

# Equal Times



March 2013

## Bexar County Women's Bar Association

### President's Column

While preparing to attend the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo this evening, I pondered the question of "How did this rodeo concept begin in the first place?" A search on the internet ([About.com](http://About.com) and [SARodeo.com](http://SARodeo.com)) revealed that early ranch chores, such as cattle roping and horse breaking, developed into informal competitions between cowboys meeting on long cattle drives from ranches to stockyards to see which groups had the best riders and ropers. After the advent of the railroad, as the need for cowboys dwindled, some of these competitors found work in "Wild West Shows."

Back on the trails near small towns, entrepreneurs organized the remaining informal competitions into public gatherings where spectators were charged a fee and the cowboys contributed to a sum of money that was divided among the winners.

This western sport can now be seen at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo which attracts more than one million visitors each year and has received numerous national awards. Besides the competition, show and concert, the grounds include carnival rides, stores, food booths and a petting zoo. In addition, millions of dollars have been



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raised over the years to provide scholarships, grants and (con'd on last page)

### Luncheon Announcement

By Lindsay Riley

Please join us on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at Club Giraud as we welcome Justice Patricia O. Alvarez as we welcome Justice Patricia O. Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals. Justice Alvarez's presentation, "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus: A Practical Approach for the Female Trial Attorney," focuses on preparing for trial, connecting with the jury, and

using personal attributes to achieve success as an effective trial attorney. Her presentation will include a discussion about why civility matters and how to incorporate it into trial practice. CLE credit is approved, including .25 hours of ethics.

RSVP by Friday, March 1, 2013 to [Events@bexarcountrywomensbar.org](mailto:Events@bexarcountrywomensbar.org). Please include any dietary restrictions

in your RSVP. Cost is \$25 (\$15 for students), payable online or at the door. For more information, contact Lauren Zettler-Horne ([lhorne@br-lawfirm.com](mailto:lhorne@br-lawfirm.com)) or Lindsay Riley ([lindsay.scaief@txcourts.gov](mailto:lindsay.scaief@txcourts.gov)). We hope to see you there!

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**Save the Date!** The annual BCWBA President's Party honoring our newest members has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 18, 2013. The event will be hosted by BCWBA President Suzanne Oliva, and we hope everyone will join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as we kick off Fiesta and welcome our new members! More details coming soon.



Marissa Helm

## Another Successful Central Market CLE

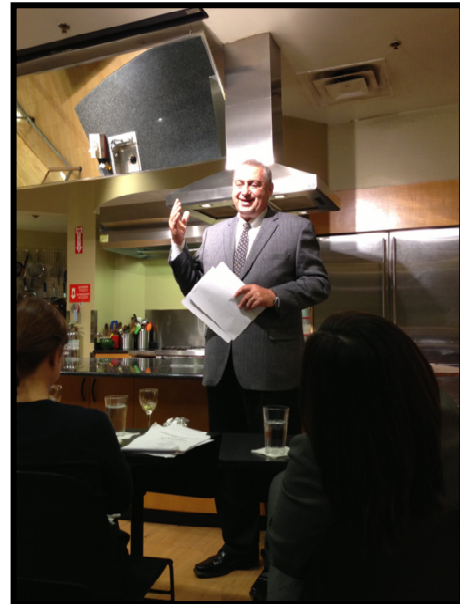
By Marissa Helm

We had a great turn out at January's Central Market Cooking School & Ethics CLE. Everyone enjoyed delicious recipes, food, wine, and one hour of ethics CLE presented

by James Ehler, Lisa Tatum, and Gene Major.

Thank you to our wonderful presenters, Faye Bracey and Gaylia Brunson who helped coordinate the event, Central Market for hosting a fabulous

cooking class, and all of our members who were able to attend!



## Texas Women Lawyers Presents: Rising Together – Women Promoting Each Other in the Practice of Law

### Next Around Town Luncheon

March 21, 2013

Noon

SANDBAR Fish House & Market

200 E Grayson St,

San Antonio, TX

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Arin Reeves, an expert in leadership and consulting in the workplace and President of Nextions, a consulting firm in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Reeves will discuss the impact of relationships with power in the retention and advancement of women in the legal profession, the sources of power and barriers to leadership, and active strategies for success. Dr. Reeves is the author of the recently pub-

lished book, "The Next IQ: The Next Level of Intelligence for 21st Century Leaders."

In addition to Dr. Reeves's presentation, the 2013 conference includes accomplished attorneys, judges, consultants, technology experts, and marketing gurus offering the attendees skills and strategies to help us all "Rise Together" in the profession.

Register online: <https://a3.acteva.com/orderbooking/bookEvent/A326958>.

For anyone traveling to Houston from out of town, a group rate of \$169.00 per night has been arranged at the Magnolia Hotel. The website for the group rate at the Magnolia Hotel is [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10312839](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10312839). If you call the Magnolia Hotel to make your reservation, please reference the Texas Women Lawyers group rate.

## BCWBA Runs: 4th Annual Super Bowl



Connie Arambula

By Connie Arambula

Carol Jendrzey, Elizabeth Copeland, Linda Thoede, Connie Arambula, Greta McFarling, Jessica Newill, and Melanie Castillo participated on the Bexar County Women's Bar Association team at the 4th Annual Super Bowl 7K (4.35m) run to benefit the San Antonio Transplants for Children! The race/run took place on Sunday, February 3, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. The course started and ended at the HEB Commander's House, and followed a technical route along the River Walk. After

the race, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association team networked with the Association of Corporate Counsel team at the super

bowl tail gate party. Look for the opportunity to participate in another running event in April!



