

VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES ADDS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Directors Offer Expertise in Fundraising, Commercial Litigation and Administrative Law

Austin, Texas –December 15, 2009 - Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (VLS) has appointed three new members to its Board of Directors: Jeff Melton, Paul Trahan, and John F. Williams. Melton is the Executive Director of Development and External Relations at the Red McCombs School of Business at University of Texas at Austin. Trahan is a partner with law firm Fulbright & Jaworski, specializing in complex commercial litigation. Williams is a shareholder with law firm Clark, Thomas & Winters, representing regulated utility companies and other regulated businesses before state administrative agencies. The Board will be presided in 2010 by Jeff Boyd, a partner with law firm Thompson & Knight.

As lawyers, both Trahan and Williams have extensive experience handling pro bono cases through VLS, and Melton has advised and supported VLS in its development efforts. Board President Jeff Boyd noted, "These three have already demonstrated their commitment to VLS and its mission to eliminate poverty as a barrier to justice, so we know VLS and its clients will benefit even more from their leadership as members of the board."

About Volunteer Legal Services

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas recruits volunteer attorneys to help people with important issues, such as assisting victims of abuse with family law issues, avoiding wrongful evictions and foreclosures, preserving disability benefits, preparing wills and guardianships – problems that have a significant and lasting impact on the lives of our clients. Assistance includes advice clinics, guidance through self-representation (pro se) claims and legal representation.

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