

Legal Advice Clinics Serve Diverse Segments of 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. Clinics serve all Harris County residents through venues at various community centers, with a particular focus on

weekly clinics for veterans and monthly clinics for the Asian community.

The HBA would like to thank the clinic volunteers listed below for the month of September. To volunteer, contact HVLP at 713-228-0735.

AUGUST CLINICS

Magnolia Multi-Service Center Legal Advice Clinic Sponsored by Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

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August 5
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Chinese Clinic

Peter Bennett

Veterans Legal Advice Clinics

September 2
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September 9

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September 16

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September 23

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September 30

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Veterans Legal Initiative Clinic - Conroe

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Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

The Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program would like to recognize Bracewell & Giuliani LLP as the STAR Volunteer for November-December. Bracewell & Giuliani is a charter member of the Equal Access to Justice Champions Program, created by firm partner Glenn A. Ballard, Jr. in 2006. The firm is committed to handling 50 cases annually for the next five years. In previous years, Bracewell & Giuliani has more than exceeded that goal, and the firm is on a fast track to do the same this year by accepting five pro bono cases every month. Bracewell & Giuliani also sponsored three of HVLP's Saturday Legal Advice Clinics in 2011, providing advice and counsel to many low-income Houstonians.



HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM

Equal Access = Justice for All Houstonians

To volunteer, please call 713-228-0735.



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.

August 17

Volunteers

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Alma Aguirre
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YuShan Chang
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Family Law Specialist

Estelee Garrison

September 7

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Tony Davis
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Kathleen Gasner
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Koetting Jackson
Lee Joseph
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Adam Pogach
Corey Ouslander
Teresa Scardino
Kristin Scheel
Christina Vines
Adrienne Vincik
Joe Wheat

Family Law Specialist

Aaron Reimer

September 8

Consejos Legales

Volunteers
Eddie Cortes
Diana Martinez
Perez
Ivan Rodriguez
Alan Ray San
Miguel
Angelica Hernandez
Rick Soliz
Brian Quintero

September 21

Volunteers

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Nazey Azimpoor
Anita Barksdale
Sharon Beausoleil
Roger Berger
Eric Bormaster
David Hsu Brogden
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Family Law Specialists

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Aaron Reimer

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Trevor Pinkerton
Jontae Reese
Susan B. Sanchez
Andrew Stakelum
Giselle Torres
Brian Von Hatten
Ryan Wooten
Michael Wray

Family Law Specialist

Meghann J. Smith

October 6

Consejos Legales

Volunteers

Kevin Chavez

Joe Villarreal

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 August and September 2011:

August 2011

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Adams
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Allgood
Kent Altsuler
Janeli Arredondo
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Scott Lemond
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Mark Salvato
Stanley Santire
Nina Taylor
Warren Taylor
Charles Thompson
David Verbit
Alvin Zimmerman

September 2011

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Bruce Bain
Roger Barras
Francine Barton
Mary Jo Black
Charles Brack
Michelle Cash
Danielle Comeaux
Bob Devlin
Russell Ducoff
Shelly Durham
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Damian LaCroix
Connica Lemond
Scott Lemond
Derek Lisk

Georgina Lopez
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Stanley Santire
Michael Springer
Silvia Tiller
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Sara Vingiello
Mark Watler

Next Lunch & Learn Program November 9 at HBA Office



The HBA/CLE Committee invites HBA members to participate in a new CLE offering, "Lunch & Learn." Because of space limitations, only the first 20 HBA members who RSVP are invited to come to the HBA office from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. and listen to a selected speaker give an hour-long CLE presentation on various topics that are useful in today's legal practice. There is no charge to attend and members are encouraged to bring a lunch to take full advantage of their lunch

hour and CLE experience!

