



Texas CBAR 2017 Annual Report

As a special project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas CBAR) provides legal assistance to nonprofits, small businesses and community organizations throughout Texas. Our services include pro bono attorney referrals, training on legal compliance matters affecting nonprofits and small businesses, Lawyer Up! legal advice clinics and our online legal resource library.

CBAR Legal Matters opened in 2017

Individual cases opened either for the nonprofit (a group) or entrepreneurs.

- Nonprofit - 168
- Small Business – 238

CBAR Trainings and Presentations in 2017

Texas CBAR provides a variety of trainings to community organizations and small businesses on topics such as legal tips for small businesses and legal compliance issues for nonprofits.

- Nonprofit Trainings and webinars – 11
Number of attendees - ~440
- Small Business trainings – 12
Number of attendees ~ 220

CBAR Lawyer Up! Legal Clinics in 2017

CBAR's Lawyer Up! Legal clinic events provide small businesses and nonprofits with in-person legal advice from CBAR staff and attorney volunteers. CBAR began offering Lawyer Up! to nonprofit entities in 2017.

- Nonprofit Lawyer Up! Legal Clinics – (new program in 2017) – 1
Nonprofit organizations served - 20
- Small Business Lawyer Up! Legal Clinics - 11
Number of small businesses served – 217

CBAR Pro Bono Partners and Attorney Volunteers in 2017

- CBAR Attorney Volunteers - 131
- CBAR pro bono partners receiving weekly referral emails - 180

CBAR Legal Resource Library – Publications added in 2017

CBAR's online Legal Resource Library (www.texasbar.org) is at the core of CBAR's mission to educate and inform. Publications written and edited by the CBAR staff include Legal Minutes (brief information on timely legal issues) common legal forms, guides, manuals and a quarterly newsletter. All publications are free to the public for download.

Web Stats for 2017

- Unique visitors ~ 72,000

CBAR Legal Minutes published in 2017

- Tax Exemptions for Texas Nonprofit Organizations
- Employee or Independent Contractor?
- Hiring Your Child to Work in Your Small Business
- Lessons in Lobbying

CBAR Legal Resources published in 2017

- Trademark Basics for Nonprofits and Small Businesses
- How to Get Your Nonprofit Back in Good Standing (Reinstatement Guide)
- Selling Food Prepared at Home: Texas' Cottage Food Law
- Can My Business be a Nonprofit?
- How to Terminate a Non-Profit Corporation in Texas
- A Texas Lawyer's Guide to Converting Contracts for Deed
- How to Merge Your Nonprofit
- Nonprofit Unincorporated Associations vs. Nonprofit Corporations: Choosing the Right Corporate Structure
- Hiring Your First Employee
- Thinking About a Co-Working Office Space?
- Choosing the Right Corporate Structure

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