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Port of Houston Authority of Harris County Texas

Free Training for Veterans Legal Initiative, March 21

HBA members are invited to participate in "An Introduction to the Veterans Legal Initiative," a one-hour CLE program offered free to attorneys who agree to handle a pro bono case for a veteran or volunteer for a legal advice clinic for veterans. The program will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from noon until 1:00 p.m. at South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto, in the Emilie Slohm Conference Center on the 6th floor of the law library.

The program has been approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit, including .5 hours of ethics credit. It will prepare attorneys to staff a legal advice

clinic or handle a pro bono case for a veteran, including an overview of the clinic model and intake process, procedures for handling a pro bono case, and ethical issues involved. There also will be time for questions and answers with presenter Mickey Baden, the attorney in charge of the Veterans Legal Initiative.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch; drinks will be provided. To register, please email your contact information to Tara Shockley at taras@hba.org and include Veterans CLE Training in the subject line. Please respond by March 19.



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Andrews Kurth is a Houston Bar Association Equal Access Champion that has pledged to take 50 pro bono cases during each bar year for five consecutive years. The most recent bar year began in July 2011, and by December 2011, Andrews Kurth already had reached the halfway mark of 25 pro bono cases accepted by the firm. The firm's attorneys have been stalwart volunteers for the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program over many years. The firm also has continued its commitment to Saturday clinics by committing to sponsor one of HVLP's Saturday Legal Advice Clinics in May 2012.



HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM

Equal Access = Justice for All Houstonians

To volunteer, please call 713-228-0735.

Virtual Legal Advice Clinic Offers Option to V&E Volunteers

To meet the needs of the growing number of applicants seeking legal services, the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program holds legal advice clinics at its office downtown on a handful of work-day afternoons each month. These appointments are often staffed by volunteer attorneys, and starting in the Fall of 2011, Vinson & Elkins devised a way to bring the volunteer attorneys to HVLP without having to leave their desks using Skype – the free internet-based video chat program.

Vinson & Elkins generously donated five computer headsets to HVLP for clients to use when they "see" an attorney at Vinson & Elkins during this Virtual Legal Advice Clinic. Vinson & Elkins volunteer lawyers use headsets on their end, and provide valuable legal advice to HVLP applicants in need.



Vinson & Elkins attorney Jason Espersen meets with a client via Skype at the Virtual Legal Advice Clinic.

HVLP Co-sponsors 'Faith and Practice' Volunteer Efforts

The HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program is wrapping up its second year of a successful pilot program aimed at reaching new lawyer volunteers through Houston-area faith-based institutions. The pilot program, now called Faith and Practice, has provided legal advice and resource referrals to income-eligible employees of the Texas Medical Center and others through quarterly clinics held at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.

In this first effort, Faith and Practice recruited 34 lawyers who have served over 250 clients through clinic-based counseling and ongoing pro bono representation. This year the Faith and Practice program will include new clinics and pro bono representation supported by volunteer groups from all faiths. Interested faith-based and lay volunteers are invited to contact Stephanie Herpin at stephanie.herpin@hvlp.org for more information.



Volunteer attorneys counsel clients from the Texas Medical Center and others at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.



LegalLine Volunteers

The HBA and the LegalLine Committee would like to thank Gotham Pizza, 2204 Louisiana, Suite E., 713-659-2222, for providing dinner for LegalLine volunteers. The HBA and the LegalLine Committee also thank the volunteers listed below.

December 21 Volunteers

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Specialists**
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Joe Villarreal

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Donald Royall
Jacqueline Smith



At a recent LegalLine staffed by HBA board members, including Neil Kelly and Laura Gibson, Gotham Pizza owner and HBA member Earl Spielman, right, delivered the pizzas himself for LegalLine volunteers.

**February 1
Volunteers**
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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@drc-houston.org.

