

September Calendar

Family Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 7, 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: John Van Ness, Lilly, Newman & Van Ness, LLP to present "Parents v. Judges: Who has the Final Say on Best Interest?" Plus, interesting cases by Sallee Smyth.

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.

Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

Date & Time: Thursday, September 8, 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: Kent Altsuler, HBA Litigation Section Chair, Nathan Sommers Jacobs, to present "Mediation Tips for Trial Lawyers."

Information: Please RSVP and send payment by September 5, 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, September 12, 2011; registration: 11:30 a.m., Lunch and presentation; Noon.

Place: (Please note new location) 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: Martin Ebel and Beatrice Wallace, both of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, to present "Representing Clients Before the EEOC."

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

Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program Support Group

Date & Time: Monday, September 12, 2011; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs Building, 303 Jackson Hill, Room B-164.

Information: A confidential support group and educational forum for attorneys who are currently depressed, recovering from depression or seeking to maintain remission from the disease. The group meets the first Monday of each month (September 12 because of Labor Day). All are welcome. More information available by calling 1-800-343-8527 or Cameron.Vann@texasbar.com.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 13, 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. Students and judiciary are complimentary. NOTE: This month you may also pay \$50 in advance and be entitled to attend all monthly CLE's of the ADR section, September 2011-April 2012.

Program: Jeff Kilgore to present, "Windstorm ADR."

Information: For registration and information, contact Mike Neel, Attorney Mediator, P.O. Box 980755, Houston, Texas 77098, 713-626-0370 or mikeneel@neelmediation.com.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 13, 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: Tom Fox to present "Surviving the FCPA Investigation." 1.0 hour ethics credit.

Information: RSVP by September 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.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 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: Mayor Annise Parker to present "The Greening of Houston"

Information: RSVP by noon on September 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. The HBA Environmental Law Section invites its members to get on board for the season with the new GREENPASS. Purchase a GREENPASS to cover all luncheon meetings in advance and receive one free. The GREENPASS is \$280 for the year. Sign up by September 9, 2011. To read more information about the GREENPASS and see special conditions, please visit the Environmental Law Section page of the HBA website, www.hba.org.

Health Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 14, 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: Lisa Helfman, Texas Children's Hospital and David Springhetti, Munsch, Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. to present "A Primer on Medical Office Building Leasing Under the Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute and Tax Exemption Laws."

Information: Please RSVP by noon on September 12. Direct RSVPs to Lisa L. Dahm at ldahm@stel.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, September 14, 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: Hon. R. Jack Cagle, Judge, County Civil Court 1, to present "What to Do After You Win: Collection and Turnovers."

Information: RSVP by September 8, 2011 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.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, September 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: Charles Foster to present "A Realistic Immigration Policy."

Information: For reservations contact Lynne Andrews at 713-626-7272; fax to 713-626-3606 or email andrewslynn777@gmail.com.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, September 15, 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: Hon. Brent Gamble, Judge, 270th District Court, to present "Tips from the Bench."

Information: RSVP by Friday, September 9, 2011 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, September 15, 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.

Program: Jennifer A. Hasley, Hasley Scarano, L.L.P., to present "The Ethical Ins-and-Outs for Solving Everyday LPM Issues."

Information: To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Scot Dixon at sdixon@velaw.com or 713-758-3373. Next meeting will be November 17, 2011.

Collaborative Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, September 15, 2011; 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Cafe Moustache, 507 Westheimer, Houston, Texas 77006.

Cost: No charge for section members.

Program: After work social; no RSVP necessary.

Juvenile Law Section - Conference

Date: Friday and Saturday, September 16-17

Place: The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston, 303 Jackson Hill Street, Houston, Texas 77007.

Cost: \$150 per person with early registration; \$175 per person for on-site registration.

Program: The Juvenile Court Judges of Harris County, Texas and the HBA Juvenile Law Section present, "Second Annual Juvenile Law Conference."

Information: Registration forms, conference schedule and detailed information are available by visiting the Juvenile Law Section on the HBA web site, www.hba.org. Early registration must be received by September 9. Conference enrollment limited to 300 participants.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 20, 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: James Collura to present "Marsh USA v. Cook - The Impact on Covenants Not to Compete in Texas."

Information: Please RSVP and send payment by September 16, 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, September 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: Shayne Newell, Baker Botts LLP, to present "Selected Ethical Considerations from the Perspective of Outside Counsel." 1.0 hour ethics credit.

Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served.

Bankruptcy Section

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

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

Cost: \$35 with advance registration; \$40 at the door; \$175 annual luncheon subscription.

Program: Corey Smith, First American Commercial Due Diligence Services, to present, "The 2011 ALTA Survey Requirements and Options Changes."

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.

Taxation Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 21, 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 September 16; \$35 for others; government personnel and students pay one-half of the applicable price.

Program: Paul Master, Chamberlain Hrdlicka, to present "Current Developments in State and Local Taxes." (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.

Health Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, September 22, 2011; 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Place: The Tasting Room - Uptown Park, 1101-18 Uptown Park Blvd., Houston, Texas 77056.

Cost: Cash Bar.

Program: Networking Happy Hour

Information: The Networking Happy Hour will provide a unique opportunity to connect with Houston area health law attorneys and other healthcare professionals, exchange innovative ideas and establish beneficial relationships. For additional information, please contact L. Renée Lowe at 281-323-1501 or Mark Phelps at 713-822-6064.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 27, 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: Marcelo Donadio, Ernst & Young to present, "Business Risks in the O&G Industry."

Information: Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056. Checks must be received by Friday, September 23, 2011.

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 27, 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: Brian Cororve, Campbell & Riggs, P.C., to present "Planning for Spouses in 2011 & 2012: Opportunities & Pitfalls." Includes .25 hours ethics credit.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 28, 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: No charge for AWA members; \$20 for non-AWA members.

Program: Collyn Peddie to present "Unconscious Biases: How to Deal with Them and How to Make them Work for You."

Information: Box lunches available for \$5 for members who RSVP to ileana.blanco@dlapiper.com by September 21.

The HBA office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

October Calendar

Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program Support Group

Date & Time: Monday, October 3, 2011; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs Building, 303 Jackson Hill, Room B-164.

Information: A confidential support group and educational forum for attorneys who are currently depressed, recovering from depression or seeking to maintain remission from the disease. The group meets the first Monday of each month. All are welcome. More information available by calling 1-800-343-8527 or Cameron.Vann@texasbar.com.

Family Law Section

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

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nied by a Family Law Section member); \$40 for late reservations.

Program: TBA; please check the HBA Section Calendar on the HBA website, www.hba.org or the Family Law Section website, www.hbafam.org.

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@sangel@myresfamilylaw.com.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Date & Time: Monday, October 10, 2011; registration: 11:30 a.m., Lunch and presentation; Noon.

Place: (Please note new location) Magnolia Hotel, 1100 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002.

Cost: \$30 for section members and law students, \$35 for non-members or per-

sons without an advance reservation.

Program: Richard "Rex" Burch, Bruckner & Burch, PLLC and W. Jackson Wisdom, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., to present "Recent Developments in FLSA Collective Actions." Includes .25 hours ethics credit.
Information: RSVP by 11:00 a.m. on October 5 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 October 5.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 11, 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: George von Mehren and Steven Harris, both of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, to present "International Disputes Among Sovereigns."
Information: RSVP by October 7 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.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section - Fall Reception

Date & Time: Thursday, October 11, 2011, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Offices of Torch Energy Advisors, 4 Houston Center, 1331 Lamar, 14th Floor.
Cost: \$20 per person; free for annual subscribers.
Program: Houston Bar Association Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section Fall Reception. Jack Balagia, General Counsel, ExxonMobil, will be the guest speaker.
Information: Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056.

Environmental Law Section

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Information: RSVP by noon on October 7 to Laura Talbot at ltalbot@velaw.com. Send checks payable to HBA, to Laura Talbot, Vinson & Elkins, 1001 Fanin, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77002.

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Cost: \$30 with timely RSVP, \$35 for late RSVP/walk-ins; \$39 for non-members. Yearly subscription available for \$192.
Program: Richard M. Alderman, Associate Dean and Director of the Consumer Law Center, to present "DTPA Remedies."
Information: RSVP by October 6, 2011 to Vicki Hart at 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

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

Collaborative Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 18, 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: "Ethically Using Social Media to Promote Collaborative Law."
Information: Please RSVP to Kathleen Gasner at kagasner@msn.com.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 18, 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: TBA; please check the HBA website calendar, www.hba.org
Information: Please RSVP and send payment by September 16, to jbutter@nathansommers.com.

