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Make Your Community a Better Place in 2013

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Houston Bar Association will join the Souper Bowl of Caring as a partner this year, sponsoring a donation drive through January 16, 2013.



The latest Houston Area Survey says that one in four families in Houston reports having trouble buying groceries. Texas has one of the highest rates of child food insecurity in the country, and every day 53,000 people in Houston are hungry. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement to fight hunger and poverty in local communities, centered around the time leading up to the NFL's Super Bowl Sunday. One hundred percent of HBA members' donations will go to the Houston Food Bank, where just \$1 buys three meals. If each HBA member donated just \$1, it would mean 34,500 meals for hungry children, adults and seniors in Houston.

The HBA also will sponsor a day of volunteer service at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, January 19, 2013. This is a family event that will help the Food Bank sort and box food for the Houston families served through its programs.

Visit the HBA website, www.hba.org, for a donation and volunteer form for the Souper Bowl of Caring and the January 19 event.

Habitat for Humanity

Start the new year by helping a Houston family attain the dream of home ownership through the HBA/HBF's annual construction fund drive for Habitat for Humanity. Contributions may be made through January 31, 2013. This will be the 16th Habitat home built through the generosity of HBA members.

Houston Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in the Greater Houston Area by helping hard-working, low-income families earn a simple, decent home in which to live. The homeowners must meet certain financial guidelines to obtain a mortgage, attend classes that prepare them for homeownership, and agree to work on other Habitat homes. The HBA also provides wills and estate documents for homeowners.

Tax deductible donations can be made online at www.houstonhabitat.org.

Click the "donate" link on the left and choose Houston Bar Foundation as the recipient. To donate by check, make checks payable to the Houston Bar Foundation and send to 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002. For more information, contact Claire Nelson, clairen@hba.org, or Rocio Rubio, rocior@hba.org, or call 713-759-1133.



HBA volunteers build the HBA's 15th Habitat home.

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Trees for Houston

The HBA's Lawyers Against Waste Committee is sponsoring a fund drive and special event to purchase and plant 1,000 trees at the Houston Arboretum. The HBA will work in conjunction with Trees for Houston to replace trees killed in last year's drought. Healthy tree canopies benefit urban areas in many ways by reducing noise, providing protection from the sun and removing air pollutants.

You can help in two ways – by donating money to purchase trees and/or by volunteering to plant trees. HBA members can purchase 5 gallon trees for the Arboretum for \$10 each through Trees for Houston. On January 26, 2013, the HBA hopes to have approximately 250 volunteers working in two hour shifts to plant the trees at the Arboretum. Volunteers will work in pairs, with each pair having the goal of planting four trees in a two-hour span.

The Arboretum will provide special activities for

children in its educational center; children must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Children over 10 can help plant trees as long as they are paired with a parent. Refreshments will be provided, and the Arboretum will give volunteers a tree sapling to take home to plant in their own yards. Visit the HBA website, www.hba.org, for a donation form or to register to volunteer. For more information, call Claire Nelson at 713-759-1133 or email clairen@hba.org.



Foundation Annual Luncheon Scheduled for February 7

Ballard Takes Office as Chair

The Houston Bar Foundation will hold its Annual Meeting and Luncheon on February 7, 2013 at the Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar Street. Glenn A. Ballard, Jr. of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP will become the 2013 chair of the Foundation, succeeding Robert J. McAughan of Sutton McAughan Deaver PLLC.



Ballard



Giuliani

Keynote speaker for the event will be Rudy Giuliani, former Mayor of New York, presidential candidate, and now name partner in the New York office of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP.

Ballard is head of Bracewell & Giuliani's trial section, where his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation with emphasis on intellectual property, real estate, banking and energy disputes. He served as president of the Houston Bar Association in 2006-2007, when he created the Equal Access to Justice Champions Program that increased pro bono legal services to low-income Houstonians. Ballard

also served on the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law and is board certified in Civil Trial Law.

Rudy Giuliani served as Associate Attorney General under President Ronald Reagan, supervising all US Attorney Offices; Federal law enforcement agencies, the Bureau of Corrections, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the US Marshals. In 1983 he was appointed US Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he led the effort to jail drug deals, fight organized crime, break the web of corruption in government and prosecute white-collar criminals. He was elected Mayor of New York City in 1994 and rallied the city and the nation in response to the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. He ran for the Republican nomination for President of the United States in 2004.

At the February 7 luncheon, the Foundation will present its 2012 awards for pro bono service, volunteerism and legal writing. Tickets are \$60 per person. To order, use the form on the Houston Bar Association's website, www.hba.org. The deadline to purchase tickets is February 4, 2013.

Bench Bar Pro Bono Award Nomination Deadline March 1, 2013

Earn your firm the recognition it deserves by entering the Fourth Annual Harris County Bench Bar Awards. The deadline is March 1, 2013. 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. The awards will be presented by the judiciary at a special ceremony and luncheon in May in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Harris County Civil Courthouse. Each award winner will receive a plaque for their office, and permanent plaques displayed in each of the courthouses will include the names of each year's honorees.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

• Large Firm (100+)

- Mid-size Firm (20-100)
- Small Firm (1-20)
- Corporate Law Department (11+ attorneys)
- Corporate Law Department (10 or fewer attorneys)
- Individual, an award for overall outstanding pro bono work by an individual, whether part of a firm, corporation or solo practice.

Attorneys and firms become eligible through a self-nominating process or may be nominated by another individual or firm. A log of the nominee's pro bono service during the calendar year 2012 must be submitted to the Houston Bar Association by March 1, 2013. A nomination form is available on the HBA Web site, www.hba.org.

For more information on the Harris County Judicial Pro Bono Awards, contact Kay Sim, HBA executive director, at 713-759-1133 or visit the HBA website, www.hba.org.

63rd Harvest Party Raises Record \$613,900 for Foundation

The 2012 Harvest Party raised \$613,900 in underwriting to benefit the Houston Bar Foundation. Nearly 1,000 HBA members and their guests attended the gala event at River Oaks Country Club on November 12.

The Harvest Party is the main fundraising event for the Foundation, which provides

primary support for the Houston Volunteer Lawyers. Through HVL, volunteer attorneys provide pro bono legal services to poor Houstonians in civil matters.

Pictured at the party are, from left, Robert J. McAughan, chair of the Houston Bar Foundation; Ansley Buttram, president of the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary; and Brent Benoit, president of the Houston Bar Association.



Petitions Available for HBA Officer, Director Positions

Petitions for nomination to positions on the HBA Board of Directors are now available from the HBA office. The deadline to file petitions is 5 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013. Officer positions to be filled are president-elect, first vice president, second vice president, treasurer and secretary. The officer positions are for one-year terms in 2013-2014. There are prerequisites for the office of president-elect.

In addition there are four, two-year director positions up for election. Directors will serve from 2013-2015.

Each petition must designate the officer or director position sought by the candidate and must be signed by at least 10 current members of the Houston Bar Association. A biographical data form and a current photograph must accompany each petition. Biographical data appearing in the candidate booklet will be limited to 200 words. Each candidate will be asked to read and sign the HBA guidelines governing campaigns for officer and director positions.

