eFiling with the CJP

Attention CJP volunteers! We have entered into new territory this year by transitioning to eFiling. We appreciate all of our volunteers very much and thank you all for helping us to make this transition, but we need your help, please! We have two requests of you to help the CJP make this shift.

First, when you come to a CJP clinic, please bring all of your eFiling provider’s information with you including the site or access location of your provider, your username/logon and your password. Prior to the clinic, please set up a “waiver” account with your efiling service. You can do this in the same place you set up your payment method within your efiling provider. This allows for filing fees and court costs to be waived by the District Clerk when the case is filed. Setting this up prior to the clinic will ensure a smooth and quick filing on the evening you volunteer.

Finally, to keep our files up to date and comply with the requirements of our Federal funders, we kindly ask that when working on a CJP case you remember to let us know when a case has been filed by including the cjp@sabar.org email address in the field for courtesy copies in your eFiling provider’s system, or you can email us the cause number and style information when you receive it. We thank you for being a CJP volunteer! If you have any questions about eFiling CJP cases, please email cjp@sabar.org.

2014 SABA elections: Don’t forget to vote!

Information about nominees for officer and director of the San Antonio Bar Association board of directors was distributed by email in early June. SABA members will elect a president-elect, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Members will also elect four (4) directors to two-year terms (2014-16). Please review the candidate bios at www.sabar.org to acquaint yourself with all of the nominees.

Those who chose not to participate in early online voting will be mailed a traditional paper ballot the first week of July. Paper ballots must be returned to the Bar Association postmarked no later than Monday, July 21, 2014. After all ballots are returned and tabulated, election results will be announced at the San Antonio Bar Association annual luncheon meeting held at The Plaza Club on Thursday, July 24. On August 1, 2014 Tom Keyser will become president of the San Antonio Bar Association.
Freedom

In July we celebrate our founding fathers and the freedom they demanded in our Declaration of Independence and embodied in our Constitution. Our founding fathers were inventors, farmers, merchants and a good many lawyers, devoting their minds and energy to the pursuit of a democracy, a novel political structure born of the Enlightenment sweeping through Europe and taking root in the New World. They faced immense hardships and challenges from a belligerent King George to shaping and coaxing the original colonies into a viable nation. The challenges did not end with the War of Independence. Subsequent wars followed in the 19th century against other nations and amongst the states themselves, broadening into world wide wars in the 20th century. The 21st century has brought terrorism and global interventions. Throughout these conflicts, the legal profession has been at the forefront, protecting our liberty and freedom through its members serving in the armed forces in distant lands and arguing civil-rights cases before the Supreme Court. But even if we are not all called to such service, we each have an opportunity to express our commitment to liberty and freedom through the simple but profound act of voting. Each time we vote, we affirm the notion embodied in our Constitution that a government can be by — and for — the people. We affirm that the sacrifices made by our founding fathers were worth it more than 200 years later.

It has been a great year for the San Antonio Bar Association. From the Installation Gala at the Briscoe, Peacemaker event at the lovely Japanese Tea Gardens, the free monthly brown bag CLE opportunities, and Law Day judicial reception, we have learned, socialized and honored those who make a difference. Our Community Justice Program is going strong and continues to provide services to those in need — provided by those with dedication and who go beyond just taking one. We are also moving forward with many technology improvements in the coming year, so be watching for a redesigned website and San Antonio Bar Association app soon.

As always, SABA is here to serve the legal community, so if you have suggestions or just want to get involved, our directors and officers are listed on the SABA website and welcome your input.
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SABF accepting applications for fellows/interns

Are you (or someone you know) interested in learning about non-profit administration and financial development? The San Antonio Bar Foundation is seeking Fellows to work in the Bexar County Courthouse in the San Antonio Bar Foundation offices. This opportunity is unpaid, but San Antonio Bar Foundation staff will work with applicants regarding school credit.

