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Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker  
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University of Houston Law Center

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# Clinics Offer Outreach to Many in Community

The HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program sponsors a number of legal advice clinics each month to provide advice and counsel, as well as

further legal representation. The HBA and HVLP would like to thank the following people for volunteering for the month of October:

**Ripley House Legal Advice Clinic**  
*Sponsored by Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.*

Brian Albrecht  
Peter Bennett  
Kadian Blanson  
Leesa Everitt  
Andrea Fair  
Maine Goodfellow  
Jill Groff  
Edward Groff

Will Hailey  
Tony Hale  
Bob Harrell  
Rita Irani  
Rebekah Lorenz  
Frank Olvera  
Andrew Price  
Dixie Ruiz  
Jesse Ruiz  
Ron Sung  
Zach Thomas  
Andrew Tarrant

Jon-Ross Trevino  
Barbara Urdiales  
Jason Williams

**Ripley House - Consumer Clinic**

Hilary Borow  
Lindsay Canning  
John Jones  
Elizabeth Lockett  
Cicely Reid  
David Sawyer  
Lloyd van Oostenrijk

**Baytown Civic Center Legal Advice Clinic**  
*Sponsored by Locke Lord LLP*

Brent Benoit  
Monica Cooper  
Alice Hung  
David McNamara  
David Terrell


**Shell-a-Thon/ Will Ceremony**

Elizabeth Bernal  
Keith Calcote  
Del Christians  
Kim Clifford  
James Cowan  
Monique Hazell  
Brett Marks  
Victoria McGhee  
Deborah Michelli  
Kris Mira

Hector Pineda  
Karen Stallings  
Craig Walker  
David Wasowiak  
Michael Wilson  
Sarah Wolfe


**Shell-a-Thon/ Legal Advice Clinic**

Carlos Abell  
Carolyn Aiman  
Lynn Borgmeier




**Equal Access STAR**

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**BP**

BP has partnered with the Houston Bar Association's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program as part of the Equal Access to Justice Champions Program since its beginning in June 2006. In 2011, BP initiated a Will-a-Thon to assist low-income people in need of estate planning, recruiting over 20 attorneys to provide legal services to clients, ensuring their last wishes are carried out. The corporation will continue to give back to the community in 2012. BP already has plans to sponsor a Saturday Legal Clinic for HVLP, providing advice and counsel and taking cases for low-income Houstonians.



**HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM**

**Equal Access = Justice for All Houstonians**

To volunteer, please call 713-228-0735.

**Shell-a-Thon/ Legal Advice Clinic (Cont.)**

Nora Brooks  
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Tim Gehl  
Kimberly Green  
Yukiko Iwata  
Duane King  
Roberta Lewis  
Daniel Martin  
Linda Meagher  
Pam Nelson  
Susan Nettleton  
Kimberly Phillips  
Amy Reynaud  
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Stacie Williams  
David Winston

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Rafael Rincon  
Norma Sanchez  
Sherry Scott  
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Donna Stephenson  
Rose Williams  
Dana Weisenhorn

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Rebecca Phillips  
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Ron Schultz  
Mary Jo Trybend  
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Joe Wheat  
Jennifer Williams  
Rose Williams  
Cynthia Worley  
Carol Wyatt

**Vietnamese Clinic**

**Chinese Clinic**

**Veterans Legal Advice Clinics**

*Oct 7*  
R. Michelle Boldon  
Joel Cleveland  
Patrick Elkins  
Cliff Hayes  
Ryan Wooten

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Christopher Bradley  
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Justin Pauls  
Michael Riordan  
Andrew Swartz

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Lavonne Buelle  
Valerie Casey  
C. Brendan Cummings  
Nancy Davis  
Jeff Davis  
Ed Duffi

*Oct 21*  
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Sharon Beausoleil  
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Jesse Coleman  
Bob Devlin  
Andrea Fair

*Oct 22 - Galveston*  
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Robert Booty  
Erin Groce  
Bruce Mauzy  
Anetra Mickens  
Martin Pack  
Ron Rodgers  
Elizabeth Spears  
Stewart Schuella

*Oct 28*  
Gary Alfred  
Judy Azzo  
Gus Bernard  
Bob Devlin  
Seth Friedman  
Cliff Hayes  
Elaine S. McAnelly



# LegalLine Volunteers

The HBA and the LegalLine Committee would like to thank Bombay Pizza, 914 Main Street, 713-654-4444, for providing dinner for LegalLine volunteers. The HBA and the LegalLine Committee also thank the volunteers listed below.

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| <p><b>October 19 Volunteers</b><br/>         Suhani Akhare<br/>         Peter Bennett<br/>         David Hsu Brogden<br/>         Lionel Castro<br/>         Colleen Cockrum<br/>         Michael Cropper<br/>         David Curcio<br/>         David De La Cerda<br/>         J. Gordon Dees<br/>         Amy Dinn<br/>         M. Kaylan Dunn<br/>         Austin Elam<br/>         Terri Evans<br/>         Alicia Freed<br/>         A. Jason Huebinger<br/>         Lisa Isgitt<br/>         Kenneth Krock<br/>         Cynthia Lam<br/>         Daniella Landers<br/>         Derek Lisk<br/>         Michael P. Martin<br/>         Vytas Petrulis</p> | <p>Michael Raab<br/>         Mitch Reid<br/>         Ikeshia Rodriguez<br/>         Sameer Saxena<br/>         Merri Schneider-Vogel<br/>         Vasilia Wilkes<br/> <b>Family Law Specialists</b><br/>         Kimberly Levi<br/> <b>November 2 Volunteers</b><br/>         Scott Arrington<br/>         Mary Beth Baloff<br/>         Jennifer Bell<br/>         Shaprecia Bryson<br/>         Scott Clark<br/>         Madeline Coblentz<br/>         M. Kaylan Dunn<br/>         Kelley Edwards<br/>         Lauren Etlinger<br/>         Taylor Evans<br/>         Katherine Flanagan</p> | <p>Bradford Gathright<br/>         James Greer<br/>         Andrew Gregory<br/>         Micah Heilbrun<br/>         Danielle Herring<br/>         David Jordan<br/>         Pamela Keever<br/>         Elizabeth Leicht<br/>         Huyen Luong<br/>         Jason Powers<br/>         Sergio Pozzerle<br/>         Julie Pradel<br/>         Arielle Pranger<br/>         Carlos Rainer<br/>         Mitch Reid<br/>         Sharon Stodghill<br/>         Jocelyn Tau<br/>         Nicole Turpen<br/>         Christina Welch<br/>         Matthew White<br/> <b>Family Law Specialists</b><br/>         Katie Custer<br/>         T. Grady Reiff</p> | <p><b>November 3 Consejos Legales Volunteers</b><br/>         Angelica Hernandez<br/>         Luis Hess<br/>         Hon. David Mendoza<br/>         Ivan Rodriguez<br/>         Joe Villarreal<br/> <b>November 16 Volunteers</b><br/>         Graig Alvarez<br/>         Kelci Atkins<br/>         Alfredo Barrera<br/>         Mark Brasher<br/>         David Hsu Brogden<br/>         Stephanie Bundage<br/>         Stephen Calvert<br/>         Dwain Capodice, II<br/>         Robert Claude<br/>         Ernest Davila<br/>         Edward Duffy<br/>         Scott Durfee<br/>         Jason Espersen<br/>         Stephen Fernelius</p> | <p>James Hancock<br/>         Sheila Hansel<br/>         James Marrow<br/>         Myron May<br/>         Conor McEvily<br/>         Terence Norman<br/>         Farah Paliwala<br/>         Leah Patrick<br/>         Ryan Perdue<br/>         Rebecca Phillips<br/>         Joel Simon<br/>         Nina Skinner<br/>         Travis Torrence<br/>         Genetha Turner<br/>         Bobby Warren<br/>         Joe Wheat<br/> <b>Family Law Specialists</b><br/>         Susan McLerran<br/>         Stephen Post<br/> <b>December 7 Volunteers</b><br/>         Jacqueline</p> | <p>Armstrong<br/>         Robert Brannon<br/>         L. Michelle<br/>         Brockway<br/>         John Byron<br/>         Marie Carlisle<br/>         Angela Mo Castle<br/>         Kevin Clark<br/>         Kevin Connolly<br/>         Frank Cusimano<br/>         Samuel Davis<br/>         Douglas D'Arche<br/>         Carolyn Douglas<br/>         L. Benjamin<br/>         Ederington<br/>         Christina Ferguson<br/>         Michael Ferrier<br/>         Andrew Gratz<br/>         C. Elaine Howard<br/>         Thomas A. Loftus<br/>         Gregory S. Matthews<br/>         M. Jonathan Pelayo<br/>         Aaron Power</p> | <p>Justin Scott<br/>         Steven Strauss<br/>         Rehana Vohra<br/>         David Weiss<br/>         Ryan Wooten<br/> <b>Family Law Specialists</b><br/>         N. Jim Farrell<br/>         Diana Perez<br/>         Ashley V. Tomlinson<br/> <b>December 8 Consejos Legales Volunteers</b><br/>         Angelica Hernandez<br/>         Jim McCollom<br/>         Hon. David Mendoza<br/>         Fransisco Rivero<br/>         Joe Villarreal</p> |
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## DRC Attorney Volunteers

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of Harris County relies on trained volunteers as mediators and arbitrators. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer and have completed the necessary DRC or DRC approved ADR training, please contact the DRC at 713-755-8274 or email@drchouston.org.

The DRC and Houston Bar Association would like to thank the following volunteers who mediated DRC cases during October and November 2011:

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| <p><b>October 2011</b><br/>         Marlene Adams<br/>         Melissa Peters<br/>         Allgood<br/>         Janeli Arredondo<br/>         Bruce Bain<br/>         Fran Barton<br/>         Janice Becca<br/>         Tony Benedetto<br/>         Mary Jo Black<br/>         Ann Bowen<br/>         Charles Brack<br/>         Fran Brochstein<br/>         Griffin Paul Bunnell<br/>         Mary Beth Cameron</p> | <p>Mark Cohen<br/>         Bob Devlin<br/>         Richard Edelman<br/>         Pat Egwuatu<br/>         Dal Fenton<br/>         Steve Frazier<br/>         Tanner Garth<br/>         John Geddie<br/>         Diane Guillerman<br/>         Robert Hernandez<br/>         Field Hudgens<br/>         Rachell Hunt<br/>         Bert Isaacs<br/>         Angela Johnson<br/>         Suzi Johnson</p> | <p>Pratima Kaza<br/>         John Kelly<br/>         Lori Laconta<br/>         Connica Lemond<br/>         Derek Lisk<br/>         Kathryn Lumpkin<br/>         Monica Mcham<br/>         Angelique Montes<br/>         Arshad Ramji<br/>         Rebecca Renfro<br/>         Jennifer Reynolds<br/>         Hector Ruiz<br/>         Mark Salvato<br/>         Gratia Shoemakers<br/>         Charles Thompson</p> | <p>David Verbit<br/> <b>November 2011</b><br/>         Marlene Dancer<br/>         Adams<br/>         Melissa Peters<br/>         Allgood<br/>         Janeli Arredondo<br/>         Joan Bain<br/>         Roger Barras<br/>         Francine Barton<br/>         Janice Becca<br/>         Tony Benedetto<br/>         Mary Jo Black<br/>         Kevin Blasini</p> | <p>Mary Beth Cameron<br/>         Kristen Capps<br/>         Mark Cohen<br/>         Danielle Comeaux<br/>         Claude Davis<br/>         Preston Dodson<br/>         Russell Ducoff<br/>         Gloria Echevarria<br/>         Pat Egwuatu<br/>         Jeff Elkin<br/>         James Evans<br/>         Dal Fenton<br/>         Steve Frazier<br/>         Tanner Garth<br/>         Lorri Grabowski</p> | <p>Harold Graham<br/>         Diane Guillerman<br/>         Hal Hargis<br/>         Tom Henderson<br/>         Rachell Hunt<br/>         Angela Johnson<br/>         Suzanne Lehman<br/>         Johnson<br/>         John Kelly<br/>         Jon King<br/>         Paul Krieger<br/>         Lori LaConta<br/>         John Lefebber<br/>         Scott Lemond<br/>         Derek Lisk</p> | <p>Melissa Loveless<br/>         Joe Messa<br/>         Michele O'Brien<br/>         Austin O'Toole<br/>         Brenda Page<br/>         Rebecca Renfro<br/>         Don Seyfert<br/>         Gratia Shoemakers<br/>         Bryan Sky-Eagle<br/>         Michael Springer<br/>         David Tatem<br/>         Warren Taylor<br/>         Chandra Thornton<br/>         David Verbit</p> |
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## Upcoming HBA/CLE Seminars

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

Texas Non-Compete Agreements  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

**Friday, January 13, 2012**

Recent and Proposed Changes to the Federal Rules  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

**Friday, January 20, 2012**

What Every Civil Practitioner Needs to Know About Criminal Law  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

**Thursday, February 2, 2012**

Surviving a Homeland Security I-9 Audit  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

**Friday, February 10, 2012**

Cutting Overhead Through the Use of Technology  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

The Two-Edged Sword: Considerations About Boilerplate in Legal Documents  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

Legal Ethics & Social Media  
 1.5 hours MCLE credit, 1.5 hours ethics credit.

Please note changes in CLE Seminars: Friday seminars are held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the NEW Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Plaza. Thursday seminars are held from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Seminars are free to HBA members only; members may purchase written materials for \$15. The cost for non-members is \$50 per program, including written materials. Seminars are approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE credit, including any ethics credit noted above. Registration at the door only. Please visit [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org) for the full seminar schedule.

## 26th Law & the Media Seminar to Examine the Wikileaks Debate

The 26th Law & the Media seminar will examine the Wikileaks debate through the eyes of a member of the legal team for Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, a New York Times reporter who has covered the issue, and a panel of prominent journalists and attorneys who will debate whether the “antisecrecy vigilantes” are news or a nuisance. Law & the Media is co-sponsored by the HBA, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Houston Press Club.

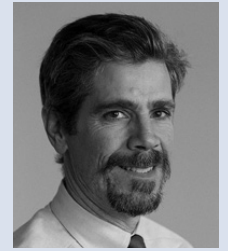
The program is set for Saturday, January 28, 2012 at South Texas College of Law, Emilie Slohm Conference Center, 6th Floor. The event begins with check in and continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. The seminar will include interactive presentations by New York Times reporter Eric Schmitt and Assange attorney Geoffrey Robertson (via Skype from London). The program will also include a panel discussion with Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee on Freedom of the Press, Washington, D.C.; David Adler, federal criminal defense attorney; Don DeGabrielle, former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas; and media attorney Tom Forestier of Winstead, P.C.



Dalglish



Robertson



Schmitt

The program has applied for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit. The cost for attorneys is \$40 with advance reservations and includes continental breakfast. Journalists, communication professionals, law students and journalism students may attend at no charge. For a registration form, visit the HBA Web site, [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org). For more information, contact Tara Shockley, communications director, at [taras@hba.org](mailto:taras@hba.org) or 713-759-1133.

## Lawyers, Physicians Team Up for Drug Education Program

Twenty-five teams of Houston Bar Association members and Houston-area medical professionals talked to 1,574 students about the legal and mental health consequences of substance abuse on October 20 through the Inter-professional Drug Education Alliance (IDEA) program. Co-chaired by Deborah Ziegler and Hon. Carlos R. Garcia, the interactive program educates fifth graders about the realities of us-

ing drugs, alcohol and tobacco, including how these substances affect their growing bodies and minds.

The program will be held again in the spring, giving additional schools and students the opportunity to participate. The HBA would like to thank the following HBA members and medical professionals who were presenters for the program:

### Attorneys

Joe Balat  
Christy Barber  
Hon. Denise Bradley  
Dan Castaneda  
Clarinda Comstock  
Angela Contreras-Garcia  
Erin Craig  
Mark Dube  
Mary Kathleen Evans  
Hon. David Fraga  
Carlos R. Garcia  
Shreya Gulamali  
Donna Hawkins  
Crystal Henderson  
Andrew Kasner  
Brandon C. Leonard  
Kevin McInnis  
Scott Michelman  
Shannon Moore  
Terry Peterson  
Rachael Rolon  
Melanie Rubinsky  
John Spiller  
Deborah Ziegler

### Medical Professionals

Alison Blazek, M.D.  
Bruce Edison, M.D.  
Sajimon Chacko, R.N.  
Kelli Cohen Fein, M.D.  
Stephen Herrmann, M.D.  
Ravi Hingarani, D.O.  
Farron Hunt, M.D.  
Ajani Jackson, M.D.  
Noor Jarun, D.O.  
Accama Kallel, R.N.  
Lindsey King, M.D.  
Diana Medina, M.D.  
Roberto Medina  
Mindy Michelman, R.N.  
Brenda Moore, D.O.  
Alice Neycheril, R.N.  
Fehintola Omidele  
Renee Raskin  
Sam Rolon, M.D.  
Pooja Satya, M.D.  
Elena Sutherland, M.D.  
Susan Thorne, M.D.  
Elizabeth Tran, M.D.  
Vivian Mai Tran  
Gisele Urrutibeheity, M.D.



Dr. Stephen Herrmann shows B.C. Elmore students the effects that drugs can have on the brain, while attorney Christy Barber, at back on the right, and Dr. Fehintola Omidele, center in back, talk to the teacher.



Dr. Vivian Tran and Donna Hawkins at B.C. Elmore Middle School, the HBA's adopted school in North Forest ISD.

## Blood Drives

### January:

**COH: Municipal Courts  
Williams Kherkher  
Houston Pennzoil Place  
1001 McKinney  
Marathon Oil Tower**

### February:

**Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White,  
Williams & Martin  
Andrews Kurth LLP  
Insperity, Inc.  
JPMorgan Chase Tower  
Locke Lord LLP  
South Texas College of Law  
919 Milam  
Wells Fargo Plaza**

For more information on these and other blood drives in your area, as well as how you can give the gift of life by donating blood, please visit the HBA Web site at [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org)

## HBA Auxiliary honors Kelly Frels with 2012 Leon Jaworski Award

The Houston Bar Association Auxiliary is pleased to announce the 2012 Leon Jaworski Award recipient, Kelly Frels of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP. The HBAA established the award 25 years ago to honor an outstanding lawyer in the community who has given of his or her time and service, and whose efforts benefit the City of Houston and its citizens. The award will be presented at a special luncheon

on March 6 at The Houston Club.

In addition to his many leadership and community roles, Frels served as president of the Houston Bar Association in 1994-1995 and as president of the State Bar of Texas in 2004-2005. He is the immediate past chair of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics.

Please join the HBA Auxiliary in honoring Kelly Frels on Tuesday, March 6, 2012

at 11:30 a.m., at The Houston Club. For ticket information, please contact Ansley Buttram at 713-373-9277 or via email at [Ansley@buttramassociates.net](mailto:Ansley@buttramassociates.net).



Frels

# January Calendar

## Labor & Employment Law Section

**Date & Time:** Monday, January 9, 2012; registration, 11:30 a.m.; Lunch and Presentation, Noon.

**Place:** Magnolia Hotel, 1100 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$30 for section members and law students, \$35 for non-members or persons without an advance reservation.