Ballots will be mailed March 8, 2013 and will be counted in early April. To request a petition, or for more information, please contact HBA Executive Director Kay Sim at 713-759-1133.



Equal Access Champions

The firms and corporations listed below have agreed to assume a leadership role in providing equal access to justice for all Harris County citizens. Each has signed a five-year commitment to provide representation in a certain number of cases through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers. For more information contact Kay Sim at (713) 759-1133.

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Fall Drive Makes Winter Warmer for Houston's Homeless

The Houston Bar Association's 2012 Fall Coat and Warm Clothing Drive collected 5,910 items from 66 law firms and legal departments, 51 individuals, and two courts. Donations included 138 suits, accessories and other items for Dress for Success Houston, as well as 40 coats for students at B.C. Elmore Middle School, the HBA's adopted school. In addition, members donated \$1,305 in cash, which will go to Dress for Success to purchase new suits for economically disadvantaged women trying to enter or re-enter the workforce. The coats, warm clothing and other items were sorted, boxed and picked up by 17 different shelters and community agencies that serve the homeless and less fortunate in Harris County.

The annual drive is sponsored by the HBA's Campaign for the Homeless Committee, chaired this year by Todd Frankfort of Fullen-

weider Wilhite PC.

The HBA and the Campaign for the Homeless Committee would like to thank all of those listed below who contributed to this year's drive. Mark your calendars now for the Spring Children's Clothing and Diaper Drive, set for April 8-12, 2013.



Scott Davidson of Locke Lord LLP, left, and Campaign for the Homeless Chair Todd Frankfort of Fullenweider Wilhite PC sort clothes during the Fall Coat and Warm Clothing Drive.

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Murray to Analyze 2012 Elections at Senior Lawyers Forum, January 8

Dr. Richard Murray of the University of Houston will present an analysis of the presidential, senate and local elections at the next Senior Lawyers Forum luncheon on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Dr. Murray is a professor of political science and director of the Surey Research Institute at UH's Hobby Center for Public Policy.

The program will be held at Brennan's, 3300 Smith Street, with a "meet and greet" at 11:30 am, followed by the presentation and

lunch at noon. The cost is \$45 per person. Send checks payable to the HBA to Bonnie Simmons, Houston Bar Association, 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002. For information contact Bonnie Simmons at 713-759-1133 or BonnieS@hba.org.

Senior lawyer invitations are emailed to all members 50+ with an active email on file. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to be included, please call Bonnie Simmons at the number above.

Black History Month Celebration, February 8

The Harris County District Courts will host the annual celebration of Black History Month on Friday, February 8, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Court of Appeals at the 1910 Courthouse, 301 Fannin Street. The HBA will join other organizations as a sponsor of the program. Harris County judges and officials will present significant cases from the county's case files and the District Clerk's Choir will perform. The event is open to the public.

28th Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run Set for March 23

Registration and Post-Race Events Move to Library Plaza

Mark your calendar for the 28th John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run on March 23, 2013. While the 8K course will remain on Allen Parkway, the registration and post-race activities will move to the Central Library Plaza at 500 McKinney, due to construction in Sam Houston Park.

Over the past 27 years, the John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run raised \$1,011,737 for The Center, dedicated to offering people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute to their community. The Center supports a variety of programs designed to provide education, job training, socialization, community living and health care.

The event features an 8K run, a one-mile children's run, a non-competitive one-mile family walk, and a wheelchair division in the 8K. The 8K race is an official spring series race of the Houston Area Road Runners Association and

is a sanctioned U.S.A. Track and Field event. Unique trophies, handmade by residents of The Center, are awarded to top finishers in

pete for the President's Trophy, which goes to the fastest, all-lawyer three person team.

The individual early entry fee for the 8K run and the wheelchair division is \$25. Individual early entry fee for the children's run and family walk is \$12. The entry fee for a three-person team is \$325.00. Fees include a commemorative Tech t-shirt, refreshments and post-race festivities.

Another way to enhance your participation in the event is to "Adopt a Walker" by paying the \$25 entry fee for a resident of The Center to join the 1-mile walk. The fee includes a t-shirt for the resident and the opportunity to win prizes in drawings just for residents of The Center. Check the appropriate box on the entry form to "Adopt a Walker."

Race directors are Patrick Beaton of Locke Lord LLP, Andrew Pearce of BoyarMiller P.C., and Nicole Voyles of Jenkins & Kamin, L.L.P. Register online

by visiting www.lawweekfunrun.com.



age categories, as well as overall winners. Law firms and legal departments are invited to com-

Harris County Judges Partner with HBA on Mock Trial Program

The Houston Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Mock Trial Program has given eighth grade students in schools throughout Houston the opportunity to learn about how the justice system works for more than 37 years. HBA staff and students from Houston law schools work with students and their teachers over a five-week classroom unit, helping them develop a case story and prepare for all of the roles involved in a real trial – judge, prosecutors, defense attorneys, court personnel and jurors. At the end of the classroom unit, the students travel to the Harris County courthouse complex to enact their mock trials in real courtrooms.

"This program would not be successful without the cooperation of the Harris County judiciary and their court staff, who graciously allow us to use their courtrooms four Fridays each year," said Kay Sim, executive director of the Houston Bar Association, who helped organize the HBA's Juvenile Justice Mock Trial Program in 1974.

The HBA would like to thank the following judges who allowed the use of their courtrooms for the first two sessions of Mock Trials this fall:

First Fall Session

The Hon. Glenn Devlin
The Hon. Michael Gomez
The Hon. Debra Mayfield
The Hon. Lisa Millard
The Hon. Rory Olsen
The Hon. Loyd Wright

Second Fall Session

The Hon. Christine Butts
The Hon. Joseph J. "Tad" Halbach
The Hon. Patricia Kerrigan
The Hon. Jaclanel McFarland
The Hon. Roy Moore
The Hon. Rory Olsen
The Hon. Alexandra Smoots-Hogan
The Hon. Loyd Wright

Get Connected – Join a Section!

The best way to stay connected to your practice area is to join a section of the Houston Bar Association. The HBA's 27 sections provide CLE programs, networking opportunities, and special activities that will enhance your career and keep you on the cutting edge of your practice areas. Section membership is open only to HBA members.

To learn more about HBA sections or to join sections, visit the website, www.hba.org, and click on the Section Pages menu item on the left side of the homepage. Here is more information on two featured sections:

Corporate Counsel Section

The Corporate Counsel Section promotes the objectives and standards of professionalism within the field of corporate law. The Section comprises both in-house counsel and law firm practitioners. The Corporate Counsel Section currently has 564 members and holds CLE luncheon programs at the law offices of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. A recent program featured speakers discussing client data protection for international clients, and included an encryption tutorial

pre-loaded on a flash drive from the Computer & Technology Section of the State Bar. The Corporate Counsel Section also participates in community service by underwriting HBA events such as the Harvest Party and the Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run. Annual dues are \$25.

