



You're **LEGENDARY**

TEXAS IS HOME TO APPROXIMATELY 113,000 ACTIVE LAWYERS, comprising about 0.35% of the state's population. As we welcome more from the recent July bar exam, it's important to reflect on the crucial role lawyers play in our society. Though they make up a small fraction of the population, their impact is farreaching. Lawyers serve as creators, interpreters, and enforcers of the rules that shape our legal system and society. Guided by principles of justice, fairness, and service, they uphold the rule of law and ensure that rights are protected and justice is served.

The legal profession is one that demands integrity, dedication, and a deep sense of purpose. To choose to be a lawyer is to choose to be part of something greater than oneself. Lawyers play a critical role in defending our legal rights and advocating for justice. They are often entrusted with the well-being of others at some of the most vulnerable moments in life. Few professions offer such a direct and meaningful opportunity to make a tangible difference.

The small percentage of lawyers in society reminds me of a similar statistic from my favorite game, Hearthstone. In Hearthstone, a digital collectible card game, players compete against one another to climb the ranks. From bronze to silver, then gold, platinum, diamond, and ultimately, legend. Only about 0.5% of players ever reach the coveted legend rank, a status reserved for the best of the best—those who demonstrate superior skill, knowledge, and decisionmaking, often in the face of fierce competition.

In many ways, lawyers are the "legends" of our society. Like top-tier Hearthstone players, lawyers must rely on skill, knowledge, and good judgment to succeed. They collaborate, support one another and work tirelessly to achieve significant outcomes. As we welcome new lawyers into the fold, they should be reminded that they are joining a noble profession, deeply rooted in the pursuit of justice and service to society. Let's support them as they begin their journey, so they too can succeed and help strengthen this noble profession.

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