

Equal Times



November 2013

Bexar County Women's Bar Association

President's Column

What a fabulous Autumn Affair we had on October 10th! The setting was beautiful, the food and fashion show were terrific and the new friendships made were everlasting. Thanks to the flawless leadership of Hella Scheuerman and Leslie Hyman, it was a memorable evening for all. Thanks to the sponsors and committees that made the event possible. Congratulations to Lisa Barkley and Molly Neck, our Belva award winners. Be on the lookout for information about the December luncheon held at the Contessa Suites when we will present the proceeds of

the Autumn Affair to our beneficiary, Girls Inc. of San Antonio.

On another note, I wanted to mention how proud the Bexar County Women's Bar Association is to have one of our very own serve as president of the State Bar of Texas. This is truly a historic event ... the first time ever and hopefully not the last. In March 2012, Lisa Tatum was elected the 2013-2014 State Bar of Texas president. One of Lisa's goals is to encourage Texas attorneys to actively promote and participate in this year's presidential



Suzanne Dapra Oliva

initiatives... the Care Kit and "I was the first. Vote for me!" (con'd p. 11)

November Luncheon: Associate Judge Richard Garcia Presents An Overview of the San Antonio Children's Court

By Lindsay Riley

Please join us at noon on Tuesday, November 5th, at Club Giraud to welcome Associate Judge Richard Garcia. Judge Garcia will provide attendees with an overview of the Children's Court. He will discuss the procedures, issues and resolution of the CPS cases before the Children's Court. CLE credit has been approved for this presentation.

When: Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Club Giraud

Cost: \$25 (\$15 for students), payable at the door or online.

RSVP: Club Giraud has asked that we provide a headcount 48 hours in advance of the luncheon so please RSVP by Friday, November 1, 2013 to Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

Please include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand that schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a spot to individuals who do not RSVP by the date above. Walk-ins may be charged extra to cover the additional demands on Club Giraud's staff and no-shows may be billed.

For more information, contact Lindsay Riley (lriley@coxsmith.com) or Lauren Horne (lhorne@br-lawfirm.com). We hope to see you there!

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Save the Date !

December Holiday Party

December 13, 2013



Hella Scheuerman



Leslie Hyman

Autumn Affair

By Hella Scheuerman & Leslie Hyman

This year's Autumn Affair took place on Thursday, October 10th. The event welcomed more than 300 guests at The Witte Museum. During the evening of festivities, we recognized two very special law-

yers. Molly Neck was awarded the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award and Lisa Barkley was presented the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer Award. We also enjoyed a fabulous fashion show, featuring Judges from the Bexar County Judiciary.

Thank you to our sponsors, silent auction donors, and volunteers, who made the event so successful! It was an evening that we all enjoyed, as we raised money for this year's beneficiary, Girls Inc. of San Antonio.





Wellness Column



Connie Arambula

By Connie Arambula

Lace up your favorite running or walking shoes and join the Bexar County Women's Bar Association at two running events in November! Details are as follows:

3rd Annual Dia de Los Muertos 5k Night Run at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at McAllister Park.

Registration: Please join the BCWBA at this event by registering individually at http://www.huaracheturbo.com/event_muertitos_run.php. Registration for the event is \$35. Walk-ins on race day are welcome at \$40. Please let Connie Arambula know that you have registered at carambula@lyndworld.com.

Packet Pick-up: TBA from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013, and on race day at McAllister Park.

Event Day: The Start/Finish for the race is at McAllister Park, Pavilion 2, located at 13102 Jones Maltsberger Rd San Antonio, TX 78247. Look

for Connie Arambula at 5:30 p.m. near the registration booth.

Following the Event: Beer, snacks and drinks will be available.

Attire: Running clothes or costume and a headlamp or flashlight.

22nd Annual San Antonio Bar Foundation's Fun Run 5K Run/Walk & Junior Jog for Justice (for children 12 and under) at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Olmos Basin Park.

