities: Appoint the planning committee for Advanced Seminar; plan Advanced Seminar.

Insurance 101

Chair: William McMichael

Members: Matt Rigney

Activities: Plan Insurance 101 course

Virtual/On-Demand CLE Course

Co-Chairs: Daisy Khambatta / William McMichael

Activities: Determine whether any updates or new/additional offerings should be made re: online CLE courses and coordinate production with management staff.

Webinars

Co-Chairs: Daniel Lockwood / Jason McLaurin / Steve Schulwolf

Activities: Plan, produce and market Webinars on topical subjects.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair / Publications Officer: Matt Paradowski

Deputy Chair: Darin Brooks

Sub-committees:

Journal of Texas Insurance Law

Editor in Chief: Matt Paradowski (*per Bylaws, as Publications Officer*)

Managing Editors: Darin Brooks, Christina Culver, Matt Rigney

Associate Editors: Hunter Klein, TBD

Activities: Publish the Journal of Texas Insurance Law under the direction of the EIC; assist in soliciting, selecting (or rejecting), and editing articles.

Right Off The Press

Chair: James Willis

Associate Editors: Shannon Conway, Summer Frederick, Camille Johnson, Daisy Khambatta, Daniel Lockwood

Activities: Track, summarize and post relevant Texas insurance case law on the Section's website and distribute Right Off the Press ("ROTP") email to the Section's members; provide support, as needed, to inform Section members of new developments and other pertinent business.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Marjorie Nicol / Steve Schulwolf

Deputy chair: Jonathan Lisenby

Sub-committees:

Membership

Chair: Shannon Conway

Members: Darin Brooks, Blair Dancy, Camille Johnson, Daniel Lockwood, Steve Schulwolf

(Draws as needed from entire Outreach Committee, including the YL Committee.)

Activities: Provide information and guidance to all other Committees for growing the Section membership and improving Section retention; identify demographics of membership (size range of firms, relevant related practice areas, geographic concentrations, age and experience, and technological capabilities); consider what members expect or request as benefits of membership; analyze data and present a plan of action on outreach options to retain and recruit members; plan member networking events (including happy hours) and recruitment and retention drives at the various Section sponsored CLE events.

Scholarship / Law School Outreach

Chair: Shannon Conway

Members: Darin Brooks, Blair Dancy, Camille Johnson, Daniel Lockwood, Steve Schulwolf

Activities: Evaluate current scholarship programs; implement programs following assessment; assess other options to support law students interested in insurance law; work in conjunction with the Sponsorship subcommittee to raise funds to support scholarship awards.

Sponsorship

Chair (per P&P): Jennifer Johnson (as Treasurer)

Deputy Chair (per P&P): Jason McLaurin (as Secretary)

Members: Christina Culver & Lauren Parker (CLE), Jonathan Lisenby, Steve Schulwolf

The Treasurer has primary responsibility to solicit sponsors, monitor receipt of funding, and ensure sponsor benefits are provided for different levels of sponsorship. The Secretary acts as a deputy chair to prepare to assume these responsibilities the following year. Committee members assist with obtaining sponsors and ensuring benefits are provided.

Activities: Explore and report on strategies for obtaining and expanding sponsors, benefits the Section may/should offer, pricing for various levels of sponsorship, and when/where sponsorships can be displayed and/or advertised; engage and coordinate with Council members to pursue and perpetuate sponsorship relationships.

Website / Social Media

Website Chair: Katherine Knight

Website Article Committee Members: Hunter Klein, Marjorie Nicol, Matt Rigney

Social Media Co-Chairs: Katherine Knight, Marjorie Nicol, Steve Schulwolf

Activities: Improve functionality and user-friendly aspects of the website for Section members and the public; keep the website format and content up to date and relevant; and expand useful website content; solicit, edit and publish articles on the Website; increase visibility and engagement across relevant social media platforms.

Young Lawyers

Chair: William McMichael

Council Members: Chris Avery, Daniel Lockwood, Matt Rigney

Young Lawyer (“YL”) Committee: Shelby Holt, Derick Lancaster, Haley Owen, Karly Houchin, Ronniesha Smith (**Committee resets each fall.*)

The YL Committee is intended to be operated by and for younger lawyers (10 or fewer years of practice, or 40 years old or younger) initially assembled from Section members.

