



# EQUAL TIMES

## BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

March is National Women's History Month. This year's theme for National Women's History Month, as designated by the National Women's History Project, is "Our History is Our Strength." As the National Women's History Project website states, this year's theme "pays tribute to the millions of women who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations. Knowing the challenges these women faced, grappled with, and overcame can be an enormous source of strength to all of us."



Laura C. Mason

In reading about this year's theme, I immediately thought about Belva Lockwood. Belva Lockwood has always been special to the Bexar County Women's Bar, as we name our annual Outstanding Lawyer Awards after her. Her life and work are inspirational. She is a great example of a woman helping create a better world through overcoming challenges with great strength.

Belva Lockwood was born in 1830 in New York, and lived in a time when women did not pursue higher education or become professionals. She had additional challenges, as a young widow at age 22 with a young child. Belva was not to be deterred by the obstacles placed in front of her and steadfastly pursued her dream of becoming a professional woman. Even though she completed all of her law school coursework, she was denied her diploma on the basis of being a woman. She wrote a letter to the President of the United States, and ultimately received her diploma. There were many more challenges she overcame. Belva was admitted to the bar in D.C. and began a law practice. She faced rejection as a female lawyer from every direction, but did not give up her dream. Belva ultimately achieved her goal of having a thriving law practice. She became the first woman lawyer to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. She became the first woman to run a full campaign for the presidency of the United States.

In re-reading Belva's history, I couldn't help but think, "Wow!" This woman not only dreamed big – she went after those big dreams with incredible determination and strength. I'm so thankful for Belva. She is a source of strength, and I think an outstanding example of what we celebrate this March during National Women's History Month. Women have much to be proud of when reflecting on our history. I would also add that the members of the Bexar County Women's Bar have much to be proud of when looking at the examples our fellow members provide as they overcome today's challenges and live Belva's dream of being professional women. Here's to Belva, and to all of us!

### MARCH 2011

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## March Luncheon Announcement

By Lisa P. Alcantar

Our next luncheon is fast approaching! Please join us Tuesday, March 1st. This month's luncheon topic will be *Top Ten Real Estate Law Tips for the Non-Real Estate Law Practitioner* presented by Teresa Ereon Giltner. Teresa, a partner at Cox Smith's San Antonio and Dallas offices, as well as one of our members, will discuss various real estate issues which we may encounter, either in our practices or in our private lives. She will provide insight into recognizing the issues and helpful tips for handling the matters.

The luncheon fee is \$25. Please RSVP by Friday, February 25th through the BCWBA website or by emailing Lisa Alcantar, [lalcantar@prdg.com](mailto:lalcantar@prdg.com) or Maggie Giltner, [mgiltner@prdg.com](mailto:mgiltner@prdg.com). We hope to see you then!

## February Luncheon Recap

By Lisa P. Alcantar

We had a great turnout for our February luncheon. Our speaker, Robert Dubose, drew in BCWBA members, WLA members and non-members alike. If you missed our February 1st luncheon, don't fret! Robert Dubose's application of computer reading research to your legal writing process is spelled out in his book, *Legal Writing for the Rewired Brain: Persuading Readers in a Paperless World*, as well as his article, *Writing for the 21st Century Reader*.

## Law Day Luncheon An Opportunity for Reflection and Mentoring

By Monica Lerma

Please mark your calendar for our annual BCWBF/Fox Tech High School Law Day Luncheon, scheduled for April 6, 2010 at noon at the Plaza Club.

This year's Law Day theme challenges students to explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. We have invited the students at Fox Tech to submit essays, photographs or posters exemplifying this year's theme. We will present the winning student with a cash prize and display their work at the luncheon. Also, renowned criminal attorney, Cynthia Orr, will provide first-hand insight regarding this year's Law Day theme.

This is a great mentoring opportunity for both the students and our members. Please make every effort to attend. Please RSVP by April 1st to Monica Lerma at [mjlerma@sr-llp.com](mailto:mjlerma@sr-llp.com) or 447.8033. Cost is \$25.



Julia Mann

## President's Party: March 31st

By Julia Mann

We are planning a fabulous party to honor the 2011 President of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation, Laura Mason, as well as past Presidents of the BCWB. The event is being held at Paloma Blanca in the heart of Alamo Heights. We have reserved the Salon la Fuente which features its own private patio so you can mix and mingle with friends and colleagues. We will be serving appetizers and will provide one drink ticket per member. A cash bar will be available thereafter. This event is free for all current

members of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association. So please make arrangements to join us for this special celebration. Please respond with your RSVP to Julia Mann ([jmann@jw.com](mailto:jmann@jw.com) or 210-240-7842) by Monday, March 28, 2011.



