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Bexar County Women's Bar Association

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Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

July/August 2018

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Bexar County Women's Bar wrapped up another annual retreat on June 7th and 8th in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. The newly remodeled Ye Kendall Inn in Boerne was the setting for great food and great friends! On Thursday evening, Houston attorney, author, and blogger, Gindi Eckel Vincent, kept us all entranced as she spoke about brave leadership. Judge Renee Yanta and business coach Tracy Tylman led us in an in-depth discussion of Gindi's book, *Learning to Lead: What Really Works for Women in the Law*. We broke into small groups and dissected the characteristics that Gindi identified as helping to cultivate leadership potential:

Be True to Yourself

Be Optimistic

Take Risks

Chart Your Own Course

Have a Vision (and Communicate It)

Build Relationships (Including Mentors)

Toot Your Own Horn

Speak Up

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AUGUST AROUND TOWN LUNCH

Join Hella Scheuerman at the
BCWB August Around Town Lunch

When: Friday, August 24 at 12:00 p.m.

Where: Battalion

Who: Your fellow BCWB members!

Check out the menu [here](#)!



No need to RSVP - just look for Hella when you arrive!

BCWB Movie Outing



July 31, 7:30pm at the Bijou Cinema

Among the most important documentaries ever made, *The Thin Blue Line*, by Errol Morris, erases the border between art and activism. A work of meticulous journalism and gripping drama, it recounts the disturbing tale of Randall Dale Adams, a drifter who was charged with the murder of a Dallas police officer and sent to death row, despite evidence that he did not commit the crime. Incorporating stylized reenactments, penetrating interviews, and haunting original music by Philip Glass, Morris uses cinema to build a case forensically while effortlessly entertaining his viewers. *The Thin Blue Line* effected real-world change, proving film's power beyond the shadow of a doubt. 118 minutes, Not Rated.

Read [Roger Ebert's review](#) of "The Thin Blue Line."

Proceeds Benefit Texas Public Radio.

Tickets are \$10 for TPR members and \$15 for non-members.

Reserve your seats [at this link](#).

Recap of April BCWBF Annual Cooking Demonstration and Ethics CLE

By: Lindsay Riley

Thank you for joining us at the BCWBF Annual Cooking Demonstration and Ethics CLE! Attendees enjoyed an ethics presentation by our very own BCWB Director Leslie Hyman, as well as a French-inspired cooking demonstration from the talented chefs at Central Market Cooking School. I don't know about you, but I'm still dreaming of the Caramelized Honey Crème Brulee! We hope to see you all again next year!





San Antonio LGBT Bar's 2018 LGBT Law Seminar

Thursday, August 2, 2018, 1pm–4:15pm
San Antonio Pride Center
1303 McCullough Ave, #160 – 78212

– Presentations –

1:00pm–1:30pm

Retroactivity of *Obergefell v. Hodges* in Wrongful Death Cases
Jorge Herrera (0.5 CLE)

1:30pm–2:00pm

Presumed Parentage: Same-Sex Transgender Paternity
Deanna Whitley (0.5 CLE)

2:00pm–2:30pm

SAPCRs, Adoptions, and the Attorney General's Office
Jessica Estorga (0.5 CLE)

– 15-Minute Break –

2:45pm–3:15pm

The New Gender and Sexuality in the Workplace
Malinda Gaul (0.5 CLE)

3:15pm–4:15pm

Name & Gender Marker Changes in Texas Courts
Claire Bow (1.0 CLE)

3 Hours of CLE (#174016785)

FREE for LGBT Bar Members

Become an LGBT Bar member for \$30 – www.salgbtbar.org

\$15 for Non-Members

RSVP to Michael J. Ritter - michaeljamesritter@gmail.com

By Noon on August 1, 2018

*****Space is limited*****

SAVE THE DATE!

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation's

ANNUAL AUTUMN AFFAIR

benefiting Providence Place

October 4, 2018

5:30 p.m.

The Witte Museum

CALENDAR



FOR SPONSORSHIPS

contact Hella Scheuerman
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

contact Jennifer Rosenblatt
jennifer@rosenblattlawfirm.com

www.bexarcountywomensbar.org

**And to get the party started,
please join us for the ...**

2018 AUTUMN AFFAIR

KICK OFF PARTY

We will be kicking off our fundraising efforts for this year's Autumn Affair with an

80's

Sing=A=Long

WHERE : Alamo Drafthouse - Park North

WHEN : August 30, 2018 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

COST : \$8.00 per person

Come and enjoy appetizers, adult beverages and your favorite hits from the decade that brought us Madonna, big hair, and music videos!

