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Happy New Year to all of our members! I want to thank Greta McFarling for her outstanding leadership in 2018 as President of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association & Foundation. I met Greta sixteen years ago at one of the Bexar County Women's Bar events and have truly enjoyed her friendship, while serving with her in the many roles we have held. The prior Presidents that have served before me have truly made an impact to the Bexar County Women's Bar and I plan to continue their legacy in advancing women in the legal profession and community. I look forward to serving with you, as President of this amazing organization.

This is my eighth year serving on this Board, having originally joined over twenty years ago when I began practicing law back in 1997, upon graduating from St. Mary's University School of Law. Over the years, I recall meeting so many fabulous women, all leaders in their own practices, at various stages in their careers, through Bexar County Women's Bar events. The amazing opportunities to serve, to network and for friendship, year after year, offered through the monthly and around town luncheons, retreats, Law Day, Mentor Mentee events, family events, membership events,

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social events, community service, Wills Clinics, swearing in ceremony, and Autumn Affair, to name a few, are events that I have attended and enjoyed in my legal career.

As a new year's resolution for you, I invite you to get involved in our events for 2019, but not just one, the invitation is to truly emerge in the culture of the Bexar County Women's Bar, which includes the service to the bar, the opportunities for philanthropy to the local agencies we serve and for which we fundraise at Autumn Affair, mentorship, and the friendships you will make through your involvement. Think about how much more fulfilled you will feel a year from now, if you truly engage in the Bexar County Women's Bar, and the personal and professional growth that will come along as you increase your participation. The 2019 Board has already started planning the events for the year. For January, we have planned the January luncheon and the Wills Clinic, both scheduled for January 22, 2019, as well as the Around Town Lunch for January 30, 2019. You can learn more about these events in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you later this month at these events and to a great year together!



National Conference of Women's Bar Associations December 2018 Newsletter

Did you know that we are a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations?

Click [here](#) to read the NCWBA December 2018 Newsletter and learn about other women's bar associations across the country!

January CLE Luncheon

**Co-hosted by St. Mary's University School of Law
Women's Law Association**

**featuring Fourth Court of Appeals
Justice Liza Rodriguez**



Tuesday, January 22nd at noon

**St. Mary's University School of Law
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room**

RSVP by Friday January 18th by clicking [here](#).

\$25 BCWB Members, \$30 Non-members

We understand that schedules may change, but we cannot guarantee seating for those who do not RSVP.

Walk-ins will be charged \$35 to cover the additional demands on our caterers and no-shows will be billed.



JOIN THE
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)



2019 Membership Renewal

By: Lindsay S. Riley
President-Elect and
Membership Chair



It's that time of the year again! If you have not done so already, it is time to renew your Bexar County Women's Bar membership for 2019. The Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation have many exciting events planned for 2019 that you will not want to miss, including our annual CLE retreat, monthly CLE luncheons, mentor/mentee gatherings, pro bono and community service projects, socials, and Autumn Affair.

As you know, the highlight of our year is our signature event, Autumn Affair, where we honor women judges in Texas and women lawyers in Bexar County who have compassionately served the law and our community. Over the last thirty years, Autumn Affair and its precursor, Bench Brunch, have helped us raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities. In 2018, we were thrilled to donate \$80,000 to Providence Place, a local organization that empowers adults with disabilities and people on the adoption journey by supporting independence and building bright futures with endless possibilities. Be a part of our membership and join a committee so that, together, we can continue to make a real difference in our community.

No matter whether you are female or male, a judge, lawyer, paralegal, legal assistant, student, or "friend," I invite you to join! And ask a friend to join, too! By now you should have received a renewal reminder by email. This year's membership form includes a new section for Event Sponsorship. Please indicate whether you or your firm may be interested in sponsoring one or more of the events listed in that section, and the Sponsorship Committee Chair will contact you as that event draws near to discuss possible sponsorship opportunities. (Indicating an interest on your membership form is not a commitment to sponsor) You can complete the renewal process by logging into www.BexarCountyWomensBar.org.

