

## **FACT SHEET**

## **BUSINESS LAW FELLOWS**

The Business Law Section is looking for a few good (young or new to the profession) lawyers to work with some of the most prominent business law practitioners in Texas on our projects. Both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year law students and lawyers with less than five years of experience in practice should apply.

Each Fellow will be paired with an expert in the project subject to work on a defined, specific project over the course of one year. Here are some examples of projects we have tee'd up:



Good business lawyers need advice from other practitioners about the practical problems they are trying to solve. Since 1983, the Business Law Section has been fielding articles with a practical bent written by practicing business lawyers. This project would have the Fellow sourcing and curating the best <u>practical</u> articles from the business law press and journals around the country; getting in touch with authors and asking their permission to publish articles on our website; and organizing online "symposia" webinars around common topics in the articles. A great way to thoroughly learn about a particular area of practice.



Part of making Texas a great place to do business is proactively monitoring our case law and lending our expertise to judges. This project would have the Fellow working with a mentor to monitor the Texas Supreme Court docket and the Texas Business Courts for cases with important business law issues; bringing them to Section leadership for decisions about whether to organize amici briefs; being a part of the decision-making process; and writing case notes on the cases chosen to be published on our website.



As a companion to the Business Courts monitoring project, we are putting together collections of "Pre-Business Court" Texas cases on a set of business law topics. The goal is to set a baseline about what Texas law says about these issues. This project would have the Fellow collect up to 25 cases that are important in development of the law on a topic at hand; work with a mentor to review and determine which are the most important and write case notes on the cases chosen to be published on our website.



The Section has experts writing guidance for Texas lawyers who have to give legal opinions in transactions about a variety of topics. This project would have the Fellow working with experts to research areas of Texas law that are key to delivering legal opinions.

Each Fellow will be invited to our in-person and online meetings, dinners and our annual retreat. The leadership of the Section and committee chairs gather once a year to connect with each other and engage in long range planning for the Section at a resort, alternating between in-state and out of state destinations. Fellows will be invited to the retreat and reimbursed travel expenses. This is a great way to get to know some of the most prominent business lawyers in Texas.

If you are interested in applying for a Fellow position, please submit your application via email through our administrator, Lori Wilkins at Association Management Consultants ("AMC") at <a href="lori@amc-texas.com">lori@amc-texas.com</a> with the subject line "Business Law Fellow" or call for more info at 713-375-2731. An application package is available for download on our website, <a href="https://texasbusinesslaw.org/resource-centers/practice-tips-tools/apply-to-be-a-business-law-fellow">https://texasbusinesslaw.org/resource-centers/practice-tips-tools/apply-to-be-a-business-law-fellow</a>. Fellows volunteer their time. Scheduling project effort will be sensitive to the needs of law students or junior attorneys. The suggested resume line for selected fellows is this: "Fellow in Development of Business Law, State Bar of Texas / Business Law Section" We are looking for people to become Fellows to start in July of 2025. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2025. Decisions will be made by June 15, 2025. Come join us, learn a lot about business law and forge relationships with business lawyers who can help you grow in your practice!