The next presentation will be "Protecting Client Data for Professional Responsibility and to Prevent Identity Theft," presented by Paula deWitte, Attorney at Law, on Wednesday, November 9. To RSVP, email your contact information to Lucy Fisher at lucyf@hba.org. Be sure to put "Lunch & Learn" in the subject line. Registration is currently being accepted only for the November 9 program, but if you would like to see future topics, see the story on the HBA homepage, www.hba.org. For more information contact Lucy Fisher or Amelia Burt at 713-759-1133.

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.

Leon Jaworski

Great lawyers can work a lifetime and acquire a reputation of assisting our community. A few can take advantage of special opportunities to make a difference for our state. It is no exaggeration to say that Leon Jaworski's career made our world a better and more just place.

Licensed to practice in 1925, Leonidas Jaworski (he would change his name to Leon) started practicing in Waco. His defense of an African American charged with committing a double murder enraged many of his neighbors and nudged him to move to Houston. His handling of a plaintiff's case before the Galveston Court of Appeals caught the attention of John Freeman and William Bates, and soon led to his being hired by the firm that would someday contain his name.

During World War II, he became a rising star in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He

prosecuted German prisoners who had killed one of their comrades who had cooperated with their American captors. He did so under the strict supervision of Swiss observers, making sure that the Geneva Convention was followed to the letter. After the war, he was assigned to prosecute German officers who had murdered American soldiers in violation of the Hague and Geneva Conventions. He also investigated the atrocities at the Dachau concentration camp before his discharge and return to civilian life and his law practice.

While becoming a very active lawyer and a bar leader, he found time to serve as a trustee for the M. D. Anderson Foundation, whose work has made Houston a health care center for the world. In 1962, Robert F. Kennedy appointed him as a Special Assistant U. S. Attorney to prosecute the Governor of Mississippi, Ross Barnett, after Barnett defied a

court order to desegregate the University of Mississippi. He served as President of the Houston Bar Association in 1949.

He is best known, of course, for his service as Special Prosecutor of the Watergate affair. His ethical, determined and professional investigation and prosecution of White House officials led to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon and adoption of new ethical standards for Governmental officials.

It is possible that a few lawyers match his record of accomplishment. None have exceeded it. None ever will.



Leon Jaworski

Montgomery, Woodlands Bars Co-sponsor First Coalition Clinic with HBF

Twenty-three veterans got help during a September 24 legal advice clinic in Conroe, the first clinic in the expanded Veterans Legal Initiative that is serving 14 counties in Southeast Texas. Eleven attorneys volunteered for the clinic, which was co-sponsored by the Houston Bar Foundation, Montgomery County Bar Association and The Woodlands Bar Association. Grants from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation have enabled the Houston Bar Foundation, the Jefferson County Bar Foundation and Fort Bend Lawyers Care to form a new coalition to expand legal clinics in a 14 county area that is home to nearly 350,000 veterans.

The Houston Bar Foundation and Houston Bar Association will sponsor a legal clinic for

all veterans, and spouses of deceased veterans, on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at American Legion Post 560, located at 3720 Alba Road (77018) from 9:00 a.m. until noon. No appointment is necessary, and any veteran can receive legal advice and counsel. If the veteran needs further legal representation and meets financial guidelines, a pro bono attorney will be assigned. A clinic will be co-sponsored with the Katy Bar Association on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at VFW Post 9182, located at 6206 George Bush Drive in Katy (77493).

More than 225 attorneys from the Houston area have volunteered for the new Veterans Legal Initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please return a form that can be found

on the HBA website, www.hba.org. For more information, contact Kay Sim or Tara Shockley at 713-759-1133.



Volunteers at the September 24 Clinic in Conroe assisted 23 veterans.

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Bench Bar Pro Bono Awards

The deadline for nominations for the fourth annual Harris County Bench Bar Pro Bono Awards is Friday, March 2, 2012. The awards are sponsored by the Harris County judiciary, in conjunction with the Houston Bar Association, to encourage lawyers to volunteer direct legal services for low-income residents, a growing, underserved segment of our population.

