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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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Spring is in the air! What a wonderful and refreshing time of year. Spring is the perfect opportunity for new beginnings. We are settled into the new year and ready for what lies ahead. The dark of winter, although not a particularly cold one, is slowly being replaced by longer and longer daylight hours. We have seen some much-needed rain, and a few recent days have almost felt like summer. The flowers are even starting to bloom. Yes, Spring is definitely in the air!



Emma Cano

For me, Spring always means spending more time outside. It is the perfect time to reconnect with friends at a backyard cookout or enjoying drinks on a patio somewhere. I can finally resume my outdoor morning runs. I can get out on the golf course, once again, fantasizing about the day when I might actually be a decent golfer. Whatever Spring means for you, live life to its fullest and enjoy this beautiful season while it is here!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the various upcoming Spring events hosted by the BCWBA. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events:

- March 1--Mentor/Mentee Mixer: Taco Garage
- March 7--Monthly Luncheon: Club Giraud
- March 22--President's New Member Party: Judge Renee McElhaney's Home
- March 23--Around Town Luncheon: Papouli's Greek Grill, 11224 Huebner (near I-10)
- April 1--Book Club discussing "Unbroken"
- April 3--Fox Tech Law Day Luncheon: Plaza Club
- May 2--Monthly Luncheon: Club Giraud
- May 8--BCWB CJP Night

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March Luncheon Announcement

By Lisa Alcantar

Please join us on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Club Giraud, as we welcome Sara E. Dysart. Sara, who practices primarily commercial real estate, will discuss the practical challenges of Surviving as a Solo Practitioner. Sara's presentation will provide insight for attorneys who may be looking to change their career paths or start their careers in solo practice, as well as providing insight for opposing counsel working with solo practitioners. Please RSVP no later than Monday, March 5 through the events website or to lalcantar@prdg.com.

Mentor/Mentee Event

Thursday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Lee's Taco Garage

By Connie Basel

Please join the BCWBA and the St. Mary's Women's Law Association for happy hour on Thursday, March 1st on the patio at Lee's Taco Garage (on Broadway, just south of Loop 410)! This is our Spring mentor/mentee mixer, so come out and meet our wonderful St. Mary's law students. You do not need an existing mentoring relationship to attend, but please encourage your existing and past mentees to come out. Drinks and appetizers sponsored by the BCWBA. For additional information regarding this event, contact Connie Basel at cbasel@lyndworld.com.

Monthly "Around Town" Lunches

By Connie Basel

The BCWB is facilitating an opportunity for mentorship and networking at a casual lunch setting each month. The goal is to provide an alternative opportunity to meet for current and prospective members that may not be able to attend the luncheon at Club Giraud.

The next "Around Town" lunch will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at Papouli's Greek Grill at City View Village, located just off of I-10 North at 11224 Huebner Road, Suite 201, San Antonio, TX 78230. Papouli's Greek Grill serves traditional and contemporary Greek cuisine. No RSVP is necessary – simply order at the counter and then look for us (we will be outside if it's a nice day). Email Connie Basel (cbasel@lyndworld.com) with any questions.

Law Day Luncheon Reminder

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Noon to 1:00 p.m., Plaza Club

By Hella Scheuerman

The students of Fox Tech High School are currently preparing their submissions for the Law Day Contests. The theme of this year's contests is *No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom*. Students may enter any of the three contests: the Photography Contest, the Poster Contest, and the Editorial Contest. Contest winners will be announced at the Luncheon. Judge Catherine Torres-Stahl will explore this year's Law Day theme.

RSVP by Tuesday, March 27, through the Luncheon Registration link above, or by mailing Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org or Lisa Alcantar at lalcantar@prdg.com. The students are looking forward to the luncheon and especially, at the opportunity of meeting practicing attorneys. Please join us at the Law Day Luncheon!



Katherine Patton Noll

Last Call for 2012 BCWB Renewals!