Overall Requirements:
• Desire to make a difference in the San Antonio and greater Bexar County community;
• Interest in non-profit administration and governance;
• Attention to detail; and
• Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite – including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Foundation Fellows will:
• Learn about non-profit administration and financial development;
• Assist with Foundation fundraisers and events;
• Maintain database and event spreadsheets;
• Create event materials, prepare mailings, and communicate with donors;
• Conduct donor research;
• Work with Foundation staff to maintain and update grant proposal and application process; and
• Other duties as assigned.

Fellowship Details:
• Fellows will work in the Bexar County Courthouse in the San Antonio Bar Foundation offices located at 100 Doloresa, 5th floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205;
• Fellows should commit at least 10 hours a week; and
• This opportunity is unpaid, but San Antonio Bar Foundation staff will work with applicants regarding school credit.

Visit bit.ly/SABFfellow for full details. To apply, please email Katie Kinder at katiek@sabar.org with your resume.

Introducing new Subpoena advertising sales representative

The San Antonio Bar Association is happy to announce a new partnership with Monarch Media & Consulting, Inc., to sell advertising for Subpoena beginning with the August issue. Monarch principal Chellie Thompson brings to the Subpoena more than 15 years of sales experience with 11 years focused on Association sales. Monarch Media will continue to build upon the great advertiser relationships in place and strive to expand the advertising potential within the publication.

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CJP Receives Texas Access to Justice Commission 2014 Pro Bono Service Award

The San Antonio Bar Association’s Community Justice Program is honored to receive a Texas Access to Justice Commission 2014 Pro Bono Service Award in recognition of its pro bono project that promotes legal assistance to underserved populations in our community. Developed in 2008, the Pro Bono Service Award encourages State Bar of Texas sections and bar organizations to create self-sustaining pro bono projects that encourages private attorneys to provide pro bono legal assistance directly to poor Texans. As one of the recipients of this award, the CJP will also receive a $1,000 prize from the Supreme Court Task Force to Expand Legal Services Delivery. We thank you — our entire legal community — for your continued support of and commitment to this important community initiative.
If you would like to volunteer to “Just Take One” pro bono case, we welcome and appreciate your participation. Volunteer attorneys are eligible to receive 5.0 hours of free CLE, including 1.0 hour of ethics, for taking a case. The Community Justice Program will hold a Wills, Veterans and Family Law Clinic during the month of July.

• Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at St. Mary’s Center for Legal & Social Justice, 2507 NW 36th St., San Antonio, TX 78228. Clinic starts at 5:30 pm – WILLS CLINIC

• Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter Street, San Antonio, TX 78229. Clinic starts at 2 p.m. – VETERANS CLINIC

• Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, 1111 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78212. Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. – FAMILY LAW CLINIC

If you need to finalize your CJP case or have questions about a current CJP case, please contact Suzanne DeWalt at suzanned@sabar.org or 210.227.8822, x26. Please visit our website at www.sabar.org/cjp for the full 2014 clinic calendar.

Dominic Negron (left) attends his first Veterans clinic as a newly licensed attorney in June with long-time CJP volunteer Barry Beer (right)

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Volunteer of the Month Program

Each month, we are honored to recognize CJP volunteers or an organization that has gone above and beyond and done an exceptional job with the CJP. The 2014 July CJP Volunteers of the Month are Dan Harkins, Deana Simon, Barbie Celaya and Patti Giuliano from Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated. Since the program's inception in 2002, volunteer attorneys and support staff from the firm have participated annually at a CJP clinic. The June Family Law clinic marked firm's 12th year of participation. In preparation for this year's clinic on June 10, Dan, Deana, Barbie and Patti worked tirelessly to recruit volunteer attorneys and support staff to participate at the clinic. They also put in many hours making sure the firm was ready to efile their pro bono cases. Dan Harkins, a shareholder at the firm, rallied his colleagues and was able to recruit 25 attorneys who were willing to take a pro bono case from the clinic; Patti Giuliano, the CJP LAD Coordinator, recruited seven Cox Smith paralegals and notaries to assist the attorneys with efiling and preparing case documents; and Barbie Celaya and Deana Simon worked hard to ensure that a process to eFile all case documents back at the office was in place. We are most grateful for the continued support of and commitment to the program from Cox Smith Matthews and their efforts to increase access to justice for low-income veterans and residents in our community.