The DRC and Houston Bar Association would like to thank the following volunteers who mediated DRC cases during December 2011 and January 2012:

December 2011

Marlene Dancer
Adams
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Allgood
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Janeli Arredondo
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Charles Thompson
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January 2012

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Janice Becca
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Upcoming HBA/CLE Seminars

Friday, March 2, 2012

Arbitration of Securities Cases

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Wrongful Foreclosures

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Spoilation: When Video Evidence is Lost or Destroyed

Friday, April 27, 2012

Hot Topics in Employment Law

Thursday, March 22, 2012

DWI - What You Need to Know

Friday, March 30, 2012

How to Present Evidence in the Harris County Civil Courts

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 for the full seminar schedule.

Houston Lawyers Who Made a Difference

In celebration of this 175th year of Texas independence, Judge Mark Davidson has agreed to write an article for each issue of the Bulletin on Houston lawyers who have had significant impact on the law, the legal profession and those served by the law.

Friends of the Courts

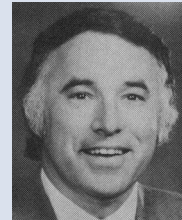
Few lawyers appreciate the benefit of having a judicial system that meets the needs of their home county and how it helps the cases they litigate. In rural parts of our state, the system is easy. There is one judge who handles all of the cases of whatever nature that are filed. In a county as large as Harris County, the importance of having a system that has enough courts that can meet the needs of the parties is critical. Two Houston lawyers – Searcy Bracewell and Jack Ogg – are largely responsible for passing the legislation that created the Harris County Judiciary as we know it today.

Bracewell served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1947 until 1949, and in the Texas Senate from 1949 until 1959. Ogg served in the House from 1967 until 1973, and in the Senate from 1973 until 1983. During that time, and due to their efforts, 45 of the 59 District Courts, two of the four County Civil Courts at Law, 13 of the 15 County Criminal

Courts at Law and three of the four Probate Courts were created. Recognizing the need of a larger appellate court at a time in which the constitution mandated a three member Court of Civil Appeals, Ogg was the house author of the bill creating the Fourteenth Court of Appeals.

Their work did not stop at court creation. They both passed legislation designing innovative ways of responding to the needs of the people. Recognizing the increasing specialization of the bar, Bracewell was the author of the first family law and juvenile courts in the State of Texas. When a governor threatened to veto any bill creating new courts, Bracewell created the 151st and 152nd District Courts as “temporary emergency courts,” knowing that no governor would appoint someone only to have them lose the position in two years. He was right.

The courts were made permanent in the next session. When budgetary restraints pro-



hibited creation of more family courts, Ogg authorized permanent “masters in chancery” be employed to help in family courts. These positions are today known as “associate judges.”

They were Houston lawyers and members of the Legislative branch of government who worked tirelessly for the good of the judicial branch of government. Their work makes a difference to every person who has or ever will be a litigant or litigator in our courts.

Volunteers Help Special Athletes Compete with Pride

Numerous volunteers recruited by the HBA Special Olympics Committee participated in events last fall, helping hundreds of athletes compete with pride in a positive sports environment.

In October, approximately 30 volunteers assisted with the Special Olympics Regional Softball Tournament hosted by Collins Park in Spring. Eager participants marched onto the field carrying their teams’ representative flag. After the opening torch ceremony, it was time to play ball. Each team was provided with an individual coach, as well as practice time to gear up for play. Throughout the day, the joy of the sport was evident on every participant’s face. Volunteers performed a wide range of activities at the tournament, and received a special thank you before the commencement of the game.

In December, approximately 80 volunteers assisted over 700 athletes as they participated in the annual all-day Bowling Tournament at Copperfield Bowl. After opening ceremonies for each round, athletes put on their bowling gloves and entered the lanes with pride, with countless supporters in the cheering section rooting for their pursuit of bronze, silver and gold medals. In January, the HBA recruited volunteers for the Area Table Tennis Tournament, another great event for special athletes.

The HBA and the Special Olympics Committee would like to express appreciation to all of the volunteers who participate in these exciting events. Committee members serve as volunteers and also recruit others at numerous events throughout

the year. Volunteers do not need any special training or knowledge of the sport and are very much appreciated by the Special Olympics organization and the athletes.