Criminal Law & Procedure Section

The purpose of the Criminal Law & Procedure Section is to promote the objectives and standards of professionalism of the Houston Bar Association within the field of criminal law. This section is open to attorneys from the all sides of criminal law – state and federal systems, defense, government, and judicial. The Section meets monthly on the third Tuesday at noon in the Attorney Ready Room on the 7th floor of the Criminal Justice Center. The Section also sponsors quarterly free CLE programs on a variety of topics at the same location. A recent program featured Alex Bunin discussing his role as the Harris County Public Defender. The Section has 126 members and annual dues are \$25.

Lawyers for Literacy Fall Book Drive Collects Over 20,000 Books

HBA members and others donated 24,873 books for readers of all ages through the 2012 Fall Book Drive, sponsored by the HBA Lawyers for Literacy Committee. Co-chairs are Yvonne Y. Ho of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP and Daniel Long of Crady, Jewett & McCulley, LLP.

The books were distributed to 27 different community agencies and organizations, including homeless shelters, women's centers, schools and residential facilities for veterans. In addition, HBA members donated \$1,872 in cash to purchase new books for the students at B.C. Elmore Middle School, the HBA's adopted school in the North Forest ISD. The HBA and the Lawyers for Literacy Committee would like to thank the following donors and volunteer sorters:



Lawyers for Literacy Co-chairs Danny Long and Yvonne Ho picked up books donated from the Jewish Community Center and delivered them to the HBA.

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Voir Dire Program Takes Students Through Jury Selection Process

Students in senior government or civics classes from 10 Houston-area high schools got a first-hand look at how juries are selected during the Houston Bar Association's annual Voir Dire Program, held November 1. Harris County judges hosted the classes, talking to them about the importance of jury service and the jury system. Attorneys representing both sides of a case then took the students through the voir dire process, seated a jury and explained their selections.

The Houston Bar Association would like to thank the judges and attorneys listed below for their participation in this year's Voir Dire Program:

Judiciary

The Hon. Denise Bradley
The Hon. Christine Butts
The Hon. Theresa Chang
The Hon. Hazel Jones
The Hon. Roy Moore
The Hon. John Phillips
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Doug York



Jimmy Walker, Judge Christine Butts and Gus Tamborello with students from Clear View Education Center.

HBA People



Houston attorney **Harry Gee, Jr.** was awarded the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) Award during the recent Who's Who in Asian Communities annual Alliance Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating from Rice University and the University of Texas School of Law, Gee began private practice in Houston in 1966 and was among the first group of attorneys to achieve board certification in Immigration and Nationality Law in 1979. In addition to his well-known law practice, Gee has been active in numerous civic, professional, alumni, and philanthropic endeavors in the Houston area and throughout the state.

Julius Glickman, former managing partner of Glickman, Carter & Bachynsky, LLP, received the Texas Exes Distinguished Alumnus Award at a ceremony on the UT campus in October. Created in 1958, the award recognizes annually up to six graduates or former UT students who have distinguished themselves professionally and through service to the university. Glickman earned his bachelor of arts degree in Plan II with cum laude honors in 1962 and his law degree in 1966. While at the university, he served as student body president and was a member of the Friars, Silver Spurs and Tejas Club. He went on to a successful legal career with an emphasis in employment, antitrust and business litigation, and has won numerous awards for his community and professional contributions.

Katine & Nechman L.L.P. received the 2012 Shelby Hodge Vision Award from the AIDS Foundation Houston at a luncheon at the Hilton Americas in December. The law firm and its partners **John Nechman** and **Mitchell Katine** (pictured) were recognized for their years of support for and activism on behalf of those with HIV/AIDS. Both Katine and Nechman are former and current adjunct professors teaching HIV and the Law at South Texas College of Law and the University of Houston Law Center.



More than 475 business and community leaders with a fondness for fashion and philanthropy attended Dress for Success Houston's 12th annual "A Night Out," hosted by **Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP** on November 15 at the Westin Galleria. **Rachel Powitzky Steely**, a labor and employment partner at the firm and member of Dress for Success Houston's Corporate Guild, chaired the event. Proceeds totaled nearly \$137,600, which will enable Dress for Success Houston to purchase 500 suits to outfit economically disadvantaged women with professional attire and confidence during the job interview process. Pictured are Gardere attorneys **Samantha Trahan**, **Laura Goodson**, **Steely**, **Cristina Portela Solomon** and **Meagan Batchelor**.



The Hon. Mike McSpadden was honored with the Dr. Peggy Smith Award for Professional Excellence by the Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic. Judge McSpadden was introduced by his mentor, **Carol Vance**, and his friend and former judge, **Congressman Ted Poe**, presented him with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in his honor along with a Congressional proclamation. Judge McSpadden has served as judge of the 209th Criminal District Court for the last 31 years.



The Texas Access to Justice Commission honored **South Texas College of Law** with the 2012 ATJ Law School Commitment to Service Award, recognizing the law school that has most distinguished itself by educating students about access to justice issues in their community.

South Texas is home to the Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics, which connect dozens of law students, under the supervision of attorneys, with low income individuals in need of legal representation. The award was presented in Austin to **Dean Donald Guter** and **Associate Dean Catherine Burnett** by Supreme Court of Texas **Justice Nathan Hecht**.

Ogden, Gibson, Broocks, Longoria & Hall L.L.P. founding partner **Laura Gibson** was honored by Texas Executive Women as a 2012 Woman on the Move. Each year, the organization recognizes 10 outstanding women for their exceptional contributions to business and community service. The luncheon honoring Women on the Move raises money for the Texas Executive Women Scholarship Foundation, which has touched thousands of lives through scholarships and mentoring programs since 1985.



More than 500 members of the legal community turned out to toast the **Houston Law Review** on 50 years of publication at a celebration on November 29th. University of Houston Law Center **Dean Raymond T. Nimmer** said the Law Review's rank in the top 2.5 percent of legal publications worldwide speaks to its excellence in legal research and scholarship. Pictured at the celebration are **UH Regent Jarvis Hollingsworth**, left, and **Justice Jeff Brown** of the 14th Court of Appeals.



Locke Lord attorney **Ann Ryan Robertson** has been elected trustee for the International Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a UK-registered charity founded in 1915 that offers education and training in dispute resolution through an international network of more than 35 branches on six continents. Trustees set policy for the 12,500-member organization that works with arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators worldwide.



She is one of six new trustees for a term beginning in January, and she is the first woman selected from the Americas region of the organization.



The **HBA Commercial and Consumer Law Section** heard a presentation by **Associate Dean Richard Alderman** of the University of Houston Law Center at its October 16 CLE/Social held at Maggiano's. Alderman is the director of the UH Consumer Law Center and Dwight Olds Chair in Law. In addition to his responsibilities at the Law Center, Dean Alderman appears regularly as the "People's Lawyer" on radio, television and the newspaper.