To make this year's Autumn Affair a success for our beneficiary, Providence Place, we are asking that you bring donations of gift cards and/or gift certificates from local businesses that we can include in our auction.

If you were a past President, officer or member of the BCWB in the 80's, please bring your photos from that outrageous decade, so that we can feature them at this year's Autumn Affair - the bigger the hair, the better!



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San Antonio, Texas 78298-2297

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Re: BCWBF Autumn Affair

Dear BCWBF Friend and Supporter:

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation ("BCWBF") is pleased to present its charitable fundraising event, **The Autumn Affair**. We appreciate your generosity and support over the years. We ask you to consider serving as a sponsor for our 2018 Autumn Affair, which will take place on **Thursday, October 4, 2018**, at the **Witte Museum**, 3801 Broadway Street, San Antonio, TX 78209, beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

The Bexar County Women's Bar was founded in 1983, and as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary, Autumn Affair will go back to the 80's! Autumn Affair will once again feature our Legacy Video series, showcasing pioneering women lawyers and Judges from Bexar County, who have made a significant impact to the legal profession for women. Our top-level Legacy sponsors will receive prominent recognition in this year's video.

We are pleased to announce that the proceeds from the 2018 Autumn Affair will benefit **Providence Place**, which will use the proceeds donated from Autumn Affair to help adult female survivors of human trafficking, sexual and domestic abuse. Providence Place is committed to creating a safe place where female survivors of human trafficking are accepted and supported in taking the lead on transforming their own story.

Additionally, we will recognize two outstanding Bexar County women lawyers as recipients of our Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awards.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will partner with us this year!

Sincerely,

Hella Scheuerman
Sponsorship Co-Chair

Nicole E. Jackson
Sponsorship Co-Chair



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2018 Autumn Affair
Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Witte Museum
3801 Broadway Street, San Antonio, TX 78209

Sponsor Information

Firm/Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____
Title: _____
Email Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Sponsorship Level

I/We will sponsor the 2018 Autumn Affair at the level indicated below. A check made payable to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is enclosed.

- MADONNA: \$5,000**
Premier table for 10 with champagne service
Prominent recognition—including color logo—on all digital media, publications, and programs
Name sponsorship of 2017 legacy video
- TINA TURNER: \$3,500**
Superior table for 10 with champagne service
Prominent recognition—including black & white logo—on all digital media, publications, and programs
- CYNDI LAUPER: \$2,500**
Preferred table for 10 with champagne service
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- GO-GO'S: \$1,500**
Reserved table for 10
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- Individual Tickets: \$150**
- Donation** : I would like to make a fully tax-deductible gift to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation to directly benefit of Providence Place in the amount of: _____.

Please return sponsorship form and payment to:

Hella Scheuerman, BCWBF Autumn Affair, Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair
635 South Pesa, San Antonio, TX 78210
You can also email form to: hella@dilleylawfirm.com

***Kindly return this form by 9/1/2018 to be included as an Autumn Affair sponsor in the invitation**



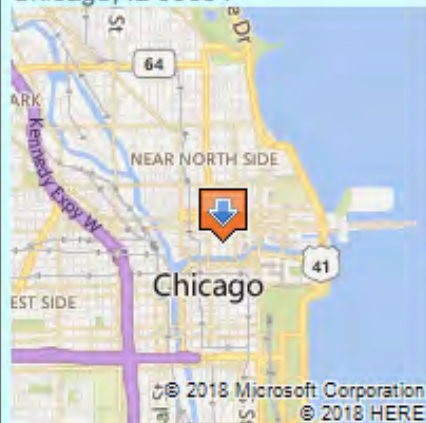
2018 Women's Bar Leadership Summit

When

Friday, August 3, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM CDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Jenner & Block
[353 N. Clark Street](#)
Chicago, IL 60654



[Driving Directions](#)

We hope you will join us on Friday, August 3 in Chicago at the beautiful offices of Jenner & Block to share ideas and best practices for women's bar groups and to hear from leading attorneys about issues of importance to women lawyers. [Click here for a full agenda of the day's activities.](#)

The Summit will be kicked off on Thursday, August 2 at Chicago-Kent College of Law with three events. You are invited to attend one or more of these events even if you cannot be present at the Summit on Friday. From 3:30 until 5:00, we'll have a GOOD Guys event, followed by a one-hour Herstory Reception. At 6:00, we will screen the documentary film Dream, Girl followed by a brief discussion. To facilitate networking, we do want advance registration for Thursday's events other than the film. There is no charge. For more information on GOOD Guys and to register, [click here](#). For more information on the reception and to register, [click here](#). For more information on the film screening, [click here](#).

