

State Bar president to address law students

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

The Texas State Bar Association President-Elect Guy Harrison will speak at the Texas Tech School of Law in Room 109 at 2:30 p.m. today.

Harrison will assume the position of president in June and was named president-elect last June after campaigning against John Marcy, an attorney from Texarkana.

According to the State Bar Communications, Harrison was born in Longview on Dec. 14, 1946. He graduated from Southern Methodist University with a bachelor's of business administration in risk and insurance in 1968 and received his juris doctorate from SMU in 1973.

Harrison served in the Texas Supreme Court in 1974 and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District in

1976, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District in 1976 and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1978.

Kimberly Schmitt, State Bar of Texas Communications director in Austin, said Harrison spends his term as president-elect preparing for his upcoming term as president of the State Bar Association.

"While Harrison is preparing to be president of the State Bar Association, he is working on projects and talking to lawyers he will be representing to find out about what they would like to see from the State Bar," she said. "Harrison will be representing 70,000 lawyers while he is president."

Harrison was chosen as president-elect from Longview, where he has a small firm.

Schmitt said Harrison served as a member of the State Bar Executive Com-

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mittee from 1996 to 1999, served on the Board of Directors from 1995 to 1998 and served as the chairman of the Board from 1997 to 1998.

"Harrison has plans to talk with future lawyers and members of the State Bar and is looking into speaking at all nine of the law schools in Texas," she said.

Frank Ramos Jr., executive assistant to the dean of the law school, helped contact the State Bar for Harrison to speak.

"Harrison is touring campuses right now, speaking in open forum to discuss with students, 'What the State Bar can do for you,'" he said.

Brian Shannon, assistant dean of the law school, said it was exciting to have Harrison visit the Tech law school.

"Harrison will speak in an open forum, and it will be beneficial for those in the legislation class," he said. "It will be a nice fit to have him speak about the State Bar and the upcoming Sunset Review process for 2002 and 2003 so students can learn about activity involvement with the State Bar and its process."

Shannon said the Sunset Process will highlight Texas state agencies and their reauthorization every 12 years by state legislators.

Harrison will speak on behalf of the Grievance System on rules, methods and a review, and the unauthorized practice of law will also be a topic of discussion.