## Julian Gold “Girls Night Out” Event

By Connie L. Basel



Connie Basel

Julian Gold hosted a fabulous evening of fashion for our BCWBA members. The store is long renowned for providing the Alamo city with some of the most up-to-date and sought-after designer wear. As touted on the store’s website, it is “the one store with the best of everything.” On February 16, 2011, Julian Gold, and its excellent staff, went the extra mile to welcome the BCWBA and to showcase the store’s new lines, contemporary collections, and beautiful new spring fashions.

As always, the fashion show was fun and energetic. The spring trends encouraged us to experiment with prints and hyper colors, such as citrus, corals, and electric blues, along with shades of sand, camel, blush, and ivory. Jackie O Glamour is also back in style along with a retro bohemian look, wide-leg trousers, and maxi skirts. We were also shown flirty crochets and lace fabrics that are in style this season and an assortment of statement necklaces and embellished scarves to round out any outfit. For those of you who missed the event, this season’s fashion trends are featured on the Julian Gold flyer attached to this newsletter.

Many, many, thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Julian Gold for hosting the evening. The drinks were amazing, the wine was perfectly chilled, and the hors d’oeuvres were wonderful. All of Julian Gold’s efforts made the event a fabulous girls’ night out.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE COLUMN

By Lorie Blount

Communities in Schools Mentoring program- Change a life! Communities in Schools would like to invite BCWB members to come and join us to change a life by mentoring. Communities in Schools (CIS) is a non-profit, drop-out prevention program. Through various components of case management, CIS provides students with the tools to succeed in their academic career. In collaboration with SAISD Partner's Program, CIS provides overage middle school students an opportunity to graduate middle school with an intensive academic program, therefore putting these students on the right track to high school graduation. Mentors meet with these students once a week or twice a month (time negotiable) for 45-55 minutes to provide guidance and moral support. These over-age SAISD students need support as they are working to finish their 8th grade academics (taking high school credits simultaneously) so they may begin high school as sophomores with their peers.

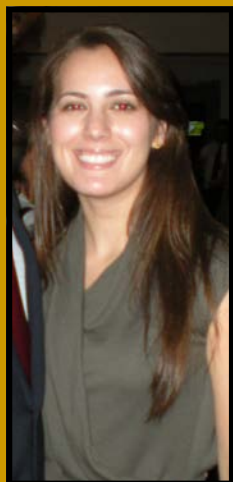
You can help encourage SAISD students by providing a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult. SAISD is a large school district and there are many locations where mentors can be matched with a student. Also, there is a CIS Case Manager available at each designated campus to provide matching and support to all mentors. For more specifics on how to begin mentoring, please contact the SAISD Partner's Program Contacts: Claudia Ramos ([cramos@cissa.org](mailto:cramos@cissa.org)) or Maria Acosta ([macosta@cissa.org](mailto:macosta@cissa.org)). Their mission is "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life."

Support the Fischer House! A 5k/10k run/walk event sponsored by the Military Law Association and St. Mary's School of Law will be held at St Mary's on March 5th. Proceeds will go to support the Fisher Houses here in San Antonio, which are homes where military family members reside free of charge while their military relative undergoes long term treatment at a local military hospital. Registration is available online at <http://www.active.com/running/san-antonio-tx/mla-long-mile-2011>; also see flier attached. Join many of your legal colleagues in the San Antonio community and come support this worthwhile cause.

Later in March, there is a Green Spaces Alliance event. Greenspace Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping South Texas green through its efforts of preserving large parcels of land, fostering community gardens throughout Bexar County, and educating the public about land preservation and green living! On March 26th, from 3-6:00 pm, Green Spaces Alliance will host its annual fundraising picnic at Willow Way, the historic former home of acclaimed Texas architect O'Neil Ford. This event features live entertainment, great BBQ, beer and lots of fun activities for both kids and adults. Tickets are \$35 for non-members, \$25 for members, \$10 for kids over 5 years old, and kids five and under FREE! There is a \$5.00 discount for tickets purchased before March 15th. For more information/to purchase tickets go to: <http://www.greensatx.org>.