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Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 18, 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: Scott Davidson, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, to present "Expanded Employer Obligations and Emerging Issues in Employment Law."
Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served.

Bankruptcy Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2011; 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, October 19, 2011; Noon.
Place: Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, 25th Floor Conference Room, JP Morgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002.
Cost: \$35 with advance registration; \$40 at the door; \$175 annual luncheon subscription.
Program: Julia P. Forrester, Professor, SMU Dedman School of Law, to present, "The New Texas Assignment of Rents Act."
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, October 19, 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: Judge Mary Ann Cohen, United States Tax Court, to present "Update from the Tax Court." (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.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 19, 2011; 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Place: River Oaks Country Club, 1600 River Oaks Blvd.
Cost: \$55.00 AWA Members purchasing tickets prior to September 30; \$65.00 Non-AWA Members purchasing tickets prior to September 30; \$75.00 All tickets purchased after September 30 except: \$35.00 Judiciary tickets purchased at any time or \$25.00 Law Student tickets purchased at any time.
Program: AWA Annual Judicial Reception.
Information: To learn more about this event, please visit www.awahouston.com.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, October 20, 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: Warren Cole to present "Current Developments in Family Law."
Information: For reservations contact Lynne Andrews at 713-626-7272; fax to 713-626-3606 or email andrewslynn777@gmail.com.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, October 20, 2011; registration, 11:45 a.m.; luncheon, Noon.
Place: Brennan's of Houston, 3300 Smith St., 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: Ian Faria, Coats | Rose, to present "Recent Developments in Residential Construction Law, Liens, Retainage and More."
Information: RSVP by Friday, October 14 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.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 25, 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: N. Gregory Smith, Professor, Louisiana State University, to present, "Ethics."
Information: Please send checks, payable to HBA, to: John Metzger, Looper, Reed & McGraw, P.C., 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056. Checks must be received by Friday, October 21, 2011.

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Texas Minority Counsel Program – The State Bar of Texas, Office of Minority Affairs, will present the 19th Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program Conference, September 7-9, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Austin and Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort. “Inclusion: Is There An App For That?” is designed for both in-house and outside counsel. The conference provides CLE in a variety of legal areas, networking, legislative updates, Supreme Court updates, ethics hours, interview opportunities, recreational activities, and many other programs. TMCP will also present its Corporate Counsel of the Year Award and a new Trailblazer Outside Counsel Award. You can register online at TexasBarCLE.com, keyword: minority. For information, call 800-204-2222, ext. 1538 or visit www.TexasBar.com/TMCP. The 2012 TMCP will be held in Houston.

Pro Bono Discussion Forum – The Houston Pro Bono Joint Initiative will host a discussion surrounding the development, maintenance, expansion and support of pro bono programs and community outreach efforts on September 15, 2011 at Baker Botts, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana, 32nd Floor. The forum will address ethical concerns related to pro bono work and offer practical advice on the “how to’s” of pro bono programs. The program has been approved for MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit. The program will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. RSVP by September 12 to Elizabeth Black Berry at Elizabeth.berry@weil.com or 713-546-5055.

Golf Tournament Benefits Texas Children’s Heart Center – The 13th Nicholas Alexander Higgins Memorial Golf Tournament, benefiting Texas Children’s Heart Center and Texas Congenital Heart

Clinic, will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Tour 18 Golf Club, 3102 FM 1960 Rd. East, Houston, TX 77338. There is a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., with dinner and the awards program at 6:30 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by HBA member Pauline Higgins and her family in memory of their son, Nathaniel. For information on sponsorships and play, contact Junior or Pauline Higgins at 713-521-3409 or visit www.tournevents.com/_listings for September.

Red Mass – The annual Red Mass, which commemorates the beginning of the judicial year by asking for blessings on judges, lawyers and all those who work in the legal profession, will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway in downtown Houston. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Dinardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. The mass will be followed by a dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Centre, with keynote speaker Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield. For information contact Steven R. Rech at 713-276-3440 or srech@schwartz-junell.com.

Foundation Offers Assistance – The Houston Bar Foundation continues to offer help to needy attorneys through the Lawyers Assistance Program. The Foundation’s mission includes providing relief to attorneys who face extreme hardship and financial need due to health or other problems. Applicants may receive assistance by certifying financial need to the Houston Bar Foundation Board of Directors. For guidelines and information, please contact Kay Sim, HBA executive director, at 713-759-1133 or kays@hba.org.

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