Mentors of the Month

Each month the CJP recognizes one or more mentors who volunteers their time and expertise at the CJP's pro bono legal clinics. The June 2014 Volunteer Mentors of the Month are James Nowlin, Allison Skipper and Shaun Skipper of the Law Offices of James L. Nowlin. Shaun volunteered at the May Family Law clinic and promised to recruit the rest of the law firm to participate in the June clinic. True to his word Shaun convinced his fellow attorneys, Jim Nowlin and Allison Skipper, to volunteer at the June clinic and helped our volunteer attorneys navigate their pro bono cases. A true “family” law practice the Law Office James L. Nowlin includes attorney James (Jim) Nowlin, a Texas Board Certified family law specialist, has been practicing family law in Bexar County for more than 30 years; Jim's daughter and son-in-law, Allison Skipper and Shaun Skipper. Jim has been a mentoring at the clinic for many more years and more recently both Shaun and Allison began lending their expertise to our volunteer attorneys. We thank Jim, Shaun and Allison for attending the May and June clinics and look forward to working with them in the future.
Volunteer attorneys and support staff from Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated join Judge Larry Noll and volunteer mentors at the June Family Law clinic. This year marks the 12th year the firm has participated at a CJP clinic!
Samuel F. Biery, J.D.

Samuel F. Biery, Juris Doctor, long-time San Antonio resident and practicing lawyer until retirement, died June 22, 2014. Born in 1917 in Streetman, Texas, Sam attended the first three grades in public school in Corsicana; from age ten until high school graduation, he attended the Masonic Home and School of Texas. In his early years, he served in the U.S. Immigration (Naturalization Division), U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Navy in WWII; followed by St. Mary’s School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree and 1949 license by Supreme Court of Texas. In 1941, he met Clara Belle Martin, who came to be known as “C.B.”; they married in 1943 and recently completed 73 years together. Sam was made a Freemason more than 70 years prior to his death, in Triune Lodge No. 15, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Alzafar Shriner; member of University United Methodist Church and the American Civil Liberties Union. Early in his legal career, he held offices in the San Antonio Bar Association, which in 1997 awarded him the Joe Frazier Brown Sr. Award of Excellence in lifetime achievements. He also served for many years as a precinct chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party. Sam and his brother, Charles E. Biery, founded the law firm that ultimately became Biery, Biery, Myers and Armstrong, P.C.; it or the Biery firm in various stages served the region for more than half a century. Sam vehemently opposed the death penalty in the United States and strongly supported separation of church and state. As to the death penalty, he contended it is not justice, is evil and therefore should be abolished. Sam is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Clara Belle (“C.B.”) Biery; son, Chief United States District Judge Fred Biery; daughter, Anna Lisa Tamez and husband, Daniel D. Tamez, Jr., M.D.; four grandchildren: Samuel P. Bluntzer and wife, Ann; Nolan Thomas Bluntzer and wife, Katherine; Anna Lisa Raymond and husband, Colin; and Molly Em Biery; four great-grandchildren: Thomas Bluntzer, Eliza Dean Bluntzer, Nora Jane Bluntzer and Harlow MacKenzie Raymond; our dear friend, Marcia Mattingly; numerous nephews and nieces and a multitude of friends.

Sam sends this message to the love of his life, C.B.:
“I shall never forget you and I will see you again ‘in the swirling centuries to come’”

A celebration of life will be held at a later date as plans are made so that out of town family and friends may attend. Memorial contributions may be made in Sam’s name to Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Alzafar Shrine Center, 901 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78216; or the San Antonio Bar Foundation, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Doloresa Street, San Antonio, TX 78205; or University United Methodist Church (Mel Hughes Scholarship Foundation), 5084 DeZavala Road, San Antonio, TX 78249 or the charity of donor’s choice.
SABA welcomes Hon. Xavier Rodriguez to our annual luncheon, July 24

On July 24 the San Antonio Bar Association is excited to welcome Judge Xavier Rodriguez to our annual luncheon!