The deadline for the preferred rate at the Westin Chicago River North is Thursday, July 19. [Click here for the link.](#)

[Get more information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Questions? [Email us.](#)

St. Mary's University School of Law

Schedule of Events

The Office of Career Strategy at St. Mary's University School of Law has a number of exciting programs already on the calendar for the fall, and we welcome members to participate in any of the events of interest. Many of you have participated previously, and we welcome back our regulars, as well as invite new faces to help us empower the next generation of lawyers to find work that is meaningful and personally fulfilling.

- On [September 5th](#), we are hosting our annual Practice Area Fair, featuring attorneys from approximately 30 practice areas. Students have the opportunity early in the school year to network with local attorneys and learn more about the myriad ways attorneys use their law degrees.
- On [October 17th](#), in honor of Pro Bono Month, we will hold our Public Service Information Exchange. Imagine the Practice Area Fair (described above), but with attorneys who work in the public sector and non-profit world.
- On [October 24th](#), we are rolling out our first-ever Five-Minute Mentor program. Think mentoring meets speed dating. Students will rotate through the room to engage with all of the attorneys who are present, asking questions about anything career-related. We will end the event with a networking reception so the students and mentors can continue the conversations. We hope to have at least 10 mentors volunteer for this event.
- On [November 7th](#), we are hosting Exploring Alternative Careers, another informal event like the fairs described above, in which students can learn about careers in which law degrees are highly valued, but not required.

If you would like more information about any of these volunteer opportunities at the law school, or already know you would like to volunteer, please contact Anna-Laura Petri at (210) 436-3511 or via email at apetri@stmarytx.edu.

President's Column (cont.)

This year's retreat theme, *History and the Horizon*, featured dual speakers for every topic. Lisa A. Vance and Sarah Anne Lishman updated us on family law and Sara Dysart and Kathleen Church led us in a unique choose your own probate and real estate adventure! Loraine Efron and Jessica Estorga talked about the intersection of criminal law and the #METOO movement. The roundtable discussions were both interesting and informative and I enjoyed speaking with Danielle Hargrove about ADR and Katy Moore about oil and gas. Listening to Jane Macon's stories is always a great way to spend a Friday afternoon!

A big thank you to BCWBA member Izabela Chabinska who lead a relaxing yoga class on Thursday afternoon and to Cubeta+Clarke Law Firm for sponsoring the fun photo booth! Kim Tindall has long been a great friend and supporter of BCWBA and we always love catching up with her! The Friday morning mimosa and Bloody Mary buffet sponsored by J. Hunter Bass, CPA was a real treat! The conference room tables were lovely thanks to the floral arrangements donated by past BCWBA presidents Lisa Barkley (2008) and Emma Cano (2012) of Jefferson Cano. Jenny Marshall of Preferred Counsel generously selected thoughtful gifts for each of our speakers.

The biggest thank you of all is owed to our amazing Retreat co-chairs, Nicole Jackson and Judge Renee Yanta. You really outdid yourselves this year! Nicole is already thinking about the 2019 retreat. If you'd like to offer input on what you liked or what you would like to see at next year's retreat, email your feedback to president@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

True success is how you define it for yourself. All too often, women's definition of success is based on what they believe others expect of them. Free yourself up to define success based on your own values, passions, and vision.

—Jill Flynn, *Break Your Own Rules*

2018 Annual Retreat in Pictures





SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST LUNCHEON

August CLE Luncheon

Texas Office of the Attorney General
Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section
State of Texas v. Bernell Quillens

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Club Giraud

Please join us at **noon** on **Tuesday, August 7th** at **Club Giraud** as we welcome **Melissa Holman**, Assistant Attorney General with the Texas Office of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the OAG's successful prosecution of Bernell Quillens in *State of Texas v. Bernell Quillens* and the "You Can Be the One" campaign in the fight against human trafficking.

