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Pro Bono Legal Services Program Receives Texas Veterans Commission Excellence Award

AUSTIN – On July 23, 2010, the Texas Veterans Commission presented State Bar of Texas President Terry Tottenham, the Commission’s Excellence Award in recognition of his leadership in creating Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans, a State Bar of Texas program that develops and assists pro bono legal clinics for veterans across the state.

“The Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Program provides much needed legal representation and advice to veterans who are facing challenges as a result of being deployed or from their military service,” said Tina Carnes, Texas Veterans Commission General Counsel. “Now our counselors who are helping veterans find jobs or file disability claims have a resource for those veterans who cannot afford or do not have access to legal services.”

The clinics provide pro bono representation to veterans for civil issues and, in some instances, criminal cases.

“Our military servicemen and women have made great sacrifices in duty to their country,” said Tottenham. “As lawyers, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a great many veterans — and in the families of soldiers who did not return.”

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans legal assistance clinics are currently operating in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth. 17 additional bar associations across Texas have expressed interest in implementing programs.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission, visit www.tvc.state.tx.us.

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