**Program:** Marty Shellist, Shellist Lazarz Slobin, LLP and Mark Oberti, Oberti Sullivan, LLP, to present "Trying the Non-Traditional Employment Case." Includes .25 hours ethics credit.

**Information:** RSVP by 11:00 a.m. on January 4 to Anel Valdez at [anel.valdez@jacksonlewis.com](mailto:anel.valdez@jacksonlewis.com). No phone calls please. Seating is limited and valet parking is available for \$7.00; first 30 participants will receive free valet when requested. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are expected to pay the cost of the lunch unless you cancel by 11:00 a.m. on January 4.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012; 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** South Texas College of Law, 6th Floor, Emilie Slohm Conference Center.

**Cost:** \$10 for section members and law students, \$15 for non-members.

**Program:** Yocel Alonso to present "Sports and Entertainment Law and ADR."

**Information:** RSVP to [mikeneel@neelmediation.com](mailto:mikeneel@neelmediation.com). You can mail your payment to Mike Neel, Attorney Mediator, P.O. Box 980755, Houston, Texas 77098 or bring your check with you to the CLE. Checks are payable to HBA-ADR Section.

## International Law Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012; 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Board Room - 35th Floor.

**Cost:** \$25 with reservations; \$35 for walk-ins, space permitting. Checks only.

**Program:** Anacarolina Estaba, James Munisteri and Juan Vazquez to present "Cross-Border Litigation."

**Information:** RSVP by January 6 to [sbergeron@gardere.com](mailto:sbergeron@gardere.com) and send a check, payable to HBA to: Sandy Bergeron, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002.

## Environmental Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Petroleum Club, 800 Bell St., 43rd Floor. Nearest MetroRail: Bell.

**Cost:** \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members and guests; \$20 for government, non-profit and academic employees; \$15 for law students; and \$40 for walk-ins or those who RSVP and fail to show.

**Program:** Arnoldo Medina, Jr., Senior Counsel, Chevron and David C. Schanbacher, Natural Resources Policy Division, to present "Creatures of Habitat: Consequences of Endangered Species Act in the Oil and Gas Arena."

**Information:** RSVP by noon on January 9 to Laura Talbot at [ltalbot@velaw.com](mailto:ltalbot@velaw.com). Send checks payable to HBA to Laura Talbot, Vinson & Elkins, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002. Valet Parking is available for \$7.00.

## Commercial and Consumer Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012; registration; 11:45 a.m., Lunch and Presentation; Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Downtown Club at Houston Center, Club Level, 1100 Caroline & Lamar.

**Cost:** \$30 with timely RSVP, \$35 for late RSVP/walk-ins; \$39 for non-members. Yearly subscription available for \$192.

**Program:** Mark Aschermann to present "Preparing and Pursuing Consumer FCRA Claims."

**Information:** RSVP to Vicki Hart by January 5 to [vhart@dentlaw.com](mailto:vhart@dentlaw.com). Please make payments at the luncheon. Parking in the attached garage will be validated at no additional charge.

## Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

**Date & Time:** Thursday, January 12, 2012, Registration, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Maggiano's Little Italy, 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, Texas 77056.

**Cost:** \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members, guests and walk-ins, payable by cash or check at door. Walk-ins permitted if space is available.

**Program:** Laina Miller to present "E-Discovery."

**Information:** Please RSVP and send payment to [jbutler@nathansommers.com](mailto:jbutler@nathansommers.com). Send checks, payable to HBA, to Jennifer Butler, Nathan Sommers Jacobs, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas 77056.

## Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012, Registration, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Houston Club, 811 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members, guests and walk-ins, payable by cash or check at door. Walk-ins permitted if space is available.

**Program:** Hon. Robert Schaffer, Judge, 152nd District Court, will be speaking on a related topic.

**Information:** Please RSVP and send payment to [jbutler@nathansommers.com](mailto:jbutler@nathansommers.com). Send checks, payable to HBA, to Jennifer Butler, Nathan Sommers Jacobs, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas 77056.

## Corporate Counsel Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012; Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 1111 Louisiana, Suite 4400, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** No charge for section members.

**Program:** Tony Davis, Baker Botts LLP, to present "Insolvent Affiliates: Containing the Contagion."

**Information:** Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Andrew Gratz at [andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com](mailto:andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com).

## Collaborative Law Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Four Oaks Place - Hill Country Room, 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Level 2.

**Cost:** \$20

**Program:** Dr. Sam J. Buser to present "The Guys Only Guide to Getting Over Divorce."

**Information:** Please RSVP by January 13 to Kathleen Gasner at [kagasner@msn.com](mailto:kagasner@msn.com).

## Health Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012; registration: 11:30 a.m., Lunch and Presentation; Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Place:** Damian's Cucina Italiana, 3011 Smith, Houston, Texas 77006.