Proceeds support the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center's Amigos in Mediation Program.

Registration: Please join the BCWBA at this event by registering for its team individually at <http://www.sabar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=103>.

When registering please select the first option "5K Run/Walk (click here if you are not sponsored)." At the next screen search for "Bexar County Women's Bar Association" to

join the team. Registration for the event is \$25 online. Walk-ins on race day are welcome at \$30. Please let Connie Arambula know that you have registered at carambula@lyndworld.com.

Packet Pick-up: Run Wild Sports at 1900 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78215 from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013, and on the race day at Olmos Basin Park.

Event Day: The Start/Finish for the race is at Olmos Basin Park, located at 651 Divine Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209. Look for Connie Arambula at 7:30 a.m. near the registration booth.

Following the Event: Free refreshments and kid-friendly activities will be available.

Attire: Running clothes and/or BCWBA t-shirt.

Questions? Dash to your phone or computer and contact: Connie Arambula at carambula@lyndworld.com or (210) 379-1025.

Save the Date for Margaritas and Membership

Mark your calendars! On Monday, November 11, 2013, we host a fun event at Vela (located at Paloma Blanca) to promote membership registration and renewal for 2014. There will be special incentives for you to renew early and bring a friend to join BCWB. Watch for more details soon! Membership form is attached to the newsletter.

Margaritas, Mingling and Membership!

The Bexar County Women's Bar Association
Invites you to help kick-off its 2014 Membership Drive

Monday, November 11, 2013
Vela @ Paloma Blanca
5800 Broadway
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Bring a friend (or two or three) and drop in for complimentary appetizers and a cash bar—or better yet, earn free drink tickets by doing the following:

Turn in your completed Renewal Form with payment: 1 free drink!

Bring a non-BCWB member who joins and pays on-site: 1 free drink for you and 1 free drink for your friend!

**Note—if you forget your completed form, we will have a station set-up for online renewal and payment

Questions? Contact Tiffanie Clausewitz at tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com

Judicial Spotlight

Judge Karen H. Pozza, 407th District Court



Judge Karen H. Pozza

By Greta McFarling

Q. Tell us about your history as an attorney and then judge.

A. I graduated from St. Mary's Law school in 1991 and started off with Sawtelle, Goode, Davidson & Troilo, P.C. It is a fantastic firm that provided great mentorship and training. As a young lawyer, the firm encouraged me to attend a National Institute of Trial Advocacy 10-day trial skills program and what seemed like unlimited CLE. The firm had several municipal clients so I did a lot of traveling, mostly to Eagle Pass and Laredo. I also handled quite a bit of employment and tort litigation for SAWS, then known as City Water Board.

In 1994, I moved to Plunkett, Gibson & Allen, Inc. where I focused on automotive products liability litigation working for Lewin Plunkett. Again, it was a wonderful opportunity and Mr. Plunkett was the best mentor a young lawyer can imagine. I knew I would love the job when we were on a flight together to take engineer depositions and Mr. Plunkett pulled down the tray table and, writing on his cocktail napkin, taught me the formula for calculating the co-efficient of friction. At the Plunkett firm, I also deposed the CEO of DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware in a Benlate case. Benlate is the product that later became the subject of the famous Robinson opinion that we use to consider the admissibility of expert testimony.

In 1997, I worked at Lindow & Treat, handling a large docket of insurance defense cases, mostly car wrecks, and first party coverage opinions. It wasn't quite as glamorous as the big cases at Plunkett, but there was a lot less travel involved and I had more time to spend at home with my daughters, Ashley and Tyler. Ashley is now an attorney in San Antonio and is married to an attorney, Wendell Langdon. Tyler is working on a PhD in American Studies at William & Mary in Virginia.

I can't say enough about the firms I worked for as a young lawyer. They each provided opportunity to develop both personally and professionally as a young lawyer, to participate in bar work, and all were filled with amazing mentors.