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION UPDATE

By Teresa Reyes-Bonar



Teresa Reyes-Bonar  
President,  
Women's Law Association

Greetings from St. Mary's University School of Law! The Women's Law Association has been hard at work this year and looks forward to an exciting spring semester! The new executive board met over summer to start planning our fall events. The 2010-2011 executive board is: Teresa Reyes-Bonar (president), Nicole Monsibias (vice president), Victoria Bongat (president-elect), Neha Vasani (treasurer), Kavita Bhalla (secretary) and Vanessa Hernandez (alumni chair).

We have a general meeting once a month from 12:00-1:00 p.m., followed by an evening meeting the same day to accommodate those who could not attend the afternoon meeting. We kicked the year off by hosting a happy hour at Fasto's Sports Garden for perspective members at the beginning of September. We were fortunate to have Ms. Angela Sanchez from the Valero Corporation and Judge Monica Guerrero as speakers at our September and October meetings, respectively.

We had our first Mentor/Mentee event with the BCWBA on September 23, followed a week later by our annual Wine and Wit event on October 1. We had great turn out for both events!

The Women's Law Association hosted our annual silent auction fundraiser on October 27. All of the proceeds went to W.I.N.G.S for Life, a nonprofit organization helping at-risk teenage mothers through intense academic and vocational education. With the help of countless generous people who donated their items, time and energy, we are so pleased that we were able to donate \$6,500 to help W.I.N.G.S. this year.

In lieu of a traditional monthly meeting, we decided to do 'Social and Service' in November. We invited members to join us for appetizers and Sangria on a Friday night and then on Saturday morning we cooked for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in the Medical Center.

The spring semester kicked off with our wonderful January meeting with the BCWBA. A panel of BCWBA speakers addressed topics from how to approach a work/life balance to how to deal with student loans. The WLA members were so appreciative of the candid nature of the meeting and we received great feedback. For our February meeting we invited several student leaders on campus to answer questions about how to join and be a part of their respective organizations.



WLA Executive Board

What we are looking forward to: We will be hosting the Fourth Court of Appeals on March 8! And we look forward to seeing everyone at our next Mentor/Mentee event!

## WLA Alumni Relations Initiative

By Vanessa Hernandez, WLA Alumni Chair

On behalf of the Saint Mary's School of Law Women's Law Association (WLA), I am very proud to announce a new initiative WLA is undertaking this year. As the largest organization on campus with 135 members, WLA feels it has a duty to build and continue to maintain strong relationships with St. Mary's School of Law Alumni.

This year, the WLA Executive Board approved creating the position of WLA Alumni Chair. The primary inspiration for creating the position was to create an alumni database of St. Mary's School of Law Alumni who are also former WLA members. In doing so, we aim to foster communication between our members and former members, ideally for internships, job opportunities, and mentor relationships.

This database has turned into more than we had ever expected. Graduates of other law schools and women who were not a part of WLA have approached WLA asking to be a part of this project. The WLA Alumni Relations Committee is in the process of contacting alumni and managing the influx of contact information, as well as working with the BCWBA and former WLA members to reach out to alumni directly. Our project has been approved by Dean Hartman, Dean of Alumni Relations & Development and he is helping us work with the St. Mary's School of Law Alumni Association. The WLA database will serve as a model for all other law school campus organizations, as this is the first of its kind.

Please consider becoming a part of this fantastic project so you can also be in contact with some of the most driven, successful, and hardworking students at St. Mary's School of Law. Feel free to contact me through our WLA Alumni account at [WLAalumni@gmail.com](mailto:WLAalumni@gmail.com). Please include your name, firm or organization name and address, phone number, email, practice area, as well as whether or not you are a former WLA member and St. Mary's School of Law graduate.



January WLA Meeting Attendees

## BCWBA-Lites wants to hear from you!

BCWBA is interested in news of your professional accomplishments or activities, awards, marriages, changes of address, or other news you would like to share. Also, if you know any BCWBA member who is not receiving *Equal Times*, please send us a current address. BCWBA wants to stay in touch. Email your new information or announcement to Regina Stone-Harris at [ReginaStoneHarris@yahoo.com](mailto:ReginaStoneHarris@yahoo.com).

# Spring forward...

the 2011 Trends are here!



## Prints Charming

Abstracts, color blocks, stripes, animal, floral.

## Hyper Color

Citrus, corals, and electric blues.

## Let's Get Nude

Soothing shades of sand, camel, blush, and ivory.

## Mad Men Style

50's, 60's, and Jackie O Glamour.

