



Equal Times

Serving the BCWBA for 30 Years

Our New President

In February, this year's BCWB President, Tiffanie Clausewitz, welcomed members to the annual President's Party. This year's party honored our newest members and 31 past presidents. As our 32nd president, Tiffanie joins the ranks of some very accomplished ladies. Most of you already know Tiffanie, but you may not know her background.



Tiffanie grew up in Alice, Texas, the oldest of four siblings. She attended Texas A&M University as a Terry Scholar, changing her major several times before receiving a B.A. in English. She considered law school after graduation, but it was 10 years before she entered law school. She first moved to San Antonio, met and married her husband Eric, worked as a projects manager for a national cancer clinical trial group, and obtained her Masters of Public Administration before enrolling in St. Mary's University School of Law in 2005.

Tiffanie was not a traditional law student. She was already the mother to two-year-old Catherine, and gave birth to her son, Patrick, in the summer after her first year of school. At St. Mary's, she was heavily involved in the Women's Law Association, serving as President her third year. She was also an Articles Editor for the *St. Mary's Law Journal*.

After graduation, Tiffanie served as a briefing attorney to the Honorable Catherine Stone at the Fourth Court of Appeals. Her third child, daughter Lauren, was born during her clerkship. Tiffanie worked at two law firms before settling at the Rosenblatt Law Firm in January 2013. She practices commercial litigation, and also enjoys doing appellate work whenever she has the chance. Tiffanie feels lucky to have found a firm that allows her to do a job she loves while also permitting time to focus on her family and other interests. (con'd on page 2)

Luncheon Announcement: Celebrate Law Day with Fox Tech Students

On April 2, 2014 the Bexar County Women's Bar Association will host a luncheon at the Plaza Club for law-magnet students from Fox Tech High School, a 2012 National Blue Ribbon recognized high school. Prior to the luncheon, students will compete in the State Bar's and BCWBA's Law Day Contest, which includes an editorial contest, photography contest and poster contest. Contest winners will receive scholarships. During the luncheon, Judge Tina Torres, Bexar County Court at Law #10, will address the students and BCWBA members regarding this year's Law Day theme—American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Counts. After the luncheon, the students will visit with BCWBA members and ask questions regarding the legal profession.

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Events to Attend

- March 4, monthly luncheon with Alicia Calzada
- March 24, Women in the Law CLE program
- April 2, Law Day Luncheon with Fox Tech Students
- June 12-13, Annual Retreat



A Girl's Gotta Eat

By Marissa Helm

Looking for a fast, fresh, and (mostly) healthy lunch? Check out Salata, a relative newcomer to the San Antonio market, with two locations—at I-10 and Huebner in the Huebner Oaks shopping center (next to Panera) and in Stone Oak at Sonterra and Sigma (next to Local Coffee and Nothing Bundt Cakes). With a location near my house and one near my office, this is quickly becoming my go-to spot for vegetable-driven food. It's also a great spot for those with dietary restrictions: very vegetarian friendly, very gluten-free friendly (all of their dressings, marinades, and soups are gluten free), and dairy-free friendly too (with six dairy-free dressing options).

The menu is limited to salads and salad wraps, but the variations are seemingly endless. And this isn't your traditional "hands-on" salad bar; the staff constructs, dresses, and mixes your salad so your (and every other guest's) hands stay clean and out of your food. When you walk up, your first choice is whether to go with a salad or wrap. The wrap gets all the same options as a salad. It's just a smaller portion that can be conveniently wrapped in one of five different tortillas (I recommend the interesting cool cucumber) and served with crunchy pita chips. And although I haven't seen it on the menu, I am always asked if I would prefer a "small" salad instead of the "regular" size. I say "small" because it's still pretty substantial, especially for lunch.

Once you choose your size and salad or wrap, you proceed down an aisle of perfectly presented veggies, beans, nuts, fruits, and cheeses to customize your salad. No matter what time I visit or how busy they are, the topping bins are always full but never intermixed—a tough feat even if no one else was in the store. At each section, you tell the staff per-

son which toppings you want, and everything you pick is added in a handful portion to your dish. There are too many options to list, but keep an eye out for the pumpkin seeds, green apple, strawberries, cilantro, jalapeno peppers, and alfalfa sprouts—a few things that might surprise you!

After the veggies, it's time to pick your dressing. They have ten to choose from, including standards like ranch, balsamic vinaigrette, and Caesar, as well as spicy chipotle ranch, fat-free sundried tomato or mango, ginger lime, tangy lemon vinaigrette, and my all-around favorite—fresh herb vinaigrette. There are sample cups and spoons, so don't be shy about asking to taste a couple if you can't decide. Now, don't be fooled into thinking this is a low-calorie affair. Besides the two fat-free options, you're looking at about 120-150 calories per fluid ounce. My understanding is that the store uses a 2-ounce ladle, and the regular-size salad comes with two ladles' worth of dressing. Good thing all those veggies are in there to counterbalance, right?

