

## **Working Together: Legal Hotlines, Pro Bono, and the Bar**

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### Brief Description:

Legal Hotlines and the private bar work together to benefit both clients and attorneys. The panelists discuss how a hotline program can cultivate and maintain a vibrant relationship with the state bar association to yield an effective pro bono network. Experienced hotlines describe their variable-fee referral panels which provide financial support for hotline operations. A private attorney member of a hotline referral panel gives his view on this partnership. Panelists provide information on using bar association resources for pro bono case placement, recruitment, education and development of programs.

### **Topical Outline: Texas Legal Services Programs and the State Bar of Texas**

Co-operative efforts between Legal Services programs and the State Bar of Texas that led to the establishment of the Legal Hotline for Texans, and ongoing areas for financial support and for client referrals to the private bar.

- I. A Brief History of the Legal Hotline for Texans
- II. Overview of the Referral Panel program
- III. Financial Support by Bar-Related Entities
- IV. Development of the TLSC/Hotline Lawyer Referral Service

### **Website Links:**

See <http://www.tlsc.org> and <http://www.texaslawhelp.org>