

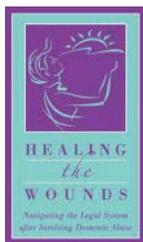
TYLA in Action



The Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers are seeking volunteers to judge the preliminary rounds of the National Trial Competition finals. The top 28 law school teams from across the country will compete in the mock trial competition from April 4 to 8 in Austin. Judges are needed for the preliminary rounds of the national finals taking place at the Texas State Capitol as follows:

- Round 1: 8:15 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 5;
- Round 2: 1:15 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 5; and
- Round 3: 8:15 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 6.

All necessary materials will be provided prior to the round. Additionally, each attorney can receive three hours of CLE self-study credit for being a judge. If you are interested in judging, please sign up at texasbar.com/ntc2018 or send an email to tylantcjudge@gmail.com.



Healing the Wounds: A Guide to Navigating the Legal System After Surviving Domestic Abuse was created to inspire and educate victims of domestic violence trying to escape abusive relationships. The 20-minute video is available in both Spanish and English and provides details on how to obtain a protective order or temporary restraining order and information on what to expect during a divorce. The goal of the video is to alleviate fear and confusion that arise when victims begin navigating through the court system and to educate the victims of what legal protections are available.

Women: Our History and Our Future



My 3-year-old is full of sass and spunk and generally runs our household. What she believes, she declares as irrefutable fact, and I do not know a person stubborn enough to win an argument with her. Recently, she has determined that she, like her mother, is a lawyer. She proudly shares this with day care workers, friends, and strangers in the grocery store checkout line. What's more, she believes that all women are lawyers. While I chuckle at these bold assertions and the way the 3-year-old mind understands the world, I am also grateful that she lives during a day and time where no one contradicts the fact that she might one day be a lawyer—or whatever she sets her mind to do. With March comes Women's History Month, a time for us to reflect on the women whose perseverance brought us to the point where we are today. It is also a time to look to our future and ways that we can encourage women in the legal profession and in our communities.

The Texas Young Lawyers Association has a number of projects designed to address issues often faced by women. *Pregnancy and the Workplace* provides information about employee rights and employer obligations when an employee is expecting a baby. The Lawyers Who Lunch blog (lawyerswholunchblog.com) features articles regarding work-life balance. *Not a Victim* (notavictim.tyla.org) and the upcoming *Free From Violence* empower and provide resources for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. *I Was the First. You Can Be a Lawyer Too!* (iwasthefirst.tyla.org) showcases interviews with and about a number of first-generation lawyers, including six women who were the first attorneys in their families. Viewers can discover what made these women successful and learn about the impact they had on our nation.

Additionally, TYLA is taking steps this month to serve women in need. Each year, TYLA makes an effort to host Ladies Night Out events in women's shelters across Texas. With the help of local affiliates, TYLA directors organize a night of pampering by volunteer hair stylists, manicurists, and others that also includes donated toiletry gift bags and dinner featuring a presentation of "Healing the Wounds: Navigating the Legal System After Surviving Domestic Abuse." Young lawyer volunteers also are available to answer basic legal questions from guests.

In honor of Women's History Month, I hope you will take time not only to learn about historical contributions made by women, but also to support your female colleagues and recognize their achievements. If you have an interest in hosting a Ladies Night Out event or bringing another TYLA project to your community, please contact me or your local TYLA director—we would be happy to help you.

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