Lucy Fisher Cain Celebrates 30 Years with HBA

The Houston Bar Association congratulates Lucy Fisher Cain on celebrating her 30th anniversary with the HBA on January 3, 2013. Lucy has served the HBA in several departments, including administration and membership. For many years Lucy has been the Director of Education, where she oversees both continuing legal education programs and community education projects.

Lucy is married to Greg Cain, an attorney with Service Corporation International. She has two sons, John Duncan Fisher, who attends North Texas State University, and Joe Zachary Fisher, who attends the University of Houston. She is an avid runner and works with youth groups in the community. The HBA board and staff congratulate Lucy and appreciate her many years of service.

Ready Room Drive to Benefit Youth Leaving Foster System Runs February 18th-22nd

The HBA is sponsoring its third annual drive to collect new or gently-used household items for youth who are preparing for their first independent living experience. The drive begins February 18 and runs through February 22, 2013. New items needed include toiletries, cleaning supplies, non-perishable pantry food, underwear and socks, and black tennis shoes for work. Items that may be gently-used include small household appliances, fans, blankets and bedding, cookware and dishes, and clothing, including prom attire for males and females. **No furniture please.**

A complete list of suggested donations is available on the HBA website, www.hba.org. Donations should be delivered to XXII Twenty Two Global Transport, located at 1110 Henderson Street Houston, TX 77007, one block off Washington Ave between 8 am-2 pm, February 18-February 22nd. If you have questions about the drive, please contact Barry Baumgarten at Baumgartenlaw@gmail.com or 713-247-9500 or Julie Countiss at Countiss@berryfirm.com or 713-353-4716.

HAY Prom Event Makes Attending Prom Possible for Foster Youth

High school students in foster care often have a difficult time getting clothes for their proms, and the HBA's HAY Center Committee is trying to help by collecting clothing that will allow high school students in foster care to "shop" for an outfit for their prom at a HAY Prom Event on April 6, 2013 from 10 am-2 pm.

Donate your gently-used, hanging dry-cleaned formals, bridesmaid dresses, men's suits in solid neutral colors, solid ties, or other evening wear suitable for high school proms to the HAY Center. Youth also receive advice on hair/makeup, dancing, and etiquette, receive free alterations if needed, and gift cards to eat at a restaurant after prom. Donations can be dropped off at the locations listed below by March 25th. If you have questions about the event, please contact Angela Dixon at adixon@aldixonlaw.com or 281-931-1607.

Prom Drop-off locations:

- *HAY Center, 1906 Cochran Houston, TX 77007 (entrance on Gano Street) Monday – Friday 9 am-6 pm
- * XXII Twenty Two Global Transport, located at 1110 Henderson Street, Houston, TX 77007, one block off Washington Ave. February 18-February 22, 8 am-2 pm; in conjunction with Ready Room Drive.
- *Winstead PC, 600 Travis, Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Meredith Clark
- * Vantage Drilling, 777 Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77056 Attention: Brandy Buck
- * Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford & Brucculeri L.L.P., 20333 SH 249, Suite 600 Houston, TX 77070 Attention: Sarah Cabello
- * HBA office, 1001 Fannin, Suite 1300 Houston, TX 77002 Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5 pm.

HBA Volunteers Assist with Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

On December 2, Houston Bar Association volunteers and over 600 Special Olympics athletes participated in the all-day Annual Bowling Tournament at Copperfield Bowl.



After opening ceremonies for each round, including the singing of the National Anthem, the lighting of the torch, and the reciting of the Special Olympics Mantra: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," the bowlers, beaming with pride and filled with determination, and countless supporters to root them on in their pursuit of the bronze,

silver and gold medals, took to the bowling lanes.

Volunteers, from local area high schools and businesses such as Chevron, CITGO, Andrews Kurth, and Baker Botts, performed a wide range of activities in connection with the tournament to make the event possible.

The Special Olympics Committee would like to thank Baker Botts and Andrews Kurth for their continued participation and support in all of the fall events.

Call for volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics Table Tennis Tournament on January 19, 2013. The tournament will be held at Alamo Elementary School, 302 YMCA Drive Baytown, TX 77521. Volunteer shift times are 7:30 am-noon, and 11:30 am-4 pm.

To volunteer for Special Olympic events, contact Special Olympics Committee co-chairs Laurens Wilkes, 832-239-3939, jlwilkes@jones-day.com or Everett Day, 713-750-9299, eday@rensimerday.com. Article and photos by: Vasilia Wilkes

Lawyers, Physicians Team Up for Drug Education Program

Twenty-four teams of Houston Bar Association members and Houston-area medical professionals talked to 1,694 students about the legal and mental health consequences of substance abuse on October 18 through the Interprofessional Drug Education Alliance (IDEA) program. Co-chaired by Erin Craig and Mark Dube, the interactive program educates fifth graders about the realities of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco, including how

these substances affect their growing bodies and minds.

The teams visited 18 different schools in seven local school districts and private schools. The program will be held again in the spring, giving additional schools and students the opportunity to participate. The HBA would like to thank the following HBA members and physicians who were presenters for the program:

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Wayne K. Anderson
Damiane Banieh
Charlie Baumann
Antonio Benavides
Dan Castaneda
Jan Clark
Clarinda Comstock
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Debbie Ziegler

Medical Professionals

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Khaled Altassan
Tiyashi Choudhury
Lin Dai
Elaine DeLeon
Donna Sue Dolle



Attorney Sara Longtain and medical professional Luisa Salazar talk to students at Briargrove Elementary School.

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Marsha Green
Noor Jarun
Accama Kallel
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Sophia Siddiqi
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Join the HBA 100 Club!

The Houston Bar Association 100 Club is a special category of membership that indicates a commitment to the advancement of the legal profession and the betterment of the community. The following law firms, govern-

ment agencies, law schools, and corporate legal departments with five or more attorneys have become members of the 100 Club by enrolling 100 percent of their attorneys as members of the HBA.

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27th Law & the Media Seminar Set for February 2

The 2013 Law & the Media Seminar will be held Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at South Texas College of Law's Emilie Slohm Conference Center. This year's program will examine two topics that are pulled directly from Houston headlines – the role of forensic science in exonerations and the issue of human trafficking. At press time for this Bulletin, the Law & the Media Committee was close to confirming the participation of a prominent trial attorney well known for human and civil rights advocacy.

Confirmed panelists for the forensics panel include Prof. Sandra Thompson of the University of Houston Law Center and board member of the Houston Forensic Science Local Government Corp.; Brandi Grissom of the Texas Tribune; and Phil Archer of KPRC TV, modera-

tor. Confirmed panelists for the human trafficking panel include Tim Johnson, former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas; Prof. Naomi Bang of South Texas College of Law; and John Sullivan, partner at WattBeckworth and human trafficking and asylum advocate, moderator.

The program has applied for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit. The cost for attorneys is \$50 and includes continental breakfast. Journalists, communication professionals, law students and journalism students attend at no charge. A registration form will be available soon at the HBA website, www.hba.org. For more information, contact Tara Shockley at taras@hba.org or 713-759-1133.

