

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 586

WHEREAS, G. David Smith of Rockwall is being sworn in as president-elect of the State Bar of Texas on June 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A founding partner of Smith & Lee in Rockwall, Mr. Smith has served the legal community in numerous capacities, including president of the Rockwall County Bar Association and member of the Rockwall County Bar Foundation board; he is also a member of the Texas Bar College and a sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation; from 2021 to 2024, he represented District 1 on the State Bar of Texas board of directors; he currently serves on the Pattern Jury Charges--Malpractice, Premises & Products Committee, and he has contributed to a number of other committees as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith graduated from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Texas Tech University School of Law; in 1983, he joined the firm of Brannan and Pipes in Odessa, and the following year, he established the Law Offices of G. David Smith there; he focused on criminal defense and civil litigation before relocating in 1989 to Dallas, where he expanded his practice, gaining board certification in personal injury trial law; since 2002, he has been based in Rockwall, and the addition of his stepson, Ryan K. Lee, as a partner led to the adoption of the firm's present-day name; today, Mr. Smith has an extensive mediation practice along with his trial work; and

WHEREAS, Active in the wider community, Mr. Smith has served on the City of Rockwall Board of Review and the boards of two nonprofit organizations benefiting low-income residents, the Rockwall Housing Development Corporation and the Rockwall Grace Center; he has also been a committee member of the City of Rockwall Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, David Smith has demonstrated a strong commitment to the mission of the State Bar of Texas, and his knowledge and experience will serve him well as he takes on his new responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby congratulate G. David Smith on becoming president-elect of the State Bar of Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Smith as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hall, Hughes, Perry, Sparks

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate