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President's Message

March brings the promise of Spring, new beginnings, and for me, gratitude. Not just gratitude that the weather will finally be warming back up, but also gratitude that I'm able to lead this amazing organization, enjoy my work, and spend time with my family and friends.

Perhaps it's the phase of life that I'm in, but it seems that many of my closest friends have experienced significant personal setbacks recently. It seems like just yesterday that

we were all celebrating graduations, weddings, and new careers, but somehow, everything has become much more complicated. Because of all of this seriousness, everything I thought of writing for this column seemed trite, insignificant, and irrelevant. So instead, I'd like to challenge each of us to practice gratitude. Genuine, quiet gratitude for where we are, what we do, who we're with, and what we're capable of, individually and as an organiza-



tion of strong, supportive women.

This coming month, the BCWB has many opportunities for us to come together in gratitude. I hope you'll join me at the President's Party on March 5th to (con'd on p. 5)

March Luncheon: Mary Stich - Miscellaneous Musings on Technology from a Racker: the Cloud, BYOD & Women in Tech

Please join us on March 3 to welcome Mary Stich, Rack-space VP-Associate General Counsel and head of the Litigation and Employment law team. Ms. Stich will discuss her experience as a "Racker" and some of the hottest legal issues in tech. She will discuss the legal implications of the Cloud and bringing your own technological device (BYOD) to work, including privacy issues, security challenges, wage and hour, electronic discovery and information governance, and the development of realistic policies to

cover these issues. Ms. Stich will also provide insight on her experiences as a woman in the tech industry. CLE approval pending.

When: Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Club Giraud

Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$20 for students, payable at the door

RSVP: Club Giraud needs a headcount well in advance of the luncheon, so RSVP by Fri-

day, February 27, 2015 to Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org. Include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand that schedules change, but we can't guarantee a spot for individuals who do not RSVP by the required date. Walk-ins will be charged \$35 to cover the additional demands on Club Giraud's staff. No-shows will be billed. For more information, contact Lindsay Riley (lriley@coxsmith.com) or Rachel Skinner (rskinner@coxsmith.com). We hope to see you there!

Member Spotlight: Amanda Rivas



What's your current job?

I am the Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs at St. Mary's University School of Law. This program allows students to complete a special curriculum while completing substantial legal work in nonprofit, government and select in-house counsel legal departments.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I love helping students transition into this wonderful profession. Every week they turn in a reflective journal that allows them to explore the lessons they learned from the week. I add comments weekly to provide personalized support needed to reach the next level

of development. The journals allow me to accompany students an amazing journey of professional and personal self-discovery. While it can be rough to read about their "growing pains," common during the early stages of professional development, it's also inspiring to see them overcome their fears and self-doubt to accomplish their goals. I enjoy helping them realize what they are capable of and then providing what they need to grow in knowledge, skill level and self-confidence.

Favorite quote or motto. Why?

"To improve is to change; to perfect is to change often."
- Winston Churchill

Routines are comforting and they can lead to reliable consistency when done well, but they also encourage stagnation. As a planner, I love routines, but I have to constantly remind myself to break out of my routine to push myself beyond my expectations.

How long have you been a member of the BCWB? Why did you decide to join?

I have been a member of the Texas bar for five years, but this year is my first year as a member of BCWB. I joined to find a sense of community and female leadership within our profession.

What was your childhood dream job?

When I was six, I wanted to be a doctor. I even had a special piggy bank where I saved my spare change because I knew it was going to be expensive. At nine, my teacher invited some lawyers to present on career day. The way they described solving people's problems using rules and procedures inspired me to change career paths. I stayed true to my main goal of helping people, but found a different path.

Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without?

I love going to the movies. As a kid, my mom took me to dollar movies for Saturday marathons. Two movies in a row was huge reward! It was a chance to see the movies we couldn't afford to watch as first releases. Now it's less about the expense and more about the time. My husband and I try to catch a movie every chance we can.

What's the best career advice you've offered?

Growth doesn't happen inside your comfort zone. If you can learn how to overcome your fear of failure and push yourself beyond your limits one small step at a time, you may be surprised at how far you traveled. If you fail, then learn to pick yourself up and move forward. You may not always be able to prevent a failure, but you always have control over your reaction to failure.

