

# Charter Members of the College of the State Bar Are Certified

Thirty-eight lawyers, having completed three years' requirements within a single year, were certified as charter members of the College of the State Bar of Texas on Jan. 26, 1983, at the Texas Law Center. The presentation took place at a joint luncheon of the members of the Supreme Court of Texas and the executive committee of the State Bar of Texas.

State Bar President Orrin Johnson presided, College Board Chair-

man Jim D. Bowmer congratulated the charter members and explained the history and purposes of the College, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Jack Pope presented certificates to those charter members who were able to attend.

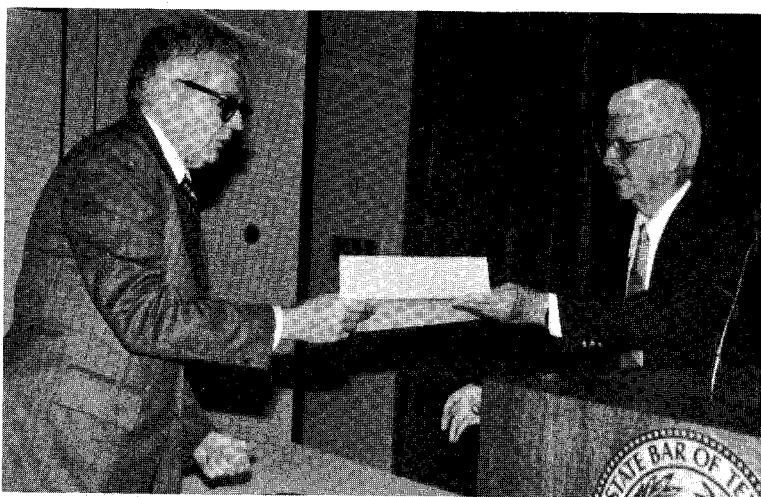
The College of the State Bar of Texas was created by order of the Supreme Court of Texas for the purpose of recognizing members of the State Bar who maintain and enhance their professional skills

and the quality of their service to the public by significant voluntary participation in continuing legal education. Beginning Jan. 1, 1982, lawyers were entitled to credit toward membership, with three years allowed to complete the initial requirements.

The requirements for membership in the College are set out in the regulations, which follow on the next page.



*Jim D. Bowmer of Temple, Chairman of the College Board, addresses the charter members and explains the history of the College.*



*Chief Justice Jack Pope presents a certificate to J. Chrys Dougherty, the first charter member of the College to qualify.*

# Charter Members

Travis Richard Alley, Austin  
Cecil W. Bain, San Antonio  
Cornelius Joseph Calnan, Houston  
Allan A. Cease, Harker Heights  
Joseph A. Connors III, McAllen  
Eugene A. Cook, Houston  
Knut L. Dietze, Victoria  
J. Chrys Dougherty, Austin  
Jerry G. Du Terroil, San Antonio  
Michael C. Eddings, Houston  
Barry H. Edelman, San Antonio  
Dana Ehrlich, Follett  
James J. Ertl, Tarrytown, N.Y.  
James A. Evans, Houston

Logene L. Foster, Sugar Land  
Judge David Hittner, Houston  
Kay Elkins Hodgson, Dallas  
Dean Jerome Johnson, Houston  
William H. Kincaid, Bowie  
Rodney C. Koenig, Houston  
David J. Kreager, Beaumont  
Mark W. Laney, Plainview  
Edward E. Lindsay, Houston  
David P. Lindsey, Houston  
Kenneth Longacre, Houston  
Thomas Wilson Lowe III,  
Fort Worth  
G. Laird Morgan, Dallas

John F. Nichols, Houston  
James R. Ray, Jr., Waco  
Virginia Rodriguez, Houston  
Thomas G. Sharpe, Jr., Brownsville  
Russell B. Smith, Dallas  
Janet Stockard, Austin  
J. David Tracy, Fort Worth  
Robert Paul Walker, Port Arthur  
Frank G. Waltermire, Houston  
Charles M. Wilson III, Dallas  
Larry D. Woody, Victoria

## The College of the State Bar of Texas Regulations

### I. Purpose

The purpose of the College of the State Bar of Texas is to recognize lawyers who maintain and enhance their professional skills and the quality of their service to the public by significant voluntary participation in continuing legal education.

### II. Administration

- A. The president of the State Bar of Texas shall serve as president of the College.
- B. The director of the Professional Development Program shall serve as dean of the College.
- C. The Board of the College shall supervise its operation and accredit sponsors and programs.
- D. The Professional Development staff of the State Bar shall be responsible for the administration of the College.

