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2018 sure flew by in the blink of an eye! It's been a privilege and a joy to serve as BCWB president this year. I am honored to have served alongside the fabulous women on this board. I want to thank you all for the tireless work you put in throughout the year.

BCWB could not function without the help of our Committee Chairs and Members. I would like to sincerely thank the following:

Judge Renee Yanta and Nicole Jackson, for putting on a fabulous two-day CLE retreat in Boerne.

Danielle Rushing, for running the website AND monthly luncheons AND always being there to pitch in where help is needed.

Brittany Weil and Leslie Hyman, for, among so many things, planning a fun 80's sing-along at the Alamo Drafthouse for Autumn Affair Kickoff.

Robin Thorner, for organizing the Swearing-In Ceremony and for helping to revamp the mentor-mentee committee.

Amanda Crouch, for organizing our monthly newsletter and for all her work on the National Association of Women Judges conference.

COOKIES WITH SANTA RECAP

Santa visited the Witte Museum for the Cookies with Santa event on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Many families came out to enjoy cookies, take pictures with Santa, and enjoy the Witte's amazing attractions. A great way to start the Holiday season for the Bexar County Women's Bar! Special thanks to Laura Cauley for planning and organizing the event!





Congratulations to the 2019 BCWB Board of Directors:

President: Hella Scheuerman

President Elect: Lindsay Riley

Vice President: Brittany Weil

Treasurer: Amanda Crouch

Treasurer-Elect: Durime Fahim

Secretary: Danielle Rushing

Directors:

Lara Brock

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SAN ANTONIO BAR ASSOCIATION
AND BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Backyard on Broadway
(2411 Broadway)



President's Column (cont.)

Lisa Alcantar, for her past-president guidance, friendship, and newsletter book reviews.

Kathleen Church and Durime Fahim, for planning a fabulous President's Party at the Boiler House, and for their work on the mentor-mentee committee.

Shari Mao and Rachel Skinner, for their help with the CJP Wills Clinic.

Laura Cauley, Serina Rivela, and Melanie Fry, for their work on family events like Halloween at Kiddie Park and Cookies with Santa.

Hella Scheuerman, for organizing the BCWB Law Day luncheon and coordinating with the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

Cassie Matheson, for her work on the Autumn Affair auction committee.

Lindsay Riley, for organizing a tasty CLE at Central Market and for being a conscientious treasurer, who returned budget emails just days after giving birth to baby Avery!

Tiffanie Clausewitz and the entire LEAD Academy steering committee, for all of their behind-the-scenes work developing and running an award-winning leadership class for women attorneys in Bexar County!

A special shout out goes to **Jenn Rosenblatt** and her Autumn Affair Committee. Jenn threw a totally tubular 80's-themed party at the Witte Museum where we reconnected with founding members (**Bonnie Reed, Mary Stich, Jane Deyeso, Patty Wueste, and Lisa Vance**), honored Belva winners **Monica Trollinger** and **Ashley Dahlberg**, and raised \$80,000 for Providence Place. Jenn put in countless hours of blood, sweat, and tears. And somehow, our friendship remained intact! Ha! I love you, Jenn, and can't thank you enough!

I am also grateful to those who frequently sponsor BCWB events, including **Jenny Marshall and Morgan Matson at Preferred Counsel, Kim Tindall and Chris Denney at Kim Tindall & Associates, Rodney Magee at Lexitas, and Jennifer Scroggins at Platinum Wealth Solutions.** Your support means so much to BCWB!

Of course, I can't end the year without thanking my Fourth Court family for their support. All of the justices at San Antonio's all-female appellate court are gracious supporters of BCWB, but **Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion** and **Justice Rebeca Martinez** deserve special mention. Chief Justice Marion served as

the moderator for our October judicial panel luncheon and swore in new lawyers at the ceremony we co-sponsored with SAYLA in November. Justice Martinez enthusiastically serves on the LEAD advisory board and is an ardent promoter of all things BCWB. Thank you both!

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my patient husband **Sean**, who held down the family fort on many a night and weekend (and who also made a jammin' 80's playlist for Autumn Affair), and **Colin and Audrey**, who tried their best not to groan, "you're going to *another* meeting, mom?" Here's to (hopefully) missing fewer bedtime tuck-ins!

