

TCWLA and TCWLF Award \$85,000 in Grants

Travis County Women Lawyers' Association and Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation Hold 2022 Grants and Awards Luncheon

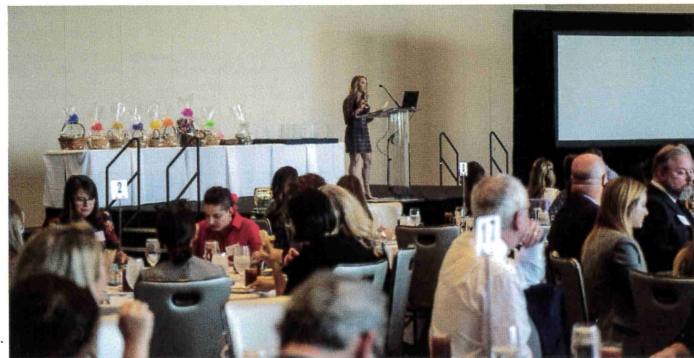
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On May 6, 2022, the TCWLA/TCWLF Annual Grants and Awards Luncheon was held at the Fairmont Hotel. The Foundation awarded \$85,000 in grants to local nonprofits that provide free legal or legal support services to women and children in Travis County. The 2022 grant recipients were: American Gateways, Asian Family Support Services of Austin, Casa Marianella, Family Eldercare, Jane's Due Process, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid: Foster Youth Project, VECINA, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, and Women's Storybook Project.

Chandler Baker, local attorney and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Whisper Network* and *The Husbands*, gave the keynote address. She explained what motivated her to pivot from practicing law to writing books about modern, working women, and she addressed the difficult multitasking many attorney



TOP: KXAN News anchor Sally Hernandez capturing the attention of attendees. ABOVE: *New York Times* bestselling author Chandler Baker gives keynote address.

mothers in particular face. She provided inspiration for women to follow their dreams, wherever they may lead.

Sally Hernandez of KXAN News spoke about her personal experiences growing up in El Paso and ultimately becoming a newscaster in Austin. She urged attendees to donate to the Foundation so that the Foundation can continue its mission of providing grants to nonprofits

that serve disadvantaged women and children. Hernandez also ran a story on the Foundation on KXAN news.

The following Attorney Awards were given to recognize achievement of women attorneys in the community:

- **Public Interest:** Laurel Holland
- **Contribution to Minority Community:** Dominique McLeggan-Brown
- **Advancement of Women's Interests:** Jenny Jackson
- **Government Service:** Lynn Carter
- **Pro Bono:** Rachel Ekery
- **Litigation/Appellate:** Natasha Martin

- **Corporate/Transactional:** Pam Madere
- **Criminal Justice:** Jana Ortega
- **Firm/Organization/Government Entity:** Wittliff Cutter
- **Outstanding Achievement:** Sheila Gladstone

TCWLA/TCWLF would like to thank all the sponsors who made the annual luncheon possible. For more information about the Travis County Women Lawyers' Association or Foundation, please visit www.tcwla.org. **AI**

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