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TO: TYLA Board of Directors, Local Affiliate Presidents, and LeadershipSBOT Class Members

FROM: Victor Flores, Chair, TYLA Nominations Committee
Tracy Brown, TYLA Director of Administration

DATE: January 28, 2021

RE: Nominations for TYLA Director Positions – Spring 2021 Elections

Elections for the TYLA Board of Directors are fast approaching. Please help us inform young lawyers in your area about this leadership opportunity by distributing copies of the attached information. The directors elected in this election will represent the 17 odd-numbered districts and the odd-numbered places in multi-director districts. We hope that you will help us find leaders who will work to further TYLA's public service objectives.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

The duties of a director are:

- provide leadership to TYLA and its board;
- attend all board meetings;
- represent his/her district at all board meetings;
- represent TYLA within his/her district;
- advise the board of local needs and programs being conducted within his/her district;
- promote TYLA programs within his/her district;
- report TYLA board actions to members of his/her district;
- fulfill assigned committee responsibilities;
- actively work to further the objectives and meet the responsibilities of TYLA; and
- perform such duties as the President, Executive Committee, or Board may from time to time direct.

NOMINATION PETITION:

Each nomination petition must include the appropriate number of "valid" signatures, which is the lesser amount of five percent or 100 current members whose principal place of business is in the district. (See attached "TYLA Election Schedule" for the specific number of signatures required for each district in this election.)

Extra signatures should be included in case any signatures are determined to be invalid. Signatures can be declared invalid if (1) the attorney's principal place of business is different than that recorded with the State Bar Membership Department, (2) the attorney is not a current member in good standing with the State Bar, (3) the attorney exceeds the age requirement for membership in TYLA, or (4) the information provided cannot be verified.

Because the process of collecting petition signatures can be time-consuming, we suggest that interested persons begin this process as soon as possible. It is very important to include a bar card number for each signature in case the attorney uses a name other than that officially recorded with the State Bar Membership Department or the signature provided is illegible.

Since COVID-19 has required TYLA staff to work remotely and access to regular mail is limited, please forward all completed nomination petitions with cover letter, electronically, to:

Tracy Brown
TYLA Director of Administration
Email: tbrown@texasbar.com

The petition must be received no later than **5:00 pm, March 1, 2021**.