A committee of Harris County judges and attorneys will select the award recipients. Awards will be presented by the judiciary at a special luncheon in the spring in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Harris County Civil Courthouse. Each winner will receive a custom-designed award for their office, and the winner's names will appear on permanent plaques on display in the Civil, Criminal, Family and Juvenile courthouses.

For complete rules and eligibility, visit www.hba.org.

Volunteers Assist with Aquatics Meet

On Saturday, October 1, 2011, over 200 athletes participated in the Special Olympics of Texas Greater Houston Area Aquatics Meet, and Houston Bar Association volunteers played a key supporting role. Athletes participated in individual and team swimming events at the University of Houston's competition pool, as well as skills events at the University of Houston's Recreational Center. For their skill and hard work the athletes earned gold, silver, and bronze medals.

The HBA Special Olympics Committee, along with Chevron, took charge recruiting volunteers for the event. Volunteers were

able to interact with the athletes, assisting in organizing athletes pre-race, timing the races, running award ceremonies, and, most importantly, cheering for the athletes. Among the numerous HBA volunteers, HBA President Denise Scofield was able to attend and cheer on the skills competition athletes.

The HBA Special Olympics Committee would like to express its appreciation to all of the volunteers that participated in this exciting event. With everyone's assistance, the Meet was a great success, surpassing the athlete participation marks set last year.

Story by Daniel Leventhal.



Special athletes who were not competing in the Aquatics Meet got to participate in a skills course in the pool, where they learned skills that would help prepare them to compete in the future.



Special Olympians are recognized with medals in the aquatics event, where HBA volunteers assisted with the awards ceremonies.

Volunteers Needed for Bowling Tournament

The HBA Special Olympics Committee is seeking volunteers for the annual Bowling Tournament on December 3, 2011, at Copperfield Bowl, 15615 Glen Chase Dr., Houston, Texas 77095. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please visit <http://a04hba.volunteersbowling.eventbrite.com> and sign up as a volunteer by "purchasing" your free "ticket" which will register you and provide you with updates concerning the event. For more information about this HBA committee and upcoming events, please contact Kenneth Krock at kkrock@rk-lawfirm.com or Alicia Freed at freed@kruselawfirm.com.



Daniel Leventhal, HBA President Denise Scofield and Special Olympics Committee Co-chair Alicia Freed help in the October 1 Aquatics Meet.

Special Olympians Compete at Golf Tournament

On September 26, 2011, during a bright and beautiful Monday morning, several volunteers recruited by the Houston Bar Association and 91 Special Olympics athletes participated in the annual Special Olympics Regional Golf Tournament hosted by Cypress Lakes Golf Club, in Cypress, Texas. Over 50 individuals participated in the Individual Skills competition where athletes rotated through six skills stations including driver and long iron shots, chipping and pitching contests, and long and short putt challenges. The event also included 24 teams participating in the 9 hole, alternative shot tournament and 11 teams competing in the 18 hole, alternative shot tournament. One athlete participated in the 9 hole, individual tournament, with another athlete participating in the 18 hole, individual tournament. For their skill and hard work the athletes earned gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Approximately 30 volunteers made the experience possible for the athletes. Volunteers ran the skills events, served as scorers, tallied scores, escorted athletes, and performed other activities in connection with the tournament.

This is the fifth year that Cypress Lakes Golf Club opened its facility to the Special Olympics, with many members of the club serving as volunteers. The Golf Club provided the course, golf carts, food, and many of the volunteers.

The HBA Special Olympics Committee would like to express its appreciation to all of the volunteers that participated in this exciting event, with a special thank you to Louis H. Iselin and Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair, Houston. The events sponsored by the Special Olympics of Texas allow athletes to compete against one another, show their sportsmanship and build friendships. The HBA is extremely proud to be able to support the Special Olympics and these wonderful events. *Article and photos by Jerrad D. Bloomer*



Volunteers and Special Olympians enjoy the Regional Golf Tournament at Cypress Lakes Golf Club.