**Cost:** \$35 with timely registration; \$45 at the door; and \$25 for students.

**Program:** Nhan Nguyen, Law Office of Nhan Nguyen, P.C. and Robert F. Corrigan, General Counsel, Baylor College of Medicine, to present "Mergers & Acquisitions in Healthcare: Trends, Issues and Outlook."

**Information:** Please RSVP by noon on January 16. RSVP to Lisa L. Dahm at [ldahm@stcl.edu](mailto:ldahm@stcl.edu) or 713-646-1873. Those who RSVP but fail to attend will be responsible for the cost. Vegetarian meals must be requested in advance.

## Bankruptcy Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012; Noon.

**Place:** Judge Marvin Isgur's courtroom, Federal Courthouse, 515 Rusk, 4th Floor

**Information:** Please bring a lunch to the courtroom.

## Real Estate Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012; Noon. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Locke Lord LLP, 25th Floor Conference Room, JPMorgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$35 with advance registration; \$40 at the door.

**Program:** Roger D. Aksamit, Thompson & Knight LLP, to present, "Commercial Lease Accounting/FASB Regulations."

**Information:** To RSVP, make your check payable to HBA Real Estate Law Section and mail to G. Riley Hetherington, Ewing & Jones, PLLC, 6363 Woodway, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77057. For information email [rhetherington@ewingjones.com](mailto:rhetherington@ewingjones.com) or call 713-590-9620.

## Taxation Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012; Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Place:** The Downtown Club at the Plaza, 910 Louisiana, 49th Floor.

**Cost:** \$29 for section members with reservations and checks received by January 13; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.

**Program:** Bret Wells, Professor, University of Houston Law Center, to present "Economic Substance" (1.0 hour CLE and CPE credit.)

**Information:** To RSVP please send check payable to HBA Taxation Section to: Christine Cunningham, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002. Email [ccunningham@gardere.com](mailto:ccunningham@gardere.com) for more information.

## Construction Law Section

**Date & Time:** Thursday, January 19, 2012; 11:45 a.m.

**Place:** Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith, Houston, Texas 77006.

**Cost:** \$35 for section members with prepaid reservation; \$40 for non-section members/paid at the door; \$45 for non-HBA members.

**Program:** Bill Andrews, Rick Flake and Jerry Hoover to present "Breaking Logjams in Mediation."

**Information:** RSVP to Tara Rollin, Adams and Reese LLP, 1221 McKinney, Suite 4400, Houston, Texas 77010. For information Call 713-308-0375 or [tara.rollin@arlaw.com](mailto:tara.rollin@arlaw.com).

### Law Practice Management Section

**Date & Time:** Thursday, January 19, 2012; Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Law Offices of Dunn, Neal & Gerger, LLP, 3050 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 400 (Lakes on Post Oak), Houston, Texas 77056.

**Cost:** \$10; includes lunch.

**Program:** Debra Bruce, Lawyer Coach, LLC, and Anthony Padilla, Attorney at Law to present "Practice Management Software: What to Know When Choosing for Your Firm." Moderated by Kristen Brauchle, Brockman, Brauchle & Evans, PLLC

**Information:** To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Scot Dixon at sdixon@velaw.com or 713-758-3373. Next meeting will be April 12, 2012.

### Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 24, 2012; 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** The Houston Club, Texas Room, 10th Floor, 811 Rusk.

**Cost:** \$30 with RSVP; \$35 at the door, space permitting.

**Program:** Bruce Kramer, McGinnis, Lockridge & Kilgore, to present "Oil & Gas Update."

**Information:** Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056.

# February Calendar

### Environmental Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Petroleum Club, 800 Bell St., 43rd Floor. Nearest MetroRail: Bell.

**Cost:** \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members and guests; \$20 for government, non-profit and academic employees; \$15 for law students; and \$40 for walk-ins or those who RSVP and fail to show.

**Program:** Jim Blackburn, Blackburn & Carter, P.C., to present "Environmental Ethics."

**Information:** RSVP by noon on February 6 to Laura Talbot at ltalbot@velaw.com. Send checks payable to HBA to Laura Talbot, Vinson & Elkins, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002. Valet Parking is available for \$7.00.

### Commercial and Consumer Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012; registration; 11:45 a.m., Lunch and Presentation; Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Downtown Club at Houston Center, Club Level, 1100 Caroline & Lamar.

**Cost:** \$30 with timely RSVP, \$35 for late RSVP/walk-ins; \$39 for non-members. Yearly subscription available for \$192.

**Program:** Don Turbyfill to present "Revisions to the Texas UCC & Property Code: Senate Bill 889 and the Death of Absolute Assignments of Rent."

**Information:** RSVP to Vicki Hart by February 2 to vhart@dnrlaw.com. Please make payments at the luncheon. Parking in the attached garage will be validated at no additional charge.

### Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 9, 2012, Registration, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Maggiano's Little Italy, 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, Texas 77056.

**Cost:** \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members, guests and walk-ins, payable by cash or check at door. Walk-ins permitted if space is available.