## That 70's Show

Retro bohemian, wide-leg trousers, maxi skirts.

## Lace Embrace

Flirty, romantic, crochet and lace.

## Dress Dominant

The trend that keeps trending.

## Neck Drama

Long & statement necklaces, embellished scarves.

## Shoe Stoppers

Platforms, wedges, kitten heels, wrapped ankles.



# MLA Long Mile 5k/10k Run

9 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011

Free Race T-Shirt, Drinks & Refreshments on race day\*

Registration Fee \$25

Proceeds to Benefit



## FISHER HOUSE

*because* A Family's Love  
is Good Medicine

4 Ways to register

1. On line at Active.com (additional fee assessed)
2. Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet
3. On campus (Law Classroom Building & University Center)  
January 26th & February 9th
4. On race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m.

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK

\*Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery

Event Co-Sponsored by:



St. Mary's University

School of Law

Military Law Association

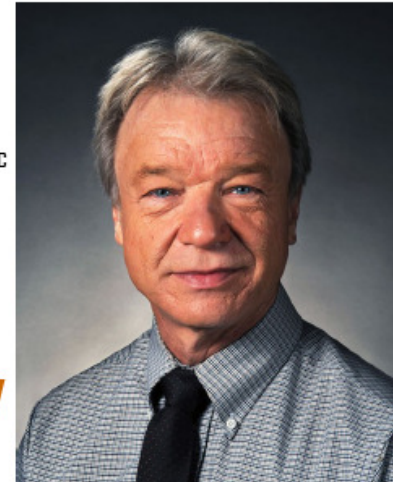


And Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry

## Forensic Psychology Lecture Series Inaugural Address

### Featuring Dr. Gary Wells: Iowa State University

- The Wendy and Mark Stavish Chair in Social Sciences
- Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Director of Social Sciences, American Judicature Society's Center for Forensic Science and Public Policy
- Consultant to judges, law enforcement, defense counsel and prosecution counsel in state and federal criminal cases involving eyewitness memory, crime investigation procedures, and evidence evaluation.



### Eyewitness Identification and Psychology's Responsibility to Help Reduce Convictions of the Innocent

Mistaken eyewitness identification is the primary cause of the conviction of innocent people in the United States. Psychological science is perfectly suited to finding ways to reduce mistaken eyewitness identifications. This science has yielded numerous findings that have become the foundation for reform in large and small jurisdictions across the US. Eyewitness identification research has thus become a model for giving psychology away for the public good. This talk reviews the evidence that mistaken identification is the primary cause of convictions of the innocent, methods that have been developed to reduce mistaken identifications, and recent progress of the legal system in incorporating the science.

#### About Gary Wells

- Gary Wells served as consulting and guest editor for multiple journals, including *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, and *Forensic Reports*.
- He has received major research grants from the National Science Foundation and other international foundations for his research program related to eyewitness identification.
- He has presented many workshops on eyewitness identification issues to police departments, defense, and prosecution attorneys.
- His research program, beginning in the mid-70's, has generated hundreds of publications and presentations. More significantly, his work has altered police lineup procedures to ensure greater accuracy of eyewitness identification and reduce false confidence in eyewitnesses. His Curriculum Vita is available at [www.psychology.iastate.edu/~glwells/Abrev\\_cv\\_Wells.pdf](http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/~glwells/Abrev_cv_Wells.pdf).

**Arrangements for Police and Attorneys:** SWPA's Executive Council has approved single-event Guest Passes for non-psychologist professionals interested in attending a session. Guest passes are \$5.00 per person, with 10% discounts for groups of 10 or more. Contact Dr. Sharon Roberts ([rober006@nsuok.edu](mailto:rober006@nsuok.edu)).

**Convention location:** El Tropicano Hotel, 110 Lexington, San Antonio. Romeo and Julieta Room

**Information** about SWPA and the Convention is available on the association website—[www.swpsych.org](http://www.swpsych.org)

# Can We Talk?

**COME CELEBRATE  
Women's History Month!  
Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

**...about Why So Few?**

## **Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

**Hosted by  
American Association  
of University Women  
San Antonio Branch**

Come hear Andresse St. Rose, Ed.D., co-author of *Why So Few?* share findings about women's underrepresentation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

While progress has been made in education, business, law and medicine and the workplace during the past 50 years, women's gains have been less dramatic in scientific areas.

**The Bright Shawl  
819 Augusta Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78215**

### **Event Schedule:**

Shop 'til you Drop Displays - 5 to 8:30

Networking - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:15 p.m.