HCRA, HBA Team Up to Preserve Veterans' Stories

The Houston Bar Association Historical Committee joined the Houston Court Reporters Association in sponsoring a program that gives local veterans the opportunity to tell their stories of military service or combat and have them preserved for posterity. In a special event on November 10th at Sunbelt Reporting & Litigation Services, 27 veterans were interviewed by volunteer attorneys, while court reporters reported their stories. Veterans were encouraged to also bring photographs, letters, diaries and other historical documents to add to their story.

In 2011, the Texas Court Reporters Association and the State Bar of Texas united to record and preserve the oral histories of veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Veterans History Project is a project at the Library of Congress American Folklife Center in Washington, D.C., where the stories are preserved and accessible to scholars, students and

members of the public visiting the library. As part of this project, the Houston event focused on WWII and Korean War veterans, although all veterans were welcome.

"We want every local veteran to come forth and share his or her story. It doesn't have to be dramatic or filled with heroic action," said Carolyn Ruiz Coronado, the official court reporter for the 151st District Court and the local coordinator for the project.



From left, Donna King, Vickie MacNaughton and Carolyn Ruiz Coronado.

The HBA, HCRA and TCRA would like to thank the following sponsors of the November 10th event: Sunbelt Reporting & Litigation Services, Judge Mike Engelhart, Judge Alexandra Smoots-Hogan, Judge Kyle Carter, Judge Jaclanel McFarland, Judge Robert Schaffer, Judge Michael Gomez, Judge Mike Miller, Carolyn Coronado, Donna King and Cornerstone Documents. For more information, email Coronado at veteranstexas@gmail.com or call 713-398-3548.

Night Court Raises Nearly \$63,000 for Charity

The HBA's production of "Viva Laws Vegas" played to packed audiences who again placed their bets on the lawyers, cast and crew of Night Court to come up with a Vegas-style show to raise nearly \$63,000 for charity. Benefiting from the proceeds were the Houston Bar Foundation, the Harris County STAR Family Intervention Court Program, the Children's Court Services of the Houston Area Women's Center, the Harris County Community Supervision and Correction Department's SOBER Courts, and the HBA Lawyers Against Waste Houston Arboretum tree project.

In addition to Grand Sponsor Rimkus Consulting, principal sponsors included The Lanier Law Firm, The Common Source, Kolache Factory, The Hancock Firm, U.S. Legal Support and Lighthouse Document Solutions, among others. Make sure to mark your calendars for Night Court 2013 – "Rock of Ages/Feel the

Energy." Night Court 2013 will play at the Wortham Center from June 12-15 and tickets go on sale April 1 at HBA.org.



Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, Debra Baker, producer of Night Court, Judge Natalie Fleming, Judge Robin Brown and Judge Jay Karahan of the SOBER Courts; Scott Davenport, executive producer of Night Court; Judge Bonnie Hellums, presiding judge of the STAR Family Intervention Court; and HBA president, Brent Benoit.

Law Week Contests, Workshops Focus on Theme of Equality for All

The HBA invites all Houston area students to participate in the 2013 Law Week Contests. The theme this year is "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." There will be poster contests for K-8th grade students, an essay contest for 9th-12th grade students, and a photography contest for 9th-12th grade students. There also are poster contests for special needs students grades K-12 and photography contests for special needs students grades 6-12. Please visit the HBA website, www.hba.org, for more information regarding rules and guidelines, or contact Claire Nelson at 713-759-1133 or clairen@hba.org.

The Law Week Committee also sponsors three Poster Workshops each year as outreach to the East End, Third Ward and Asian communities. Workshops are open to students in grades K-8 and will be held in the East End on February 16 and the Third Ward and Chinese Community Center on February 23.

Blood Drives

January:

Exxon Mobil Corporation: Downtown
Harris County: Employees
COH: Municipal Courts Dept.

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



LegalLine Volunteers

The HBA and the LegalLine Committee would like to thank the volunteers listed below and Which Wich?, Kinder Morgan/ El Paso Tunnel Location, 1001 Louisiana, 713-658-9161 for providing dinner for LegalLine volunteers.

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

The DRC and Houston Bar Association would like to thank the following volunteers who mediated DRC cases during October and November 2012:

October 2012 Marlene Dancer Adams Adrian Almaguer Janeli Arredondo Fran Barton Mary Jo Black Marsha Bradley Fran Brochstein Deirdre Brown Kristen Capps Janet Casciato-Northrup Danielle Comeaux	Mark Curry Bob Devlin Preston Dodson Dal Fenton Patricia Flenniken Gina Gilstrap John Glover Jill Groff Dianne Guillerman Max Hendrick Bruce Howe Angela Johnson Suzanne Lehman Johnson	Hon. Katie Kennedy Paul Krieger Derek Lisk Carla Marshall Steven McCarthy Leigh Ann Moran Kevin Murphy Austin O'Toole Brenda Page Michelle Pucheu David Quan Stephen Scholl Kyle Sears Bryan Sky-Eagle	Alexa St. John Jolene Trevino Jacqueline Ullom David Verbit Frederick Wagner November 2012 Marlene Dancer Adams Janeli Arredondo Bruce Bain Fran Barton Mary Jo Black Marsha Bradley	Fran Brochstein Jerry Brown Kristin Capps Danielle Comeaux Mark Curry Angela DeSilva Bob Devlin Preston Dodson Pat Flenniken John Glover Jill Groff Diane Guillerman Bernard Hebinck Tom Henderson	Kyle Howe Bert Isaacs Angela Johnson John Kelly Hon. Katie Kennedy Paul Krieger Derek Lisk Maria Lowry Joyce Margarce Monica McHam Joe Messa Leigh Ann Moran Kevin Murphy Tom Newhouse	Brenda Page Michelle Pucheu Michael Sanders Stewart Schmella Kyle Sears Alexa St. Julian Warren Taylor Jolene Trevino Jacqueline Ullom David Verbit Frederick Wagner Mike Yauch
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Upcoming HBA/CLE Seminars

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Tips for Taking Your Practice to the Next Level
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, January 11, 2013

Evidence in the Court of Appeals
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, January 18, 2013

10 Felonies You Commit Everyday Without Knowing That You Did
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, January 25, 2013

What You Need to Know About Medicaid
1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 ethics credit.

Thursday, January 31, 2013

Trial Strategy: From Contract to Verdict
1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, February 1, 2013

Residential Landlord/Tenant Law: Basics, Bedbugs & Beyond
1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .5 hours ethics credit.

Friday, February 8, 2013

Insurance Issues for Lawyers
1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.

Thursday, February 14, 2013

You Deleted What? How to Meet the Duty to Preserve Electronically Stored Information and Avoid Spoliation of Evidence
1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.

Friday, February 15, 2013

Trial Tactics from the Criminal Trenches
1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.

Friday, February 22, 2013

How to "Win" Every Mediation
1.5 hours MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour ethics credit.

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.

