



Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship

Honoring Arthur Lee Pertile, III

(1961 – 2025)

The Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, is sponsoring a scholarship to be awarded to a Texas law student in furtherance of the firm's efforts to inspire new legal professionals to pursue the meaningful and rewarding career opportunities that exist in the representation of local governments. The 2025 scholarship is being awarded in honor of our dearly departed friend, colleague, and mentor, Art Pertile. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2025.



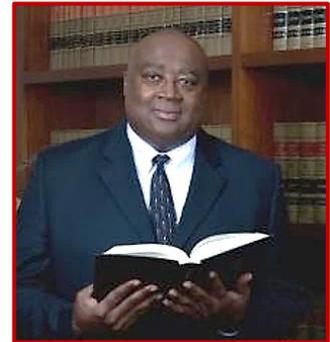
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The Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, is pleased to offer the *Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship*. Since 2002, the firm has been devoted to providing Texas local governments with quality legal representation. We are proud to empower urban and rural communities to serve their residents, businesses, and guests. Our mission is to *Take Care of Texas One Town at a Time*.

Through its award of the *Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship* (the Scholarship), the firm strives to inspire promising new legal professionals to pursue careers in Municipal Law and the representation of local governments in Texas. Members of the firm hope that the Scholarship will help offset the costs of legal education, and thus make it easier for public service-oriented law students to graduate and seek employment in local government agencies or the firms that serve them. The Scholarship is meant to encourage law students to study subjects related to local government and expand the ranks of those interested in serving cities, counties and special districts.

Description: The 2025 Scholarship consists of a single, one-time, four-thousand-dollar (\$4,000.00) award, which will be conferred on a successful applicant selected by the firm. The Scholarship will only be applied toward the successful applicant's tuition and fees at an accredited law school in Texas. Scholarship recipients will be recognized on the firm's website and social media.

Honoree: The 2025 Scholarship will be presented in honor of Arthur "Art" Lee Pertile, III, who passed away February 25, 2025. Art was a passionate public servant and devoted Municipal Lawyer who mentored and inspired many local government professionals and elected officials. Art represented government entities and public officials exclusively for almost 40 years. His professional positions included serving with distinction as Assistant District Attorney for Harris County, Assistant City Attorney of Houston, and Partner with the firm of Olson and Olson, LLP. Art was appointed City Attorney of many municipalities, including Waco, Katy, and Stafford, Texas. Art's numerous leadership roles included being elected as President of the Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) and President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). Art's many accolades included TCAA's *Outstanding Mentor* award and IMLA's *Outstanding Private Practice Local Government Attorney* award (Marvin Glink Award).



Criteria & Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to first-year and second-year law school students currently enrolled (in good standing) in ABA-accredited Texas law schools. Factors considered in making the award include (at the firm's sole discretion):

- Demonstrated interest, background or experience in local government law.
 - Shown either by the applicant's internships, clerkships, work experience, coursework, volunteer history, publications, etc.
- Ties or a connection to Texas.

- 300-350 word Statement of Interest on how municipal law or local government has impacted the applicant’s life or the professional contributions the applicant seeks to make to the field.
- 2 Reference Letters from local government lawyers or law professors confirming the applicant’s interest in and aptitude for the area of local government law.
- Resume outlining education, experience, honors, and professional interests.
- Law School Transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
- 2-3 minute video (*Optional* – Applicant can convey their desire to be a municipal lawyer and how they have demonstrated an interest in local government law).
- The Scholarship will be awarded based on the merits of the written submissions (and video if submitted), at the sole discretion of the firm.
- An applicant’s financial need may also be considered. Applicants must submit a brief statement disclosing all other scholarships and grants they will be receiving for the relevant (current or upcoming) school year.

Timing:

Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. (Central), **December 31, 2025**. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered. The annual award is anticipated to be announced the first week of March 2026.

Compliance:

Scholarship recipients must comply with all applicable regulations, including but not limited to notifying their law school and/or other scholarship providers, if required.

Contact:

Eligible law students seeking further information about the Scholarship are invited to contact Barbara Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, at Info@TexasMunicipalLawyers.com. Please caption your inquiry, “Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship.”

How to Apply:

Eligible law students seeking consideration must submit their completed applications, including references, transcripts, and other written materials specified above, electronically to Info@TexasMunicipalLawyers.com, with the subject “Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship.” Information regarding this scholarship will be sent to many Texas law schools and will be posted on: <https://www.accesslex.org/>. It is also posted at www.TexasMunicipalLawyers.com/careers/

- **Frequency:** One scholarship will be awarded each year
- **Scholarships Available:** 1
- **Amount:** \$4,000
- **Funded by:** Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, Austin, Texas
- **Selection Panel:** The Partners and an Associate Attorney of the Firm