Program - 7:00 p.m.

**\$35** - postmarked by March 11, 2011

**\$45** - after deadline and at the door

**Attached registration form required**

### **Send checks payable to:**

"Can We Talk" c/o Pat Jasso

326 Anton Drive, San Antonio, TX 78223

Contact info: can\_we\_talk\_sa@yahoo.com

## **Why So Few?**

Women in Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering,  
and Mathematics

AAUW

Can We Talk is a coalition of over sixty-five women's organizations in San Antonio, Texas. Can We Talk events are scheduled each year in March, to commemorate Women's History Month, and on or near August 26, to commemorate Women's Equality Day and Texas Women's Independence Day. Can We Talk events are coordinated by a steering committee made up of representatives from member organizations

ABWA - La Villita Chapter  
Air Force Women Officers' Association  
Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation  
Alpha Home, Inc.  
American Association of University Women -  
San Antonio Branch  
American Society of Women Accountants  
Annie's List  
Association for Women in Communications, Inc.  
Association for Women Journalists  
Bexar County Democratic Women  
Bexar County Women's Bar Association  
Center for Women in Church and Society  
Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Dress for Success San Antonio  
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center  
Executive Women's Golf Association  
Family Violence Prevention Services  
Federally Employed Women  
Financial Women International  
Friendship Bridge  
Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas

Girls Inc. of San Antonio  
Government Affairs Council of Planned Parenthood  
Hispanic Women's Network of Texas-  
San Antonio Chapter  
Leadership Texas Alumnae Association  
League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area  
Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women  
Mujeres Unidas Contra El SIDA  
National Association of Professional Mortgage Women  
National Association of Women Business Owners  
National Coalition of 100 Black Women, S. A. Chapter  
National Council of Negro Women  
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition  
National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.  
Network Power/Texas  
P.E.A.C.E. Initiative  
Pan American Round Tables of Texas  
Planned Parenthood of San Antonio  
& South Central Texas  
Rape Crisis Center  
SLEW Wellness Center  
San Antonio College Women's Center  
San Antonio Silver Stars

San Antonio Society of Women CPAs  
San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce  
San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame  
Sistas in Business, Inc.  
South Texas Women's Business Center  
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
Texas Business Women/TX, Region 1  
A La Nueva TBW; TBW, Inc. of San Antonio;  
Mexican American TBW; Northwest Noon TBW  
Texas Nurses Association, District 8  
Texas Women's Coalition  
University of Texas at San Antonio Archives  
WINGS  
Woman at the Well House  
Women of AT&T  
Women's Faculty Association  
Women's Global Connection  
Women's Pavilion at HemisFair Park, Inc.  
Women's Political Caucus of Bexar County  
Women's Sports Foundation  
Women's Studies Institute - UTSA  
Young Women's Christian Association  
Zonta Club of San Antonio

# 9th Annual Texas Minority Attorney Program



## LIVE

**San Antonio**  
April 1, 2011

**Houston**  
May 6, 2011

### MCLE CREDIT

**San Antonio**  
6.75 Hours  
(2.75 Ethics)

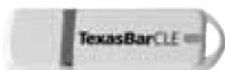
**Houston**  
6.5 Hours  
(1.75 Ethics)

### Topics include:

- Advertising Your Practice: Do's and Don'ts
- Legal Research for Solo and Small Firm Practitioners
- Avoiding a Grievance
- Judges Panel: A View From the Bench

### Course benefits include:

- A Full Day of CLE for Only \$75 (*register by deadline*)
- Lunch Included
- Course Materials Provided On a Convenient USB Drive
- Gain Valuable CLE and Earn Ethics Credit
- Learn How to Enhance Client Services



Course materials available  
on a USB flash drive



The State Bar Office of Minority Affairs presents the 9th Annual

# Texas Minority Attorney Program

Cosponsored by the State Bar of Texas Racial Diversity in the Profession Committee

**LIVE**

## San Antonio

April 1, 2011  
 The Bright Shawl  
 819 Augusta  
 San Antonio, TX 78215  
 (210) 225-6366

Register by March 18, 2011  
 and Save!



