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October was a busy month for BCWB! Autumn Affair chair Jenn Rosenblatt wowed us all with a fun 80s-themed party at the Mays Family Center at the Witte Museum on October 4th. Thank you to all who helped to make this year's event a smashing success! Whether you served on a committee, sponsored the event, solicited raffle or auction items, volunteered at the event, or simply came out to support the BCWBF and Providence Place, we couldn't have done it without you! Be sure to attend our Holiday Luncheon on December 7th at the Quarry Golf Club to find out how much we raised for Providence Place!

Director Amanda Crouch deserves a huge thank you for her work coordinating a luncheon in conjunction with the National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference held in San Antonio October 3-7. The panel presentation at the Pearl Studio on October 3 moderated by Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion was enlightening and entertaining! Amanda and her mom baked delicious Texas-shaped cookies that were included in goodie bags for all luncheon attendees! On October 5th, BCWB hosted a hospitality suite for the judges at the conference hotel. Thank you to Amanda, Lara Brock, Shavonne Smith, Kayla Tanner, and Jane Ann Fosson for helping us to give the judges a warm Texas welcome.

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Hartsell

Ellen Patterson

Lindsey Kabbes

Nancy Satterfield

Courtney Kerr-Moore

Ruth Thomson

Jessica Glosson Davis

Lorenza Cigarroa

you are invited to the
BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S
BAR ASSOCIATION
**November
Luncheon**

Tuesday

**NOVEMBER 6
2018**

Club

GIRAUD

707 N. St. Mary's St.

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

RSVP

by November 2, 2018 by
clicking here.



The Intersection of Civil and Criminal Law

A Panel Discussion

moderated by

Erica Benites Giese
Chief, Financial Litigation Unit
Western District of Texas

with

Jay Dewald of Jackson Walker

and

FBI Special Agent Charles Arnold

Bexar County Women's Bar Annual Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 1, 2018
1pm-4pm

Witte Museum
Prassel Auditorium
3801 Broadway St.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Bring the kids and join members of the BCWB as we enjoy delicious Holiday cookies, take pictures with Santa, and enjoy the Witte!



BCWB Members: \$10 per person (no charge for kids 2 years and under)

Non-Members: \$15 per person (no charge for kids 2 years and under)

Register at: <https://bexarcountywomensbar.org/event-3110733>

Price includes full-day admission to the Witte, one 4x6 print photo and access to digital picture with Santa, cookies to eat, and Holiday cheer!



2018 Autumn Affair Recap

By: Jennifer Rosenblatt

Thanks to some TOTALLY AWESOME women, the 2018 Autumn Affair was FANTABULOUS and we went BACK to the 80s! After a lively cocktail hour with friends finding old friends and people making new friends, the program began with a video honoring, and sharing stories from, the presidents of the Bexar County Women's Bar from the 1980's:

Nancy Anderson

Honorable Bonnie Reed

Patricia Wueste

Mary Brennan Stich

Lisa A. Vance

Honorable Ann-Marie Cerda "Sam" Aaron

Jane Freeman Deyeso

Judith Bell, Executive Director of Providence Place, shared Providence Place's history and how it has evolved in San Antonio and continued to help young women in our community. This year's monies will provide transitional housing for single, adult women, pregnant women, and mothers with children under three-years of age who have been adversely affected by human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault and need long-term assistance to reach self-sufficiency.

Having moved Autumn Affair to the much larger Witte Museum Mays Family Center, the undaunted Sponsorship Chair

Hella Scheuerman simply sold more tables and filled the room with more sponsors and raised more money for our incredible beneficiary!

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Rosenblatt Law Firm

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BCWB Past Presidents from the 80's

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Carol Jendrzej

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Curl Stahl Geis, PC

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Honorable Renée Yanta/Honorable Bonnie Reed

Hornberger, Fuller & Garza

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Hats off to Hella for an unbelievable job!!

The evening also honored the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer recipient—Monica Ramirez Trollinger and the Belva Lockwood Young Lawyer recipient—Ashley Senary Dahlberg. Both women exemplify the struggle many of us face in finding a balance between the important roles of motherhood, the legal profession, and contributing to our community.