Shortly before my election in 2000, I started my own firm which allowed me to venture out into a few new practice areas including family law, criminal law and mediation. I loved the independence of having my own office and being able to bring my dog to work with me!

Q. Did you always know you wanted to be a judge? What inspired you to make this decision?

A. In 2000, I was elected Judge of the 407th District Court. Being a judge is never something I planned on, but when there was an opening for a new County Court at Law position I applied, unsuccessfully, for appointment. That's when I started thinking about how much I might enjoy serv-

ing as a judge and it really made sense to me. I love litigation and nowadays getting into court to try a civil case does not happen as often as it used to for a variety of reasons – don't get me started on the vanishing jury trial! Anyway, I have discovered that being a judge is a great way to serve the community on a daily basis, one case at a time, and it also has given me a platform to promote access to justice which is one of my passions.

Q. Tell us about your history with the Bexar County Women's Bar and other women's organizations, and the impact you believe such organizations have on their members and the greater community.

A. The BCWBA was the first organization I learned about and joined as a young lawyer. One of the first female lawyers I knew and admired was Justice Sandee Bryan Marion. She was actually the partner who called me when I was a third-year law student to offer me a position at Sawtelle Goode, Davidson & Troilo. She was president of the BCWBA back when we used to meet for our monthly lunches at the Plaza Club and hosted the annual Bench Brunch. So she introduced me to the group and I have been a member throughout my career and have served on several committees.

I have always been fortunate to be associated with firms that encouraged bar involvement, allowing me to volunteer on committees or hold officer (con'd on next page)

Judicial Spotlight (con'd from previous page)

positions with the BCWBA, SAYLA, SABA and the ABA. Participating in bar groups is critical to your development as a lawyer and also a great way to contribute to the betterment of our profession. And – it's fun!

In 2002, as incoming President of the SABA, Justice Speedlin and I collaborated with all local bar groups to start the Community Justice Program. Seeing everyone work together over the years to support and grow the program has made Justice Speedlin and I so proud to be part of our outstanding legal community.

Q. What has been the most surprising thing about being a judge? Something you didn't expect when you ran for the position?

A. Based on my experience as a lawyer, I expected judges would spend quite a bit of time working on legal analysis, studying cases, reading briefs and considering thorny legal issues. In reality, as a civil trial judge, it's more about listening to people in the community and helping them resolve their family issues. I still enjoy reading case law, but it's usually reading the Fourth Court weekly advance sheets and Osler McCarthy's Supreme Court of Texas summaries on my own time just to keep up on the latest issues.

Q. Excluding the law – what are you passionate about?

I love to play tennis. I'm not really all that good, but I get to play two or three times a week with awesome ladies that love to get out there and

give it a go. Hint - Chief Justice Catherine Stone is among them and has a really dangerous net game!

Q. Tell us a few of your favorite things.

A. Book? My favorite non-fiction is *John Adams* by David McCullough. I love the recent trend in the popularity of historical biographies, especially about our founding fathers. My husband Danny bought me *The American Presidents Series* which has one short book on each president authored by different professors and historians and edited by Arthur Schlesinger. It is one of my favorite gifts and it's a great series, but I am still on Jefferson!

A wonderful fiction I read recently is *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell. It's beautifully writ-

ten, but the movie is awful.

Movie? *The Natural*, a beautiful story about a baseball player starring Robert Redford and Glenn Close.

Restaurant? Bliss, they always have a vegetarian or vegan item on the menu.

Pastime? Spending time with my family and friends, cooking, traveling, tennis, running, skiing...anything outside.

Q. If you could give one piece of advice to up and coming female attorneys, what would it be?

A. Be passionate about the profession of law. It is a privilege that we must treasure.

Congratulations to:

Laura Cauley and husband on the birth of baby Iris Elizabeth,

Lauren Horne and husband on the birth of baby Hailey Claire,

Lisa Alcantar and husband on the birth of baby Hugh Mizael, &

Whitney Broadwater who recently became an associate at Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee.