**THANK
YOU!**



FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS

San Antonio, Texas

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

State Job Title: Law Clerk II (Briefing Attorney)

Closing Date: Until Filled

Annual Salary: \$55,000

Location: San Antonio, Texas

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

The position requires assisting with resolving complex substantive and procedural issues, preparing pre-submission memoranda, and ensuring compliance with appellate rules and procedures in order to facilitate the flow of cases through the Court. This position requires an applicant who possesses excellent legal research, writing, and analytical skills. Some latitude is given for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Will be working under the direct supervision of Justice Rebeca C. Martinez.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Conducts manual and computer-assisted electronic legal research in analyzing sources such as statutes, judicial decisions, legal articles, treaties, constitutions, legal codes, and rules of procedure. Prepares pre-submission memoranda in civil and criminal appeals. May assist in reviewing pre- and post- submission motions and making recommendations on their disposition, as appropriate. May assist in the initial screening of appeals for jurisdictional deficiencies and procedural compliance. Participates in pre- and post- submission case conferences and orally presents analysis of issues. Attends and evaluates the presentation of oral argument. Reviews current developments in criminal and civil law. Performs administrative duties as assigned. Performs related work as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must have graduated from an accredited law school with a J.D. degree. Must be licensed in the State of Texas or awaiting bar results.

Note: The following Military Occupation Specialty Codes are generally applicable to this position: Air Force: 51JX; 92J0; 51; RI; Army: 27A, 27; Marine Corps: 4402; 44; Coast Guard: LGL10; 04; Navy: 250X; 655x. Applicants must fully complete the summary of experience to determine if minimum qualifications are met. Supporting VA disability

documentation and/or DD214 must be submitted with the completed State of Texas Application in order to receive preference. Additional Military Crosswalk information can be accessed at <https://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/>

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of legal principles in criminal and/or civil areas. Excellent legal research, writing, analytical, and decision-making skills. Proficient computer and typing skills. Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in written form.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Please send a signed state employment application, a resume, a list of references, and an original and one copy of a writing sample. A transcript of grades and recommendation letters are optional. The state employment application may be accessed at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us>

Mail to Keith E. Hottle, Clerk of Court, Fourth Court of Appeals, Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, Suite 3200, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas 78205-3037.

EMPLOYMENT EFFECTIVE: This is a full-time term position effective January 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2019.

The Fourth Court of Appeals is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or provision of services. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any requests for reasonable accommodations needed during the application process should be communicated by the applicant to Luz Estrada, Chief Deputy Clerk.



BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION
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LEAD. EMPOWER. ADVANCE. DEVELOP.

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation Congratulates the 2018 LEAD Academy Graduates!

The LEAD Academy is a year-long program that assists women attorneys in attaining the highest levels of success in their firms and organizations, communities, and in the legal profession. The 2018 LEAD Academy class celebrated its graduation on November 29, 2018 at Piatti Eilan. Keynote speaker Abigail Kampmann, CEO of Principle Auto, addressed the graduates on risk-taking and handling controversy. Congratulations to the 2018 LEAD Academy graduates!



