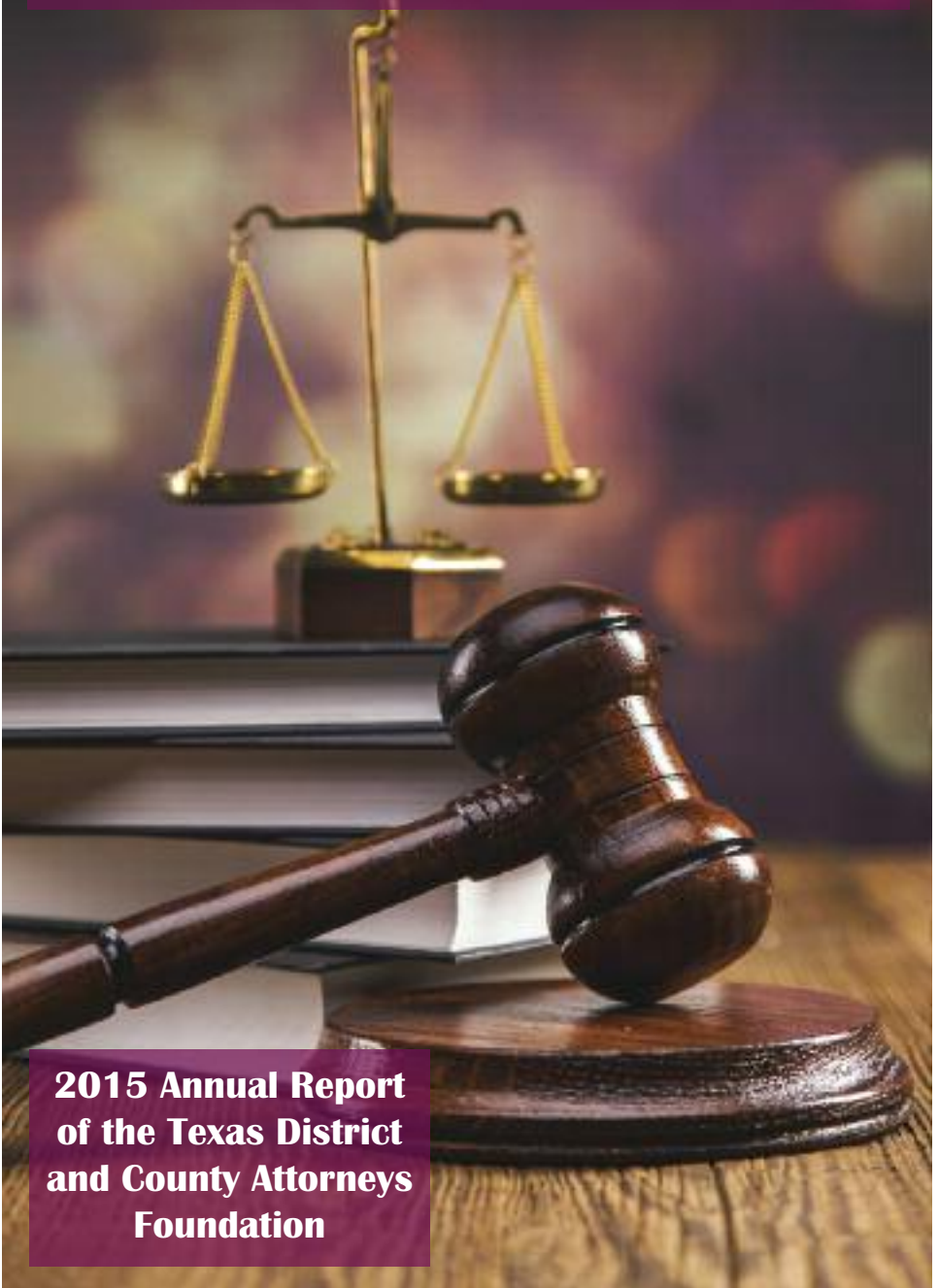


**Seeking justice in the
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**2015 Annual Report
of the Texas District
and County Attorneys
Foundation**

From the Foundation's leadership



Barry Macha
TDCAF Board
President

It is with pride that we have a chance to review the accomplishments of the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation as it closes out its ninth year. Thanks to all of you who have provided generous support for our mission, the Foundation has been able to bring more services and training to Texas prosecutors—"so the State is always ready," as we say. Take a look at what we have accomplished over nine years!

