

Haynes and Boone Partner Polly Fohn Elected Chair of Houston Bar Foundation

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In recognition of her longstanding service to the bar, Haynes Boone Partner Polly Fohn has been elected chair of the Houston Bar Foundation (HBF).

Established in 1982 as the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association, HBF supports programs that provide pro bono services to the indigent, promote community understanding of the legal system, and foster the administration of justice.

“I am honored to help lead an organization that does so much to even the scales of justice by helping the less fortunate in Houston exercise their legal rights,” said Fohn, a partner in Haynes Boone’s Appellate Practice Group. “The foundation’s mission is particularly critical at a time when so many in our community are struggling to meet their basic needs.”

She added: “It is also rewarding for me to follow in the footsteps of so many of my colleagues in Haynes Boone’s Houston office, such as [Lynne Liberato](#) and [Mark Trachtenberg](#) to name a few, who have led and served the Houston Bar.”

Fohn has served as a director and in other capacities for HBF, which donates critical funding to Houston legal clinics that support veterans, domestic violence victims, low-income hospital patients, among other indigent and self-represented litigants.

In 2019, the Houston Bar Association gave its President’s Award for Outstanding Service to Fohn, in recognition of her role as editor-in-chief of its bimonthly publication, *The Houston Lawyer*.

Fohn has argued cases to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and Texas appellate courts and has been involved in appeals of some of the largest jury verdicts in Texas since graduating from Harvard Law School in 2008.

In addition to her work with HBF, she is a regular speaker at State Bar of Texas CLE programs and gives back to her community as a Young Leader of the United Way of Greater Houston.

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