### Friday

April 1, 2011

6.75 hours including 2.75 hours ethics

8:00 Registration

8:50 Announcements and  
 Welcoming Remarks

9:00 Advertising Your Practice: Do's  
 and Don'ts 1 hr ethics  
 Gene Major, Austin  
 Director, Advertising Review  
 State Bar of Texas

10:00 Legal Research for Solo and  
 Small Firm Practitioners .5 hr  
 Sharon Goldberg, San Antonio  
 Solutions Consultant, LexisNexis

10:30 Break

10:45 Avoiding a Grievance  
 1 hr ethics  
 Stephanie T. Strohl, San Antonio  
 State Bar of Texas

Lisa M. Titum, San Antonio  
 West & Associates, L.L.P.

11:45 Break – Lunch Provided

12:00 Keynote Luncheon  
 Presentation: The Road Less  
 Traveled .75 hr  
 Hon. Dale Wainwright, Austin  
 Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

12:45 Break

1:00 The In's and Out's of Federal  
 Criminal Law .5 hr  
 Henry Bamperol, San Antonio  
 Federal Public Defender, Western  
 District

1:30 Collections in Bankruptcy 1 hr  
 (.25 ethics)  
 R. Glen Ajers, San Antonio  
 Langley & Banack, Inc.

Daniel O. Kustoff, San Antonio  
 Kustoff and Phipps L.L.P.

2:30 Employment Law .5 hr  
 Danielle A. Clarkson, Dallas  
 Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

3:00 Break

3:15 Legal Writing .5 hr  
 Mike Martinez Jr., San Antonio  
 St. Mary's University

3:45 Judges' Panel 1 hr (.5 ethics)  
 Moderator  
 Luis G. Zambrano, Dallas  
 Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

Hon. Sid L. Harla, San Antonio  
 Judge, 226th Judicial District Court

Hon. Sandra Bryan Martin,  
 San Antonio  
 Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals

Hon. Liza Rodriguez, San Antonio  
 Judge, County Court #8

Hon. Peter Sakal, San Antonio  
 Judge, 225th District Court

4:45 Adjourn

#### MCLE CREDIT

6.75 HOURS (2.75 ETHICS)

MCLE COURSE NO: 901217863

This course has been approved by the  
 Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
 for certification and recertification  
 continuing legal education requirements  
 for attorneys and legal assistants in the  
 following specialty fields:

Bankruptcy ..... 1.00  
 CMI Trial Law ..... 1.00  
 Criminal Law ..... 0.50  
 Labor and Employment Law ..... 0.50

**LIVE**  
**Houston**

May 6, 2011  
South Texas College of Law  
Garrett-Townes Auditorium  
1303 San Jacinto Street  
Houston, Texas 77002  
(713) 659-8040

Register by April 22, 2011  
and Save!



**Friday**

**May 6, 2011**

6.5 hours including 1.75 hours ethics

- 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:50 **Announcements and Welcoming Remarks**  
Course Director  
Bert Jennings III, Pearland  
Jennings Law Group PLLC.
- Course Director  
Dawn R. Ruzio, Houston  
MahaffeyWeber
- 9:00 **Top Ten Tips for Building and Sustaining a Successful Small Practice .5 hr**  
Teresa Del Valle, Houston  
Del Valle Law Firm, P.C.
- Tim Shan, Houston  
Tim Shan Law Office
- Andrea Tran, Houston  
Garana Tian LLP
- 9:30 **Pro's and Con's of Social Media 1 hr (.5 ethics)**  
Aparna Davis, Houston  
Wells Fargo
- Amanda Ellis, Dallas  
Amanda Ellis Legal Search
- Gene Major, Austin  
Director, Advertising Review  
State Bar of Texas
- 10:30 **Break**

- 10:45 **Alternative Careers: Leveraging Your Law Degree 1 hr**  
Moderator  
J. Goodwill Piama, Houston  
Attorney at Law & Manager,  
Small Business Development &  
Contract Compliance Division  
Houston Airport System
- Ronald C. Green, Houston  
Houston City Controller
- Eartha Jean Johnson, Houston  
LegalWATCH
- 11:45 **Break – Lunch Provided**
- 12:00 **Keynote Luncheon Presentation: From the Podium to the Bench – the Lessons I've Learned .75 hr**  
Hon. Wallace B. Jefferson, Austin  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 12:45 **Break**
- 1:00 **Addressing the Legal Needs of the Small and/or Minority Business .75 hr (.25 ethics)**  
Jacob M. Monty, Houston  
Monty Partners, LLP
- 1:45 **Real Estate: Transactional Law for the Non-transactional Lawyer .5 hr**  
Antonietta M. (Toni) Jackson, Houston  
Coats | Rose
- 2:15 **Family Law/Probate .5 hr**  
Hon. Robert Hinojosa, Houston  
Former Judge, 312th Family District  
Court, Harris County
- 2:45 **Break**

