



**Mission:** The African-American Lawyer Section (“AALS”) was founded in 1992 with the mission of promoting the objectives of the State Bar of Texas as they relate to African-American lawyers. The vision has expanded throughout the past twenty-five years, and today we are proud to assist local bars in providing legal education and services to their communities. In the last five years, AALS has proudly sponsored scholarships for students ranging from high school to law school, maintained a strong network of African-American Texas lawyers across the state and nationwide, and hosted our marquee event, the annual State Bar of Texas African-American Lawyers Summit.

#### **How to Join:**

- A member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, upon the payment of dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of the section.
- Join online at [www.africanamericanlawyerssection.com](http://www.africanamericanlawyerssection.com) or download the printed Membership Application and either mail or fax it in to the State Bar of Texas.
- Pay dues in the amount of \$25.00.

#### **Initiatives:**

- Texas African-American Lawyers Summit
- Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Meet and Greets and co-sponsored events with local and national African-American lawyer organizations
- Scholarship program

#### **Benefits of Membership:**

- Discounted membership to the Texas Minority Counsel Program Conference
- Free CLE to members at State Bar of Texas African-American Lawyers Annual Summit
- Presentation opportunities at State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
- Network of African-American Attorneys across the State of Texas

#### **Officers:**

- Chair – Modinat “Abby” Kotun
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- Secretary – Denise Alex
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