Bexar County Women's Bar Association's
2013
Annual Holiday Party

Please join us for holiday cheer, a delicious lunch, special presentations, and wonderful door prizes as we celebrate another incredible year!

Help spread the holiday cheer by bringing new unwrapped books (English/Spanish) or art supplies for children ages birth to three and receive a complimentary door prize ticket! All donations will go to AVANCE, an organization dedicated to strengthening families in at-risk communities through parent education and support programs.

December 13
Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Hotel Contessa
Luncheon is \$35

RSVP Required by Friday, Nov. 29
Reply to events@bexarcountywomensbar.org
or RSVP and pay online by clicking [here](#). Please include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP.

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2014 Board of Directors Candidates

By Tiffanie Clausewitz

Believe it or not, it's almost time to elect the BCWB's 2014 Officers and Board of Directors. On October 9, 2013, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officer and Director Candidates to the Board of Directors, which approved the nominations. Additional nominations will be accepted from

the floor at the BCWB Luncheon on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Ballots will be mailed to all active members the second week in November. Completed ballots will be due (postmarked) no later than December 3, 2013. Questions regarding elections should be directed to Tiffanie Clausewitz, President-Elect, at tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com.

Officer Slate:

President-Elect: Marissa Helm
Vice President: Katherine Noll
Treasurer: Lisa Alcantar
Treasurer-Elect: Greta McFarling
Secretary: Maurleen Cobb

Director Candidates:

Connie Arambula
Sherry Barnash

Melissa Morales Fletcher
Lauren Zettler Horne
Judge Renee McElhaney
Molly Neck
Carolyn Rangel
Lindsay Riley
Hella Scheuerman
Brooke Waldrep

Legal Assistant Candidate:

Elsa Marie Garza



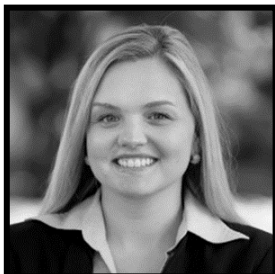
Connie Arambula has been licensed to practice law in Texas since 2003, after obtaining a J.D. from St. Mary's University. Connie currently serves as General Counsel to The Lynd Company. Prior to working for The Lynd Company, Connie represented political entities and developers in private practice, and served as in-house environmental counsel to the United States Air Force.

Connie has been an active member of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association/Foundation since 2001, and has been an elected member of the BCWB Boards of Directors since 2008. Connie has served on many BCWB committees, including the silent auction committee, and as Chair of the website and publicity committees. Through Connie's involvement over the years, she has gained experience in every aspect of the BCWBA and BCWBF governance. Connie looks forward to contributing this experience in 2014.



A graduate of St. Mary's, **Sherry Barnash** works with The Coquat Law Firm, P.C. where her practice includes construction law, probate and small estate planning, and appellate law. During law school, Sherry served on the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, which published her student comment on the U.S. Supreme Court's *Hamden* decision, and interned for the Honorable Emilio M. Garza of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Sherry presently serves as a director of the Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association and on the editorial board of *The San Antonio Lawyer*. She has volunteered her support to the Federal Bar Association's Law Day events, and helped organize the FBA Government Contract section's first annual Government Contracts Symposium.

Sherry has lived and worked throughout the world, and served on various voluntary boards, including serving as President of the Mission Group at the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion, Paraguay. She and her husband, Gene, have three grown children and four grandchildren whom she does not get to visit often enough. She sings with the First Baptist San Antonio Sanctuary Choir and Ethics Follies.



Lauren Horne graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005 with a B.S. in Political Science. She received her law degree from Texas Wesleyan in 2008 and began practicing in Houston where she represented clients in professional liability, medical malpractice, personal injury, premises liability and negligence claims. In 2011, Lauren moved to San Antonio and joined Boone & Rocheleau, PLLC. She has been an active member of the Bexar County Women's Bar since that time. This past year, Lauren, along with luncheons co-chair, Lindsay Riley, enjoyed planning a series of informative luncheons and plans to do so next year. Lauren also served on the 2013 BCWB Board of Directors and as an Autumn Affair Arrangements and Decorations Committee Chair.

