

BAR FOUNDATION

Is your name on the Benefactor Wall?



The design is almost completed!

Don't miss out!!

Call Trisha at 817.338.4092 or email at trisha@tarrantbar.org today!!

CONGRATULATIONS TEXAS YLA MENTOR AWARD WINNER JUDGE BONNIE SUDDERTH

Judge Bonnie Sudderth was awarded the Texas Young Lawyers Association Outstanding Mentor Award at the State Bar Annual Meeting on June 27. This is only the second time that this award has been given. The award is given to an attorney who serves as a role model to young lawyers, fosters the development of young lawyers, and significantly contributes to the profession and/or the community.



Based on all the letters written on her behalf from judges, senior and new attorneys, and law students, Judge Sudderth exemplifies all of these qualities and fulfills the purpose of the award, "To recognize an attorney who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community."

2008-2009 TERM OFFICIALLY BEGUN

Installation of the new Officers and Directors for the 2008-2009 term was held at the CLE Luncheon on July 8. Outgoing President Melody Wilkinson performed her last duties by the introduction of guest speaker Harper Estes, the President of the State Bar of Texas.



Mr. Estes spoke on "What You Mean To The Rule of Law." His point was not what the Rule of Law meant to attorneys but to remind attorneys how important they are to the Rule of Law. The Rule of Law is often misunderstood and he offered four fundamental principles:

1. A system of self government in which all persons, including the government, are accountable under the law;
2. A system of fair, well-publicized, broadly understood and stable laws;
3. A fair and accessible legal process in which rights and responsibilities based on those laws are enforced; and,
4. A diverse, competent, ethical, and independent judiciary and bar.

He emphasized that our legal system, which is based upon the Rule of Law, must be made accessible to all citizens. This puts responsibility on each attorney to do his or her part in supporting the legal system. The Rule of Law can be strengthened by knowing, understanding, and living the "Texas Lawyer's Creed -- A Mandate for Professionalism," which affirms in the Creed's first two sentences, "I am a lawyer. I am entrusted by the People of Texas to preserve and improve our legal system."

Then the time came for J. Steven King to administer the oath of office to the President, Heather King, and all the new officers and directors of the 2008-2009 term. These officers and directors are as follows:

President
President-Elect
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Director - Ends 2009
Director - Ends 2010
Director - Ends 2010
Director - Ends 2009
Director - Ends 2010
Director - Ends 2009
Director - Appointed
Director - Appointed
Past President
TC YLA

Heather L. King
John Allen Chalk, Sr.
W. Bradley Parker
Robert Aldrich
Ann Diamond
Michael P. Heiskell
Steven C. Laird
Laurie Robinson
David R. Seidler
Patti Gearhart Turner
Lydia L. Dews
Chris Nickelson
Melody Wilkinson
Leslie Hunt



After the installation, Melody Wilkinson passed the gavel to Heather King, and Past President Mark Daniel presented a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Wilkinson.