Texas Children's Hospital, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Form First Medical-Legal Partnership in Houston

On November 1, Texas Children's Hospital and Houston Volunteer Lawyers announced the formation of a medical-legal partnership (MLP) that will provide Texas Children's low-income patients and their families with critical legal assistance. This is the first partnership of its kind in the Houston area. Through the program, a dedicated Houston Volunteer Lawyers staff attorney will provide legal advice and representation to Texas Children's patients and their families with assistance from outside pro bono lawyers. The project is being funded in part by a donation from Walmart, which created a successful MLP with Arkansas Children's Hospital last year with plans to expand the benefits of MLPs to other major pediatric hospitals nationwide.



Lance Lightfoot, general counsel, Texas Children's Hospital; Brent Benoit, HBA president; and Alissa Rubin Gomez, Houston Volunteer Lawyers director at a November 1 news conference to announce the MLP.

MLP is a unique health-care delivery model that brings physicians and lawyers together to tackle health issues that have legal, rather than medical solutions. This could include negotiating with a landlord to address sub-standard living conditions, such as mold infestations triggering a child's asthma; or preparing legal guardianships to allow parents to continue making health care decisions for their children with special needs after they turn 18.

The MLP initially will provide legal aid to patients in five areas of the Hospital: Impatient Rehabilitation, the Fetal Center, Special Needs Primary Care Clinic, Retrovirology, and Texas Children's Pediatrics- Gulfgate. For more information or to find out how you can volunteer, contact Marisa.Flores@hvlp.org.

Texas Bar Foundation Awards Grant to Increase Awareness of Veterans Legal Initiative

The Texas Bar Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Houston Bar Foundation for its Veterans Legal Initiative, a program that provides pro bono legal services to veterans in 17 Texas counties. The grant will be used to increase awareness of the services provided by the VLI through mailings to veterans and veteran organizations, as well as advertising in community media.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation. The Houston Bar Foundation is the charitable arm of the Houston Bar Association.

The VLI provides free legal clinics to veterans, working in conjunction with local bar associations and legal groups in the following counties: Bell, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, McLennan, Montgomery, Orange, San Jacinto, Travis, Walker and Waller. Veterans and spouses of deceased veterans who meet income eligibility requirements can receive advice and counsel from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, including family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax law, as well as disability and veterans benefits. Qualifying veterans who need ongoing legal representation can be assigned a pro bono attorney to handle their case through the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers.

Marathon Oil Law Organization Presented with Magna Stella Pro Bono Award

Texas Access to Justice Commission, in conjunction with the Texas General Counsel Forum, presented Marathon Oil Company with the annual Magna Stella Pro Bono Award. The Magna Stella Pro Bono Award recognizes corporate legal departments that promote pro bono legal services within their organization and within the corporate structure at large. Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan L. Hecht presented the Magna Stella Pro Bono Award at the Texas General Counsel Forum's annual awards dinner Nov. 9 in San Antonio. Karen Lukin, senior counsel and pro bono coordinator at Marathon Oil Company, accepted the award on behalf of the law department.

"The leadership of Marathon Oil lawyers has demonstrated the great contribution that corporate law departments can make to access

to justice in Texas," Harry M. Reasoner, Chair of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, said.

Marathon Oil Law Organization established the Joe Simmons Legal Pro Bono Program in 2008 to encourage attorneys and staff to provide voluntary legal services for low-income



Texans. Projects range from staffing legal clinics to serving as general counsel for a nonprofit to providing ongoing pro bono representation for low-income individuals. Marathon has

averaged 80 percent participation in pro bono work by the Law Organization's attorneys since the beginning of the program and they also include volunteers outside the department to serve as translators, witnesses and notaries at various legal clinics.

Over the years, Marathon Oil has established relationships with numerous organizations, some of which include the Houston Volunteer Lawyers, the Houston Bar Association, Catholic Charities, and Kids in Need of Defense. Their attorneys participate in multiple legal clinics each year, and also handle cases relating to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, the Violence Against Women Act, divorce, post-divorce, tax, and landlord/tenant. In 2012 Marathon Oil attorneys and support staff have provided over 4,800 hours of pro bono service.

Harris County Law Library to Get New Look

For years, pro se litigants seeking assistance in family law matters have visited the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Courthouse Booth in the basement of the Family Law Center. In 2013, however, the Booth will make a move – below the newly renovated Harris County Law Library. The new library will be located on the first floor of the old jury assembly building at 1019 Congress.

Complete renovations will make the space more attractive, more accessible to the public, and more digital. The library will feature computer kiosks, to help lawyers and patrons search the now-streamlined stacks and other databases, and the library will also feature a coffee bar. The law library will have a grand opening in early January.

HVL Volunteers Offered Discount on Spanish Classes for Legal Professionals

The HABLA Spanish School now has open lunchtime and after-work Spanish classes downtown and at other central locations. These classes are geared towards legal professionals. HABLA has generously offered a discount for Houston Volunteer Lawyers' volunteers. For details on upcoming classes and registration, visit www.hablahouston.com/registration or e-mail Diana@hablahouston.com.

January Calendar

Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program Support Group

Date & Time: Monday, January 7, 2013; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs Building, 303 Jackson Hill, Room A115.
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 is available by calling 1-800-343-8527 or Cameron.Vann@texasbar.com.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 8, 2013; 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.; Continental breakfast before program.
Place: South Texas College of Law, 6th Floor, Emilie Slohm Conference Center.
Cost: \$10 for section members who RSVP, \$15 for non-members.
Program: C. Mark Baker, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., to present "Trends in International Arbitration."
Information: RSVP by January 3 by fax to Allison Snyder, Treasurer, at 713-228-1331 or asnyder@porterhedges.com.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 8, 2013; 11:30 a.m.
Place: Porter & Hedges, 1000 Main, 36th Floor.
Cost: \$25 with reservations; \$35 for walk-ins, space permitting; \$10 for law students.
Program: Prof. Gordon Walker, La Trobe University School of Law, Melbourne, Australia, to present "Doing Business Down Under: Key Aspects of the Australian Legal Environment."
Information: RSVP by January 4 by sending a check, payable to HBA to: Eric Cassidy, Squire Sanders, 600 Travis, Suite 6200, Houston, Texas 77002. The number of walk-ins is limited and registration in advance is encouraged.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 9, 2013; 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.

Commercial and Consumer Law and Antitrust Section

Date & Time: Thursday, January 10, 2013; registration; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Downtown Club at Houston Center, Club Level, 1100 Caroline & Lamar.
Cost: \$35 for members with timely RSVP, \$40 for late RSVP/walk-ins and non-members. Parking is included in the cost.
Program: Tommy Prud'homme, Chief, Consumer Protection Division, and Bret Fulkerson, Assistant Attorney General - Antitrust Section, Office of the Texas Attorney General, to present "Current Antitrust and Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiatives: Update from the Texas Attorney General's Office."
Information: RSVP by January 4 to Tariq Gladney, chair-elect, Commercial and Consumer Law section, at tgf@gladneylaw.com.

Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

Date & Time: Thursday, January 10, 2013, 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.
Program: Hon. Alexandra Smoots Hogan, Judge, 164th District Court, to present "Before and After *Haverstock*: A Bird's Eye Perspective of the First Gang Injunction Case."
Information: Please RSVP to Krystal Berkley, Brockman Brauchle, PLLC, P.O. Box 66816, Houston, 77266. All payments are final.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Date & Time: Monday, January 14, 2013, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Magnolia Hotel, 1100 Texas Ave., Houston, Texas 77002.
Cost: \$30 for section members, \$35 for non-members.
Information: Please RSVP by noon on January 9 to kshiflet@cozen.com.

Collaborative Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 15, 2013; 11:45 a.m.
Place: The Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston, 77027.
Cost: \$35
Program: Michele Goldberg to present "Legal Issues for Special Needs Families Including Guardianships, Benefits and Supplemental Needs Trusts."
Information: Please RSVP by January 11 to lgreene@dalefamilylaw.com.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 15, 2013; 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: Brian Antweil and Sarah Schultz, both of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, to present "Managing Counterparty Risk: A Litigator's Perspective."
Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Harry Beaudry at 713-653-8826 or harry.beaudry@tklaw.com.

Criminal Law & Procedure Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, Noon.
Place: Criminal Justice Center, 7th Floor - Trial Ready Room, 1201 Franklin.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 15, 2013, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Coronado Club, 919 Milam, Suite 500, Houston, 77002.
Cost: \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members.
Program: Chelsie King Garza, Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels Agosto & Friend, to present "Mental Anguish: The Overlooked Element of Damages."
Information: Please RSVP to Krystal Berkley, Brockman Brauchle, PLLC, P.O. Box 66816, Houston, 77266. All payments are final.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, January 17, 2013; 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: Patricia Barrett to present "Breaking Up is Hard to Do When Golden Handcuffs are Involved."
Information: For reservations contact Lynne Andrews at 713-626-7272; fax to 713-626-3606 or email andrewslynn777@gmail.com.

Appellate Practice Section

Date & Time: Thursday, January 17, 2013; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: Coronado Club, 919 Milam St., Suite 500
Cost: \$35 with timely RSVP, \$40 non-member RSVP's and section member walk-ins; \$45 for non-member walk-ins.
Program: Rusty Hardin to present "The Trial of Roger "Rocket" Clemens: Houston, We Have A Problem."
Information: RSVP by email to luncheon@hbaappellatesection.org by noon on Monday, January 14. Please note that if you RSVP and do not attend, you will be billed for the cost of the luncheon. Reservations are transferable.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, January 17, 2013; 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 and/or paid at the door; \$45 for non-HBA members.
Program: Hon. Randy Wilson to present "The View from the Bench."
Information: RSVP by Friday, January 11 to Kellie McGill, Coats I Rose, 3 East Greenway Plaza, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77046. For information call 713-653-7352 or kmcgill@coatsrose.com.

Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association

Date & Time: Thursday, January 17, 2013, lunch, 11:45 a.m.; program begins, Noon.
Place: Tony's Restaurant, 3755 Richmond, Houston, Texas 77046.
Cost: \$30 for DELAA members; \$37 for non-members.
Program: Lisa L. Wilson, Hayes & Wilson, PLLC, to present "Special Needs Trusts."
Information: RSVP to Ray J. Black, Jr. at rjb@rjblacklaw.com.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 11:30 a.m.
Place: The Downtown Club - 1100 Caroline St.
Cost: \$35 with RSVP; no walk-ins; limited number of reservations for non-annual subscribers.
Program: Chris Kulander, Assistant Professor of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, to present "Case Law Update."
Information: Please send your check payable to the HBA, to Greg Mathews, Chevron, 1400 Smith Street, Office 6076, Houston, Texas 77002 by Thursday, January 17. Call Greg Mathews at 713-372-9031 for more information.

Association of Women Attorneys

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 23, 2013; 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: Chelsie King Garza and Randy Sorrels, both of Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels Agosto & Friend, to present "How to Succeed in a Plaintiff's Practice."

Information: Please RSVP to rsvp@awahouston.org.

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 29, 2013; 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Program: Melissa Willms to present "Living with the New Estate Tax."

The HBA office will be closed Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday.

February Calendar

Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program Support Group

Date & Time: Monday, February 4, 2013; 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs Building, 303 Jackson Hill, Room A115.

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 is available by calling 1-800-343-8527 or Cameron.Vann@texasbar.com.

Family Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 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).

Information: For more information or to RSVP, please mail your check (payable to the HBA-Family Law Section) to Liza A. Greene, Laura Dale & Associates, P.L.L.C., 1800 St. James Place, Suite 620, Houston, Texas 77056. Reservations will not be taken by phone or at the door. Reservations may be faxed to Liza Greene at 713-600-1718 or emailed to Stephanie.Angel@sangel@dalefamilylaw.com.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Date & Time: Monday, February 11, 2013, Noon -1:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$30 for section members, \$35 for non-members.

Information: Please RSVP by noon on February 6 to kshiflet@cozen.com.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.; Continental breakfast before program.

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

Cost: \$10 for section members who RSVP, \$15 for non-members.

Program: Michael Johnston, Sullins, Johnston, Rohrbach & Magers, to present "Hospital Insurance Disputes"

Information: RSVP by February 7 by fax to Allison Snyder, Treasurer, at 713-228-1331 or asnyder@porterhedges.com.

International Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 11:30 a.m.

Place: Porter & Hedges, 1000 Main, 36th Floor.

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

Program: Panel Discussion with Nicholas Simms, Porter Hedges LLP; Richard Deutsch, Andrews Kurth LLP; and David Harrell, Locke Lord LLP, to present "The Do's, Don't's and Absolutely Nots of International Arbitration."

Information: RSVP by February 8 by sending a check, payable to HBA to: Eric Cassidy, Squire Sanders, 600 Travis, Suite 6200, Houston, Texas 77002. The number of walk-ins is limited and registration in advance is encouraged.

Commercial and Consumer Law

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$25 for members with RSVP; \$30 for members without RSVP; \$35 for non-members. Parking is included in the cost.

Program: Derek Lisk, to present "Effective Mediation for Attorneys."

Information: RSVP by February 8 to Tariq Gladney, chair-elect, Commercial and Consumer Law section, at tgf@gladneylaw.com.

Environmental Law Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 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.

Litigation Section - Westside Luncheon

Date & Time: Thursday, February 14, 2013, 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.

Program: Keith Morris to present "Protecting and Administering Digital Assets."

Information: Please RSVP to Krystal Berkley, Brockman Brauchle, PLLC, P.O. Box 66816, Houston, 77266. All payments are final.

Collaborative Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Noon.

Place: The Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston, 77027.

Cost: \$35

Program: Sondra Kaplan to present "Presenting the Voice of the Child in a Collaborative Divorce."

Information: Please RSVP by February 15 to Igreene@dalefamilylaw.com.

Corporate Counsel Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 19, 2013; 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 LLP, to present "Current Issues in Labor and Employment Law."

