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Dear current and recent Women and the Law Section members:

The section is a signatory to the attached [press release](#) (a) in response to comments by State Bar of Texas President Larry McDougal and (b) in support of a [call to action](#) by the African American Lawyers Section regarding these comments. Our press release follows a [joint statement](#) by the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association.

These communications relate to certain comments apparently made by the president (prior to and during his term) that are inconsistent with **diversity and inclusion**, including a comment about a [female attorney's appearance](#).

The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on July 27 to discuss these communications and other aspects of this matter. If you'd like to send a comment to the board in another capacity (e.g., individually or on behalf of your firm), please [email the board](#) with the subject line, "July 27 Board Meeting."

This is just one of our initiatives for the 2020-2021 bar year. We encourage you to **renew your section membership**, if you have not already done so, by filling out the simple [membership application](#) and emailing it [here](#).

We support you as women lawyers, and, more fundamentally, as **lawyers**. You're strong, smart, and successful. Our section is stronger with you as members. Let's have a great year – together!

Best regards,

Teresa Schiller, Chair
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