

## **The Attorney Firms Representing the T.B.C.E. and the T.C.A.**

### ***Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Glenn Parker, Executive Director***

**Jefferson “Jeb” Boyt** is the Assistant Attorney General of the Administrative Law Division. Jeb is with the Attorney General’s office and has been assigned to the Texas Board of Examiners for many years. When any state agency has been sued, the Attorney General routinely represents that agency. Jeb is an administrative attorney that is representing the T.B.C.E. Mr. Boyt has handled our entire suit himself until last summer when the T.C.A. became an Intervenor in the T.M.A. lawsuit. Mr. Boyt has very limited resources with the Attorney General’s office and will need significant assistance from the T.C.A. Our tax dollars pay for services and costs of the Assistant Attorney General.

### **Texas Chiropractic Association**

**Jennifer S. Riggs of the firm Riggs, Aleshire & Ray, P.C.** specializes in administrative, public and regulatory law. She has been general counsel for the T.C.A. for several years. She also represents the Podiatry Board and other professional boards. Her firm handles regulatory matters before agencies and provides legal representation at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), district court, the various courts of appeal and the Texas Supreme Court. Her expertise lies in asserting her clients’ interests before governmental bodies at the local (i.e. county, city, school district) and state or federal levels, as well as legislative and executive. Her firm appears before most of the regulatory agencies in the State. She has litigated many cases involving association issues and handled numerous appeals concerning the issues associated with associations. Jennifer represented the T.C.A. from the beginning of when the T.C.A. became the Intervenor in the T.M.A. Lawsuit in the summer of 2009. She is being paid by the T.C.A. Litigation Fund.

## **Texas Chiropractic Association**

**Michele Quattlebaum of the firm Helms & Greene, LLC specializes in trial cases.** Michele is a trial attorney who has specialized in the representation of chiropractic malpractice and various board matters for 28 years. She has handled more chiropractic cases in front of juries than any other attorney in the United States. In a variety of trial matters she has had over a hundred defense jury verdicts, including large multi-million dollar exposure matters. In the last twenty eight years, she has lectured extensively on chiropractic issues throughout the United States and Canada. She consults routinely with doctors on risk management and other matters in their daily practice. She routinely handles board complaints for chiropractors and other professionals throughout Texas and is well versed on the day to day practice of the chiropractic profession. She teaches Jurisprudence at Texas Chiropractic College. She has a large network of resources and experts throughout the United States that may be used for this case. As the T.M.A. Lawsuit was progressing it was felt that a trial attorney should be added to the T.C.A. attorney team whose primary focus is the trial aspects of this lawsuit. Michele was added as co-counsel by the T.C.A. in January 2010. She is being paid by the T.C.A. District Eleven Defense Fund.

## **Texas Chiropractic Association**

**Tom Phillips of the firm Baker & Botts specializes in appellate law.** Justice Phillips is an expert in appellate law who first had a private practice in Houston and then was a District Judge in Houston. He then became the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and held that position for many years. He is widely respected by all as a fair and educated jurist. Since retiring from the Texas Supreme Court, he has been in private practice in Austin with Baker & Botts, one of the largest firms in the state. He specializes in appeal cases. Justice Phillips was brought on by the T.C.A. to review the T.M.A. Lawsuit from the beginning up until this point in time and to consult on legal issues regarding the case as it goes

forward, so that the T.C.A. will be in the best possible position if an appeal is needed. Whether we win or lose there will be an appeal. Justice Phillips is known to be well connected politically and judicially is a much respected lawyer. Justice Phillips was added to the T.C.A. counsel in May 2010. Justice Phillips is being paid through the TCA Litigation Fund and other resources within the District Eleven Litigation Fund.

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This document is being provided to you so you better understand the gravity of the T.M.A. Lawsuit and that you understand that the T.C.A. takes its responsibility to protect the Texas chiropractic profession very seriously. The T.C.A. also wants to show why there is a tremendous need to raise as much money as possible to pay for all the expenses related to this lawsuit. The T.C.A. did not budget for this type of lawsuit and that is why the T.C.A. is asking every chiropractor – member and non-member to contribute to the T.C.A. Litigation Fund. You can contribute to the fund by going to [www.chirotexas.org](http://www.chirotexas.org) and click on Litigation Overview.