



**STATE BAR OF TEXAS
CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION
2014- 2015 GRANT APPLICATION**

GRANT CRITERIA

The goal of the Corporate Counsel Section of the State Bar of Texas is to serve the unique needs of corporate counsel, many of whom practice in-house (at companies rather than at law firms). The Section seeks to provide training and opportunities for corporate counsel, especially those in-house, to participate in pro bono services. The Section will consider applications for grants from Texas organizations that have or will develop activities or programs to provide pro bono service opportunities for corporate counsel located in Texas. The recipient must use the grant funds to encourage the involvement of in-house counsel in meeting the legal needs of low income or underserved individuals (see questions 7 and 8 of the grant application).

INSTRUCTIONS

Please type or print clearly and answer all questions completely, but as concisely as possible. Use additional lines or attach an addendum, as necessary. If you are unable to answer any of the questions, please give a short explanation why you are unable to answer.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format. You should verify that your application and attachments are received.

DEADLINE: Applications must be sent to the Corporate Counsel Section of the State Bar of Texas no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

Submit your completed application form (with any attachments) electronically to: Pat Allison at pallison@allshoe.com and Michael Marin at mmarin@boulettegolden.com. Please use the Subject line: Corporate Counsel Section Grant Application

Awards are expected to be announced by December 12, 2014. Each applicant will be notified by e-mail of the decision regarding grant recipients.

APPLICATION

General Information:

1. Organization Name:
2. Primary Contact(s) and Title(s):
3. Contact Information:
 - Address:
 - Telephone:
 - Fax:
 - E-mail:
 - Web site:
4. IRS Tax ID Number:
5. Fiscal Year Dates:
6. Give a brief description of your organization, including your mission statement, purpose and goals. Briefly describe the services you provide to your community and the impact of those services.
7. Fully describe the project that is the subject of this grant request. Provide a time-line for implementation and explain your plans for staffing (both employee and volunteer). Attach or provide links to any published material that you feel help describe your project.
8. Describe how the project will enable in-house counsel in the State of Texas to provide pro bono services.

9. State the specific amount of grant money requested from the Corporate Counsel Section and a proposed budget showing how the money you are requesting will be used.
10. Supply the start-date for the initiation of your project and its anticipated conclusion. If this is an on-going project, provide the initiation date and describe how your work is on-going.
11. Describe the size of your project target group, the demographic that will benefit from your project, and the geographic area you intend to serve.
12. List any additional sources of funding and the amounts that are currently committed to your project, including funding sources that are pending and the anticipated decision date.
13. Describe how your project might be funded if the Corporate Counsel Section does not award this grant or does not grant the full amount requested.
14. Would your organization use a law student intern for your project and, if so, how?

By submitting an application, you agree that you will:

- 1) within six (6) months of receiving a grant, provide a report which details the results of your project, includes any written or published materials created with the funds, and provides a full accounting identifying the specific use of all funds awarded, particularly how in-house counsel were involved; and
- 2) recognize the State Bar of Texas Corporate Counsel Section in written or visual materials used in conjunction with the grant.

VERIFICATION

By signing below, you confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature

Printed Name

Date: _____

The maximum amount that will be considered for any individual grant application is \$10,000 and the minimum amount will be no less than \$3,000. Applicants may submit more than one proposal for different projects. Partial awards may be granted.

The Corporate Counsel Section has limited resources and cannot award grants to all organizations that apply. The decision not to grant funds should not be interpreted as a negative comment on either the organization or the project. The Section does not provide critiques or comments on applications and will not discuss the basis for its decision not to grant funds.