### III. Eligibility

All members of the State Bar of Texas in good standing shall be eligible to become members of the College upon satisfying the membership requirements.

#### I. Membership Requirements

##### A. Initial Requirements

1. 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 must be in the field of professional responsibility. As many as 20 of the 80 hours may be completed by self-study. Self-study credit may be given only for viewing videotapes, listening to audiotapes, or attending an organized in-office educational program. Time spent viewing videotapes at an organized open enrollment program counts as conventional CLE and is not subject to the self-study limitation.

2. Upon qualifying, applying and being accepted, a lawyer shall become a member of the College for the calendar year immediately following the last calendar year of the initial qualifying period.

##### B. Maintaining Membership

A lawyer may maintain membership by attending 27 hours of continuing legal education during the membership year. At least one hour must be in the field of professional responsibility. As many as seven of the 27 hours may be completed by self-study. If a lawyer so qualifies during the membership year, the membership shall be renewed for the following year. Membership may be renewed annually as

long as the lawyer satisfies the requirements.

##### C. Reinstating Membership

A lawyer who fails to satisfy the requirements during a calendar year may reinstate membership by satisfying the requirements during the following or any succeeding calendar year.

##### V. Sponsors

A. Programs sponsored by the following organizations shall qualify for credit:

1. Law schools accredited by the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools.
2. District and local bar associations in Texas.
3. State Bar of Texas.
4. Texas Center for the Judiciary.
5. Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project.
6. Texas Trial Lawyers Association
7. Texas Association of Defense Counsel.
8. Texas District and County Attorneys Association.
9. Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.
10. Texas Association of Bank Counsel.
11. Southwestern Legal Foundation.
12. American Law Institute-

- American Bar Association.
13. American Bar Association.
  14. Practising Law Institute.
  15. National College of District Attorneys.
  16. National College for Criminal Defense.
- B. Sponsors not named above may apply to the Board of the College for recognition for their programs.
- C. The Board may recognize or withdraw recognition from any sponsor.
- VI. Credit Computation**
- A. Credit for attending programs shall be based on net actual instruction time, which may include lecture, panel discussion, question-and-answer periods, and video or film instruction in an organized presentation. Self-study credit shall be based on actual time of self-study in the manner and subject to the limits set out in section IV.
- B. Sponsors are encouraged to calculate the number of hours of credit which should be given for any program offered, using the above guide, and indicate the number on the program brochure.
- C. If the Board of the College is of the opinion that the credit computations of a sponsor are inaccurate, it may notify the sponsor and

- require appropriate modification.
- D. Program participants may receive credit for actual preparation time, not to exceed four times the presentation time of an initial presentation and not to exceed eight hours preparation time in any one year. Program participants may also receive credit for actual presentation time, including credit for repeated presentations.
- E. Authors of written material published by an accredited sponsor may receive credit for actual composition time not to exceed eight hours in any one year.

**VII. Attendance Records**

A lawyer who desires to qualify for membership shall, following each program attended, certify the date, location, title, sponsor, and number of hours. The certificate should be mailed promptly to the College of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, and the lawyer should keep a copy. The College retains the right to audit certificates against attendance records.

**VIII. Application**

During any December, a lawyer who wishes to apply for membership may submit an application listing each program attended during the qualifying period, including date, location, title, sponsor and number of hours. The application

may list the number of hours spent in self-study, specifically identifying the videotape or audiotape or in-office program for which credit is claimed. The application may list hours claimed by program participants for preparation credit or by authors for composition credit. The application should identify any study in the field of professional responsibility. The application should be mailed to the College of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711.

**IX. Certificate Issuance**

As soon as the applications have been processed, certificates of membership in the College will be mailed to those applicants who have satisfied the membership requirements.

**X. Fees\***

The Board of the College may set an enrollment fee and an annual membership fee.

**XI. Effective Date**

The effective date of the College of the State Bar of Texas is January 1, 1982. Programs attended before that date do not count for membership credit.

\*Effective 1/28/83, the enrollment fee has been set at \$30 and the membership fee has been set at \$25. There is no enrollment fee for persons who enrolled before that date.

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 Registrar  
 State Bar College  
 P.O. Box 12487  
 Austin, Texas 78711

My \$30 enrollment fee is enclosed. Please enroll me as a candidate for membership in the State Bar College. I will keep you advised of my attendance at legal education programs.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Card Number \_\_\_\_\_