BUSINESS LAW SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS

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BUSINESS LAW FELLOWS

Projects to Work On

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 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:

Digital Journal. 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 and getting in touch with those authors and asking their permission to publish articles on our website.

TX Business Courts. 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 Texas Business Court for cases with important business law issues; bringing them to Section leadership for decisions about whether to organize amici briefs; being present with the decision-making process; and writing case notes on the cases chosen to be published on our website.

Short Articles on Timely Topics. For a long time, the Business Law Section has sponsored and published the Texas Journal of Business Law ("TJBL"). After a COVID-related hiatus, we published a new report from our Legal Opinions committee giving advice on how to give legal opinions relating to Texas corporations. It is the first in a series of updates to a greater body of work done 30 + years ago. We are thinking about how to carry that tradition on and are working on short articles (6-8 pages plus footnotes) on business law topics. Our current topic ideas include:

- An update to a 2017 TJBL article on one or more of the myriad causes of action that could be used by a minority equity holder who feels the full value of his/her equity holding has been diminished by actions of the majority
- An assessment of where regulation of digital assets currently stands, given the SEC's recent proposed Regulation Crypto Assets and recent federal legislative activity.

Each article might take on a bite-sized chunk of the topics above. Fellows would work with an experienced practitioner to draft and edit these articles to be published online as the TJBL.

Legal Publishing and Professional Brand. How does any attorney new to the profession become known for expertise and build a practice that follows him or her wherever the attorney goes? In today's very online world, that requires skill in content marketing and creation of a professional network both online and in person. This project would have the Fellow learn about web content management systems ("CMS"), how they affect (and sometimes limit) how an attorney's content can be displayed and how to post content within a CMS for a website; how social media platforms are used for content marketing purposes and practice in creating content marketing for the Section; how to maintain a legal content library online; and how to engage a professional network online.

Annotated Forms. Business law practitioners are looking for guidance on drafting different kinds of contracts and also gaining the benefit of expertise from other practitioners in the field. This project would have the Fellow draft one or more template agreements for governing documents or other common contracts used in the practice; then work with a Mentor to add professional expertise and practice tips.

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Perks, Opportunities & Deadlines
(Check Out the Projects on the Other Side!)

We are looking for up to 10 Fellows to work with us during the year from January 15, 2027 to August 30, 2027 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. Both 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.

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.

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" We are looking for people to become Fellows to start in January of 2027. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2026 for the first cohort. Decisions will be made by January 1, 2027. Come join us, learn a lot about business law and forge relationships with business lawyers who can help you grow in your practice!