**Program:** Amy Snell to present "Business Torts and the Limits of Competition."

**Information:** Please RSVP and send payment to jbutler@nathansommers.com. Send checks, payable to HBA, to Jennifer Butler, Nathan Sommers Jacobs, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas 77056.

### Association of Women Attorneys

**Date & Time:** Saturday, February 11, 2012; 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Andrews Kurth LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Program:** Law School Boot Camp and Scholarship Awards Reception

**Information:** Please RSVP to peggy.harper@dlapiper.com.

### Labor & Employment Law Section

**Date & Time:** Monday, February 13, 2012; registration, 11:30 a.m.; Lunch and Presentation, Noon.

**Place:** Magnolia Hotel, 1100 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$30 for section members and law students, \$35 for non-members or persons without an advance reservation.

**Program:** Jocelyn LaBove, United Continental Holdings, Inc. and Samantha Martinez, Muskat, Martinez & Mahony, LLP, to present "Litigating With the Union-Member Plaintiff." Includes .25 hours ethics credit.

**Information:** RSVP by 11:00 a.m. on February 7 to Anel Valdez at anel.valdez@jacksonlewis.com. No phone calls please. Seating is limited and valet parking is available for \$7.00; first 30 participants will receive free valet when requested. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you are expected to pay the cost of the lunch unless you cancel by 11:00 a.m. on February 7.

### Association of Women Attorneys

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012; registration and networking, 11:30 a.m.; Presentation, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Baker & Hostetler, LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** Lunch available for \$5 for AWA members; \$20 for non-AWA members.

**Program:** Hon. Alice Oliver Parrott to present "Success in the Practice."

**Information:** Please RSVP to peggy.harper@dlapiper.com.

### Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 31, 2012; 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Compass Bank - River Oaks, 2001 Kirby Drive

**Cost:** No cost for section members; \$20 for guests.

**Program:** William T. Miller, Andrews Kurth, LLP, to present "Mediation or Arbitration."

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012; 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** South Texas College of Law, 6th Floor, Emilie Slohm Conference Center.

**Cost:** \$10 for section members and law students, \$15 for non-members.

**Program:** Alvin Zimmerman, Lionel Schooler and Richard Dole to present "Ethics and ADR."

**Information:** RSVP to mikeneel@neelmediation.com. You can mail your payment to Mike Neel, Attorney Mediator, P.O. Box 980755, Houston, Texas 77098 or bring your check with you to the CLE. Checks are payable to HBA-ADR Section.

### International Law Section

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012; 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Board Room - 35th Floor.

**Cost:** \$25 with reservations; \$35 for walk-ins, space permitting. Checks only.

**Program:** Miranda Sevcik, Media Masters, to present "Controlling Media Publicity for a Client in Crisis."

**Information:** RSVP by February 10 to sbergeron@gardere.com and send a check, payable to HBA to: Sandy Bergeron, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002.

### Real Estate Law Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012; Noon. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Locke Lord LLP, 25th Floor Conference Room, JPMorgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$35 with advance registration; \$40 at the door.

**Program:** Robert A. Shults, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard, to present, "Environmental Claims and Commercial Liability Insurance in Texas."

**Information:** To RSVP, make your check payable to HBA Real Estate Law Section and mail to G. Riley Hetherington, Ewing & Jones, PLLC, 6363 Woodway, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77057. For information email rhetherington@ewingjones.com or call 713-590-9620.

### Taxation Section

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012; Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Place:** The Downtown Club at the Plaza, 910 Louisiana, 49th Floor.

**Cost:** \$29 for section members with reservations and checks received by February 10; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.

**Program:** Lee Cleland, Ernst & Young, to present "Mergers & Acquisitions/Cross Border Transactions." (1.0 hour CLE and CPE credit.)

**Information:** To RSVP please send check payable to HBA Taxation Section to: Christine Cunningham, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas 77002. Email ccunningham@gardere.com for more information.

### Federal Practice Section

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 16, 2012; registration, 11:30 a.m.; Lunch and Presentation, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Houston Club, 811 Rusk Ave., Houston, Texas 77002.

**Cost:** \$30 for section members who RSVP; \$35 for section members who do not RSVP and for non-section members.

**Program:** The Hon. Keith Ellison, U.S. District Judge, will be speaking on a related topic.

**Information:** Please RSVP by February 13 to Brent Perry to brentperry@brentperryllaw.com.

**Construction Law Section**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, February 16, 2012; 11:45 a.m.  
**Place:** Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith, Houston, Texas 77006.  
**Cost:** \$35 for section members with prepaid reservation; \$40 for non section members/paid at the door; \$45 for non-HBA members.  
**Program:** David Wilson, Hays McConn Rice & Pickering, PC, to present "Indemnity Issues in Product Liability Claims Arising from Construction Defect Litigation."  
**Information:** RSVP by Friday, February 10 to Tara Rollin, Adams and Reese LLP, 1221 McKinney, Suite 4400, Houston, Texas 77010. For information Call 713-308-0375 or tara.rollin@arlaw.com.

