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The newsletter of the Aviation Section of the State Bar of Texas
October, 2019

Message from the Chair:



Welcome to the Aviation Section of the State Bar of Texas! I'm Andrea Palmer, the Chair of the Aviation Law Section for 2019-2020.

Our Section has been growing a lot over the past few years. In addition to our CLE during the State Bar Annual Meeting, and our morning breakfast-taco CLE during SMU's Air Law Symposium, our half-day CLE and networking happy hour in San Antonio is now an annual event – this will be our third year, and we're excited to watch that program grow.

This summer we held a section dinner the evening before our Annual Meeting CLE. I really enjoyed the opportunity to visit with our amazing speakers in an informal setting, and meet our members. I hope you will attend our dinner at next summer's meeting, this year in Dallas.

We had an opportunity to expend our scholarship program in 2018-2019, for the first time opening applications to students at all Texas law schools who have an interest in practicing aviation law. This year's recipient was Austin Turman; I really enjoyed hearing his presentation at the Annual Meeting, and am excited to meet our applicants this year.

Our goal this year is to focus on member engagement. The aviation legal community is tight-knit throughout the United States, and even more so in Texas. We want to focus on that collegiality this year and get more members active. The Section needs members to assist with the following projects:

- Submissions for our Newsletter
- Planning Fall CLE in San Antonio
- Reviewing scholarship applications
- Planning Spring CLE at SMU Air Law Symposium
- Working on Board Certification for Aviation

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects, please [email](#) me today and I will get you in touch with the Section Officer who is running that project.

I look forward to engaging with our members more directly this year, and hope to meet you in person during one of our events!

Andrea M. Palmer
Chair, Aviation Law Section
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Aviation Law Section Fall CLE

Friday, November 8, 2019, Lunch noon; CLE 1:00 p.m.

The Aviation Law Section Fall CLE 2019 returns to San Antonio on November 8th at Hotel Valencia on the Riverwalk. This year our program will include lunch, followed by a half-day program of CLE, and finally a networking happy hour. [Click here to register now!](#)

- Dr. Rawson Wood, MD, Biodynamic Research Corporation - *Injury Causation Analysis*
- Rick Alimonti of Alimonti Law Offices, PC - *Ethics in the Ether: Interactive Ethical Scenarios in Handling Aviation Claims*
- Amy Voigt Xenofos, Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, NASA - *TBD*
- Kristin Newman, Anderson & Riddle, LLP – *Updates in Aviation Venue Law*

Aviation Law Section Meeting & CLE

During SMU's Air Law Symposium

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Note the new date! We will be hosting our meeting and CLE accompanied by breakfast tacos and coffee! See you at the Omni Mandalay in Las Colinas.

Aviation Law Section CLE

At the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Save the date for our half-day CLE at the State Bar Annual Meeting at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas! We will also be putting together a Speakers Dinner the night before – if you would like to attend, please contact [Andrea Palmer](#), Chair.



If you are interested in sponsoring any event, including sponsoring a happy hour or dinner during a CLE meeting, please contact [Andrea Palmer](#), Chair.

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Scholarship Update:

The Aviation Section of the State Bar of Texas is excited to announce the winner of the 2019 Aviation Law Scholarship: Austin L. Turman, a rising 2L at the University of Houston Law Center. Austin's interest in aviation comes from his father, a USAF veteran of the Gulf War who spent twenty-eight years as an air traffic controller with the FAA. Austin hopes to obtain his pilot's license after law school, and pursue a career in aviation litigation or the FAA. Austin gave a brief presentation at our meeting during the State Bar Annual Meeting on June 13th, 2019.

Congratulations Austin!

Andrea M. Palmer, Vice Chair

Pamela Hicks, Member

Wayne Fagen, Member

To read Austin's brief, click [here](#).



The Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is pleased to announce the launch of the 2019 Aviation Section Scholarship. Every year, the Section awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student who has an interest in aviation law. All applicants will become members of the Aviation Law Section for one year at no cost to the applicant.

Students who apply must be in good standing at their law school, join the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (we will enroll them), and express a desire to practice in aviation law. Each student will submit a brief discussing a recent aviation case decision. The top five briefs will be posted on the Section's website with credit to the authors. The application deadline is **April 1, 2020**.

The winning brief will be announced by **May 1, 2020**. The scholarship recipient, along with a law-school professor of the recipient's choosing, is invited to attend our Section Meeting to receive the scholarship and give a brief presentation on the case he or she analyzed, and is invited to attend dinner the night before with members and friends of the Section Council. The [Section Meeting and CLE presentation](#) will be held during the State Bar of [Texas Annual Meeting](#) at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas on **June 25, 2020**. Airfare, hotel, and dinner for the recipient and a professor will be paid for by the Aviation Law Section.

We invite you to share this information and the application with your colleagues and encourage law students you know to apply. We look forward to this year's applications!

Paula Knippa, Treasurer

Morgan Schweinzger, Member

[Aviation Section Scholarship Application and Guidelines 2019/2020](#)