The HBA’s Special Olympics Committee is looking for volunteers



for the upcoming Spring Events. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinators listed below if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you in advance for helping to make this another successful year for Special Olympics!

HBA volunteers work the check in table at the Bowling Tournament.



Special athletes take the field with their team flags at the Special Olympics Softball Tournament.

March 3, Basketball – Individual Skills - Location: Aragon Middle School, 16823 West Road, Houston, TX 77095. Volunteer Coordinator: Hon. Denise Bradley, dbradley1127@gmail.com.

March 24, Families Health and Resource Fair - University of Houston - Main Campus, Optometry School. Volunteer Coordinator: Alicia Freed, freed@kruselawfirm.com.

March 31, Basketball Tournament - Location TBD. Volunteer Coordinators: Laurens Wilkes, jlwilkes@jonesday.com, and Everett Day, eday@tsslawfirm.com.

April 28, Tennis Tournament - Homer Ford Tennis Center, 5225 Calhoun Rd, Houston, TX 77021. Volunteer Coordinator: Jerrad Bloome, Jbloome@wkpz.com.

March Calendar

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 6, 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: Rod Toben will discuss the American Arbitration Association.
Information: RSVP by March 1 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, March 13, 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: Michael Peck, KBR, to present "Postcards from the Edge - A Practitioner's Experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq."
Information: RSVP by March 9 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.

Commercial and Consumer Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 14, 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.
Program: Sapna Aiyer to present "Equitable Subrogation."
Information: RSVP to Vicki Hart by March 8 to vhart@dentlaw.com. Please make payments at the luncheon. Parking in the attached garage will be validated at no additional charge.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, March 15, 2011; 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Place: Wortham Tower Cafeteria, 2727 Allen Parkway at Waugh.
Cost: \$5 (breakfast available, but not included in charge.)
Program: Jake Levine to present "Lawyers Make a Difference in the Game of Real Life."
Information: For reservations contact Lynne Andrews at 713-626-7272; fax to 713-626-3606 or email andrewslynn777@gmail.com.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 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: TBA
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.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 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: Herschel Hamner and Shalla Prichard, both of Baker Botts L.L.P., to present "Debt Covenants 101."
Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Andrew Gratz at andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com.

Taxation Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 21, 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: Ira Shepard, Professor, University of Houston Law Center, to present "Update on Recent Federal Income Tax Developments." (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.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 21, 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: Ilan Levin, Associate Director, Environmental Integrity Project, to present "Emerging Clean Air Act Issues: Permitting, Enforcement and Litigation."
Information: RSVP by noon on March 19 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.

Real Estate Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 21, 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: Brad Whitlock, Scheef & Stone, L.L.P., to present, "Choice of Entity, Shareholder Agreements and Their Impact on Exit Strategy."
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.

Federal Bar Association - Southern District of Texas Chapter

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 22, 2012, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Locke Lord LLP, 25th Floor Conference Room, JPMorgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.
Cost: \$15 with RSVP; \$20 at the door for FBA members; \$20 with RSVP; \$25 at the door for nonmembers.
Program: Chad Dunn to present "The Voting Rights Act & Texas Redistricting Litigation."
Information: RSVP to fba.southtx@gmail.com.

Antitrust & Trade Regulation and Health Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, March 22, 2012; registration: 11:30 a.m., Lunch and Presentation; 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Damian's Cucina Italiana, The Roman Room, 3011 Smith, Houston, Texas 77006.
Cost: \$40 for section members; \$45 for nonmembers. RSVP required.
Program: Honorable J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission, to present "The Affordable Care Act: Will Health Care Reform Survive 2012?"
Information: RSVP is required by March 19 to Judi Johnson at 713-758-2241 or jjjohnson@velaw.com, or to Lisa L. Dahm at 713-646-1873 or ldahm@stcl.edu. Mail checks, payable to HBA, to Stacy Neal, Vinson & Elkins, LLP, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002, or bring them to the luncheon. No walk-ins will be admitted.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, March 22, 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: Lee Haag, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. to present "Contractor Defaults and Terminations."
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.