There are also lots of meat options available for those who like it. I've seen various proteins offered, including five different flavors of marinated chicken (buffalo, Asian BBQ, pesto, spicy chipotle, and herb marinated), cubed smoked turkey, herb marinated shrimp, baked salmon (my favorite), and imitation crabmeat salad. You can also add bacon, croutons, and avocado to your masterpiece before it's expertly tossed by the folks behind the line. Salads come with your choice of pesto, chipotle, or "seedful" wheat bread, and you can add a cup of soup for \$2.00.

I hope to see some of you there next time I stop in for lunch! (Full nutrition information is available at www.salata.com/salata/nutrition.)

BCWBA Lites

The Law firm of Spivey Valenciano, PLLC is pleased to announce that **Soledad Valenciano** has been selected by Texas Super Lawyers as a 2014 Texas Rising Star. Soledad is a partner at Spivey Valenciano, PLLC where she focuses on representing property owners in eminent domain, condemnation and land partition proceedings. She also represents affected land owners before the Texas Public Utility Commission in select CCN routing cases. In addition to condemnation and real estate-related litigation, Soledad represents clients in civil disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence and catastrophic injury/death.

[Employment Paralegal Job Available ASAP:](#) Large communication corporation in San Antonio seeks a solid employment paralegal. Candidates must have employment contracts/agreements experience. The focus is on the contracts and complex experience. Must have excellent writing skills, and solid experience drafting responses. Very organized and detail oriented. Direct hire with great benefits. Salary is DOE \$60-70k. If you meet these job requirements, send your resume in MS Word format to sanantonio@specialcounsel.com. For more job listings, visit our website at <http://www.specialcounsel.com/locations/san-antonio/>.

Our New President (con'd from page 1)

Fortunately, her boss, James Rosenblatt, supports her work and time spent on BCWB activities!

Tiffanie has served on the BCWB Board of Directors since her third year of law school, when she served as the Student Director. In 2012, she was awarded the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Tiffanie feels forever grateful for the friendships made and mentorship received from members of the BCWB, motivating her to give back to the group through her time and service.

Tiffanie spends what little free time she has with her husband and her three children, now ages 10, 7, and 4. She enjoys travelling, singing and photography, and she throws a mean Christmas cookie party!

WLA Update

By WLA President Elect, Bianca Frisaura

Women's Law Association (WLA) kicked off the New Year with a compelling and constructive first general meeting. We had the honor of hosting Chief Justice Stone as our speaker. Justice Stone covered the complexities of the law in riveting cases.



From left: Bonita Roberts, Kerriann Britt, Julia Null, Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Summer Bruington, Kevin Bennett, Ashley Graham & Tiffanie Clausewitz

Around the Town Lunch

Join us for lunch on Friday, March 28, 2014! The BCWBA's March "Around Town" lunch will be held at noon on Friday, March 28, 2014, at Cap-pycino's, located at 5003 Broadway, 78209. No RSVP is necessary. If you can make it, just show up and look for us! Email Brittany Weil (bmweil@csg-law.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

February was a month of love for the community. The 1L annual Service and Social event took place on Valentine's day weekend. Law students teamed up with the Marold Law Firm in a community graffiti abatement. Afterward, our volunteers enjoyed food and drinks at Fatsos Bar and Grill for the social event.

Our February Meeting was a hit featuring the State Bar of Texas Business Division Panel. WLA also presented Seton Home with our 10,000.00 check. This donation was raised from the yearly Silent Auction.



From left: Kim Meyer, Julia Null, Margret Bamford, Ashley Graham, Summer Bruington & Kevin Bennett



St Mary's Law Students with the Marold Law Firm

Upcoming Events: A busy start keeps on going with upcoming events such as the Fourth Court of Appeals Oral Argument scheduled for March 18, 2014. Come out and watch an enthralling debate on the Williams terroristic threats against a public servant, and the Elanzos appeal on unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Finally, WLA would like to spread the word: The Alma Lopez and Catherine Stone Nominations are still needed! If you know of a strong leader in our community who is constantly working hard; they may be the perfect candidate for this great recognition.

Photos from the 2014 President's Party



Save the Date!

Bexar County Women's Bar Retreat

June 12-13, 2014

Purple Sage Ranch in Bandera, Texas

Thursday evening June 12, through Friday afternoon June 13

- Relax
- Reconnect
- Earn CLE credits
- Enjoy the beautiful Texas Hill Country



Purple Sage Reviews:
www.purplesageranch.com

Please join us for an
unforgettable Retreat at the
Purple Sage Ranch

Details to follow soon!



- Amazing scenery, world class food
- Top notch accommodations, down home hospitality