**Corporate Counsel Section**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012; Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 1111 Louisiana, Suite 4400, Houston, Texas 77002.  
**Cost:** No charge for section members.  
**Program:** Ryan Maierson, Latham & Watkins LLP, to present "Mergers & Acquisitions 101 for Corporate Counsel."  
**Information:** Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Andrew Gratz at andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com.

**Collaborative Law Section**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Four Oaks Place - Hill Country Room, 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Level 2.  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Program:** Gainey Johnson, Law Office of Gainey Johnson, to present "How to Avoid Tax Pitfalls in Collaborative Agreements."  
**Information:** Please RSVP by February 17 to Kathleen Gasner at kagasner@msn.com.

**Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Registration, 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon, Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** The Houston Club, 811 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77002.  
**Cost:** \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members, guests and walk-ins, payable by cash or check at door. Walk-ins permitted if space is available.  
**Program:** Brett Busby and Jeff Oldham to present "Texas Supreme Court Trends."  
**Information:** Please RSVP and send payment to jbutler@nathansommers.com. Send checks, payable to HBA, to Jennifer Butler, Nathan Sommers Jacobs, 2800 Post Oak Blvd., 61st Floor, Houston, Texas 77056.

**Bankruptcy Section**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 22, 2012; Noon.  
**Place:** Judge Marvin Isgur's courtroom, Federal Courthouse, 515 Rusk, 4th Floor  
**Information:** Please bring a lunch to the courtroom.

**Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012; 11:30 a.m.  
**Place:** The Houston Club, Texas Room, 10th Floor, 811 Rusk.  
**Cost:** \$30 with RSVP; \$35 at the door, space permitting.  
**Program:** Brian Sullivan, McElroy, Sullivan & Miller, to present "RRC and Horizontal Drilling."  
**Information:** Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056.



**NEW LICENSEE  
INSTITUTE 2012**

Friday, January 27, 2012  
12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue  
2.5 hours MCLE, including 1.0 hours ethics credit.  
Pre-Registration required for materials.

**FREE  
ALL DAY ETHICS**

Saturday, February 4, 2012  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue  
6.5 hours MCLE plus 6.5 hours ethics credit.  
Pre-Registration for this program is not required.  
Non-members pay \$50 at the door.

**2012  
WILLS & PROBATE  
INSTITUTE**

Fridays, February 17 & 24, 2012  
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue  
Pre-Registration required for materials.  
DAY 1 - 3.75 hours MCLE credit and .5 hours ethics credit  
DAY 2 - 3.75 hours MCLE credit and .25 hours ethics credit

Visit the CLE section of the HBA Web site, [www.hba.org](http://www.hba.org), to register and/or view the agendas for the New Licensee Institute, 2012 Wills & Probate Institute and the HBA's FREE All Day Ethics program.

## Summaries

**Special Olympics Volunteers Needed** – The HBA Special Olympics Committee needs volunteers for the upcoming spring events listed below. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please contact Alicia Freed (freed@kruselawfirm.com) or Kenneth Krock (kkrock@rklawfirm.com): *Area Table Tennis Tournament* – January 21, Alamo Elementary School, Baytown; *Area Basketball Tournament* – March 24 and March 31, Location TBD; *Family Health and Resource Fair* -- March 24, University of Houston Optometry School; *Area Tennis Tournament* – April 28, Homer Ford Tennis Center; *Special Olympics Spring Games* – May 5, Strake Jesuit; *Area Cycling Tournament* – May 12, Memorial Park South Picnic Loop Dr.

**Notice Regarding Magistrate Reappointment** – The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Stephen W. Smith at Houston, Texas is due to expire July 21, 2012. The U.S. District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Stephen W. Smith to a new eight year term. The duties of a magistrate judge include: conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The court invites comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether the panel should recommend the reappointment

of this judge to the court. Direct comments to: Stephen W. Smith Reappointment Panel; Attention: David J. Bradley, U.S. District Clerk (under confidential cover), P.O. Box 61010, Houston, TX 77208. Comments must be received by January 20, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

**Unauthorized Practice of Law** – The Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee is seeking volunteers, to be approved and appointed by the Texas Supreme Court, to investigate the unauthorized practice of law. Cases are referred to the committee from numerous sources, including judges, attorneys, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and private corporations. Referrals have increased significantly and the committee needs additional members to investigate and litigate these complaints. If you are interested in becoming a member of the District 4 Subcommittee, please contact Lawana Reynolds at lawanaupl@comcast.net.

**TEA Seeks Hearing Examiners** – The Texas Education Agency is seeking qualified attorneys to act as independent hearing examiners in local school district employment hearings. Examiners preside over hearings involving the nonrenewal, suspension or termination of educator employment contracts. The examiner will prepare a recommendation for the district's board of trustees to consider. Hearings are assigned on a regional basis and examiners are paid by the district. Additional information is available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>. If you have questions, contact Isabel Lozoria at 512-463-9720.

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