Activities: Provide organizational leadership and continuing coordination between the YL Committee and the Council through the YL Committee representative; connect the Section's young lawyer population with the Council, promote young lawyer involvement, provide young lawyers with the opportunity to learn about Council work, encourage younger lawyers to join the Section through networking events, happy hours, and other social opportunities, and increase involvement of younger members through committee work or other activities.

Other Committees/Task Forces

Nominations Committee

Chair: Rebecca DiMasi

Mandated members: Blair Dancy, Chris Avery

Council: Jonathan Lisenby, Lauren Parker

This is the only Committee whose formation, constituency, responsibilities, and procedures are mandated in the Bylaws. The Committee is responsible for soliciting and reviewing applications for appointments to the Council. Members interview all applicants, confer as a group, and make recommendations to the Council for appointment of new Council members to fill positions that become open at the end of the Bar year. This responsibility extends to recommendations to renew (or not) current Council members whose terms are expiring but and are not yet term-limited. The slate of candidates approved by the Council is then proposed to the Section for election at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee also makes recommendations to fill vacancies that occur during the year, for direct election by the Council. The Committee is also responsible for making Officer recommendations, and for any Judicial Liaisons, for direct election by the Council.

Legends Award Committee (**Sitting Chair appoints members for Council approval.*)

Brent Cooper (former Chair)

Chris Martin (past recipient)

Steve Walraven (former Chair)

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Officers:

Blair Dancy: Chair

- Outreach
 - Membership
 - Scholarship
- Nominations

Chris Avery: Chair-Elect

- Nominations
- Outreach (Young Lawyers)

Jennifer Johnson: Treasurer

- CLE (Advanced)
- Outreach (Sponsorship, Chair)

Jason McLaurin: Secretary

- CLE
 - Advanced
 - Webinars, Co-Chair
- Outreach (Sponsorship, Deputy Chair)

Katherine Knight: Communications Officer

- Outreach
 - Website, Chair
 - Social Media, Co-Chair

Matt Paradowski: Publications Officer

- Journal (EIC)

Rebecca DiMasi: Immediate Past Chair

- Nominations

Elected Council Members

Marjorie Nicol: 3rd Term -- 2024-26

- Outreach (Co-Chair)
 - Website Articles / Social Media (Co-chair)

Lauren Parker: 3rd Term -- 2025-27

- CLE – Advanced (Co-Chair)
- Nominations

- Outreach
 - Sponsorship

Steve Schulwolf: 3rd Term -- 2025-27

- CLE (Webinars, Co-Chair)
- Outreach (Co-Chair)
 - Social Media (Co-Chair)
 - Membership
 - Scholarship
 - Sponsorship

Darin Brooks: 2nd Term -- 2025-27 + 1 yr 2022-23

- Publications (Deputy Chair)
- Journal (Managing Editor)
- Outreach
 - Membership
 - Scholarship

Christina Culver: 2nd Term -- 2024-26

- CLE – Advanced (Co-Chair)
- Journal (Managing Editor)
- Outreach (Sponsorship)

Jonathan Lisenby: 2nd Term -- 2025-27

- Outreach (Deputy Chair)
 - Sponsorship
- Nominations

James Willis: 2nd Term -- 2024-26 + 1 yr 2021-22

- ROTP (Chair)

Daniel Lockwood: 1st Term -- 2024-26

- CLE (Webinars, Co-Chair)
- ROTP
- Outreach
 - Membership
 - Scholarship
 - Young Lawyers

Matt Rigney: 1st Term -- 2024-26

- CLE (Advanced/101)
- Journal (Managing Editor)
- Outreach

- Website Articles
- Young Lawyers

Shannon Conway: 1st Term -- 2024-26

- Outreach
 - Membership (Chair)
 - Scholarship (Chair)
- ROTP

Daisy Khambatta: 1st Term -- 2025-27

- CLE (Virtual/Online CLE, Co-Chair)
- ROTP

Hunter Klein: 1st Term -- 2025-27

- CLE (Advanced)
- Journal
- Outreach (Website Articles)

William McMichael: 1st Term -- 2025-27

- CLE (Deputy Chair)
 - Advanced
 - 101 (Chair)
 - Virtual/Online CLE (Co-Chair)
- Outreach (Young Lawyers, Chair)

Camille Johnson: *1-year Term* -- 2025-26

- CLE (Advanced)
- ROTP
- Outreach
 - Membership
 - Scholarship

Legends Committee:

Brent Cooper (former Chair)

Chris Martin (past recipient)

Steve Walraven (former Chair)