November Calendar

Family Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 2, 2011; Noon

Place: The Petroleum Club, 800 Bell, 43rd Floor.

Cost: \$30 for Family Law Section members with timely reservations; \$35 for members without reservations and for non-member licensed attorneys and non-attorney guests with timely reservations (non-attorney guests must be accompanied by a Family Law Section member); \$40 for late reservations.

Program: Justice Michael Massengale, Texas First Court of Appeals, to present "Perspectives on Family Law from the Appellate Bench."

Information: For more information or to RSVP, please mail your check (payable to the HBA-Family Law Section) to Liza A. Greene, Myres & Associates, P.L.L.C., 1717 St. James Place, Suite 450, Houston, Texas 77056. Reservations will not be taken by phone or at the door. Reservations may be faxed to Liza Greene at 713-622-1610 or emailed to Stephanie Angel at sangel@myresfamilylaw.com.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 8, 2011; 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: Mike Darden, Latham & Watkins; David Asmus, Morgan Lewis & Bockius; Marcia Backus, Vinson & Elkins LLP; and Jim Rice, Akin Gump, Will have a panel discussion on "Doing Domestic Deals with NOC's."

Information: RSVP by November 4 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.

Corporate Counsel/Mergers & Acquisitions Sections

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 8, 2011; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: The New Gallery, 2627 Colquitt Street, Houston, Texas 77098.

Cost: No charge for members of either section.

Program: An evening of hors d'oeuvres, libations and fine art.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 9, 2011; 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: Dr. Al Armendariz, U.S. EPA Region 6 Administrator, to present "View from the EPA: Improving Air Quality."

Information: RSVP by noon on November 7 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.

Health Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 9, 2011; 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 registration; \$45 at the door; and \$25 for students.

Program: Courtenay R. Bruce, Baylor College of Medicine, to present "Surrogacy and Brain Death Laws Examined from a Bioethics Perspective: Where the Laws Fall Short in Dealing with Patients' Families."

Information: Please RSVP by noon on November 7. Direct RSVPs to Lisa L. Dahm at 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.

Commercial and Consumer Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 9, 2011; 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: Mitchell Katine to present "Deed Restrictions & Assesment Collection."

Information: RSVP by November 3 to Vicki Hart at 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, November 10, 2011, 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: Judge Scott Link to present "Fiduciary Duty, Ethics and Contingency Fee Agreements."

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.

Mergers & Acquisitions Section

Date & Time: Thursday, November 10, 2011, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Thompson & Knight LLP, 333 Clay, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77002.

Cost: HBA M&A Section members: \$15; all others: \$25.

Program: Mark A. Morton and Donald J. Wolfe, Partners, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, Wilmington, VA, to present "Tips from the Trenches - 2011 M&A Developments in Delaware."

Information: Parking available at the Allen Center Garage on Clay Street near Dallas. Take the sky bridge from garage to Three Allen Center.

Federal Bar Association/Southern District of Texas Chapter

Date & Time: Thursday, November 10, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency, 1200 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002.

Program: Jeffrey Rosen, author on several books on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Information: Call David Rodi at 713-229-1139. No tickets available at the door.

Animal Law Section - Seminar

Date & Time: Friday, November 11, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: South Texas College of Law, Garrett-Townes Auditorium, 1303 San Jacinto.

Cost: For registration received by November 7: \$125 for licensed attorneys; \$95 for HBA and/or SBOT Animal Law Section members; \$50 for all other personnel; and \$10 for law students (fee for lunch).

Program: "Lawyers to the Rescue" CLE Seminar.