Hon. Xavier Rodriguez is an Article III federal judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. He joined the court in 2003 after being nominated by President George W. Bush. Rodriguez was a private practice attorney in Texas from 1987 to 2002 and again from 2002 to 2003. Rodriguez was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to Justice of the Texas Supreme Court from 2001 to 2002 before being nominated to the Federal Bench.

A San Antonio native, Rodriguez graduated from Harvard University with his bachelor’s degree in 1983 and received his J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1987. Rodriguez earned a Master’s of Public Affairs degree from the Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs in 1987. He is past chair of the State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Council and Chair of the State Bar Paralegal Committee. Rodriguez has served on numerous state and community boards, including the State Board for Educator Certification, Texas Lutheran University Board of Regents, South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Area Foundation, the Alamo Area Boy Scouts Council, and Respite Care of San Antonio. He served in the United States Army Reserve as an officer from 1983 to 1993 after receiving his commission from the ROTC program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

SABA election results will be announced at the annual luncheon. Please join our outgoing officers and directors and many of our past presidents in welcoming the new 2014-15 officers and directors!

The annual luncheon will take place at the Plaza Club, located on the 21st floor of the Frost Bank building. The cost to attend is $25 for members of the San Antonio Bar Association and Plaza Club members, and $30 for nonmembers. You may register online at bit.ly/SABA-lunch or telephone your reservation to 210.227.8822 x99. As always, space will be limited, so please RSVP early!
2014-2015 SABA committee selection

With 20 committees, it’s EASY for like-minded SABA members to share interests! Serving as a member of one of our various committees offers tremendous opportunities for personal and professional growth.

It’s hard to believe, but on August 1, 2014, the San Antonio Bar Association will begin its 116th year! SABA has a long, proud history and tradition of service to our members and community. However, a professional association grows and thrives only with the commitment, time, talent and efforts of its membership. In that regard, please consider joining one or more of the 20 active committees of SABA.

Committee Selection sheets will be mailed to SABA members in early July. Are you a writer? The SABA Publications Committee is always on the lookout for new writers, editors, photographers, and the like. Would you like to work with judges and other attorneys to improve the efficiency and performance of the county court system, gaining valuable knowledge while doing so? Consider the SABA County Courts Committee. Interested in participating in the development of local rules? Consider joining the SABA District Courts Committee.

These are but a few examples. Visit bit.ly/SABACommitees for more information and detailed descriptions of each committee. Please remember SABA strives for professional excellence, but that is not possible without you!

Looking for a unique way to honor a loved one? Consider a San Antonio Bar Foundation Tribute

Despite its ever-increasing size, San Antonio’s bar keeps a small-town collegiality. While the days of catching up at the Esquire Bar and similar watering holes are becoming rarer by the day, the Subpoena does an excellent job of keeping people in the loop.

The Tributes section of the Subpoena serves a unique purpose in this regard. It gives everyone a space to not only remember those who have passed on, but also to announce a new addition to the family or firm, recognize the person who always goes the extra mile, or give a shout out to a colleague who just reached a professional or personal milestone. And considering the Subpoena reaches 3,200 people every month, the San Antonio Bar Foundation Tributes program, which recognizes the charitable gifts in honor of or in memory of others, is a bargain by any measure.

Donations to the Foundation may be given for all types of occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, special achievements, graduations and memorials. The donations you give as tributes to the important people in your life will help support the charitable works of the San Antonio Bar Foundation.

Your donation will be highlighted in the Tributes section of the Subpoena, the monthly newsletter of the San Antonio Bar Association, and listed in the Foundation’s annual report. Notification of your tax-deductible contribution will be sent to the person you indicate.

