

# Richard Orsinger Doubly Honored: State Bar College Franklin Jones Best CLE Article Award and Texas Bar Foundation Price Memorial Award

**SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER RICHARD R. ORSINGER** was named the recipient of two prestigious awards this spring, one for an outstanding legal history article and the other for his distinguished record of service.

The College of the State Bar of Texas named Orsinger winner of the 2013 Franklin Jones Continuing Legal Education Article Award for the paper he presented at the Society-cosponsored Symposium on the History of Texas Supreme Court Jurisprudence in April 2013. The paper, titled “170 Years of Contract Law in Texas,” was later edited and published in two parts in the *TSCHS Journal* (see links below).

The Franklin Jones CLE Article Award is presented annually to the College member who authors the best CLE article in the previous year. The award is named in honor of Franklin Jones, Jr. of Marshall, Texas, a co-founding father of the College. This is the second time Orsinger has received the award. His two-part paper entitled “Practicing Family Law in a Depressed Economy” earned him the honor as best CLE article of 2009.

Also this spring, the Texas Bar Foundation announced that Orsinger was selected to receive the Foundation’s prestigious Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award for 2014.

Orsinger was chosen for the award because of his “demonstrated dedication to the Bar and service to the public with the same commitment, dedication and zeal which defined Dan Price’s life and work,” according to the Texas Bar Foundation. “He exemplifies the qualities of an accomplished legal writer and researcher, a talented and dedicated practicing lawyer, a servant of the profession as a volunteer and an advocate on its behalf.”

Orsinger will receive the award at the Foundation’s awards dinner held during the State Bar’s annual meeting on June 27 at the Hilton Austin. As part of the recognition, the Bar Foundation will make a donation in his name to Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law Internal Scholarship Program.

A prolific writer and speaker, Orsinger has written and presented more than 225 CLE articles. He also authored an authoritative 900-page treatise on Texas civil appellate procedure, and was Chief Editor of a two-volume work on the use of experts in family law litigation, as well as the State Bar of Texas’s *Texas Supreme Court Practice Manual*.

Orsinger is a name partner and head of the San Antonio office of the family law firm McCurley Orsinger McCurley Nelson & Downing, L.L.P.



The 2013 Jones award-winning paper on the history of Texas contract law is available in its entirety at <http://www.orsinger.com/PDFFiles/170-Years-of-Texas-Contract-Law.pdf> .

The two excerpted versions are available in the Fall 2013 and Winter 2013 issues of the *Journal of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society*, published on the Society's website at [http://www.texascourthistory.org/documents/TSCHS\\_Journal\\_Fall\\_2013.pdf](http://www.texascourthistory.org/documents/TSCHS_Journal_Fall_2013.pdf) and [http://www.texascourthistory.org/documents/TSCHS\\_Journal\\_Winter\\_2013.pdf](http://www.texascourthistory.org/documents/TSCHS_Journal_Winter_2013.pdf).

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