Lauren enjoys hanging out with her Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas "little sister," Lucy; and working on her CJP pro bono case. Lauren has thoroughly enjoyed her time working the BCWB and would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with such incredible women in 2014.

2014 Board of Directors Candidates (con'd)



Before joining Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, LLP in January 2013, **Judge Renée McElhane** served as the Judge of the 73rd District Court for three years. Prior to that, Judge Renée practiced law for 17 years. She is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law. She has been delighted to serve her community and the Bar in several organizations, from SABA to the Rape Crisis Center. Most important to Judge Renée, she is the proud mother of Jackie and Brandon, and the beaming grandmother of Little Josie!

Judge Renée considered it a great honor to rejoin the Board of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation in January 2012. She had previously served as BCWB President, Bench Brunch Chair, and Board member for many years about 10 years ago. She terms herself a "retread," and has very much enjoyed actively participating on the Board again. In the last two years, with much help from other Board members, Judge Renée planned two successful retreats and served as a team member of the Autumn Affairs Planning Committee. If re-elected to the Board, Judge Renée looks forward to continuing to work on the Retreat and the Autumn Affair and serving as an active member.



Melissa Morales Fletcher has been practicing law since 1998 and has a wide-ranging experience in Employment and Labor issues. Melissa began her legal career with the City of Dallas, then became an associate with a law firm defending and consulting municipalities in all aspects of employment litigation, land use matters and constitutional violations. Subsequently, Melissa joined a major Dallas Law Firm, formerly known as Godwin Gruber, LLP, where she litigated employment matters and handled administrative hearings. In 2004, Melissa returned home to San Antonio and began working as Staff Counsel for State Farm Insurance Company where she again first-chaired district court trials and numerous County Court trials. In 2010, eager to return to the practice of employment law, Melissa joined Goode Casseb Jones Riklin Choate & Watson. In July 2013, Melissa joined her father (Lawrence G. Morales) and brother (Lawrence Morales II) in the practice of law.

Melissa continues to litigate and consult in employment-related matters. Melissa has been a speaker at many conferences regarding legal topics. She is the proud mother of two handsome, active and caring boys, Anthony (10) and Bailey (8), and is married to Paul A. Fletcher of Langley & Banack. Melissa has been an active participant of the BCWB, serving on various Autumn Affair committees. She is also an active member of MABA.



Molly Neck graduated from St. Mary's School of Law in 2008. She practices civil litigation and civil appeals with Barkhurst & Hinojosa, PC. Before attending law school, Molly worked in the non-profit sector focusing on anti-hunger and anti-poverty initiatives. After graduating from Tulane University in 2002, she served as a Congressional Fellow with the Congressional Hunger Center where she participated in both field work and in developing policy initiatives to address hunger and poverty. Directly before moving back to Texas to attend law school, Molly worked in Washington D.C. for the National Coalition for the Homeless doing policy work focusing on civil rights and hate crime prevention. She continues her involvement in affordable housing by serving as secretary on the San Antonio Habitat for Humanity Board of Director.

Molly has also actively served the San Antonio legal community. She served on the board of directors for the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA) as a director and most recently as treasurer. While on the SAYLA board, she helped develop the Healthy Living Initiative and served as co-chair for the Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception. Molly also works with the Federal Courts Committee of the San Antonio Bar Association to organize the annual Fox Tech High School Law Day Essay Competition.

