



Stuart Colburn, winner of the 2016 Comp Laude™ Defense Attorney Award, tied with William Anderson.

A certified continuing education provider by the Texas Department of Insurance, Colburn is extremely active in the education of attorneys, adjusters and employers for workers' compensation and bad faith allegations.

Colburn is the founder and first chair of the Texas State Bar's Advances Workers' Compensation Forum. He is also the co-author of the Texas Workers' Compensation Handbook published by LexisNexis. Colburn serves as a Contributing Editor for the Texas Insurance Code Annotated and contributor for The Complete Guide to Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the LexisNexis Advisory Board for Larson's on Workers' Compensation Defence Institute.

Colburn comments, "David DePaolo was an inspired figure and personal friend. I invited him to speak at conferences I chaired and sat with anticipation as he delivered his remarks. But I truly was inspired while speaking one-to-one, whether during a break at a conference or on the phone. David verbalized my then-unstated goals to make the system a better place for all. David created something truly remarkable: not just a company but a thought that workers' comp can be better, for both employees and employers. He made me think how I could contribute. There is no doubt David inspired me to think beyond the job as a defense attorney and how I can contribute in a meaningful way. I now can see, with amazement, contributions by a wide assortment of folks who, whether they know it or not, are working towards a common good revealing our humanity, professionalism, and justice. It was nice to be recognized with the Comp Laude award. But I am more impressed that a great organization thinks it is important to recognize those whose good deeds merit honor or distinction. My only regret is that I could not discuss the day, and what it meant to me, with my friend."