Information: Reservations are not required and a light lunch will be served. Please contact Harry Beaudry at 713-653-8826 or harry.beaudry@tklaw.com.

Criminal Law & Procedure Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Noon.

Place: Criminal Justice Center, 7th Floor - Trial Ready Room, 1201 Franklin.

Litigation Section - Downtown Luncheon

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Noon -1:00 p.m.

Place: Coronado Club, 919 Milam, Suite 500, Houston, 77002.

Cost: \$30 for Litigation Section members if pre-paid, \$35 for non-members.

Program: Matthew Kita to present "Texas's Anti-SLAPP Statute: A Trap for the Unwary."

Information: Please RSVP to Krystal Berkley, Brockman Brauchle, PLLC, P.O. Box 66816, Houston, 77266. All payments are final.

Mergers & Acquisitions Section

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Fulbright Tower, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100 (Crooker Conference Room), Houston, Texas 77010.

Cost: \$5 (breakfast available, but not included in charge.)

Program: Wilson Chu, K&L Gates and Larry Glasgow, Gardere Wynne Sewell, to present "M&A Nugget Palooza."

Information: RSVP to Denise Deauquier at ddeauquier@fulbright.com or 713-651-7730.

Solos Supporting Solos

Date & Time: Thursday, February 21, 2013; 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.)

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

Appellate Practice Section

Date & Time: Thursday, February 21, 2013; 11:30 a.m., - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Coronado Club, 919 Milam St., Suite 500

Cost: \$35 with timely RSVP, \$40 non-member RSVP's and section member

walk-ins; \$45 for non-member walk-ins.

Program: Lynne Liberato, Mary Flood and Lisa Falkenberg to present "Meet the Press: Journalists Talk About Covering Legal News."

Information: RSVP by email to luncheon@hbaappellatesection.org by noon on Monday, February 18. Please note that if you RSVP and do not attend, you will be billed for the cost of the luncheon. Reservations are transferable.

Construction Law Section

Date & Time: Thursday, February 21, 2013; 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 and/or paid at the door; \$45 for non-HBA members.

Program: Ian P. Faria and John Surma to present "Residential Construction Updates and Effects of New OSHA Rules and Initiatives."

Information: RSVP by Friday, February 15 to Kellie McGill, Coats I Rose, 3 East Greenway Plaza, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77046. For information call 713-653-7352 or kmcgill@coatsrose.com.

Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association

Date & Time: Thursday, February 21, 2013, lunch, 11:45 a.m.; program begins, Noon.

Place: Tony's Restaurant, 3755 Richmond, Houston, Texas 77046.

Cost: \$30 for DELAA members; \$37 for non-members.

Program: Catherine Wylie, The Wylie Law Firm, to present "Accountings and

Other Complex Issues Involved in Guardianship."

Information: RSVP to Ray J. Black, Jr. at rjb@rjblacklaw.com.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 11:30 a.m.

Place: The Downtown Club – 1100 Caroline St.

Cost: \$35 with RSVP; no walk-ins; limited number of reservations for non-annual subscribers.

Program: Steve Harris, Squire Sanders, to present "LNG Trends and the Future Role of the U.S. as Exporter."

Information: Please send your check payable to the HBA, to Greg Mathews, Chevron, 1400 Smith Street, Office 6076, Houston, Texas 77002 by Thursday, February 21. Call Greg Mathews at 713-372-9031 for more information.

Probate, Trusts & Estates Section

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 26, 2013; 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Watch for information on the Family Law Section's 6th Annual Anatomy of a Family Law Case, March 6, 2013, and the 27th Annual Family Law Conference, March 7-8, 2013, both at South Texas College of Law. Contact Bret Bosker at 713-461-5288 or babosker@pbgfamilylaw.com with questions.

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NEW LICENSEE INSTITUTE 2013

Thursday, January 24, 2013

12:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue

2.5 hours MCLE, including .5 hours ethics credit.

Pre-Registration required for materials.

FREE ALL DAY ETHICS

Saturday, February 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue

6.5 hours MCLE plus 6.5 hours ethics credit.

Pre-Registration for this program is not required.

Non-members pay \$50 at the door.

GUARDIANSHIP AD LITEM IN PROBATE COURT

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza, 1201 Congress Avenue

Afternoon Program

Pre-Registration required for materials.

HBA Members: Pre-Reg. - \$70; Door Reg. - \$80

Non-Members: Pre-Reg. - \$95; Door Reg. - \$130

Visit the CLE section of the HBA Web site, www.hba.org, to register and/or view the agendas for the New Licensee Institute, Guardianship Ad Litem in Probate Court and the HBA's FREE All Day Ethics program.

Summaries

Judicial Investiture – The Hon. Renee Magee will be sworn in as judge of the 337th District Court at noon on January 11, 2013 in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin, 20th Floor. All colleagues, attorneys and judges are invited to attend.

Progressive Forum Presents Justice Sotomayor – The Progressive Forum will present Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the Wortham Cullen Theater at 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 2013. She will discuss her first book, a memoir entitled *My Beloved World*. Justice Sotomayor is the first Hispanic and third woman to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Tickets start at \$14. Each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of her book, and she will sign books and greet attendees at the end of the evening. For information, visit www.progressiveforumhouston.org.

H-E-B Sponsors 2013 Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee – H-E-B will serve as the presenting sponsor for the Houston Center for Literacy's 2013 Great Grown-Up Spelling on January 17 at the newly-renovated Julia Ideson Library. Guests will be treated to a seated dinner catered by Jackson & Company, followed by the adult spelling bee. The HBA team will be represented by Linda Marshall, Benjamin Wickert and Eric Hoffman. HBA teams have won numerous first place titles in past years. The annual event benefits the Houston Center for Literacy, which supports literacy organizations and programs throughout the greater Houston area. For information contact Annie Eifler at 713-640-8202 or annie.eifler@houliteracy.org.

Jaworski Award Luncheon – Save the date for the annual Houston Bar Association Auxiliary Jaworski Awards Presentation and Luncheon on Tuesday, March 5th at 11:30 a.m. at The Hyatt Regency Downtown Houston. For more information contact Ansley Buttram at 713 373 9277 or ansley@buttramassociates.net

HBAA Cooking Classes – The Houston Bar Association Auxiliary has announced the 2013 schedule for its popular cooking classes, putting together some of Houston's most exciting chefs with beautiful homes, restaurants and demonstration kitchens. All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Ansley Buttram at 713-373-9277 or ansley@buttramassociates.net.

January 31 – Tour the Subzero/Wolfe Showroom at 2800 Sage where Chef Garth Blackburn will serve a dinner fit for the most refined connoisseurs.

February 7 – Award winning Chef Robert Del Grande presents a cooking class in the kitchen of Ginni and Richard Mithoff on Lazy Lane.

February 12 – Well-known Chef John Sheely of the popular Mockingbird Bistro presents a class in the kitchen of Kim and Mark Kelly on Little Lisa Lane.

February 19 – Chef Randy Evans will serve attendees in his oft-touted restaurant Haven on Kirby Drive and Algenian Way.

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