- Partnership with the Anheuser-Busch Companies to produce three statewide and national DWI Summits focusing on investigating and prosecuting impaired driving.
- TDCAA's Advanced Trial Advocacy and Advanced Appellate Advocacy Schools held each summer at the Baylor School of Law.
- Our annual Train the Trainer course that prepares prosecutors and others to effectively teach and present cases to juries.
- Faculty support for the two yearly Prosecutor Trial Skills Courses.
- Funding for the first position of its kind, TDCAA's Victim Services Director.
- Funding for TDCAA's Senior Appellate Attorney position (another first).
- A free *Brady* webinar funded by the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar.
- Creation of the Prosecutor Management Training Institute (starting in 2016).
- Distribution of the *Family Violence Resource Notebook* and *Offense Report Manual* to every prosecutor's office in Texas.
- Distribution of our *Penal Code Quick Reference* laminated sheet to every prosecutor's office statewide.
- Three Champions for Justice events honoring the careers of distinguished prosecutors.
- The creation of an endowment funded by contributions of the members of the Texas Prosecutors Society.

Speaking of the Texas Prosecutors Society, I want to thank this group of enthusiastic supporters of our profession. Because of them, our endowment will soon grow to over \$150,000 in assets. This endowment is our seed for future success. We have committed to grow this fund untouched for 10 years, and we view it as a future cornerstone for the advancement of the profession.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the Foundation in 2015. I am looking forward to our tenth year!

Barry Macha

What is TDCAF?

The Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation (TDCAF) was created in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Its sole purpose is to financially support the educational mission of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA).

OK, then what is TDCAA?

TDCAA is the professional association for Texas prosecutors. Our 6,032 members include prosecutors, investigators, support staff, defense attorneys, judges, and law students.

A key to achieving justice for crime victims and society at large is a well-trained cadre of professional prosecutors and support staff. Without effective advocates, our children, crime victims, and the general public will not get the justice they deserve.

Lawyers and peace officers, like many professionals, require continuing education hours every year to keep their licenses, and we provide that training at more than 40 yearly conferences. Some of them are geared toward prosecutors right out of law school, while others target elected district and county attorneys. Two seminars per year are on specialty topics, such as crimes against children and capital murder, while others cater to investigators, support

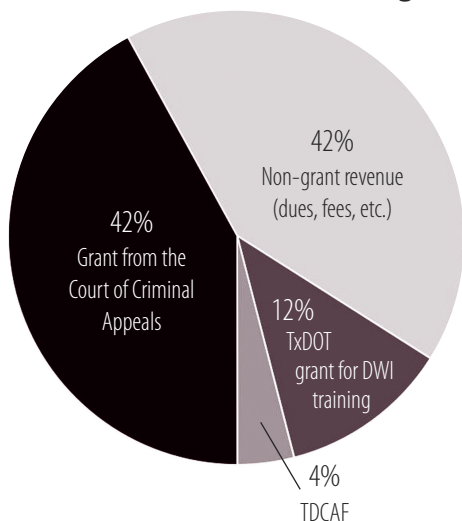
staff, and those who want to delve deeper into trial and appellate advocacy. In 2015, TDCAA trained more than 11,000 prosecutors, staff, and law enforcement officers with a total of 63,628 man-hours of training. That makes TDCAA fifth out of about 1,500 accredited legal training organizations statewide in the amount of training produced in a year. Grants support a portion of that training, but without funding from other sources, such as the Foundation, TDCAA could not meet the needs of its members and law enforcement.

Another key to educating prosecutors is publications. TDCAA produces more than 30 criminal law books and manuals for prosecutors and law enforcement officers. The Foundation has been instrumental in getting many of these manuals into the hands of the professionals that need them.

Why we formed the Foundation

It's simple. When a Texas prosecutor stands up and announces "ready" for the State, the community needs to know that that prosecutor is truly prepared to fight for crime victims and for justice. With government funding for training ever-decreasing, the Foundation can support excellence in Texas prosecution. The Foundation's leadership believes that Texans share our vision of a safer state, and having well-trained and equipped professional champions in the courtroom can make a real difference.

Sources of TDCAA Funding



What the Foundation does

The Foundation provides key support in the following areas.

Advanced Prosecutor Training

To fight for victims of crime, prosecutors must be prepared to be at their best in the courtroom. To this end, and through a gift from the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the Foundation can sustain two critical TDCAA courses.

Train the Trainer. Since 2008, the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation has fully funded the food, lodging, and training of those attending this week-long seminar at no cost to their offices. Highly qualified faculty teach prosecutors, investigators, and staff the principles of adult learning techniques

so they can give more effective oral presentations to a room of their peers or a jury panel. Attendance is by invitation only and is limited to 30 participants.

Advanced Advocacy Courses. Here, seasoned prosecutors further their skills in an intensive, week-long session at Baylor School of Law in Waco. Through presentations, demonstrations, and directed workshops in real courtrooms, experienced faculty guide participants through detailed felony case scenarios addressing many challenges that arise in their work. TDCAA offers both trial and appellate advocacy so that prosecutors with different specializations can enrich their skills. These courses are limited to 40 hand-selected students and

are fully funded by the Foundation so there is no cost to attendees or their offices. Both courses are manpower- and resource-intensive, and financial support from the Foundation is critical.