Finally, I want to personally thank each of the sponsors, donors, and individuals who came together to make this event a success. The BCWB only functions when each of its parts comes together to make it a whole. I had the unique opportunity to chair this event sixteen years ago; I was humbled then, and I am humbled now, at the amazing women that make up BCWB! Greta McFarling and Amanda Crouch moved seamlessly from hosts of the National Association of Women Judges to Autumn Affair and back again. The countless hours spent behind the scenes calling for donations, wrapping packages, making signs, licking envelopes—whatever it takes, these women make it happen. They are there, often until the wee hours of the morning, after long days at the office, because they believe in giving back to the community. Without these women, it simply would not happen. Although I highlight Autumn Affair, it is but one example of the hard work undertaken by the BCWB members every single day, and every single week. The reality is these women continue throughout the year sponsoring a plethora of events and providing opportunities for you to support legal and charitable programs in our community. I urge you to get involved and make a difference!

Please remember to join us on December 7, 2018, when we present Providence Place with the proceeds from 2018 Autumn Affair!

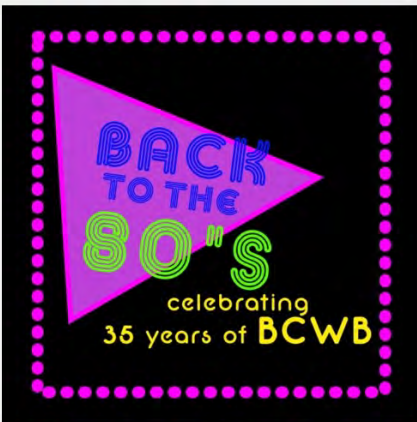
Fun at Autumn Affair



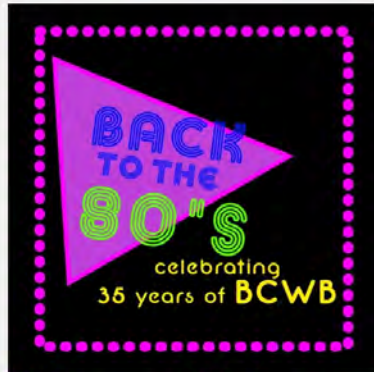
Past Presidents at Autumn Affair from left to right:
Patricia Wueste (1985); Mary Brennan Stich (1986); Jane Freeman Deyeso (1989); Lisa A. Vance (1987); and Honorable Bonnie Reed (1984).



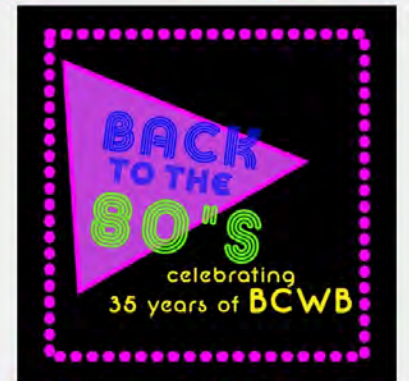




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Bexar County Women's Bar 2019 Election Ballot

It's time to vote for our Officers and Directors for the 2019 year. Like last year, voting will be conducted electronically, so please keep an eye out for an e-mail on November 7th, with a link to the electronic ballot. Voting will remain open until November 16th at 5 p.m.

All dues-paying attorney and paralegal members, as well as honorary lifetime members, are eligible to vote. This year, we have five open Director positions, consisting of two-year terms, and two open Director positions, consisting of one-year terms, for a total of (7) Director positions. The Officer Candidates and Director Candidates who have accepted a nomination are below.

Officers

President-Elect: Lindsay Riley



Lindsay Scaief Riley earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. magna cum laude from Texas Tech University School of Law, where she was Managing Editor of the Texas Tech Law Review. After law school, she served as Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Justice Rebecca Simmons and the Honorable Justice Patricia O. Alvarez on the Fourth Court of Appeals. In 2013, Lindsay joined Dykema Cox Smith as a litigation associate. Lindsay advises clients in business and commercial litigation, including all stages of pretrial and trial work in state and federal court. She has experience representing companies in complex litigation matters in the energy, utilities and natural resources sectors, personal injury and product defects, and contract and business tort claims. She also represents insurance companies in coverage disputes and high-exposure bad faith cases arising from catastrophic weather events.

Lindsay has actively served the BCWB since she moved to San Antonio in 2012, including several years as BCWB Luncheon Committee Co-Chair, several years as Autumn Affair Auction Co-Chair. She was also a member of the BCWB LEAD Academy's inaugural class. Lindsay has been honored to serve as an officer of the BCWB--Secretary (2016), Treasurer-Elect (2017) and Treasurer (2018)--and would be grateful for your vote to serve as BCWB President-Elect in 2019.