Information: Please see the Animal Law Section page of the HBA website or email Steven Halpert at stevenshalpert@crimdefenseattorney.com for more information.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Date & Time: Monday, November 14, 2011; 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: Scott R. McLaughlin, Jackson Walker L.L.P. and Howard Steele, Steele Sturm, PLLC, to present "Developments in Trade Secret, Employee Raiding & Non-Compete Law."

Information: RSVP by 11:00 a.m. on November 9 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 November 9.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2011; 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: Hon. Mike Wood, Judge, Probate Court #2, to present "A Judge's Perspective - ADR in the Probate Setting."

Information: RSVP by November 10 to mikeneel@neelmediation.com or fax to 713-668-8424.

Collaborative Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$20

Program: Sondra Kaplan, Judith Miller and Vonda Covington to present "Not Home for the Holidays: Helping Families with Holiday Stress the Collaborative Way."

Information: Please RSVP by November 11 to Kathleen Gasner at kagasner@msn.com.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 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. Mike Engelhart, Judge, 151st District Court, to present "Voix Dire Workshop."

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.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 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: Michael Browning, Burleson LLP, to present "Title Research and Selected Problems in Oil & Gas Titles."
Information: Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2011; 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: John Anaipakos, Baker Botts LLP, to present "Texas Legislative and Judicial Update 2011."
Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Andrew Gratz at andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 16, 2011; 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: Texas Supreme Court Justice Debra Lehrmann to present "What You Need to do Today to Make Your Dreams Come True Tomorrow."
Information: Please RSVP to peggy.harper@dlapiper.com.

Real Estate Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 16, 2011; Noon. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.
Place: Locke Lord LLP, 25th Floor Conference Room, JP Morgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.
Cost: \$35 with advance registration; \$40 at the door.
Program: Rosemary B. Jackson, Law Offices of Rosemary B. Jackson, to present, "An Overview of Property Owners Associations 'Reform' Legislation 2011."
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, November 16, 2011; 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 November 11; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.
Program: Bruce McGovern, Professor, South Texas College of Law, to present "Current Developments in Partnership Tax." (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.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 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: Richard "Racehorse" Haynes to present "Reflections on the Practice of Law."
Information: For reservations contact Lynne Andrews at 713-626-7272; fax to 713-626-3606 or email andrewslynn777@gmail.com.

Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2011; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Damian's Cucina Italiana, 3011 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77006.
Cost: \$35 for section members; \$40 for non-members.
Program: Kim Van Winkle, Texas Attorney General's Office, to present "Update from the Texas Attorney General's Office."
Information: RSVP by Monday, November 14 to Judi Johnson at 713-758-2241 or jljohnson@velaw.com.

Appellate Practice Section

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2011; 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: Justice Terry Jennings and Kevin Dubose to present "Logic, Rhetoric and Legal Ethics: Trying to 'Get It Right' in an Age of Spin."
Information: RSVP by noon on Tuesday, November 15 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.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2011; 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: Tom Myers, Cindy Holub and Eric Cassidy to present "A Brave New Frontier: The New Texas Anti-Indemnity Statute."
Information: RSVP by Friday, November 11 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.

Law Practice Management Section

Date & Time: Thursday, November 17, 2011; 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: Anthony Padilla, Attorney at Law, to present "IRS and Attorneys: Tax Audit Exposure and Appeal."
Information: To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Scot Dixon at sdixon@velaw.com or 713-758-3373. Next meeting will be January 19, 2012.

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 29, 2011; 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: Steve Maislin, CEO/President of Greater Houston Community Foundation, to present "Benefits of the Community Foundations in Charitable Efforts and Tax Planning."

Bankruptcy Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 30, 2011; Noon.
Place: Judge Marvin Isgur's courtroom, Federal Courthouse, 515 Rusk, 4th Floor
Information: Please bring a lunch to the courtroom.

The HBA office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 - 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Upcoming HBA/CLE Seminars

Friday, November 4, 2011

Wrongful Foreclosures
1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

Friday, November 11, 2011

Can the Undocumented Worker's Alien Status Be Introduced at Trial?
1.5 hours MCLE credit, .5 hours ethics credit.