Please visit bit.ly/SABFtributes to submit a Tribute online (credit card required). For more information, contact Katie Kinder at katiek@sabar.org.
Donate your extra event tickets to wounded warriors

Please consider donating them to our wounded warriors and their families while they heal here in San Antonio. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

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Brown Bag Lunch Series presents ‘Everything You Wanted to Know About Immigration & Naturalization, But Were Afraid to Ask,’ July 17

The San Antonio Bar Association is proud to continue its 2014 Brown Bag Lunch Series: “The SABA Sampler: Everything You Wanted to Know About...” which focuses on a different area of law each month. Each month, a new seminar is hosted by, and covers topics relevant to, a different Section of the San Antonio Bar.

The SABA Immigration Section will host the July Brown Bag Seminar on Thursday, July 17, entitled “Everything You Wanted to Know About Immigration and Naturalization, But Were Afraid to Ask,” presented by Joseph B. De Mott. The seminar will be held at 12 noon in Judge Nellermoe’s 45th District Courtroom on the 4th floor of the Bexar County Courthouse (100 Dolorosa). The course has been accredited for 1.0 hour of participatory CLE credit. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. If you don’t want to brown bag it, there are plenty of to-go options in and around the Courthouse.

The Brown Bag Lunch Series, which is usually held on the third Thursday of every month and offers at least 1.0 hour of CLE credit, is FREE to current members of the San Antonio Bar Association. You heard that right — that’s a minimum of 12 hours of FREE participatory CLE credit toward fulfilling your annual State Bar requirements! Just for being a member of the San Antonio Bar Association! The cost of attendance to nonmembers is $25.

Stay tuned for more details on these valuable CLE opportunities on our website www.sabar.org and in future SABA Happenings email blasts.
The Phipps Law Firm generously donated their fabulous rooftop terrace for the venue of the Law Day Judicial Reception on May 28.

Pictured left to right: Judge Johnny Gabriel, Jo Chris Lopez, Charlie Deacon and Chief Justice Cathy Stone

SABA President-Elect Tom Keyser, SABA President Rebecca Simmons, SABA Treasurer Beth Watkins and Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul Green.

Sam Houston, Priscilla Camacho and SABA Immediate Past President, Andy Kerr enjoy the view from the Phipps rooftop terrace.
Briefly

Mark P. Brewster has opened The Brewster Law Firm in the Benchmark Building, 13526 George Road, Ste. 210, San Antonio, TX 78230 (Castle Hills). Mark continues to focus his practice on commercial construction and business issues. His new phone number is 210.437.1232 and his new email address is mark@markbrewsterlaw.net.

Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Hyde, & Zech, P.C. is pleased to announce that Connie Lock has joined the firm as a Senior Associate. Connie is a 1998 graduate of St. Mary’s University School of Law, where she was the Editor in Chief of the St. Mary’s Law Journal. She is a 1993 graduate of Trinity University. She comes to DNRBH&Z from the Law Offices of Connie C. Lock, and formerly from Fulbright & Jaworski. Ms. Lock’s practice focuses on municipal, contract and local government law and she recently served as an Adjunct Professor at St. Mary’s University School of Law.

Dan Naranjo is pleased to announce his recent three-year appointment to the American Bar Association’s prestigious Standing Committee on Public Education commencing with the adjournment of the 2014 Annual Meeting. The mission of the ABA Division for Public Education is to promote public understanding of law and its role in society.

Strasburger & Price, LLP is proud to announce that Merritt M. Clements has returned to its San Antonio office as a partner practicing commercial litigation, principally in the technology, energy, and financial services industries. Merritt’s experience includes trying more than 25 cases to verdict, among them a zero verdict for a manufacturer sued for $22 million on claims of copyright infringement, theft of trade secrets and tortious influence. He has successfully obtained summary judgments and dismissals in a wide variety of cases, along with negotiating favorable settlements in many others. Merritt received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1987 and a B.A. in Geology from the University of Texas in 1983. While previously at Strasburger, Merritt was named a Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters and named among the Best Lawyers in America in Commercial Litigation by Best Lawyers. He is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell.

