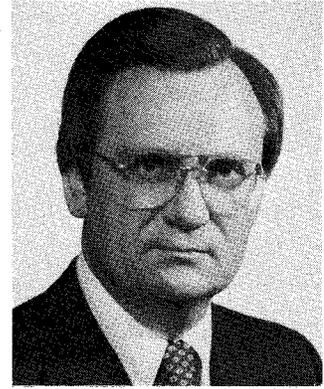


President's Page



Wayne Fisher

Out on the Point

One of the most important services the State Bar of Texas provides its members is continuing legal education. I believe we have one of the outstanding programs in the nation to help our members improve their skills and knowledge.

To help maintain our incentive and desire for these services, we are forming The College of The State Bar of Texas. Jim Bowmer and others have worked hard to create this vehicle through which we can recognize and honor those who voluntarily participate in the CLE process.

This is very important since about half the bar does not think we should have compulsory CLE.

A lawyer may become a member of the College by attending 80 hours of CLE over a period of three or less calendar years. At least three hours of study will be required in the field of professional responsibility. As many as 20 of the 80 hours may be completed by self-study through viewing videotapes, listening to audio tapes or attending an organized in-office educational program.

Programs sponsored by many different bar associations and specialty bars will be recognized as qualifying for credit. The State Bar of Texas will thereby continue to encourage other organizations to maintain high quality legal education programs.

To maintain membership in the College, a lawyer will be required to attend 27 hours of CLE during the membership year. As many as seven hours may be completed by self-study.

Once again, I think we are "out on the point" in one of the most vital areas that affects each of us as licensed lawyers.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Fisher".