

Chair's message, continued...

The Litigation Section, with some 8,000 members from across the State, is a neutral organization comprised of plaintiff attorneys, defense attorneys, judges, mediators, arbitrators, pro bono attorneys and law students.

Through our member benefits, we can provide you with resources and perspectives to enhance your legal practice, including *The Advocate*, *News for the Bar*, *Hot Topics for Trial Lawyers* (found on this very Website) and important CLE presentations.

Additionally, we are involved in a number of educational initiatives, including ethics mentoring in Texas law schools, which is designed to assist the State's law students in transitioning to the real practice of law. We also have several *pro bono* and Grant programs through which we give back to those who have greater needs than we do. If you have extra time or resources to donate to a *pro bono* endeavor, we encourage you to consider the organizations that we support.

This year, we will continue to expand the member benefits by, among other things, tracking Texas legislative initiatives and keeping our members informed of legislative actions that will affect how you practice law.

We welcome your input into what we are doing and how we can best enhance your practice. If you would like to contact us, please feel free to email me at emack@lockelord.com.