By Katherine Noll

Have you renewed your BCWB membership for 2012? In the next few weeks, we will be sending an email to all previously-registered BCWB members who have not renewed their membership for the 2012 year. That email message will provide you with instructions and a direct link to membership renewal on our website. On April 1, 2012, all members who have not renewed their membership will be moved to “inactive” status, and will no longer be sent newsletters, announcements, or invitations from the group.

If you would like to go ahead and renew your membership now, please visit our website at <https://www.bexarcountysomensbar.org>. Click on the “About Us” pull-down menu; then click on “Membership.” There you will find the online as well as paper applications for 2012. If you have any questions, contact Membership Coordinator Katherine Noll at Membership@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

Update your Profile! Have you updated your membership profile lately? Please confirm we have your most recent information in our database! To access your profile, go to: <https://www.bexarcountysomensbar.org> and log in. Click on the “Member Center” pull-down menu, and then click on the link under “Update Your Member Profile Today!”



Women's Law Association Update

By Alison R. Williams

President-Elect, Women's Law Association

The Women's Law Association would like to echo Julia Mann's article in saying that the speed networking event was a huge success, and we are very grateful to the BCWBA, Julia and all of the members who took the time to come spend the evening with us. Thank you all again, our members learned so much and had a wonderful time!

Upcoming events that we are looking forward to this month are as follows:

- (3/1) Mentor-Mentee Mixer with BCWBA at Lee's Taco Garage, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- (3/7) Dessert Reception following Fourth Court of Appeals Oral Arguments in the Alumni Room of the Sarita Kennedy Law Library, St. Mary's University School of Law, 4:00 p.m. Presentation of St. Mary's Alma López Woman in Law Leadership Award
- (3/23) WLA Social happy hour at Fleming's, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- (3/24) WLA Service event at Haven for Hope, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

BCWBA, WLA & Office of Career Services “Speed Networking Event” A Huge Success

By Julia Mann



Julia Mann

On February 10, 2012 the BCWBA in conjunction with the Women’s Law Association at St. Mary’s University School of Law and the Office of Career Services hosted a Speed Networking Event. Over fifty law students were in attendance. Thanks to the volunteers from the BCWBA the students had an opportunity to speak to attorneys and Judges with a wide variety of experiences from many different practice areas.

BCWBA members hosted five separate “practice area” tables including: criminal law, family law, corporate counsel, school law, tax and business litigation. The students were given the opportunity to sit at each table for approximately eight minutes to hear about each attorney’s area of experience and then ask questions. This unique setting provided students with the opportunity to not only practice their interviewing and networking skills but to ask a wide variety of questions and receive information based upon real world experience. The students asked many insightful questions not only about the various practice areas, but managing a full time career with family obligations and maintaining a high quality of life.

Following the speed networking rounds, the attendees were treated to dinner and drinks. This social hour provided the students an opportunity to follow up on interesting topics with the BCWBA on an individual basis.

This event would not have been a success without the volunteer attorneys and a special thanks goes to: Justice Rebecca Simmons; Judge Renee McElhaney; Judge Lisa Jarrett; Monica Trollinger, Kelly Anderson, Carol Jendzry, Jennifer Hall, Pricilla Camacho, Daphne Previti, Natalie Hall, Katherine Noll and Ann Leafstedt.



State Bar of Texas Nominates Steve Bolden of Dallas and Lisa Tatum of San Antonio as President-elect Candidates

AUSTIN – The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors has approved the nomination of attorneys E. Steve Bolden II of Dallas and Lisa Tatum of San Antonio as candidates for president-elect. Texas attorneys will cast their votes during an election this spring. Election results will be announced May 1. The president-elect will serve as president of the State Bar of Texas from June 2013 until June 2014.

Steve Bolden is a shareholder at Mahomes Bolden PC in Dallas where he focuses on a variety of corporate and securities matters, including mergers and acquisitions of publicly traded and privately held companies, public securities offerings, private equity transactions and bond transactions. Prior to joining Mahomes Bolden PC in 2008, he practiced at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Jackson Walker LLP.