- 3:00 **Criminal Law .5 hr**  
Terence C. Norman, Pearland  
Norman & Assoc. Law Firm
- 3:30 **Judges' Panel: A View From the Bench 1 hr ethics**  
Moderator  
David A. Chaumette, Houston  
De la Rosa & Chaumette
- Federal Court  
Hon. Vanessa Gilmore, Houston  
Judge, U.S. District Court,  
Southern District of Texas
- Criminal District Court  
Hon. Belinda Hill, Houston  
Judge, 230th District Court
- Civil District Court  
Hon. Rawl E. Sandli, Houston  
Judge, 127th District Court
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

**MCLE CREDIT**

**6.5 HOURS (1.75 ETHICS)**

**MCLE COURSE NO: 90127868**

This course has been approved by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for certification and recertification continuing legal education requirements for attorneys and legal assistants in the following specialty fields:

Civil Trial Law.....	0.50
Criminal Law.....	0.50
Family Law.....	0.50
Real Estate.....	0.50

### Ways to Save on This Course!

Meet the "Register By March and Save \$10" because early registrations help us ensure that sufficient course materials, seating, and refreshments are available. Course materials and seating will be reserved for pre-registrants until the start of the first topic.

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*Via First Class Mail*

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RE: *Your Texas Women Lawyers' Membership 2011-12*

Dear TWL Member:

We are excited to invite you to re-join Texas Women Lawyers for 2011-2012 year! The year will be an exciting one, and we hope to see you at our annual CLE program, *Project You! Finding Focus in Your Practice*. The CLE is in Houston on March 4<sup>th</sup> and includes breakfast, seated lunch, and wine bar reception, at a very reasonable price (\$175 for current members; 6.7 CLE hrs., pending). The brochure is included. We offer pricing that is attractive and workable for all – in fact, membership is *free* if you sign up for the CLE (see the attached sheet). Our aim is to expand our membership base, and we would love to see all our participating law firms with 100% membership. To those ends, here is the pricing for the coming year:

**Sign up for the annual CLE – Membership is FREE!**

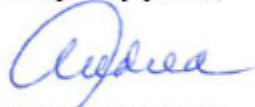
Can't come to the CLE? - \$50 for yearly membership, **unless**

- You have 5 years of practice or less, or you are in the judiciary – discount pricing: **\$35**
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- OR - If you and at least 2 others from the same firm want to join – reduced price: **Only \$40 per person**

What do you get with membership? First of all, the TWL Board puts a lot of effort into planning and offering our annual CLE program each year – we do so *with you in mind!* Last year's program was a smashing success - with standing room only! This year will be no exception. We are proud to include many of our members as speakers, along with Stewart Hirsch, a national business coach who will be working with our attendees during *Project You!* Stewart will help all attendees develop individual business plans (something we never learned in school!). In addition to that, we have planned smaller receptions and CLE programs in various Texas towns throughout the year. During the last few months, we have sponsored events in Houston, McAllen, El Paso, and Austin. We are connected with local bar groups around the state and look for ways that our members can network and communicate with each other. We are interested in promoting various women's interests, where those interests coincide with membership desires. And we offer a "members only" website with access to our membership data. Please see: <http://www.texaswomenlawyers.org/main>. ***We welcome your ideas and involvement!***

Please join us; please come to the CLE event! We look forward to your participation.

Very truly yours,



Andrea Johnson  
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**2011-12 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Yes, I want to be a member of TWL!**

**PLEASE NOTE – Membership is included in the admission price for the annual CLE program, *Project You! Finding Focus in Your Practice*. Just sign up for the CLE and note any data you want for our membership rolls.**

**Membership for you:**

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8:00-8:30      Networking Breakfast/Registration

8:30-8:45      Welcome/Introduction

## FOCUS ON ETHICS

8:45-10:15      A Practice Consonant with the Rules

From social networking to advertising to public relations, the opportunities to market your legal services abound. But what do "marketing" and "branding" mean in the context of the rules governing professional conduct? Learn about proper boundaries for legal advertising, solicitation, public relations, social networking, multistate practice, and more.

Paige K. Ben-Yaacov – Partner, Baker Botts LLP

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Elizabeth Rogers – Client Services Director for Legal and Regulatory Services, Resources Global Professionals

Teresa J. Waldrop – Founder, Law Offices of Teresa J. Waldrop, P.C.

