
THE LEGAL ADVOCATE

The Newsletter of Legal Hospice of Texas

www.legalhospice.org

Spring 2012

Fire and Ice

Roger W. Wedell, Ph.D. - Executive Director

We didn't have much ice this winter, but we did have a fire. Well, not us exactly; but there was a small fire in our office building in early February. It was contained quickly and there were no injuries, but the aftermath included 3 weeks of officing in temporary space in the building next door. In the midst of the chaos and temporary re-location, we only closed for client services for 3 days. Our emergency planning was put to the test. While our planning was good, there were lessons to be learned and we will incorporate those in order to be even better prepared should we encounter another emergency.

We are grateful to our volunteers for their flexibility, to our donors for their generosity, and to our service partners for their assistance. A special note of thanks goes to the staff of the Resource Center Dallas who provided temporary fax service.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read articles of interest concerning our client services, our volunteer activities and opportunities for supporting the work of Legal Hospice of Texas.

Board of Directors

Barbara Houser – Chair
Greg Hawthorne – Vice Chair
Monita Chambers – Secretary
Amanda Ylitalo – Treasurer
Ron Allen, CPA
James A. Deets
Patrick Hancock
Jo Bess Jackson
Erin K. Lovall
Michael P. Magnia
Eliseo Ruiz

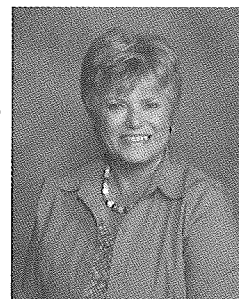
Staff

Roger W. Wedell, Ph.D. – Executive Director
Joel L. Lazarine – Legal Director
Meera George – Staff Attorney
Pete Flores – Coordinator of Client Services and
Administrative Assistant
Harvey Mireles – Development/Communications Assistant
Andrew Wixel – Coordinator of Volunteer Services

LHT Volunteer Recognized Nationally

Legal Hospice of Texas volunteer Rebecca Covell was selected as part of a celebration for 2011 National Pro Bono Week. The Legal Services Support Division of the State Bar of Texas spotlighted her in their online *Legal Front* publication.

For over 20 years Ms. Covell has given her time and talents to LHT's mission which is to provide compassionate, legal counsel, representation and advocacy to low income people who are living with HIV and the terminally ill at cost.



"I have worked as a volunteer for Legal Hospice since 1990, which is the year I started my own firm," Covell says. "It was important to start the habit as The Boss of giving back."

Rebecca was also featured on **Probono.net**, a site that provides resources for pro bono and legal services attorneys and others working to assist low income or disadvantaged clients.

"I feel so blessed to be an attorney, thus volunteering for the Legal Hospice of Texas is one small way to give back," said Covell. "It's kind of like a karmic deposit. I urge my staff to volunteer as well."

We at Legal Hospice of Texas look back on her years of service with great gratitude and look forward with great anticipation. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase Ms. Covell in celebration of this year's Pro Bono Week.

Thank you to the Texas Access to Justice Commission, Texas Access to Justice Foundation and the State Bar – Legal Services Support Division for the opportunity to spotlight the remarkable Ms. Rebecca Covell.

For ways you can help and volunteer at Legal Hospice of Texas, please call or e-mail us.

(214) 521-6622 info@legalhospice.org