Appellate Practice Section

Date & Time: Thursday, March 22, 2012; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Coronado Club, 919 Milam Street, Suite 500.
Cost: \$30 for section members who RSVP; \$35 for non-members who RSVP and section member walk-ins; and \$40 for non-member walk-ins.
Program: Roger D. Townsend, Justice Sharon McCally and Brian Wice to present "Celebrity Trials, Contemporary American Culture, and Appellate Courts: Is There a Connection?"
Information: RSVP by noon on Tuesday, March 20 to hba.appellate.rsvp@gmail.com. Please note if you RSVP and do not attend, you will be billed for the cost of the luncheon. RSVP's are transferable.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 27, 2012; registration and networking, 11:30 a.m.; Presentation, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1200 Louisiana Street.
Cost: Individual tickets are \$75.
Program: AWA Premier Women in Law Luncheon.
Information: Please RSVP to peggy.harper@dlapiper.com.

March Calendar, cont.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 27, 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: Jason Balasch, Enterprise Products Partners, to present "Infrastructure Development for the Eagle Ford Shale."

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

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 27, 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."

Bankruptcy Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 28, 2012; Noon.

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

Information: Please bring a lunch to the courtroom.

April Calendar

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 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: John Minor, Alliant Insurance Services, to present "Political Risk Insurance."

Information: RSVP by April 6 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.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 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: Robin Morse to present "Environmental Law and ADR."

Information: RSVP by April 5 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.

Environmental Law Section

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

April's meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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: General Counsel Panel

Information: RSVP by noon on April 9 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, April 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.

Program: Rick McElvaney to present "Landlord/Tenant Law in Texas."

Information: RSVP to Vicki Hart by April 5 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, April 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: TBA

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.

Law Practice Management Section

Date & Time: Thursday, April 12, 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: Chelsie Garza, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend to present "From Phone Call to Contract - How to Sign Up a New Client."

Information: To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Scot Dixon at sdixon@velaw.com or 713-758-3373.

Juvenile Law Section - 2nd Annual Seminar

Date & Time: Friday and Saturday, April 13 -14; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, Texas 77007

Program: 2nd Annual: Adjusting the Bar: The Definitive Ad Litem Seminar in DFPS Cases

Cost: \$150 for early registration; \$175 at the door (or before April 5.)

Information: To register, please fill out the registration form available on the HBA Juvenile Law Section web page, at www.hba.org. For questions, please contact Brian Fischer at 713-520-7500 or bjflaw@hotmail.com.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 17, 2012; Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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

Cost: No charge for section members.

Program: Beth Walker, Newhouse + Noblin; Stacy Humphries, Pye Legal Group; Jeffrey Carr, FMC Technologies; Susan Lindberg, Eni US Operating Co. Inc.; Dwight Rettig, National Oilwell Varco, Inc., to present "The Path to General Counsel."

Information: RSVP's are required and a light lunch will be served. RSVP to Andrew Gratz at andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com.

Federal Practice Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 17, 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. Lee Rosenthal, U.S. District Judge, will be speaking on a related topic.

Information: Please RSVP by April 13 to Brent Perry to brentperry@brentperrylaw.com.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 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: TBA

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.

Taxation Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 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 February 10; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.

Program: Jack Taylor, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., to present "FATCA/FBAR." (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.

April Calendar, cont.

Real Estate Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 18, 2012; Noon. Registration begins at 11:30.
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: David D. Peden, Porter Hedges LLP, to present, "Summary of Legislation Affecting the Texas Construction Industry Passed by the 82nd Texas Legislature."

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 rheterington@ewingjones.com or call 713-590-9620.

Federal Bar Association - Southern District of Texas Chapter

Date & Time: Thursday, April 19, 2012, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$15 with RSVP; \$20 at the door for FBA members; \$20 with RSVP; \$25 at the door for nonmembers.

