

TYLA in Action

Part of the TYLA Executive Committee represented the group in Chicago at the ABA Young Lawyers Division annual meeting, where TYLA and local affiliates in San Antonio and Dallas were successful in winning several national awards.



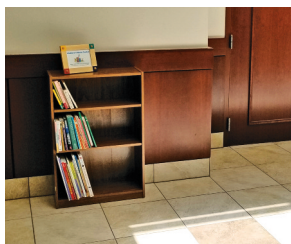
Above: TYLA President Sally Pretorius, TYLA Immediate Past President Baili Rhodes, Cassie Burke, TYLA Chair Aaron Burke, TYLA Treasurer Tim Newman, and TYLA President-elect Victor Flores with his son and wife, Crystal.

TYLA Director Joel Towner participated with the American College of Trial Lawyers on a panel at the Coaches and Competitions Clinic at American College of Law in Washington, D.C.



Above: Dennis Maggi, of the American College of Trial Lawyers; TYLA Director of Administration Tracy Brown; TYLA President Sally Pretorius; TYLA Director Joel Towner; R. Gary Winters, of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and TYLA Project Coordinator Bree Trevino.

New Director Abdul Rahman Farukhi took the lead on launching TYLA's first installation of *Bookshelves in Courtrooms*, a program that provides children with books to read while waiting at court. Kaylan Dunn also provided leadership and guidance on getting this project off the ground.



Podcasts for Grads at Your Fingertips

"The person who asks a question is a fool for a minute. The person who does not ask is a fool for life." —adapted from Confucius



It is back-to-school time, everyone! My social media feed is filled with back-to-school pictures, school zones are in full force, routines are back to normal, and I can't help but feel a little nostalgic—and have a bit of fear of missing out, or FOMO. I seriously thought about dressing my dog up for doggie day care and joining in on all the fun.

But really, this year, back-to-school time had a bit of a different meaning for me. The Texas Young Lawyers Association had the privilege of being invited to several Texas law school orientations to help educate law students about the State Bar of Texas and all that TYLA has to offer them. It was so much fun to see future lawyers sitting there eager to learn. During one of the speeches, it occurred to me that these students' orientations are really the first day of a journey, a career, and a way of life where one learns a little more about the practice of law every day, whether it be the law itself, how to communicate with a client, how to communicate with opposing counsel, or even how to navigate tough ethical issues.

Fall also means that the legal profession is welcoming recent graduates who have taken the bar exam and are eagerly learning the ropes of being a lawyer. They are truly at the beginning of a never-ending learning curve. If my memory serves me—it has been nine years—these young lawyers have questions. And many have "all. the. questions." But many don't know where to go to get them answered. Never fear. The Texas Young Lawyers Association is here to the rescue. In addition to our invaluable *Ten Minute Mentor*, an online resource at tenminutementor.com, that features hundreds of videos covering myriad issues, we are launching a new free podcast series in October. Our practice series podcast will drop about 20 episodes in its first year and feature amazing speakers discussing many topics including:

- Going to Court: What You Need in Your Trial Briefcase
- Doin' Deals: M&A from A to Z
- The Golden Age for Mud Lawyers: The Basics of Oil and Gas Law
- I Object! Effective Use of Objections in Court
- Sign 'Em Up: Drafting Effective Engagement Letters
- Handling Default Judgments
- Achieving Work/Life Balance

The podcasts will be at your fingertips soon via our website, tyla.org, and available for download. We hope you will use these resources to help make learning the law a bit easier.

If you have any suggestions for topics or project ideas, please feel free to reach out to me at sally@koonfuller.com.

Happy learning!

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