



**STATE BAR OF TEXAS
LITIGATION SECTION
2009-2010 GRANT FUNDING CRITERIA**

The Litigation Section considers applications for grants to fund projects which comply with the funding criteria established by the Litigation Section which is set forth below.

1. The project for which funding is requested must have a stated goal.
2. The project's goal must be one calculated to improve the judicial system, the litigation process, legal services or the justice system in the State of Texas.
3. The Litigation Section will consider funding CLE projects that may be of an experimental nature if they are of interest to the membership of the Section and the justice system.
4. The Litigation Section will not fund personal projects or entrepreneurial projects.
5. The Litigation Section will not provide funds to be used for propaganda, lobbying activities or the election of public officials.
6. The Litigation Section does not approve grants for the establishment of or addition to endowments.
7. The Litigation Section does not approve grants for fund-raising events.
8. The Litigation Section does not approve grants to fund operating expenses (utilities, administrative costs, etc.) unless such operating expenses directly support a proposed project.
9. The Litigation Section does not respond to mass appeal solicitations. Requests for grants must be made by written application in the form published by the Litigation Section.

10. The Litigation Section will not commit, in advance, to fund a grant application for the same project on an ongoing, annual basis or for a multi-year term. A project may be considered on an annual basis if a new application is submitted for each project year. As a general rule, no project will be funded for more than two consecutive years, even if annual applications are made, although the Section retains discretion to deviate from this criterion if exceptional circumstances are demonstrated.

11. The project must have a written plan of action or implementation, a detailed budget and a timeline which will facilitate the accomplishment of the goals of the project.

12. Applicants must complete a Grant Application to the satisfaction of the Grants Committee of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. The Grants Committee reserves the right to request additional information, either orally in writing.

13. All grant recipients must submit a report and accounting to the Litigation Section within one year of receiving the grant to identify the specific use of awarded funds, any written or published materials created with the funds, and the overall results of the project.

14. Grant recipients are required to give recognition to the Litigation Section on any printed or visual materials used in conjunction with the grant. Example: "This project was made possible through a grant from the State Bar of Texas Litigation Section."

15. Projects approved for a grant must utilize the grant strictly in accordance with the proposal and budget submitted to the Litigation Section. All awarded funds not expended must be returned to the Litigation Section.