Book Review: *Everything I Never Told You*

By Lisa P. Alcantar



Like most of my picks, I stumbled across *Everything I Never Told You* by reading two lines of someone else's review. Reviewers loved this and so did I. Celeste Ng's novel is set in 1977 Middle America and spins the mystery of a missing teenage girl. *Everything*, however, isn't really the story of missing Lydia Lee. You will learn on page one that Lydia is dead, having drowned in the town lake. To reduce this story to a murder mystery (a genre which I whole-

heartedly embrace) would be to ignore the intriguing and complex stories of Lydia's parents Marilyn and James and the forces that shaped them and their three children.

James is the child of Chinese immigrants and Marilyn is an all-American beauty. The Lees' children are invested with their parents' own disappointments – for James, about fitting in and for Marilyn, about the future she gave up for motherhood. The Lees are also the only Asian and interracial family in their Ohio town. They are set apart by this “otherness.” Lydia – with her blue eyes – is the embodiment of her father's hope for acceptance and her mother's dream of success.

The story moves from the family's theories about Lydia's disappearance and death to Lydia's telling of her own story. As Ng spins you through each sto-

ry, backtracking to pivotal events, you realize how much each member of the Lee family held back from each other and how much those unspoken truths shaped not only the individuals, but everyone around them. This heartfelt and devastating family portrait won't be easily forgotten once you've closed the book. For those of you with e-readers, this novel is available through the San Antonio Library's Overdrive system for free.

What else have I been reading? *Station Eleven* - an examination of the role of art and beauty in a post-apocalyptic world - was well-reviewed, but fell flat for me. It left big logistical questions like where the travelers get their food and how they sustain themselves unanswered. This might make a good beach read, as long as you don't set your expectations too high on this one.

Law Day Contest

By Hella Scheuerman & Brittany Weil

The Young Women's Leadership Academy students entering the Law Day Contest have been working on their Law Day submission entries based on the following theme: “How has the Magna Carta impacted individual liberties?” The students were asked to interpret the theme by

entering the Editorial, Photography, or Poster Contests. We are pleased to announce that Bexar County Women's Bar members will vote on student entries at this year's President's Party. This event will occur on Thursday, March 5, 2015, beginning at 5:30 pm, at 20 Nine Restaurant & Wine Bar, located at the Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse

Rd. Please join us for this event and vote for your favorite Law Day Entry!

Also, save the date for this year's Law Day Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Noon, at the Plaza Club. Thank you to Sonia Rodriguez who will be this year's Law Day luncheon speaker.

Judicial Spotlight: Judge Lisa Jarrett



Judge Lisa Jarrett has presided over the 436th District Court as a juvenile law judge since 2009.

Why did you decide to become a lawyer?

Ever since I can remember I wanted to be a lawyer. In my eighth grade Government class, I participated in a mock trial involving a criminal case. I was the Prosecutor. The excitement of working with the Assistant District Attorneys in preparing the case for trial and the rush of the actual trial was amazing. The process of learning to think on your feet had me hooked. Even though I lost the case, and was devastated, I knew

law school was in my future.

Who are the people who have had the greatest influence upon your legal career?

My first job out of law school was with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. There were numerous Assistant District Attorneys who shaped the way I thought about the law as well as the way I tried a case. After leaving my second job in the Bexar County District Attorney's Office, I attended Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer's College in Wyoming. There I learned to better understand my client and do the best possible job for them in the legal system. In the last five years, Judge Parker and Judge Harle have mentored me in my position on the bench.

What are you most proud of so far in your legal career?

While I enjoyed my work as an Assistant District Attorney and as a criminal defense attorney, the work I do with juveniles as a District Court Judge is the most rewarding aspect of my legal career. This is truly our last opportunity to change the downward spiral in which we find many of our juveniles. As a juvenile judge, I have utilized my experience as a prosecutor and as a defense lawyer to

insure that I do all that is possible to rehabilitate those who can be rehabilitated while not hesitating to punish when appropriate.

Is there a community activity that is important to you outside the practice of law?

As co-chair of the Community Justice Project I have been given the opportunity to assist veterans and those who cannot afford legal services. My experiences have been some of the most rewarding of my life.

What tips can you give other lawyers interested in becoming a judge?

If you are not already, get involved in your community. Be willing to help those who are less fortunate. Become involved with your political party.

What are you looking forward to the most during you time on the bench?