Vice President: Brittany Weil



Brittany M. Weil is a South Texas native, being raised and completing her undergraduate studies in Corpus Christi. After graduating from St. Mary's University School of Law in the top 10% of her class in 2008, she began her career practicing oil and gas law. In 2009, she began practicing commercial litigation with Curl Stahl Geis, P.C. From 2009 to 2018, Brittany practiced mostly commercial litigation as well as some oil and gas title and litigation. Currently, she is Treasurer-Elect of the BCWB and sits on the board of the Rape Crisis Center, while focusing most of her time on raising her two boys, Benjamin (1) and Harvey (4).

Treasurer: Amanda Crouch



Amanda Crouch was born and raised in San Antonio. She attended the University of Texas at Austin where she obtained degrees in Public Relations and Political Communications and graduated with honors from Baylor Law School in 2013. During her time at Baylor, Amanda was President of the Student Bar Association, the Managing Senior Executive Editor of the Baylor Law Review and a Research Assistant for President Ken Starr. After graduating from Baylor, Amanda returned to San Antonio and began her career as a commercial litigator at Jackson Walker, LLP where she represents clients in a wide range of litigation matters, including oil and gas disputes, creditor representation, financial institution disputes and defending personal injury claims.

In addition to her legal practice, Amanda is involved in her community. In 2015, Amanda co-founded the Hemisfair Coalition, a young professionals organization to support fundraising and advocacy efforts for the redevelopment of Hemisfair. She is active with the Junior League of San Antonio and currently serves as Vice-President Elect of Fund Development. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the North East Educational Foundation where she is the Gala Chair. Amanda has served on the Bexar County Women's Bar Association Board of Directors since 2016 and was the Co-Chair of Autumn Affair in 2016. She is currently responsible for the monthly newsletter and was the BCWB liaison for the National Association of Women Judges' Conference in October 2018. Amanda has also held a variety of positions on the Defense Counsel of San Antonio, including President in 2016. Additionally, Amanda was a member of the 2015-2016 LeadershipSBOT class, which is a joint program of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyer's Association. She was awarded the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Attorney of the Year award by the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation in 2017. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys traveling and trying new restaurants with her husband, watching college football and the San Antonio Spurs.

Treasurer-Elect: Durime Fahim



In addition to her continued service with the BCWB over the past seven years, Durime has proven to be fiscally conservative, often seen frequenting area Goodwill's throughout San Antonio, thus her innate frugality makes her an ideal candidate for Treasurer Elect.

But in all seriousness...

Durime has had the privilege of serving on the board for BCWB for the past 2 years. Some of the most memorable highlights of her tenure include participation in Mentor/Mentee events, President's Party, and the Autumn Affair.

In addition to being mom to Isla Esperanza and four fur babies, she works as an Assistant City Attorney with the City of San Antonio.

Prior to her legal career, Durime received a Bachelors of Science in Biology at SMU and came to San Antonio for graduate school receiving her Masters in Public Health from the Health Science Center.

Described as energetic and gregarious, she loves coffee and conversation and welcomes future interactions with members over a latte.

Secretary: Danielle Rushing



Danielle N. Rushing is an associate in Dykema Gossett PLLC's San Antonio office, focusing her practice on commercial bankruptcy and restructuring matters. Prior to joining Dykema, Ms. Rushing clerked for the Honorable Craig A. Gargotta, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Texas, and practiced as a commercial litigation associate with Curl Stahl Geis, PC. While in law school, Danielle interned in the chambers of the Honorable Craig A. Gargotta and the Honorable Catherine M. Stone, Chief Justice (Ret.) of the Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas, and with the Department of Justice's U.S. Trustee Program. Additionally, Danielle served as a Senior Associate Editor for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* and was published in Volume 47.

Danielle has been an active member of Bexar County Women's Bar since 2016, and currently serves as Chair of the Luncheons Committee, Co-chair of the Autumn Affair Auction Committee, and Director. Danielle enthusiastically welcomes the opportunity to serve BCWB as Secretary for the upcoming year.