Tessmer Law Firm, P.L.L.C. is very proud to announce the relocation of our primary offices. Effective March 31, 2014, our firm will headquarter at the Lincoln Center, 7800 IH-10 West, Ste. 830, San Antonio, TX 78230. Tessmer Law Firm, P.L.L.C. is privileged to continue serving the San Antonio and surrounding communities with their legal needs. We are full service firm handling family law issues, personal injury, general civil litigation, estate planning, probate, guardianship and business formations. For more information, call 210.368.9708 or visit our website at www.tessmerlawfirm.com.

Graham Baker, formerly of Ray, McChristian & Jeans, P.C., has joined Campbell, Miller & Associates as a trial attorney focused on tort litigation and insurance defense. He will continue to represent clients in the trial and appellate courts.

Langley & Banack, Inc. is pleased to announce Smita Bhakta as the newest addition to its prestigious legal team as of June 2014. Bhakta, an industry professional since 2004, joins the San Antonio headquarters as of counsel, specializing in real estate and business transactions. Bhakta attained both her bachelor’s and law degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated with honors. During her time at law school, she also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Texas Law Journal of Women & the Law. Bhakta has 10 years of experience handling complex commercial real estate transactions, especially in the area of retail real estate development. She’s represented such notable clients as HEB Grocery Company, USAA, Rackspace, Barshop & Oles, and Birnbaum Property Company. Since joining the San Antonio legal community in 2004, Bhakta has been named by Texas Monthly Magazine as a Rising Star and SA Scene as a Rising Star and Best Lawyer in real estate practice. Additionally, she is a member of the San Antonio Real Estate Council and CREW. Bhakta works within the real estate practice at the L&B San Antonio office.

WestlawNext Wireless now available in the Presiding Court Waiting Room

Did you know? WestlawNext Wireless is now available in the Presiding Court Waiting Room, located on the 1st floor of the Bexar County Courthouse. Simply click on the link below (while in the waiting room in the courthouse) and you will be directed to WestlawNext. This free access is a made available thanks to Jimmy Allison and the Bexar County Law Library.

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Got Ethics? 2013 Ethics Follies video presentation, July 30

Ethics Follies uses music and comedy, performed by local attorneys, physicians, judges and actors to raise awareness of the business and legal ethics issues, and it’s now available to view monthly at the San Antonio Bar Association! If you missed the live performance in November, this is your opportunity to see Ethics Follies: Age of Rock on DVD! The video is shown on the 5th floor of the Bexar County Courthouse on the last Wednesday of every month. The morning video presentation will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and the afternoon video begins at 2 p.m.

Take a rock n’ roll journey and discover a more ethical organization along the way with ACC’s 16th Annual Ethics Conference, “Age of Rock!” The two-hour ethics conference explores ways to increase ethical awareness through fast-paced parodies in the award-winning Ethics Follies musical comedy format, featuring the Court Jesters attorney band and parodies of songs by Journey, Pat Benatar, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake, Heart and many more. While the show covers serious ethics and compliance issues in an enjoyable way, it also reminds us about the positive financial impact of “doing the right thing.” All businesses and law firms will benefit from the ethics issues raised.

The Association of Corporate Counsel South/Central Texas Chapter has hosted the ethics conference for 16 years in San Antonio. A substantial portion of the registration proceeds are donated to the Community Justice Program. Ethics Follies provides over half the CJP’s annual operating budget each year.

Registration is $60 to SABA and ACC members and $100 to nonmembers. Attendees will receive 2.0 hours of the most enjoyable, entertaining ethics CLE credit available! RSVPs to lizc@sabar.org are appreciated, but walk-ins are always welcome.

In memory of

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San Antonio Bar Auxiliary: Passing the gavel

On May 27, the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary held its final meeting of the year at La Fonda on Main, where past presidents and Presidents of local auxiliaries were honored and newly elected officers were installed. Retired Judge Preston Dial was on hand to administer the oath of office.