In addition to my regular duties as District Court Judge with the juvenile justice system, a Crossover docket has been established. We coordinate the Juvenile System and Child Protective Services to best provide for those juveniles who find themselves in both systems. I look forward to expanding that docket to assist more of those juveniles and help them succeed as productive adults.

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

celebrate our new members and the leadership of past presidents. Be grateful for green beer and frivolity on St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the official first day of Spring on March 20th; it's a Friday, so perhaps you can celebrate outside with a nice glass of wine. And please consider showing gratitude by supporting our Immediate Past President, Tiffanie Clausewitz, as she embarks on her campaign to be honored as the Leukemia

& Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year for raising the most money to fund blood cancer research.

To borrow some words from Robert Holden's *Happiness Now!*:

In truth, your happiness is more than okay. Your happiness is also a great gift. It is a total inspiration, a wonderful example, and a great service

to the world. Your happiness contributes so much more to the world than your suffering. By choosing to be happy, you are being the "Light of the World."

I think the same is true for gratitude. By practicing gratitude, we can lift up ourselves and those around us, even when facing seemingly unmanageable obstacles.

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Save the Date



Join us for Retreat 2015 as we return to Purple Sage Ranch in Bandera

June 11-12, 2015



So You Want to...Propose Jury Instructions for a Federal Trial

By Regina Stone-Harris

If you have a federal case scheduled for jury trial, you will be required to propose jury instructions. Although the judge's law clerk will draft the jury charge, proposing jury instructions is an opportunity to influence the process. You can influence the process by following a few guidelines:

1. Consult the court's Local Rules. Judges' requirements may vary, but the court's Local Rules usually set out requirements. The requirements may be as simple as "parties will propose jury instructions." Or, the instructions may be more specific, like requiring parties to prepare a joint pretrial order that includes instructions, special interrogatories, and definitions.

Sometimes, requirements are specified on the court's website, perhaps under a tab labeled "judges' policies and procedures." If you're unsure about the court's requirements, call the trial judge's law clerk. The law clerk won't discuss case specifics, but as the person who will likely draft the jury charge, the law clerk will know what the trial judge requires.

2. Begin with pattern jury instructions. If the jurisdiction in which your case is pending has circuit pattern instructions, the trial judge will probably use those in-

structions. Judges prefer pattern instructions because they result from the committee process, and thus, reflect the collective wisdom of a committee of experienced judges and attorneys, rather than the research and analysis of an advocate.

Circuit pattern instructions include general jury instructions and instructions for the jurisdiction's most frequently litigated federal claims and defenses. To propose an unmodified circuit pattern instruction, request the instruction by number; e.g., the plaintiff requests instruction numbers 2.1, 3.1, and 15.6 of the circuit pattern jury instructions. There's no need to re-type pattern instructions because law clerks have a word-processing version.

If the pattern instructions for your jurisdiction do not include a needed instruction, determine whether another circuit's pattern instructions include the issue. If you locate a pattern instruction in another jurisdiction, determine whether your jurisdiction's legal authority supports the instruction. If it does, request the instruction, identify the source of the instruction, and explain why your jurisdiction's legal authority supports the instruction.

If there isn't a circuit pattern instruction for your issue, look for reputable model instructions. Organizations like the American Bar Association publish model instructions for issues not included in circuit pattern instructions.

If your case involves a state law claim, use the same process using state pattern instructions: propose the instruction, identify the source, and explain why legal authority supports the instruction.

3. Use candor in proposing modified pattern instructions. Pattern instructions aren't meant to be the only way to instruct a jury, and thus, don't fit every situation. When a pattern instruction doesn't fit, you can often modify a pattern instruction to fit. To request a modified instruction, (1) annotate the published instruction with the proposed change, (2) discuss your reasoning for the change, and (3) explain why the facts of the case and legal authority support the modification.

This method will streamline the judge's consideration of the proposed instruction. Do not try to sneak one past the court by submitting a modified instruction in hopes the court will not observe the modification. Such practice lacks candor and (con'd on p. 9)

Case Watch: *Environmental Processing Systems, L.C. v. FPL Farming Ltd.*

By Amanda Crouch



Trespass has a long and distinctive history in Texas case law. Since the 1800s, judges across Texas have been determining whether one party should be held liable for infringing on another party's property rights. In the recent case of *Environmental Processing Systems, L.C. v. FPL Farming Ltd.*, the age old question went underground.

