

# Committee & Section Directory 2011-2012

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## Membership Benefits

|  |                                 |                                      |
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| Free Continuing Legal Education            | Social and Sports Events        | Service to the Profession through    |
| Pictorial Roster                           | CLE Material Sales              | Committee Membership                 |
| <i>The Houston Lawyer Magazine</i>         | Conference Room                 | Service to the Community through Pro |
| Bi-Monthly Newsletter Houston Bar Bulletin | Fee Dispute Committee           | Bono Opportunities                   |
| Substantive Law Sections                   | Availability of Mailing Labels  | Discounts on Products and Services   |
| Free Lawyer Placement Service              | Participation in Judicial Polls |                                      |

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## Adopt-a-School

This committee maintains a partnership with B.C. Elmore Middle School to improve the quality of education for students in this North Forest ISD school. The committee implements enrichment programs, seeks donations and recruits volunteers for projects at this "adopted" school.

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*Are you interested in joining a committee in the next bar year, 2012-2013? Watch your mail and the HBA website in February 2012 for a Committee Appointment Request Form, which will allow you to sign up for the committee or committees of your choice. The HBA will try to accommodate your choices, however, there are a few committees that have limited membership. Please remember that reappointment to a committee on which you currently serve is not automatic; you must send in your Committee Appointment Request Form each year. For more information, contact a staff liaison for the committee you are interested in at 713-759-1133.*

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## Elder Law

Committee members visit senior citizen sites bi-monthly to provide legal advice to qualified senior citizens. Additionally, if needed, the committee members assist in securing legal representation for the senior by an HVLP volunteer attorney. The committee also supervises the publication and distribution of the Elder Law Handbook and coordinates an annual Will-A-Thon.

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## Gender Fairness

This committee examines issues related to gender fairness in the legal profession and develops programs that provide a forum for discussion of issues related to gender fairness, including training and support for attorneys. The committee promotes awareness of these issues within the profession and encourages law firms and corporate legal departments to set policies that promote gender fairness.

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