Program: Stephen Susman to present "Trial Agreements Made Easy."

Information: RSVP to fa.southtx@gmail.com.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, April 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: Lee Shildlovsy to present "Insurance Construction Law Update."

Information: RSVP by Friday, April 13 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.

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 24, 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: Panel of Harris County Probate Judges: The Hon. Lloyd Wright, Probate Court One; The Hon. Mike Wood, Probate Court Two; The Hon. Rory Olsen, Probate Court Three; The Hon. Christine Butts, Probate Court Four.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 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: Eric Cassidy and Aaron Ball, both of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, to present "International Primer for Independents."

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

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25, 2012; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Locke Lord LLP, 600 Travis, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002.

Program: The Hon. Nancy Atlas will be speaking on relevant topics.

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

Bankruptcy Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 25, 2012; Noon.

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

Information: Please bring a lunch to the courtroom.

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Fridays, April 13 & April 20, 2012

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Thursday, April 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1910 Courthouse, 301 Fannin

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Summaries

Portrait Ceremony – A portrait of the Hon. Susan Soussan will be unveiled in a ceremony at noon on March 1, 2012, recognizing her service on the 270th District Court. The ceremony will be held in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline, 17th Floor, followed by a luncheon reception in the Ceremonial Conference Suite. All attorneys, members of the judiciary and other colleagues are cordially invited to attend.

Civil War Lawyers Lecture – You are invited to attend a discussion with Arthur T. Downey, author of *Civil War Lawyers: Constitutional Questions, Courtroom Dramas, and the Men Behind Them* on March 1, 2012, co-sponsored by the University of Houston Law Center, the Baker Hughes Foundation and the Houston Bar Association. The program will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 4000, Houston, TX 77002. Published by the ABA, *Civil War Lawyers* provides insight into the judicial decisions and courtroom dramas that dominated the period and reviews the ways in which presidents dealt with the legality of or constitutionality of important decisions. The book also brings to life the lawyers who argued the cases and represented the positions taken during the Civil War. There is no charge to attend the lecture or reception. Please RSVP to taras@hba.org. Read more about it on the HBA website, www.hba.org.

U.S., Irish Law – The Texas Irish Lawyers Association will present “Comparative Litigation and the Administration of Justice: Texas, U.S. and Ireland,” on March 16, 2012, 1:00-4:30 p.m. at South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto. The program will be moderated by James Patrick Smith, president of the Texas Irish Lawyers Association. Program topics will include a Texas Supreme Court update by Justice David Medina; the effect of budget constraints on

the administration of justice, featuring the Hon. Donagh McDonagh of the Republic of Ireland and a panel of Harris County judges; mass tort litigation update; Congressional investigations in Ireland and the U.S. with Ciara-Elena McDonagh of Dublin, Ireland; bad faith in insurance claims; and ethical pitfalls in the attorney-client contract. The program has been approved for 3.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour ethics credit. For more information contact the Law Office of James Patrick Smith, 713-654-4990.

State Bar Annual Meeting in Houston, June 14-15 – The State Bar of Texas will hold its 2012 Annual Meeting June 14-15 in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center and Hilton Americas. Don't miss this hometown opportunity to attend great CLE programs, as well as special events and speakers such as former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III; bestselling author Richard North Patterson; a reenactment of *Texas V. White*; exhibits of Texas' rich and colorful legal history; and a live performance by The Fab 5 at the President's Party. Houston co-chairs are Travis Sales of Baker Botts L.L.P. and Alistair Dawson of Beck Redden & Secrest, LLP. Watch for more information in upcoming HBA publications and visit the State Bar website, www.texasbar.com, for registration information.

HBA Member Benefit Update: Spanish Classes – HABLA Spanish School, in partnership with HYL A has lunchtime and after-work Spanish classes starting soon, downtown and at other central locations. HBA members get a discounted rate. For details of upcoming classes and to register, please visit www.hablahouston.com/registration.

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