In *FPL Farming*, a landowner sued its neighbor, the operator of an adjacent wastewater disposal facility, on the theory that deep subsurface wastewater trespassed beneath the landowner's property. See *Environmental Processing Systems, L.C. v. FPL Farming, Ltd.*, No. 12-0905, 2015 Tex. LEXIS 113, at *2 (Tex. Feb. 6, 2015). Plaintiff FPL Farming ("FPL") owns all of the surface and non-mineral subsurface rights to a parcel of land in Liberty County. *Id.* at *2-3. Defendant Environmental Processing Systems ("EPS") leased a five-acre tract on an adjacent property, where it

constructed and operated a wastewater disposal facility for drilling waste. *Id.* at *3. FPL sued EPS alleging that wastewater had migrated from EPS' facility into the deep subsurface of FPL's land, possibly contaminating the groundwater beneath it. *Id.* at *4-5. FPL sought injunctive relief and damages for trespass, negligence and unjust enrichment. *Id.* at *5. Following a jury verdict for EPS on all claims and issues, the trial court entered a take-nothing judgment, which the court of appeals affirmed. *Id.* at *6.

After the Texas Supreme Court reversed and remanded, the court of appeals reversed the trial court's take-nothing judgment, holding that Texas recognizes a common law trespass cause of action for deep water subsurface water migration among other findings. *Id.* Both parties filed a petition for review, and the Court decided to hear this case for a second time. *Id.* at *6-7. Oral argument was heard in January 2014. In an opinion issued on February 6, 2015, the Texas Supreme Court reversed the court of appeals' judgment and reinstated the trial court's judgment that FPL take nothing. *Id.* at *25. However, the Court did so without directly answering the question of whether a common law trespass cause of action exists for deep subsurface water migration, leaving the age old ques-



tion of trespass still a question for owners of subsurface rights. *Id.*

This was not the first time the Texas Supreme Court has seen this issue. In 2008, the Texas Supreme Court ruled against a group of mineral owners who sued Coastal Oil and Gas asserting that drilling had drained some of the gas from beneath their adjacent properties, which amounted to trespassing. See *Coastal Oil & Gas Corp. v. Garza*, 268 S.W.3d 1 (Tex. 2008). The Court held that the "rule of capture" barred the neighboring mineral owners from recovering royalties on any gas they lost. *Id.* at *13. In *FPL Farms*, however, the issue was deeper than that - pun intended.

In an article posted on January 7, 2014 in the Texas Tribune, shortly after the Court heard oral argument in this case, Justice Green stated that he struggled to understand how a court could penalize an injection well operator for a trespass that is hidden in the subsurface. "I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around the (con'd on p. 9)

Restaurant Review: Lüke Restaurant



By Gaylia D. Brunson

By now you may have heard of Lüke Restaurant in downtown San Antonio. This is Chef John Besh's restaurant and his first endeavor outside the state of Louisiana. The menu uniquely offers a combination of German and French cooking techniques with a New Orleans flare. I work near this restaurant, so I have eaten there a few times, but it has been awhile since my last visit and I decided it was time to return. The restaurant is consistent to say the least; atmosphere, food, service, and the inviting feeling all remain the same.

On this particular visit I invited a friend to join me but I arrived first. I was greeted immediately and was asked, "Table for one?" Most hostesses have a way of making the "table for one" sound like a horrible thing, but I have never had that experience at Lüke. I was seated, immediately approached by the waiter who exchanged pleasantries and took my drink order, and then let me know he would be back as soon as he saw my guest arrive - and he was! My guest had no more than taken his seat when the waiter was back.

In my humble opinion, Lüke is a little pricey for lunch with appetizers ranging from \$6.00 for a cup of gumbo to \$18.00 for the

Foie Gras and the majority of appetizers ranging from \$12.00 to \$16.00. The least expensive main course the Lüke burger for \$16.00 and from there the prices were \$24.00 and up. However there is also an express lunch menu option which is \$10.00 and if you like the offering, it is a great value.

On this particular day, the express lunch menu item was fried fish and I am not a fan of fried food so I tried the bowl of seafood gumbo and my guest had the pork sliders. The gumbo was served in a metal cup which the waiter poured into my bowl at the table. This was a nice touch as it kept the gumbo from cooling while in transit from the kitchen. The gumbo had plenty of okra, shrimp, sausage and oysters, but no real flavor in my opinion. My guest tasted the gumbo and his impression was it tasted like the seafood had not been well cleaned. So, the seafood gumbo is not something I would recommend from this visit but it was the perfect serving size.

