

TYLA Director Spotlight: Julia Peebles

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Haynes Boone Associate [Julia Peebles](#) was featured in a Q&A with the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). Julia is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group.

Below is an excerpt:

In this blog series, we are getting to know the members of the Texas Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors. TYLA, commonly called the “public service arm” of the State Bar of Texas, works to facilitate the administration of justice, foster respect for the law, and advance the role of the legal profession in serving the public. All TYLA programs are accomplished through the volunteer efforts of its board and committee members, with the cooperation of local affiliate young lawyers associations. Learn more at [tyla.org](#).

What advice would you give to other TYLA members who are looking for ways to grow professionally?

Networking, networking, networking. I use every event, meeting, lunch, etc., as an opportunity to grow my network. You never know “who knows who” so I always try to put my best foot forward, whether it is attending a local Houston Young Lawyers Association event or grabbing coffee at my favorite coffee shop. I have made lots of legal connections by participating in events and organizations that interest me and are completely unrelated to the law, such as my involvement with the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce. Oh, always keep a business card on you!

Before joining the TYLA board, what is your favorite experience with community or public service?

Being the faculty director of the University of Houston Law Center' Moot Court team has been my favorite experience to this point. This position has taught me the value of mentorship and encouraged me to reassess how to approach mentorship in a meaningful way. For example, mentorship is more than a weekly coffee or Zoom call, it requires true dedication and work on the part of the mentor to inquire, listen, and guide mentees to help them recognize and take steps to achieve their true professional goals. I look forward to using my experience as an adjunct professor to the benefit of TYLA.

Read the full Q&A [here](#); read a previous announcement about Julia being elected to the TYLA [here](#).