

Austin Bar Adds Entertainment Law Section

In late 2012, Austin musician and entertainment lawyer **Amy E. Mitchell** spearheaded efforts to charter an entertainment law section of the Austin Bar Association. With the primary goal of increasing networking, educational, and outreach opportunities for local entertainment lawyers, Mitchell also hoped to create a section that would serve as a resource for a diverse group of local lawyers, law students, and prospective clients. Frankly, given that Austin is internationally recognized as an entertainment industry hotspot thanks to events such as South by Southwest, Mitchell was surprised to learn that no such section existed!

By January 2013, Mitchell and a dozen other charter hopefuls had met and laid out a vision for a section that would host monthly events such as CLE presentations, networking opportunities, and brainstorming/mentor sessions about hot topics in entertainment and sports law. In addition, the group expressed interest in collaborating with organizations such as Texas Accountants & Lawyers for the Arts and UT's Law Students for the Arts to help serve the creative population in Austin by educating artists about common pitfalls and how to protect their creative works.

Thanks to a unanimous vote of the Austin Bar's Board of



Directors, the Entertainment & Sports Law Section of the Austin Bar Association is now a reality and welcomes members who currently practice entertainment or sports law, dream of practicing entertainment or sports law, and/or simply enjoy the arts and would like to know more about the legal issues involved.

ESLABA's first presentation is slated for Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at noon in the seminar room at the Austin Bar. Please stay tuned to http://www.austinbar.org/sections/entertainment_sports for more details. • AL

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