The pork sliders were a completely different experience. The pork was seasoned and shredded perfectly with the green tomato and julienned carrots providing nice contrast to the meat. Being a spice lover, I wanted jalapeno coleslaw to add to the experience. However, if you

do not care for spice, then the sandwiches (two comes on the plate which is a wooden plank) were perfect. The french fries served with the sliders were addicting. Although they looked overcooked at first glance, they had just the right amount of salt with a crunchy outside and soft inside; I kept "sneaking" fries that were not mine. The pork sliders and fries are a definite recommendation.

From my past experiences at Lüke, I always enjoy the red beans and rice that is served on the express lunch menu on Mondays and the chicken and dumplings which is available on Wednesdays. The flavor of both are spot on and remind me of eating dinner at my Granny's. Overall, I enjoy Lüke. The wait staff knows how to take care of customers and never make you feel like an outcast if you are eating by yourself. Of my food experiences there, I have loved them all except the gumbo which still was not bad, just not what I expect of gumbo.

Meet me at Lüke for our next Around Town luncheon on Thursday, March 19 at noon and give me your impressions. I think I am going to have to try to Jumbo Lump Crab and Avocado Salad on that visit. What will you have?

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jeopardizes your reputation with the court.

4. When drafting an original instruction, strive for plain English. If you can't locate a pattern or model instruction, draft an original instruction. Drafting from scratch is difficult. The goal is to state the law so jurors can apply legal principles to the facts of the case. The law itself makes the process difficult because: (1) the substantive law may be complicated, (2) the law is often stated in passive voice, and (3) the law rarely uses contemporary language. These problems make it hard for jurors to read and understand substantive law. Overcoming these problems requires

a balance between the use of plain English and the language of the substantive law.

In drafting an original instruction, expect to draft, re-draft, and re-draft again. Once you feel you have a good instruction, ask a spouse or an older child to read your drafted instruction. If your reader can't tell you what the words mean, a juror will likely respond the same way. It's up to lawyers and judges to articulate legal principles in a way jurors can understand; it's not up to jurors to figure out what the drafter intended to convey. Once you are satisfied with an original instruction, submit it as a proposed instruction, explain why

the proposed instruction is appropriate, and provide supporting legal authority.

5. Propose agreed-upon instructions. Agreeing can be difficult in an adversarial proceeding, but proposing agreed-upon instructions increases the likelihood the judge will incorporate a proposed instruction into the jury charge. If you don't agree with opposing counsel's proposed instruction, be prepared to state why. If you don't have a good reason — one based on the law and the facts of the case — reconsider your position. Appearing to be contrary without good reason never furthers your case.

Case Watch: *Environmental Processing Systems, L.C. v. FPL Farming Ltd.* (con'd from p. 7)

issue of how much would be owed and when it would be owed," Justice Green said, adding that it would be difficult to determine from a damage perspective exactly when the trespass took place and how much of the groundwater under the farm was damaged. "We don't really know, 8,000 feet below, where [the waste] goes," Justice Green said. Additionally, as noted by several amicus briefs filed in this case, a common law cause of action for subsurface trespass that threatens the op-

eration of injection wells would also threaten the production of oil and gas as the ability to produce oil and gas is inextricably tied to the availability of injection wells. Accordingly, the Court's answer on whether an underground trespass cause of action exist could have an unprecedented economic impact on the oil and gas industry in the state of Texas.

Ultimately, the Court left the question to be answered on another day, but the impact of this case and the potential im-

pact of an underground trespass cause of action still has the oil and gas industry buzzing. For now, both oil and gas companies and their neighbors are left to wait for another case to percolate back up to the high court and define whether underground trespass will be a potential new cause of action for Texas landowners. Until then, it will be interesting to watch both the industry and the legislature's reaction to the Court's decision.

Women's Law Association Update

By Leah Wise, WLA President-Elect

The Women's Law Association was proud to present its silent auction beneficiary, StandUp For Kids, with a \$12,000 check at its February general meeting. All proceeds from the silent auction were donated to StandUp For Kids, a local charity focused on assisting homeless youth in San Antonio. WLA would like to thank its generous donors

and members of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association for helping with and attending the auction. We look forward to our annual silent auction in November of 2015. If you are interested in becoming a donor or would like to help, please e-mail WLA President-Elect Leah Wise at leahmarie-wise@gmail.com.