For more information on the "You Can Be the One" campaign, please visit <http://texasattorneygeneral.gov/human-trafficking/you-can-be-the-one>. **CLE approved.**

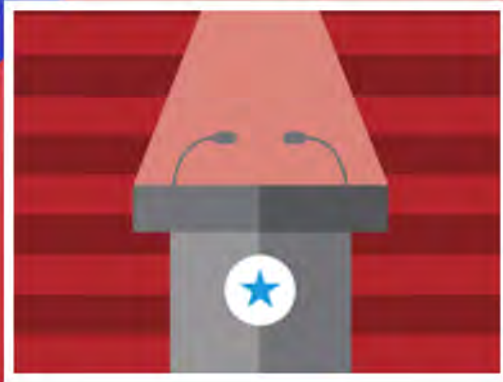
Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$20 for students

RSVP: Deadline to RSVP is Friday, August 3rd, and you can do so by clicking [here](#). Please include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand that schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a spot to individuals who do not RSVP by the date above. **Walk-ins will be charged \$35 to cover the additional demands our caterers and no-shows will be billed.**

For more information, contact luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

We hope to see you there!

You're invited to the
**BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON**
2018 CANDIDATE FORUM



DATE: Tuesday, September 4, 2018

TIME: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

PLACE: Tre Trattoria at SAMA
200 W. Jones Ave.



COST: \$25/members, \$30/non-members,
\$20/students

RSVP by August 29, 2018 by clicking here.
Seating is limited.

For more information, contact
luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

Featuring judicial candidates for Bexar
County Courts, Bexar County District
Courts, and the Fourth Court of Appeals.

July Luncheon Recap

By: Danielle Rushing

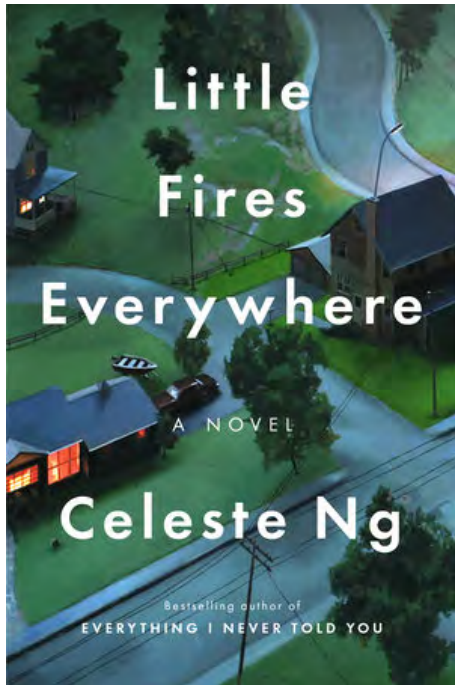
On Tuesday, July 3, 2018, BCWB welcomed Judith Bell, Angelica Cervantes, Regina Murphy, and Brian Sullivan of Providence Place at our annual Autumn Affair beneficiary luncheon. BCWB members learned more about Providence Place's impact in the San Antonio community. This fall, Providence Place is poised to provide comprehensive restorative services to trafficking victims through residential and outreach programming. The organization's 25-acre campus has a 28-room dormitory ideal for transitional housing, case management, counsel, and other restorative care. Renovations are underway to update the dormitory building to better serve survivors and provide one of



the few long-term transitional housing programs in Texas. Providence Place is committed to creating a place where female survivors are accepted and supported in taking the lead on transforming their own story. To learn more about Providence Place, please visit <http://www.provplace.org>. Stay tuned for more details on this year's Autumn Affair!

Book Review: *Little Fires Everywhere*

By: Lisa Alcantar



This book was on my list for a while. I got it from the e-library and just could squeeze it in. Rather than re-request the book and join the mile deep waiting list, I purchased this book. *That* should tell you how much I wanted to read this book. Ng takes us to her own hometown of Shaker Heights, Ohio, for this novel. She described the process of recreating her hometown as similar to writing about a relative. I, of course, had to google Shaker Heights and found it just as picturesque as described.

The story starts with a fire in the Richardson home and unfolds backwards. The plot centers around two families: The Richardsons and The Warrens. The Richardsons are long-time inhabitants of Shaker Heights, comprised of an upper-middle class family of six; a law firm partner for a father, a small town journalist for a mother, and four teenagers bordering on adulthood. The Warrens are just Mia, an itinerant artist, and her teenage daughter, Pearl. When the Warrens become tenants of Elena Richardson's rental duplex, their lives become unexpectedly enmeshed with the Richardsons' lives.