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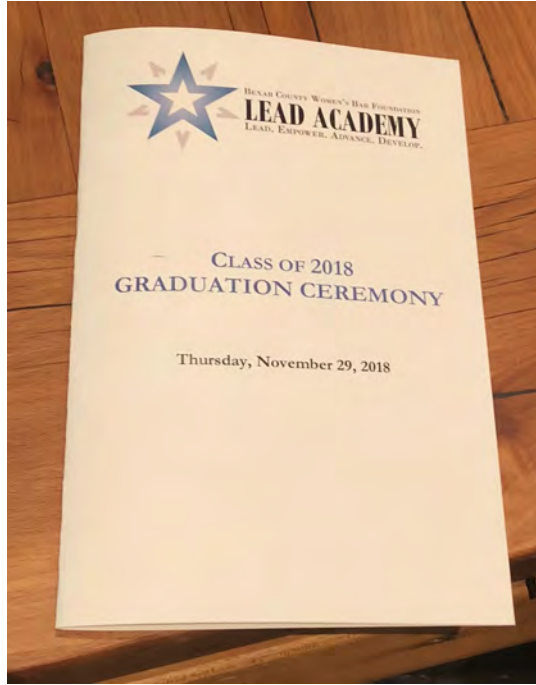
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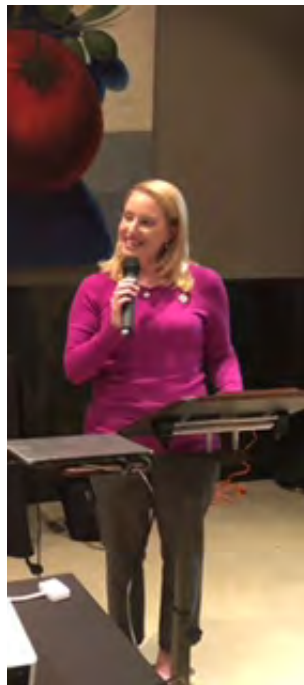
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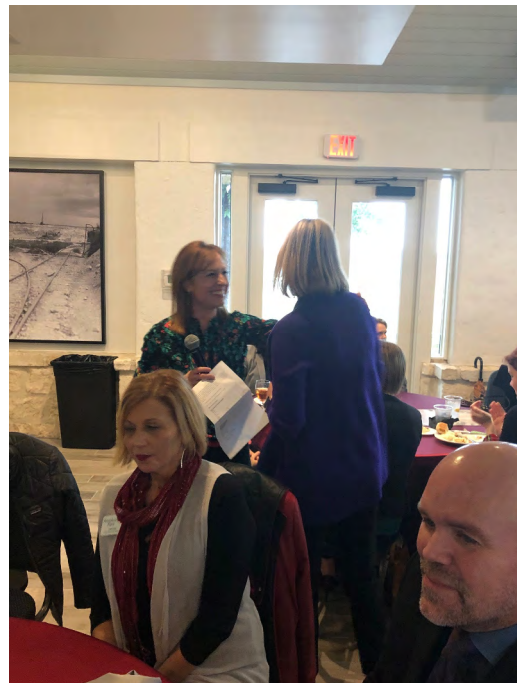
LEAD GRADUATION





HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RECAP

Thanks to all who attended the 2018 Holiday Luncheon! We had a great time celebrating a successful 2018 and the beginning of the holiday season! Congratulations to Ileta Sumner for receiving a Bexar County Women's Bar Association Lifetime Membership Award and to Jenn Rosenblatt, Amanda Crouch and Nicole Jackson for receiving Presidents' Awards. We'll see you at the next luncheon in 2019!



At the holiday luncheon, Jenn Rosenblatt, 2018 Autumn Affair Chair, had the honor of presenting Providence Place with an \$80,000 check from the money raised at Autumn Affair, which is the largest amount ever donated to an Autumn Affair beneficiary. Judith Bell, President and CEO of Providence Place, accepted the check and had a memorable reaction to the news! BCWB is so thankful for all who attended and supported Autumn Affair that made this historic donation to Providence Place possible.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY RECAP

On November 8, 2018, BCWB and SAYLA hosted the Swearing In Ceremony for new lawyers in the San Antonio community. Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion administered the oath and Judge Xavier Rodriguez presented remarks on behalf of the judiciary. Thanks to all who attended and welcome new lawyers to the San Antonio bar!







THANK YOU GRETA!

The BCWB Board of Directors want to thank our 2018 President, Greta McFarling, for serving as our fearless leader this year. Greta did a ton of work both publicly and behind the scenes and truly went above and beyond her call as President. She led our organization with grace and was a constant source of support and encouragement for each and every board member. Thank you, Greta, for your year of service and we look forward to continuing to work with you next year!

SAVE THE DATE - January Luncheon

January 22, 2019

St. Mary's School of Law

Featuring Justice-Elect Liza Rodriguez

Stay tuned for additional information!



Help St. Mary's University law students dress for success

The Office of Career Services is accepting donations of business attire to help law students build their professional wardrobes.

Donations can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Room 216, or at the next monthly luncheon.

Please contact Kim Underdown at 210-436-3511 or kunderdown@stmarytx.edu to arrange a donation pick-up.



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The St. Mary's Law "Suit Up Station" is now open for law students who are in need of professional attire for an interview or even their first day on the job. If you have business professional and business casual clothes and accessories you no longer wear, we will happily take them!

BCWB LITES



Congratulations to former BCWB President and current LEAD Steering Committee member, Lisa Alcantar, for her promotion to Shareholder at Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gordon, P.C.

Congratulations to BCWB Director Melanie Fry and her husband Kyle on the arrival of Asher Benjamin Fry. Asher was born at 12:49 p.m. on 11-19-18, and was 6 lbs. 15oz and 19 in. Melanie and Kyle are doing well, and big brother Ethan and big sister Hannah are excited to welcome their new baby brother.



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is twofold: to provide educational opportunities to its members; and to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs.

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