Among the many guests were Ms. Randy Lopez, Queen of the Riverwalk Association and Ms. Rita Hernandez, Queen of the Armed Forces Parade Association.

After serving as Auxiliary president for two years, Jaquie (Mrs. John) Rothermel turned over her gavel to Cindy (Mrs. Brent) Farney. After a round of applause for all of her hard work and dedication, Jaquie’s husband John Rothermel quipped “Thank you for giving me back my wife!”

Be on the look out for 2014-15 dues notices in the mail, and next year’s programs will be announced soon. Don’t forget to respond so your name can appear in the new directories!

Seasoned members and newcomers alike are encouraged to join us at Auxiliary activities. For details on how you can get involved, contact Cindy Farney at 210.862.2515 or email her at: cindyfarney@mac.com.
Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson to receive Good Apple Award, Nov. 20

A Supreme Court justice, law firms and a legal organization will be the 2014 honorees at the Good Apple Dinner, an annual gala hosted by Texas Appleseed that honors leaders in the legal profession. Texas Appleseed, a nonprofit devoted to ensuring social and economic justice for vulnerable Texans, will present the awards on Thursday, November 20 to highlight the honorees’ continued contributions in the communities they serve.

Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson is this year’s Good Apple, and will receive the 2014 J. Chrys Dougherty Good Apple Award. Chief Justice Jefferson has been an unwavering advocate in seeking equity for all Texans, especially for the poor and for those without a voice. He is a nationally respected jurist, and he made Texas judicial history as the Court’s first African-American justice and chief justice, receiving a unanimous appointment by the Texas Senate in 2005. He was elected Chief Justice in 2006 and re-elected to a full term in 2008. During his tenure, he and the Court worked with other branches of government to fund access to justice programs, and he successfully urged the Legislature to reform juvenile justice. During his time on the bench, Jefferson also served as president of the Conference of Chief Justices, an association of chief justices from the 50 states and U.S. territories. Chief Justice Jefferson embodies the spirit of advocacy by continuing to assist with major projects and issues that will help regular Texans. Texas Appleseed salutes him for his tireless work on behalf of all Texans, especially the less fortunate.

Additional Honorees

George Brothers Kincaid & Horton, LLP will receive the 2014 Pro Bono Leadership Award. The firm has spearheaded vital work on the issue of payday and auto title lending reform. It has taken on individual cases, conducted pro bono legal research, and is representing Texas Appleseed in an open records case regarding payday and auto title lenders’ third-party financers.

Two law firms — Vinson & Elkins LLP and The Vernon Law Group — will be recognized for their pro bono work in taking on truancy cases in Texas for children without hope of receiving representation.

The State Bar of Texas will be recognized for their support in training attorneys who represent some of the state’s most vulnerable children — children in the foster care system. Attorneys are receiving free, quality, up-to-date legal education to help children find permanent homes sooner.

Texas Appleseed will also commemorate the life and work of J. Chrys Dougherty (1915-2014), one of the founders of Texas Appleseed.

Save the Date

The Good Apple Dinner will be held at the Four Seasons hotel in Austin. It is a statewide event that attracts leaders of the legal community, from law firms to public officials to community advocacy organizations. Sponsorship information, including tickets and table reservations, are available by visiting www.TexasAppleseed.net or by contacting Susan Harry at sharry@texasappleseed.net.
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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN’S BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Club Giraud. 12 noon-1 p.m. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. MCLE: 0.75 hr. Cost: $25 members; $30 nonmembers; $20 for law students. RSVP: events@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

SAN ANTONIO LAWYERS SUPPORT GROUP. Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Rm. W105 (825 E. Basse Rd.) 6:30-8 p.m. Speaker/topic: Elaine Brown. “Stress Busters.” INFO: cameron.vann@texasbar.com; 800.343.8527.

BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

SABA CONSUMER & COMMERCIAL LAW SECTION MEETING. The Plaza Club. 12 noon. RSVP: 210.736.1772.