I found this a little slow starting. The writing is very good, but it is a bit hard to decide where you are supposed to focus. There are a lot of moving characters and important side stories. Ng does a great job tying everything in. This book started to hit full speed for me around a 75 pages. If you find it slow, keep going. The payoff of this book is worth it. Characters blossomed over time. Ultimately, I found *Little Fires Everywhere* witty, thought provoking, and moving.

JOB OPENINGS

LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), American Law Division (ALD), seeks a Legislative Attorney to analyze legal questions that emerge from the work of Congress related to health law in particular and American public law generally. This is a non-litigating position emphasizing qualifications and interest in legal research and writing in a public service legislative context. Candidates with research experience in and broad general knowledge of legal issues regarding health law in particular and American public law in general; who demonstrate strong research, writing, and oral communication skills; and who possess a portfolio of high quality legal analytical writing are encouraged to apply. Experience as a judicial clerk will be beneficial.

The position's primary focus is the broad area of health law. However, given ALD's relatively small staff and the breadth of issues ALD covers for Congress, candidates must also be capable of working in a number of different areas of the law and have the intellectual curiosity to seek out and maintain a broad portfolio of legal issues. Thus, applicants should also have knowledge of constitutional and administrative law and statutory interpretation.

The Legislative Attorney prepares objective, non-partisan analytical studies and descriptive and background memoranda and reports on legal issues of national significance; provides personal consultation and assistance to congressional committees, Members, and staff on legal issues throughout the legislative process; and participates in or leads team research projects and seminars. The Legislative Attorney is expected to develop over time the skills necessary to provide legal analysis and consultation to congressional committees, Members, and staff at increasingly sophisticated levels.

CRS works exclusively for the United States Congress, providing policy and legal analysis to committees and Members of both the House and Senate, regardless of party affiliation. As a legislative branch agency within the Library of Congress, CRS has been a valued and respected resource on Capitol Hill for more than a century.

CRS is fully committed to workforce diversity. Interested applicants must apply online <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/504274600>.

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Interested and qualified candidates should send their resumes and writing samples to: crosen@dslawpc.com.

Welcome New Members!

- Tara Richardson
- Holly Dekan

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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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!



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

2018

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 3 – 7 • San Antonio, TX

Shaping the Future of Justice in
the Emerging Legal Landscape

Judges, Attorneys, Non-Attorneys are welcome. **Continuing Legal Education Credit Eligible**

REGISTRATION:

Registration fees include all educational programs, receptions and meals.

LODGING:

NAWJ has secured rooms at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk, at the rate of \$229 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes, single or double occupancy. For reservations, call (210) 222-1234 and state that you are with the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ).

Hotel reservations must be made by September 10, 2018 to guarantee the conference rate. Room blocks frequently fill before the cut-off date and are subject to availability. Early booking is recommended.

CANCELLATION AND LATE REGISTRATION POLICY:

Persons who register on or after September 3, 2018 will pay the full registration fee plus a \$50 late charge. Registrants who cancel on or after September 4, 2018 will not receive a refund. All third-party payments are subject to the same policy.

REGISTRATION FEES

- _____ Early Bird First Time Member Rate: \$425 until August 1, 2018
- _____ Early Bird Member Rate: \$495 until August 1, 2018
- _____ Early Bird Non-Member Rate: \$525 until August 1, 2018
- _____ Regular Member Rate: \$595 after August 1, 2018
- _____ Regular Non-Member Rate: \$695 after August 1, 2018
- _____ One Day Pass \$200 (October 4, 5 or 6)
- _____ Late Registration Fee: \$50 after September 2, 2018 (applies to all rates)

A late registration fee will be charged after September 2, 2018

CLICK HERE
To Register Online Now

OR

MAIL TO:
NAWJ
1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1138
Washington, D.C. 20036

Name: _____

Title/Court: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Special dietary needs: Vegetarian _____ Other _____

Require aids or services? Audio _____ Visual _____ Mobility _____

Enclosed is a check payable to NAWJ for \$ _____

Credit Card: MasterCard, Visa or AMEX

Account Number: _____ Expiration: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature/Name on card: _____

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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