Bolden has served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, Nominations and Elections Subcommittee, Policy Manual Subcommittee and chaired the Section Representatives to the Board Committee. He has served on the Dallas Bar Association Board of Directors. He serves on the Business Law Section Council and chaired the African American Lawyers Section. He is currently serving as a trustee on the Dallas Bar Foundation Board where he chairs the Collins Clerkship Program. He has served on the board of The Entrepreneurship Institute of Dallas and the First Tee of Dallas. He is a recipient of a J.L. Turner Legal Association Presidential Citation and a Dallas Bar Association Presidential Citation. He served as president of the J.L. Turner Legal Association in 2008 and under his administration the organization received recognition as Region V Affiliate Chapter of the Year.

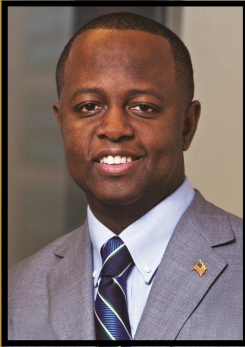
Bolden received his A.B. in government from Dartmouth College and his J.D. magna cum laude from Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, where he was a member of the Board of Advocates.

Lisa Tatum is the founder and owner of LM Tatum, PLLC (The Tatum Law Practice) in San Antonio with a practice that focuses on corporate, education, employment and public finance law. Tatum serves as outside and general counsel to corporate clients, public and private, as well as individuals. Prior to forming her own firm, Tatum was managing associate at West & Associates L.L.P., an associate with Escamilla & Poneck, Inc., and served as a Bexar County Assistant Criminal District Attorney in San Antonio.

Tatum has served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Budget Committee, and Audit & Finance Committee, among others. She has served as co-chair and chair of the Discipline and Client Attorney Assistance Program Committee, and currently serves as vice chair of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. She has been awarded a State Bar Presidential Citation and Outstanding Third Year Director Award. She is a past president and former director of the San Antonio Black Lawyers Association, past chair, former vice chair and member of the African American Lawyers Section of the State Bar, and a member of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association. She is a member of the San Antonio Bar Association, American Bar Association and National Bar Association.

Tatum received a B.A. in government from Smith College and her J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law, where she was inducted as a national member of the Order of Barristers.

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Steve Bolden



Lisa Tatum



Need a Retreat??

Retreat Co-Chairs, Judge Renée McElhaney
and Monica Lerma, are planning this year's
BCWBA retreat.

Stay on the lookout for details—coming soon.

We hope you can make it!!

*Emma Cano, President of the
Bexar County Women's Bar Association,
invites you to the annual*

BCWB President's Party

Thursday, March 22nd

from 5:30 to 7:30

301 West Hollywood

(home of Judge Renée McElhaney)

Drinks and Hors D'Oeuvres Will be Provided

Join the BCWB in honoring these new members:

*Susan S. Alberto
Stefanie Benyard
Laurie N. Burns
Shanna R. Castro
Diana M. Cavazos
Luz Elena Chapa
Kristina L. Combs
Deneen Donnley
Mary Esther Escobedo
Alicia M. Galvany
Angelina I. Garcia
Marissa L. Giovenco*

*Margaret J. Hopson
Deborah S. Jackson
Barbara Leavelle
Leigh L. Levy
Katy Lukaszewski
Marlene M. Martin
Clare L. Pace
Suzanne Patrick
Michele Petty
Aida R. Rojas
Lindsay Moore Rose
Cassandra R. Ross*

*Jennifer D. Rossmeier
Christi Salazar
Karen R. Vowell Sales
Allison Seifert
Janie Ann Shannon
Kelsey Sproull
Lisa M. Tatum
Preeti Temple
Heather Clement Tessmer
Alexandra C. Williamson
Lauren M. Zettler-Horne*

*RSVPs are not required, but are encouraged!
Email your reply to membership@bexarcountywomensbar.org*

Questions?

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