2019 Membership Renewal Cont'd

Your membership renewal will entitle you to:

- ▶ Monthly electronic copy of our award-winning newsletter, *Equal Times*;
- ▶ Discounted rate for BCWB monthly luncheons with .75 hours of CLE credit;
- ▶ Access to the BCWB online membership directory, community postings and job listings on the BCWB website;
- ▶ E-mail announcements of upcoming events and activities of interest;
- ▶ Discounted tickets to legal community functions (e.g., SABA Installation Dinner, SABA Law Day Luncheon), subject to availability;
- ▶ Member profile on the BCWB website;
- ▶ Invitations to exclusive BCWB events, many of which are complimentary for BCWB members; and
- ▶ Networking opportunities with some of the most intelligent and successful women in law in Texas.

If you have any questions or any problems renewing your membership online, please contact me at lriley@dykema.com. Thank you for your continued participation and support. I look forward to receiving your application and sharing more details with you about the upcoming year!

CJP Wills Clinic

Calling all volunteers! The CJP will be holding its Wills Clinic at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, you may sign up by clicking the following link: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/JT3XM>

The tentative date and time for volunteer training is noon on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. The location is to be determined. Confirmation of the date, time and location of volunteer training is forthcoming, so stay tuned!



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SAVE THE DATE!!!

2019 BCWBF Autumn Affair

Witte Museum

Friday, October 25, 2019

6 o'clock



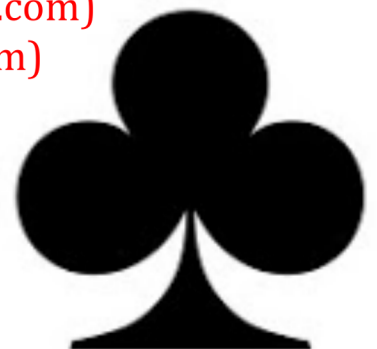
***Don't be late
for a very important date!***

Co-chairs

Kathleen Church (kathleen@churchlawsa.com)

Durime Elmazi Fahim (durime@me.com)

Please email Kathleen or Durime
for volunteer opportunities.





2019 LAW DAY CONTEST

By: Serina Rivela
Law Day Contest
Committee Chair

We have begun preparing for this year's Law Day Contest with the students from the Young Women's Leadership Academy. This year's State Bar of Texas Law Day theme is *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society*. The 2019 theme focuses on these cornerstones of representative government and calls on us to understand and protect these rights to ensure, as the U.S. Constitution proposes, "the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity."

The BCWBA Law Day Committee members will be visiting with the students at YWLA in mid-January to present them with the Law Day Contest Rules. The students will be able to choose from either the poster, photo or editorial category and their entries will be reflective of the student's interpretation of the Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt: "Explain or depict how today's society is impacted by freedom of speech and freedom of the press."

Please save the date for the Law Day Luncheon!

Quarry Golf Club

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

January Around Town Lunch

Join Robin Thorner for the 1st Around the Town Lunch of the year on Wednesday, January 30th, at 12:30 pm at Barrio Barista, located at 3735 Culebra Rd. near the St. Mary's campus. Not only does Barrio Barista serve



outstanding coffee, it features, among other things, the best grilled cheese in the state (according to that ever-reliable source BuzzFeed) – barbacoa grilled cheese with avocado. Break away from your desk and enjoy good food and even better company!

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

CLUB GIRAUD, 707 N ST. MARY'S STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

- FEATURING -

CRISTINA M. NAHIDI, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING

"CRYPTOCURRENCY AND BLOCKCHAIN: BEGINNER'S GUIDE AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR YOUR PRACTICE"

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A LINK TO RSVP VIA EMAIL
MEMBERS \$25, STUDENTS \$20, NON-MEMBERS \$30



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.

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.



OFFICE OF
CAREER SERVICES

law.stmarytx.edu

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



Natalie Friend Wilson has been promoted to Shareholder and Head of Cybersecurity Practice Group with San Antonio's Langley & Banack, Inc.

Congratulations Natalie!

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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