

Texas Municipal Lawyers Scholarship

Honoring David "Dave" John LaBrec

(1948 – 2026)

The Bojorquez Law Firm, PC, is sponsoring a scholarship to be awarded to a Texas law student to encourage new legal professionals to pursue the meaningful and rewarding career opportunities that exist in the representation of local governments. The 2027 scholarship is being awarded in honor of our friend, colleague, and mentor, Dave LaBrec (who passed away in 2026). The deadline for applications is December 31, 2026.

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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 districts.

Description: The 2027 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 2027 Scholarship will be presented in honor of David "Dave" John LaBrec. Dave earned his Juris Doctorate degree from St. Mary's University School of Law, followed by over 45 years of municipal and administrative law practice across the U.S. Dave tried over 75 jury trials and argued cases in forums ranging from municipal tribunals to the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as Chief Trial Attorney for the City of El Paso, First Assistant City Attorney for El Paso and Dallas, General Counsel for the Texas Municipal League, and as a member and chair of various state and national organizations. Dave joined the law firm of Strasburger & Price, PLLC and remained with the firm until he retired in 2014. Once elected partner, Dave was a member of the policy committee and served as Chair to the Firm's Government and Administrative Law team.



Always dedicated to justice, Dave was a recognized authority in law enforcement, civil rights, governmental liability, and insurance litigation. Representing municipalities and citizens, Dave secured numerous multimillion-dollar resolutions for clients. HE was also instrumental in drafting legislation regarding liability and immunity of governmental entities. He was a highly sought-after public speaker and a nationally-recognized author on civil liability issues.

Dave was known as a fearless advocate for what was right. He wasn't one to seek permission before going to battle, but only required a worthy cause to pursue justice. Neither popularity nor convenience could stand in his way. Dave was an inspirational leader to generations of Municipal Lawyers in Texas.

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 (if available, 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 3:00 p.m. (Central), ***December 31, 2026***. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered. The annual award is anticipated to be announced the first week of March 2027.

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@TexasMunicipal Lawyers.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 at www.TexasMunicipalLawyers.com/careers/

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