2014 Board of Directors Candidates (con'd)



Cari Rangel is an associate counsel with David Klosterboer & Associates, staff counsel for Travelers Insurance. She was a member of the 2007 inaugural evening class at St. Mary's University School of Law, where she helped develop the Evening Student Bar Association, serving as its Vice-President for one year. While in law school, Cari was a Writer and Associate Editor for the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, a member of the Order of Barristers, and a judicial intern for The Honorable Edward C. Prado of the Fifth Circuit. She also earned a Certificate of Concentration in Advocacy. Cari graduated cum laude in December 2010, and was admitted to the Bar in May 2011. Cari is also a wife, and mother of two elementary school children, ages 11 and 8. Cari has been a member of both BCWB and SAYLA since she was a law student and has continued as an attorney, attending meetings and events held by both as her schedule permits. With a few years of practice under her belt, she is now ready to take her involvement to the next level and has chosen to do that with the BCWB.



Originally from Mesquite, Texas, **Lindsay Riley** received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduating from Texas Tech University School of Law in 2012, she moved to San Antonio, where she served as Briefing Attorney to Justices Rebecca Simmons and Patricia Alvarez on the Fourth Court of Appeals. This August, Lindsay joined Cox Smith as an associate in the Energy Litigation Group. For the past year, Lindsay served as Co-Chair of the BCWB Luncheon Committee. She was an active member of the Autumn Affair Silent Auction Committee for the past two years, and volunteers for other BCWB events and projects as needed. Lindsay is also a member of SAYLA, SABA, William S. Sessions American Inns of Court, and the South Texas Chapter of the Women's Energy Network. When Lindsay is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Travis, who is a second-year law student at St. Mary's, and their dog, Hudson. They enjoy being outdoors, running, camping, hiking, exploring San Antonio and the hill country, and spending time with family and friends. When she moved to San Antonio in August 2012, she knew only one person—her husband. Now, in large part due to her involvement with BCWB, that number has grown. Being a part of BCWB has given Lindsay the opportunity to make many new friends and meet some of the most distinguished members of our legal community. She would be honored to be elected to serve on the BCWB Board of Directors.



Hella Scheuerman is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and has been in private practice since 1997. She is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. *Scene in San Antonio Magazine* has recognized her as a Best Lawyer in personal injury (2009, 2012), civil litigation (2011), and general litigation (2013). She serves as a Faith Formation catechist and Member of the Woman's Council in her local Parish. She also participates in supporting St. Pj's Children's Home and the San Antonio Food Bank. In addition to her work to support the community, Hella has been a very active member of the BCWB. She has been a Board member since 2011, and co-chaired this past October's successful Autumn Affair, benefitting Girls Inc. Hella's BCWB involvement includes the following: Chair BCWB Family Event (2013), Chair Law Day (2012), Co-Chair Sponsorship Committee for Autumn Affair (2009-2010, 2012), Co-Chair Honorary Committee for Autumn Affair (2011). Hella also serves as a Mentor through the Mentor/Mentee programs of both the BCWB and the San Antonio Bar Association.



Brooke Waldrep is an associate with Schmoyer Reinhard, LLP. Her practice focuses on Labor and Employment Litigation. Before joining Schmoyer Reinhard, Brooke practiced construction litigation with McNelis & Associates PLLC in San Antonio. Brooke also clerked for U.S. District Judge Richard A. Schell in the Eastern District of Texas. Brooke is a graduate of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. She also received her undergraduate degree from SMU where she majored in Political Science and Art History. Brooke has been an active member of legal organizations, serving on the BCWB Autumn Affair Committee (2012), BCWB Mentoring Program (mentor to Saint Mary's student) (2013 to present), SABA Mentor Committee (2011-present); Federal Bar Association Court-house Tour Committee (2011-2012); and SAYLA Golf Tournament Committee (2012).

WLA Update

By Julia E. Null, WLA President

October was a busy month for Women's Law Association. October 21, 2013, at our second general meeting, WLA hosted an attorney panel. With the help of Dean Al Hartman and the Office of Alumni Development and Relations, we were pleased to have Katherine A. Tapley with Fullbright & Jaworski LLP, Rachel Rogers with Dunham & Jones, Sue Hall "Super Attorney," and Lisa Shub with Fullbright & Jaworski LLP.