The Women's Law Association kicked off its mentor/mentee program with Bexar

County Women's Bar Association on February 12th at Tribeca. The kick-off was a tremendous success. We would like to thank BCWBA board members Shari Mao and Brittany Weil for organizing the event and BCWB mentors for taking the time to attend. We look forward to a continued and flourishing relationship with the BCWBA. We are confident the mentor/mentee program will be a success.



Photos from Recent BCWB Events



February 2015 BCWBA Luncheon: from left to right, speaker Clem Lyons, Mary Stich from Rackspace, Professor Kelly Lyons from Trinity University, Priscilla Benavides from Rackspace & State Bar President-Elect Allan DuBois



February 2015 Mentor/Mentee Event: from left to right, students Claudia Galan, Brooke Holland & Karly Houchin



February 2015 Mentor/Mentee Event: from left to right, students Hannah Dominguez, Ashley Graham & Kerriann Graham & attorney Erin Jansen



February 2015 Mentor/Mentee Event: from left to right, BCWBA members Brittany Weil, Katherine Noll, Shari Mao, Marissa Helm & Suzanne Patrick



Marissa Helm,

President of the
Bexar County Women's Bar
Association & Foundation,
invites you to the

2015 *President's Party*

Honoring Past Presidents &
New Members

Thursday, March 5, 2015
5:30-7:30

20Nine Restaurant and Wine Bar
Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Rd.

Wine and Appetizers will be Served

RSVPs are not required,
but are encouraged!

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Donate your suits in current style and good condition to

Dress law students for success

Help St. Mary's law students develop their professional wardrobe

During the spring semester, first-year law students participate in competitions and interviews. The St. Mary's University [School of Law](#) requests suit donations from the legal community to assist law students who have financial need.

You may drop off suits at the School of Law's [Ernest A. Raba Law Building](#) in the Law Ministry Office located on the first floor.

Please contact [Sister Grace Walle](#), F.M.I., at 210-436-3063 or gwalle@stmarytx.edu to arrange a donation pickup.





Women in Medicine and Law

Women in Medicine and Law is a grassroots organization founded 12 years ago for the purpose of bringing women in two noble professions--and their friends--together with the dual goals of philanthropy and fellowship, while having a little fun along the way. The sentinel event of each year is the **Women in Medicine and Law Dinner** benefiting Susan G. Komen in the quest to find a cure for breast cancer. All of the work for this event is performed by volunteers and all costs are underwritten by various corporate and personal sponsors, so that 100% of donor contributions are forwarded to Susan G. Komen in the form of a restricted grant to be used for medical research. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$250, or a named table with a \$2500 donation. Additional contributions may be made through raffle sales, silent auction bids, or purchases at the "pink market." Since beginning our efforts in 2004, the event has grown in both attendees and donations. Including last year, our cumulative donations to date have been \$1,403,000! This year's dinner is scheduled for October 15, 2015.

Susan G. Komen has a rich history starting with two sisters and a promise. Begun in a bedroom in Dallas in 1983, it has become the world's leading catalyst in the fight against breast cancer. We are proud to be a part of the mission to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease.

Thank you for your help. Together we will find a cure.



Keynote Presentation by Cokie Roberts



April 17, 2015 | 10-11 AM | The Four Seasons, Austin, Texas

The Center for Women in Law is pleased to present a keynote presentation by Cokie Roberts on April 17, 2015 at 10 am at the Four Seasons Austin.

As a pioneering journalist and political commentator for ABC News and NPR, Cokie Roberts is all too familiar with the challenges leaders face when entrusted with executing substantial agendas. In this keynote presentation, Ms. Roberts will draw from her own experience and her historical research on American women for her new book, Capital Dames, to provide an uplifting look at the power of women to lead change. General admission is \$60 (includes copy of book).

Ms. Roberts is speaking as part of the 2015 Women's Power Summit on Law & Leadership. If you are already registered for the Women's Power Summit, this concluding session is included in your registration. Tickets to this event include Cokie Robert's presentation only and do not include other Women's Power Summit events.

Register [here](#) or contact Courtney Chavez at cchavez@law.utexas.edu or call 512-232-1911 with questions.