## WLA Update

By Julia E. Null

WLA would like to invite all BCWBA members to our March 7 joint mixer at St. Mary's campus. We are very excited to join the Hispanic Law Alumni Association and Hispanic Law Student Association for this event. The mixer will occur from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Alumni Room. The event will include a great spread of appetizers and a bar. Please come out and meet student and local attorneys. If you have any questions, email [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

Our very own WLA Secretary Anietie Akpan was the recipient of the 2013 Marianist Heritage Student Award. She has achieved academic success as well as demonstrated excellence in lay leadership, building community, and service for the common good. Besides being involved in the Women's Law Association, she is on the editorial board of the *Scholar*, BALSAs and St. Thomas More Society. She is also involved with University Ministry and played an integral role at Red Mass. She also had an article

published in *Today's Catholic* about Red Mass, which included her interview of President Mengler regarding his Red Mass commentary. We are so proud of Anietie.

Finally, we are very excited for our IL Senators who have been working very hard on the WLA Social and Service project in March. Each year the senators plan and execute the event for our law school community. We are very excited to find out soon what they have planned!

### Upcoming WLA Events:

March 4 - Forum on Proposition 8

March 7 - WLA/BCBWA/HLSA/HLAA Mixer

March 19 - Hosting the Annual Fourth Court of Appeals Moot Court

March 22 & 23 - Annual Social & Service

Shown in left photo: Anietie Akpan & her parents

Shown in right photo: Anietie Akpan & Sister Grace





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

endowments to youth interested in agriculture and livestock related studies.

Other events that may interest you in the coming months include our March 5, 2013 CLE luncheon at the Club Giraud featuring Justice Patricia O. Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals who will

present "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus: A Practical Approach for the Female Trial Attorney." Another opportunity for camaraderie includes the informal "Around Town Lunch" at Sandbar on March 21. On April 6, it's time to go out to the Missions ballpark for the "BCWBA Picnic at the Mis-

sions." Enjoy time with family and friends during a picnic style dinner, baseball game and fireworks show. Be on the lookout for your emails announcing more information.

Bring a friend to any of these events and encourage a new membership!

## BCWBA Lites

The Law firm of Plunkett & Gibson welcomes Justice Phylis Speedlin as a shareholder to the firm. Justice Speedlin brings vast knowledge and skills developed through her 30 year legal career as a trial lawyer and jurist—having served as a District Court Judge and as an Appellate Justice on the 4th Court of Appeals. Justice Speedlin plans to provide alternative dispute resolution services including mediation and arbitration. Qualified to serve as a "Special Judge" under Chapter 151 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Justice Speedlin will try lawsuits on agreement of the parties and referral by the trial court.

National law firm is seeking to add 5 staff attorneys to the San Antonio office. They are looking for staff attorneys in the area of labor and employment, who are not seeking partner track. Prefer 3-5 years of experience but will consider someone with more experience if the right fit. Candidates will work out of the San Antonio branch. Duties to include research, drafting and answering of discovery, motions, witness binders, engagement matters, EEOC issues. This position is great for someone who has taken time off from practicing labor and employment and wants to come back into a firm setting with flexibility. Must have a solid proven track record with a strong work ethic. Direct Hire opportunity with benefits salary ranging from \$90-125k DOE. If you meet these qualifications send your CV in MS Word format to [rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com](mailto:rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com).

Dallas based firm seeks to expand nationwide. The firm recently opened a boutique firm in San Antonio handling commercial litigation, corporate, employment, and corporate law. The firm seeks to add senior attorney laterals or partners to this location. Very established firm with exceptional opportunity for growth. Seeking laterals and partners with a portable book of business in any of these areas. If you are tired of the big firm environment and want to grow your practice and drive your practice the way you want to this year, think about this opportunity. Send your CV and/or profile to [rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com](mailto:rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com) in MS Word format.

Texas based law firm seeks a Spanish speaking associate who lives in Karnes City or Eagle Pass or will travel to one of those offices 3-4 times a week. Seeking a solid litigator with some oil and gas background. Salary is DOE. This is a great opportunity with a solid firm that is extremely stable and growing. Great firm! Would like to start someone ASAP. Send your resume to [rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com](mailto:rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com) in MS Word format.

Largest downtown firm in San Antonio seeks a contract attorney for a one-year project. This attorney will work on commercial leases, specifically retail leases. This firm seeks an attorney with over 10 years of experience handling work with national and local landlord leases. Will work at client's site for 4-6 hours a day, Monday through Friday; could potentially become 40 hours a week. The pay is DOE. Would like to start someone ASAP. Please send your resume in MS Word format to [rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com](mailto:rani.spaulding@specialcounsel.com).



# Bexar County Women's Bar Association Picnic at the Missions

- Picnic is "all you can eat hotdogs, chips, potato salad, baked beans, and ice cream".
- Picnic is from 6:00-7:00pm and includes an upper reserve seat.
- Fireworks show following the game.



**Tulsa Drillers  
VS.  
San Antonio Missions  
Saturday, April 6th  
7:05 pm**



#### FORMER MISSIONS IN THE BIG LEAGUES.

- Chase Headley
- Felix Hernandez
- Mat Latos
- Greg Dobbs
- Paul Konerko
- Shin Soo Choo
- J.J. Putz
- Adam Jones

#### Bexar County Women's Bar Association

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$18 Adult Picnic** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15 Child Picnic (3-12 years of age)** \_\_\_\_\_ **2 & under free**