During the meeting, we had some very important announcements. First, we recognized Christopher Perez as WLA member of the month. Christopher was extremely helpful during our membership drive and has continued to be helpful in taping our meetings. Second, we announced the WLA IL Senators, Leah Wise, Molly Thomson, and Alicia Grant. WLA is very excited to have these ladies join our team and know they will be incredible leaders.

On Tuesday, October 29, 2013, BCWBA, St. Mary's

Office of Career Services, and WLA held it's annual Speed Networking event. This event was filled with female attorneys and judges from varying backgrounds and practices that participated with our students in a "speed networking" style event. Students were able to spend 8 minutes at each table, specializing in a different areas of law. After visiting all tables, we enjoyed a lovely meal while students had the opportunity to go back to their "favorite" table and visit longer with the attorney and judge. We want to give special thanks to Leslie Hyman, Suzanne Patrick, and Kimberly Meyer who made this event the success it was!

Each year WLA holds on auction in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library for a chosen charity. This year the auction will be held on Thursday, November 21st, and the recipient will be Seton Home. We still need auction items. From lunch with a local judge to gift cards, no donation is too small. If you would like to learn more about our auction or be a donor, please email juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com.



Back row, from left: Summer Bruington, Kevin Bennett, Julia Null, Rachel Rogers, Katherine A. Tapley, Lisa Shub, Sue Hall & Professor Bonita Roberts. Front row, from left: Kerriann Britt, Kimberly Meyer & Durime Fahim. Photo courtesy of Beth Sanchez of Bethography



Students with Judge Toni Arteaga, Leslie Hyman & Rachel Ambler



Kerriann Britt, Kimberly Meyer, Bianca Frisaura, Odera Nduka, Marisa Aragon, Beth Sanchez, & Nicki Aguilera. Photo courtesy of Beth Sanchez of Bethography

President's Column (con'd from p. 1)

Another goal Lisa has set is to improve communication between the State Bar and attorneys through the use of targeted emails, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Pinterest, improved website content and video blogging. Daily tweets and Facebook posts about State Bar events, member services, MCLE notices, and the Texas Bar Journal should help keep attorneys informed of current events.

I had the opportunity to interview Lisa and the conversation follows:

Oliva: The Bexar County Women's Bar Association is thrilled to have one of our very own members as the 2013-2014 president of the State Bar of Texas. Can you tell us if and how your membership in the BCWBA has helped you in your role as State Bar president?

Tatum: I joined the BCWBA soon after entering private practice. My involvement with BCWBA led to me running point for the G.A.L.S. Program which provided my first opportunity to work in partnership with the public through Harlandale ISD. It was a great learning experience to develop relationships with school staff, administration and Board members. I learned and further developed skills that make for a very successful attorney-public relationship and for increased public education of lawyers and what lawyers do.

Oliva: We heard your presentation at our recent BCWBA retreat and all the exciting projects you have planned for

the State Bar. For members who were not in attendance, can you update us with your plans?

Tatum: Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my Presidential Initiatives, one educational project and one service project.

The service project is the Care Campaign. This is an opportunity to increase the number of attorneys providing much needed legal services to those who might not otherwise be able to afford legal services. The staff helped create a Care Kit designed for local bar associations with everything needed to hold a basic civil legal services clinic regardless of the size of the number of volunteers, expertise or access to resources. The Care Kit includes a great video with segments highlighting some of San Antonio's own lawyers, judges, staff and clients that educates viewers on the legal clinic process. There are six million Texas who qualify for pro bono legal services. We only meet about twenty percent of that need. As lawyers, we are uniquely positioned to help those who otherwise may be denied access to justice. It will take more of us to work to meet this incredible need for our community. For more information about the Care Campaign please visit www.texasbar.com/care.