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Immigration Hot Topic Updates
1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Bullying in the Workplace
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, December 2, 2011

Tips for Effective Mediations
1.5 hours MCLE credit, .5 hours ethics credit.

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Retaliation Law Update
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Admitting and Proving Medical Expenses Post-Escobedo
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no 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 for the full seminar schedule.

December Calendar

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Sunday, December 4, 2011; 11:30 a.m.
Place: Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith, Houston, Texas 77006.
Cost: Free for annual subscribers; \$20 for everyone else.

Program: Annual Holiday Brunch.

Information: Please RSVP by email with names of all attendees and company/firm names to jmetzger@lrmlaw.com and please send checks payable to the HBA, to John D. Metzger, Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056. Checks must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 6, 2011; registration, 11:45 a.m.; luncheon, Noon.

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

Cost: Complimentary; generously underwritten by section members, firms and friends of the section.

Program: HBA Construction Law Section Holiday Party.

Information: RSVP by Friday, December 2 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.

Annual Holiday Reception Honoring the Judiciary

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 7, 2011; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$75 to \$500 for various levels of sponsorship.

Program: 17th Annual Holiday Reception Honoring the Judiciary sponsored by the Alternative Dispute Resolution, Litigation, Commercial & Consumer and Federal Practice Sections.

Information: RSVP by November 17 to mikeneel@neelmediation.com or fax to 713-668-8424. Make checks payable to HBA-ADR section and mail to Mike Neel, Treasurer, P.O. Box 980755, Houston, Texas 77098. Open to all lawyers who RSVP.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 7, 2011; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Private event; details provided to members who RSVP.

Program: Celebrating 35 years of AWA History.

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

Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

Date & Time: Thursday, December 8, 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: Judge Dan Hinde and Ross Spence to present "Recovery of Attorney's Fees."

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.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Date & Time: Monday, December 12, 2011; 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: Debra Bruce, Lawyer-Coach, LLC, to present "Social Media Issues in Employment Law." Includes .25 hours ethics credit.

Information: RSVP by 11:00 a.m. on December 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 December 7.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 14, 2011; 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: Commissioner David J. Porter, Texas Railroad Commission, to present "Emerging Environmental Issues in the Texas Oil and Gas Arena: A High-Level Perspective from the Railroad Commission."

Information: RSVP to Laura Talbot at ltalbot@velaw.com. Send checks payable to HBA, to Laura Talbot, Vinson & Elkins, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002.

Taxation Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 14, 2011; 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 October 14; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.

Program: Juan R. Vasquez, Jr., Chamberlain Hrdlicka, to present "Ethical Considerations of Circular 230 Opinions." (1.0 hour CLE and ethics credit, 1.0 hour 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 cunningham@gardere.com for more information.

Mergers & Acquisitions Section

Date & Time: Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Place: Thompson & Knight LLP, 333 Clay, Suite 3300, Houston, Texas 77002.

Cost: HBA M&A Section members: \$15; all others: \$25.

Program: Robert Ragazzo, Professor, University of Houston Law, to present "The Legitimacy of Defensive Tactics in Hostile Takeovers under Texas Law."

Information: Parking available at the Allen Center Garage on Clay Street near Dallas. Take the sky bridge from garage to Three Allen Center.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Friday, December 16, 2011; 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: The Beacon, John S. Dunn Outreach Center, 1212 Prairie Street.

Program: Annual Holiday Service Event. Join us as we help serve lunch at The Beacon, a day service center, ministering to the homeless.

Information: Contact Ann Webb at 281-799-0145.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 20, 2011; 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: Jason P. Sander, Greenburg Traurig LLP, to present "Intellectual Property for the Corporate Attorney."

Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Andrew Gratz at andrew.gratz@lyondellbasell.com with questions.

