

Greetings and humble salutations,

To each one who joins me on this 'Journey to JD', I extend my warmest, southern welcome to you! I am delighted and honored to serve you as the Chair of the Law Student Division, representing the diverse and dynamic community of law students. As we journey through law school, each of us brings a unique background and set of experiences. I understand these complexities because I, too, am an unorthodox law student, returning to law school after a previous career in social work. I am committed to using the advocacy skills I gained to serve and support each of you!

Membership in the State Bar of Texas is more than just a credential—it's a gateway to a wealth of resources designed to enhance your legal education and career. Those who have come before us understand the importance of nurturing future generations, and it is in this spirit that the Law Student Division serves under the Texas Young Lawyers Association, as a dedicated public service arm.

We offer a range of resources, including scholarships to help alleviate the financial burden of law school. All of which can be accessed here: **texasbar.com/lawstudentdivision**.

Law Student Division members also receive FREE registration to TexasBarCLE. You can claim MCLE credit for many of the courses once you are licensed in Texas and may use this opportunity to distinguish yourself by becoming eligible to join the Texas Bar College, an honorary society of lawyers and paralegals who are leaders in the Texas legal community and champions of legal education (texasbarcollege.com). You must register by phone, email, or mail. Space availability may limit free attendance. For more information, please call (512) 427-1574 and ask for a registration form for Law Student Division Members.

Other benefits include:

- **Complimentary subscription to the Texas Bar Journal**: Your monthly journal subscription will be sent to the mailing address you provided during registration.
- Access to the Texas Bar Private Insurance Exchange: A multi-carrier private exchange for State Bar of Texas members, their staff and dependents, and Texas Law Students. Learn about insurance options and start shopping on the exchange by visiting https://texasbar.memberbenefits.com.
- Extensive list of discounts and benefits: Enjoy discounts on legal publications, financial services, insurance, and other essentials needed during law school. Learn more about the many benefits available for division members through the easy-to-navigate, one-stop shop at https://texasbar.com/memberbenefits.

Please know I am available to address any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the Law Student Division. We work as a team so you may also connect with your on-campus student State Bar Representatives and ask for information about scholarships and opportunities. Remember, you *are* capable! You *can* do this!

Warm regards, Tesia Lisbon, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Chair, State Bar of Texas Law Student Division t.lisbon4238@student.tsu.edu