



FACT SHEET

BUSINESS LAW FELLOWS

The Business Law Section is looking for a few good (young or new to the profession) lawyers to work with some of the most prominent business law practitioners in Texas on our projects. Both 2nd and 3rd year law students and lawyers with less than five years of experience in practice should apply.

Each Fellow will be paired with an expert in the project subject to work on a defined, specific project over the course of one year. Here are some examples of projects we have tee'd up:



Good business lawyers need advice from other practitioners about the practical problems they are trying to solve. Since 1983, the Business Law Section has been fielding articles with a practical bent written by practicing business lawyers. This project would have the Fellow sourcing and curating the best practical articles from the business law press and journals around the country; getting in touch with authors and asking their permission to publish articles on our website; and organizing online "symposia" webinars around common topics in the articles. A great way to thoroughly learn about a particular area of practice.



Part of making Texas a great place to do business is proactively monitoring our case law and lending our expertise to judges. This project would have the Fellow working with a mentor to monitor the Texas Supreme Court docket for cases with important business law issues; bringing them to Section leadership for decisions about whether to organize amici briefs; being a part of the decision-making process; and writing case notes on the cases chosen to be published on our website.



In its 88th Session, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to create specialized business courts to operate in a fashion similar to Delaware's Chancery Courts. Many business litigators and transactional lawyers across the state want to know how these courts will handle cases. This project would have the Fellow working with a mentor to monitor the dockets of the initial four business courts set up in the major metro areas as well as the docket of the new 15th Court of Appeals designed to hear appeals of these cases; identifying important business law issues in the cases; organizing online "symposia" webinars around important issues presented; and writing case notes on the cases chosen to be published on our website.

Each Fellow will be invited to our in-person and online meetings, dinners and our annual retreat. The leadership of the Section and committee chairs gather once a year to connect with each other and engage in long range planning for the Section at a resort, alternating between in-state and out of state destinations. Fellows will be invited to the retreat and reimbursed travel expenses. This is a great way to get to know some of the most prominent business lawyers in Texas.

If you are interested in applying for a Fellow position, please submit your application via email through our administrator, Lori Wilkins at Association Management Consultants ("AMC") at lori@amc-texas.com with the subject line "Business Law Fellow" or call for more info at 713-375-2731. An application package is available for download on our website, <https://texasbusinesslaw.org/resource-centers/practice-tips-tools/apply-to-be-a-business-law-fellow>. Fellows volunteer their time. Scheduling project effort will be sensitive to the needs of law students or junior attorneys. The suggested resume line for selected fellows is this: "Fellow in Development of Business Law, State Bar of Texas / Business Law Section" In this inaugural year for the program, we are looking for five people to become Fellows to start in the Fall of 2024. The deadline for applications is September 13, 2024. Come join us, learn a lot about business law and forge relationships with business lawyers who can help you grow in your practice!