The educational project is a civics program for primary education, Grades K-5, called "I was the first. Vote for Me!" Civics curriculum resources seem too often to run in short supply for educators who are

looking for fun, innovative and effective ways to teach our children. And, Texas elementary students are required to learn about many firsts in U.S. and Texas history as part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards. "I was the first. Vote for Me!" is a multimedia project that teaches students about historical figures who were the first to do something in history while incorporating reading, mathematics, citizenship and voting. The website, www.texasbar.com/iwasthefirst, includes animations of historic figures, curriculum materials, and e-reader and hard copy downloadable books. The sight and the book are accessible in English and in Spanish. Being the first African American elected President of the State Bar of Texas, I am very aware of the many historic firsts who came before me making this opportunity possible. I saw a great need in our classrooms for civics education and civics education related materials. I wanted to be a part of the educators' solutions. The children are indeed our future. What a disservice we do to them when we do not provide them with what we all need to be better citizens. This program is not the solution to all of the problems and neither is it the only resource out there, but it is a brilliant contribution and a worthy start.

Oliva: What opportunities are there for our BCWBA members to get involved with the State Bar of Texas?

Tatum: There are so many ways to get involved with the

State Bar of Texas. I would encourage every member to become an active member in the Section or Sections of the State Bar that benefit your practice areas and/or particular passions. I would ask members to seriously consider getting involved on the committee level and on the board of directors level. You can learn more about the committees and the Board on the State Bar website. You can learn even more by visiting with and getting to know your State Bar leadership, particularly those who are right here in San Antonio. Each of us can tell you more about the different ways to get involved, what practically getting involved means in terms of responsibilities and time commitment. Equally important, your leaders can help assist you in connecting with the decision makers who make the various appointments and assist in the recruitment of interested volunteers. It is the quality and number of the volunteers that make organizations remarkable. I heard one of our former Directors once say that for all of the lawyers in Texas only about two percent actually volunteer their time, talent and energy to serving fellow lawyers and the public through State Bar involvement. Imagine where the State Bar could go with an increased involvement. The positive energy could catapult us into some really great things.

Sounds like this year is off to a great start! For more information, visit the State Bar website at www.TexasBar.com.

2014 BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION/FOUNDATION
MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET

Name: _____

Name of Firm/Employer: _____

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Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home Address: _____ Publish in Directory? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Publish in Directory? Yes No Cell: _____ Publish in Directory? Yes No

Email: _____ Website: _____

Areas and/or type of Practice: _____ Board Certified? Yes Specialization: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
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Law School Attended: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Membership Status:

- New Member
 Renewal

Membership Group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0 - Law Student | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35* - Sustaining Attorney (licensed 30 years or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15* - Attorney (new^ BCWB Member or licensed 0-12 months) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35** - Friend |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65* - Attorney (licensed 3 years or more) | |

* \$15 of the total dues for these memberships will go to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation.

^ New members include those who are returning to BCWB membership after 5 or more years as a non-member.

** Friend (non-voting) category is for non-licensed or inactive licensed members as defined by the State Bar of Texas.

Check the box for an additional voluntary contribution to Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation and enclose the amount with your membership dues check made payable to the "Bexar County Women's Bar Association."

\$10 \$25 \$50

We encourage our members to consider serving on one or more of our committees. Please indicate below which committees you might be interested in serving. Your indication of interest is not a commitment to serve; rather, the co-chairs of the committees will send you information when a need for assistance arises.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Autumn Affair | <input type="checkbox"/> Luncheons | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | |

For Attorneys, would you like to participate in mentoring St. Mary's University School of Law Women's Law Association students? Yes No

You can JOIN, RENEW, and PAY online www.bexarcountywomensbar.org. Alternatively, you can return your completed form and payment to: Tiffanie S. Clausewitz, The Rosenblatt Law Firm, P.C., 16719 Huebner Road, Bldg. 1, San Antonio, Texas 78248. Checks should be made payable to Bexar County Women's Bar Association. Also visit www.bexarcountywomensbar.org to update your contact information.

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