Victim Services

The Foundation underwrites our Victim Services Director position to improve legislatively mandated but largely unfunded crime victim services in prosecutor's offices. In 2015, Jalayne Robinson, TDCAA's Victim Services Director:

- traveled to 12 prosecutor's offices all over Texas to train 34 victim assistance coordinators (VACs) during in-office consultations,
- developed and facilitated five seminars on protective orders,
- assisted with the summertime Legislative Updates,
- spoke at and moderated a forum for 30 VACs at TDCAA's Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update in Corpus Christi,
- trained 209 key personnel and VACs at our Key Personnel & Victim Assistance Coordinator Seminar in Galveston,
- taught 75 brand-new VACs during a "core training" program at the same seminar,
- participated in TDCJ's revisions of the Victim Impact Statements,
- wrote a bimonthly column for *The Texas Prosecutor* journal, and
- provided countless hours of assistance via phone and email.

Leadership and Management

Whether an elected prosecutor heads a large office or a single-attorney shop, he or she is a leader in criminal justice, both in the office and the community. And many assistant prosecutors have been thrust into management roles because they happen to be good in trial. They all need core competency in management skills.

Until now, a consistent leadership and management program—the type long-used in other professions and industries—has simply been unavailable to prosecutors. It is the Foundation's mission to give prosecutors who are also managers the tools for that job. In 2015 the Foundation laid the groundwork for a new era in prosecutor training. Planning has come together to launch the Texas Prosecutors Management Institute, a curriculum and cadre of professionals intended to train prosecutors in how to lead and manage people. It will begin in earnest in 2016 with the first management seminar in early March. That will be followed by in-house, regional, and individualized training in the art of leading and managing a professional staff. This important work simply can't be done without the Foundation's critical support.

In short, the Foundation will support TDCAA in its mission to assist Texas prosecutors achieve their goal of a safer Texas.

Texas Prosecutors Society

In 2011, under the direction of Board Chairman Dan Boulware and Endowment Chair Tom Krampitz, the Foundation kicked off its campaign to establish a select group of supporters we call the Texas Prosecutors Society. To inaugurate this new society, we hand-picked 106 prosecutors and alumni from across the state to be its Founding Fellows. (The number 106 signifies how many years TDCAA

had then been in existence.) This invitation was for those people who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to improving prosecution and training in Texas.

These members of the Texas Prosecutors Society have pledged \$2,500 to create an endowment fund for the Foundation—a forward-thinking strategy for building stability and growth for both the Foundation and the Association. The endowment's purpose is to collect and invest funds for the future to provide critical support to the Association. County budgets, like all government budgets, are tight, and

the Foundation's leaders want to assist prosecutors and their staffs in any way we can to get them the training they deserve. The members we serve are our greatest assets. As a not-for-profit organization, TDCAF depends on charitable contributions such as those received through the Texas Prosecutors Society so we can provide training to make Texas a safer place for all Texans.



Each year, new inductees of the Texas Prosecutors Society are recognized at TDCAA's Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update in September and with a special reception at our Elected Prosecutor Conference in December.

By the end of 2015, 131 members had accepted the invitation to the Texas Prosecutors Society. It will continue to grow as more prosecutors and distinguished alumni are invited to join every year. Listed on the next two pages is the current membership of the Texas Prosecutors Society with the 2015 inductees in **bold**.

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	FY 2015	Budget	% of Budget
Unrestricted Funds			
Income	\$46,458	\$80,500	58%
Expenses	\$57,767	\$80,500	69%
Net Unrestricted Income	(\$9,309)		
Restricted Funds*			
Income	\$72,598	\$93,500	78%
Expenses	\$37,029	\$36,800	101%
Net Restricted Income	\$35,569	\$56,700	
Fund Balances			
Restricted	\$586,781		
Unrestricted	\$33,203		
Endowment	\$161,587		
Total All Funds	\$781,571		

* Restricted funds are from gifts designated for specific purposes by the donor.

Every gift matters

Making a gift to the Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation (TDCAF) through the Annual Campaign is one of the most meaningful ways you support the ongoing services, training, technical assistance, and educational opportunities for members of TDCAA.

Support the Foundation at any level you can. We invite all elected and assistant prosecutors, investigators, key personnel, and victim assistance coordinators to give. We also need support from private donors, private foundations, and corporate partners from across the state. To give, contact the Foundation at 512/474-2436, or visit our website at www.tdcdf.org. Your support will have a lasting impact on the Foundation.

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