MABA-SA MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The Palm (233 E. Houston). Networking at 11:45 a.m.; Program at 12 noon. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. INFO: paul@torreslawpc.com; 210.737.2672.

BEXAR COUNTY COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING. Piatti Italian Restaurant. 5:30 p.m. Mixer; 6 p.m. Meeting. INFO: 210.392.7576.

SAN ANTONIO BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING. 6th Floor Boardroom, Bexar County Courthouse. 12 noon. MCLE: 1 hr. Cost: Free to members; $10 to nonmembers. INFO: ijackson@irjlaw.net.


FBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING. Fort Sam Houston Golf Club (1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. outside of the military installation gates). 11:45 a.m. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. Cost: $20 members; $25 nonmembers. MCLE: 0.75 hrs. RSVP: www.fedbarsatx.org; william-kirk@att.net.


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SAN ANTONIO YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON. Paesano’s Lincoln Heights (555 E. Basse Rd.) 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Speaker/topic: Sam Houston and Nissa Dunn. “Appellate Practice for Young Lawyers.” MCLE: 1.0 hr. Cost: $18/$20. RSVP: ryanvcox@gmail.com; 210.472.6565.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM ST. MARY’S WILLS CLINIC. St. Mary’s Center for Legal & Social Justice (2507 NW 36th St.) 5:30 p.m. INFO: suzanned@sabar.org; 210.227.8822 x26.
July Calendar


**Association of Legal Administrators - Alamo Chapter Monthly Meeting.** The Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **11:30 a.m.** Open to members and invited guests. INFO: mvega@pulmanlaw.com.

**Last-Chance Videos: Business Disputes 2013 (Part 1).** 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. **8:30 a.m.** Applies to the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Trial Law, Civil Appellate Law and Labor and Employment Law. Walk-ins welcome. MCLE: 7.5 hrs.; 1.5 hr. ethics. Cost: $75 members/$125 nonmembers per day. INFO: 210.227.8822.

**Last-Chance Videos: Business Disputes 2013 (Part 2).** 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. **8:30 a.m.** Applies to the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Trial Law, Civil Appellate Law and Labor and Employment Law. Walk-ins welcome. MCLE: 5.75 hrs.; 1.0 ethics. Cost: $75 members/$125 nonmembers per day. INFO: 210.227.8822.

**Community Justice Program Veterans Clinic.** Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital (7400 Merton Minter). **2 p.m.** INFO: suzanned@sabar.org; 210.227.8822 x26.

**SABA Environmental Law Section Meeting.** SAWS Cafeteria. **7:30-9 a.m.** MCLE: requested. RSVP: 210.299.3704.

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**Community Justice Program TRLA Family Law Clinic.** Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (1111 N. Main) **5:30 p.m.** INFO: suzanned@sabar.org; 210.227.8822 x26.


**SABA JP & Municipal Courts Committee Meeting.** First National Bank Building, 6243 W IH-10, Ste. 525. **12 noon-1 p.m.** Speaker/topic: T.B.A. All members of SABA are invited to participate. RSVP: twincott@wintcottlaw.com; 210.732.8477.

**San Antonio Legal Secretaries Luncheon Meeting.** Aldaco’s at Sunset Station. **12 noon.** RSVP: mharmon@satx.rr.com; 210.829.1938.

**Defense Counsel of San Antonio’s “Salsa With the Candidates.”** Paloma Blanca Restaurant. **5:30-7:30 p.m.** INFO/RSVP: acrouch@jw.com; bstrey@pg-law.com.


**SABA Elder Law Section Luncheon.** Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **12 noon.** Speaker: T.B.A. RSVP: 210.525.1500; baw3@wallislawwa.com.


**2013 Ethics Follies Video Presentation of Age of Rock.** 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. Morning: **9 a.m.;** Afternoon: **2 p.m.** Walk-ins welcome. MCLE: 2.0 hrs. ethics. Cost: $60 SABA and ACC memebers; $100 nonmembers. INFO: 210.227.8822.
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