10:15-10:30      Break

## FOCUS ON PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT

10:30-11:45      A Lattice, Not a Ladder

Many lawyers have elected to forego the conventional career ladder that permits only rigid movement up the partnership track (or out). Instead, lawyers are increasingly required to adapt to changing conditions by building diverse skills and relationships that permit horizontal and diagonal growth, as well as a vertical, professional development. Lawyers enter and leave firms, agencies, public interest organizations, and corporations in response to shifting client demands, their own evolving skill sets, and changes in the legal landscape. A career lattice captures this contemporary phenomenon—of lawyers moving up, down, across, and diagonally over the course of multifaceted careers, while aiming to optimize client service, personal satisfaction, and professional integrity. A panel of seasoned professionals from a variety of practice areas will discuss different paths available to licensed attorneys today, the challenges associated with changing course at different junctures, and new developments in delivering responsive legal services to diverse clients.

Moderator: Amanda Ellis – Founder, Amanda Ellis Legal Search

Lynette Fons – Attorney, City of Houston

Christi Guerrini – Attorney

Amy Sladczyk Hancock – Director of Professional Development, Andrews Kurth LLP

Vianei Lopez Robinson – Partner, Buck Keenan LLP

Jana Terry – Associate, Greenberg Traurig LLP

11:45-12:00      Break

## FOCUS ON LEGAL SUBSTANCE

12:00-12:15      TWL 2011 Pathfinder Award

12:15-1:15      Hot Legal Topics, Roundtable Discussion During Seated Lunch.

Join a roundtable discussion of your choice led by subject matter experts.

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Mary Evelyn McNamara – Associate, Brown McCarroll LLP

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**TABLE 9 BANKRUPTCY**

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**TABLE 10 OIL & GAS**

Rebecca Seidl and Lilly Van Maele – Associates, Burleson Cooke LLP

**TABLE 11 E-DISCOVERY**

Dionne Rainey – Partner, Hunton & Williams LLP

**TABLE 12 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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**TABLE 14 CLAIMS TRENDS**

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**TABLE 15 BUILDING KEY ALLIANCES IN UNLIKELY PLACES**

Ashley Hunter – President, HM Risk Group

**TABLE 16 DEPOSING THE EXPERT**

Gary G. Beck – Chairman, Insurance Network of America

1:15-1:30 Break

1:30-4:30 CHOOSE ONE OF TWO TRACKS:

## TRACK A FOCUS ON CLIENT DEVELOPMENT

### BUSINESS PLAN BOOT CAMP WITH STEWART HIRSCH

This session highlights the benefits associated with having a personal business plan that takes into account professional growth, business development and personal commitments.

- Four lawyers will each share highlights from the business plans they developed and implemented in advance with the aid of Stewart Hirsch, one of the most highly acclaimed business development coaches in the United States and former in-house counsel of a corporate legal department.
- All participants will then receive a template to prepare their own plans with the help of the four experienced lawyers and our facilitator.
- At the end of this session, participants will have a clear understanding of how to create and implement a personalized business plan.

## TRACK B FOCUS ON THE CORE

### WORKSHOP ON FUNDAMENTAL LEGAL SKILLS AND STRATEGIES

This session is comprised of three workshops to enhance your core legal skills.

#### I. FOCUS ON PROFESSIONAL WRITING: Crafting Reader-Centric Work Product

Gretchen Sween, Ph.D., J.D., is a member of the legal writing faculty at The University of Texas School of Law and a lawyer in private practice. This workshop-style session will focus on practical strategies to render your legal writing more accessible, fluid, and clear.

#### II. FOCUS ON PUBLIC SERVICE: The Relationship Between Pro Bono Service and Your Professional Development

Mickey Baden – Attorney, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program  
Anne Chandler – J.D., Houston Director Tahirih Justice Center  
Marjorie Powell – Attorney, American Airlines  
Dionne Rainey – Partner, Hunton & Williams LLP

#### III. FOCUS ON ADVOCACY: Trial Presentation Skills for the New Millennium

Gary G. Beck – Chairman, Insurance Network of America  
Mary Griffiths – President, Trial Consulting Enterprises  
Ann Ryan Robertson – Associate, Ajamie LLP  
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4:30-4:35 Election of TWL 2011-2012 Officers

4:35-6:00 Cocktail Reception

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- Comparison of employment offers

### Please join us



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