Real Estate Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 21, 2011; Noon.

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

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

Program: Rick G. Strange, Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, P.C., to present, "Ethics in Negotiations."

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.

The HBA Office will be closed Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26, and Friday, December 30, for the holidays.

HBA Family Law Section Program at STCL, November 18

The Houston Bar Association Family Law Section will have a day-long seminar "Essentials of Family Law Evidence," on Friday, November 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Emilie Slohm Room, 6th Floor, at South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas 77002.

The program has been approved for 5.5

hours MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour of ethics credit. Tuition for the program is \$175. Pre-registration must be received by November 11. Materials will be emailed to registrants prior to the event. Optional printed materials or flash drive may be purchased for an additional \$25 and received at the event. Door registration is \$200 and printed materi-

als or flash drive will be available. Tuition includes materials, working lunch and refreshments. Please send pre-registration form and check payable to HBA-FLS to: Liza A. Greene, Treasurer, Myres & Associates, 1717 St. James Place, Suite 450, Houston, Texas 77056. Pre-registration form and program agenda available at www.hba.org.

Summaries

Mentor-Protégé Breakfast – Attorneys who are participating in the HBA Professionalism Committee’s Mentor-Protégé Program are invited to attend the annual Fall Mentor and Protégé Breakfast on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Attorney Ready Room, Harris County Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline, 8th Floor. The program will feature a panel discussion on “The Mechanics of Setting Up a Law Practice: Practical Advice on Technology, Marketing & Court Appointments.” For more information about the Mentor-Protégé Program, see applications on the HBA website, www.hba.org, or call Claire Neson at 713-759-1133.

Spell-Off Set for December 5 – Are you are interested in competing for a spot on the team that will defend the HBA’s 1st place title in the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee on January 27 at the UH Hilton? If so, then plan on participating in the “Spell Off” set for 5:30 p.m. on December 8 at the HBA office, 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston TX 77002. This event will select three team members and one alternate for the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee, which benefits literacy projects of the Houston READ Commission. If you would like to participate in the Spell-Off or want more information, contact Claire Nelson at 713-759-1133 or clairen@hba.org.

Save the Dates! – Mark your calendars for the following HBA events in 2012:

January 28, 2012 – 26th Law & the Media Seminar

March 24, 2012 – 27th John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run

April 21, 2012 – HBA Day of Family Giving (watch for more details)

Tutoring at B.C. Elmore Middle School -- The HBA’s Adopt-A-School Committee is seeking attorney volunteers to tutor 6th grade

students in math and reading at the HBA’s adopted school, B.C. Elmore Middle School in the North Forest ISD. Tutoring sessions are held on six Wednesdays in the fall and six Wednesdays in the spring. The time commitment for volunteers is approximately one and a half hours per tutoring session, including drive time from downtown. The school is located at 8200 Tate (77028). If you would like more information, please contact Claire Nelson at 713-759-1133 or clairen@hba.org.

Holiday Performance Discounts – HBA members enjoy discounts on the following holiday performances:

Houston Ballet’s *The Nutcracker* is a traditional holiday favorite, with stunning costumes and magical sets to delight the entire family. Performances at the Wortham Center run from November 25 through December 27. For corporate discounts on tickets, contact Pam Perry at 713-535-3258

Shen Yun Performing Arts brings together hundreds of classically trained dancers, choreographers and musicians that revive, breathe life and share the beauty of traditional Chinese culture through exhilarating choreography, visuals and music for six shows at Jones Hall, December 21-27. HBA members enjoy a 10 percent discount by using Code SY28 when ordering tickets at www.houshow.com.

Scholarship Fundraiser – The Spouses of Houston Barristers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that provides scholarships for law students in the Houston area, is looking for supporters for its Barristers Ball Program Booklet. To learn more about this scholarship fundraiser, visit www.szbinc.org and click on “Sponsorship Information” under the “Scholarships” tab.

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