Directors

Lara Brock



Lara received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Spanish from Carson-Newman University in Tennessee, graduating summa cum laude with honors. She graduated sixth in her class from St. Mary's University School of Law in May 2014. While she was at St. Mary's, Lara was a staff writer and then Managing Executive Editor for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*; she published an article on workplace injuries in *The Scholar* while she was a 3L. Lara has worked at the Espinoza Law Firm since before beginning law school and through law school and is now a Partner at the Firm. Lara is a Director for the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association, Founder and Chair of the Women's Caucus for SATLA, a Chair of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association's Women's Caucus, and a member of the CLE Committee for the TTLA. She is also proud to say that she is an inaugural member of the LEAD Academy for the BCWB.

Karina C. Cantu



Karina C. Cantu focuses her practice on complex business and personal injury litigation, including all stages of pretrial and trial work. She has extensive experience representing businesses and individuals in a wide array of business litigation matters (including contract disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims and business torts involving fraud and negligent misrepresentation) and personal injury claims involving automobile and commercial trucking negligence. Prior to forming Cantu | Norman LLP, Ms. Cantu was an attorney at one of Texas' largest and oldest firms where she focused her practice on complex estate planning and litigation matters. Ms. Cantu is also committed to various civic endeavors. Most notably, Ms. Cantu served on the Board of Commissioners for the San Antonio Housing Authority ("SAHA") for seven years. During her time on the Board, Ms. Cantu was selected to serve as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees, where she contributed to the development of the agency's internal audit function and provided board oversight of SAHA's annual operating budget (which was in excess of \$170 million at the time of her departure).

Kathleen Church



After graduating from St. Mary's School of Law in 2010, Kathleen H. Church has been an attorney at Church and Church PLLC her entire career. While her practice mainly focuses on real estate and probate matters, a little bit of everything has crossed her desk. On top of her practice, Ms. Church is also a certified mediator and mediates at least 2-3 cases through the Bexar County Dispute Resolution center every month; as well as serves as a mediator for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4's general docket.

Ms. Church previously served on the BCWBA Board the past two years. During her time, she has helped plan events such as the annual Swearing In Ceremony, President's Party, and Autumn Affair; as well writing articles about various local community service opportunities for the monthly BCWBA newsletter and presenting at the most recent annual retreat. Ms. Church hopes to continue on this path and help BCWBA wherever help is needed.

Sarah Donahue



Sarah Jackson Donahue is a native San Antonian, an outdoor enthusiast, and a litigator. After graduating from the University of Texas School of Law, Sarah practiced for four years with the consumer protection division of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General. After returning to San Antonio, Sarah has worked as an associate at Pulman, Cappuccio, & Pullen, LLP, primarily in commercial litigation and appellate matters. Sarah takes great pride in helping to cultivate a sense of community at the office, through the Bexar County Women's Bar Association's LEAD Academy, and with her role as a board member of the THRU Project.

Jane Ann Fosson



Jane Ann Fosson is a fifth-year labor and employment attorney at Schmoyer Reinhard LLP. She moved to San Antonio in 2014 after completing a federal clerkship in Birmingham, Alabama. She loves the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and has served on both the Autumn Affair Auction and Honorees/Dignitaries Committees in the past few years. She is a graduate of the 2017 inaugural LEAD Academy class and is looking for ways to be more involved in the Bexar County Women's Bar Association. She has an eight-month-old baby and appreciates that BCWBA is a family-friendly place for women to serve in meaningful ways

within the community.

Dana Gorelik



Dana Gorelik is a Fiduciary Specialist at Wells Fargo Private Bank, where she works to integrate fiduciary and investment knowledge into each client's custom wealth plan. She enjoys learning about an organization or family's needs, values, and goals, and works with that organization or family to achieve those goals in order to create the desired legacy they envision. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, Dana spent almost ten years practicing family law and subsequently estate planning in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Texas. She represented business owners, executives, physicians and professional athletes. Dana graduated from Ithaca College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, twin sons, and daughter.

Leslie Hyman



Leslie Hyman is a partner with Pulman, Cappuccio & Pullen, LLP, where she practices in the areas of commercial litigation and appeals and antitrust and trade regulation counseling. She has served on the BCWB Board of Directors since 2012. She has co-chaired Autumn Affair and the annual membership Retreat and has served on the LEAD Steering Committee since its inception. In 2014, she was awarded the Belva Lockwood outstanding lawyer award and was selected by the San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce as one of its Constellation of Stars honorees. In 2015, she was named one of San Antonio's Outstanding Lawyers by the San Antonio Business Journal.

Nicole Jackson



Nicole E. Jackson was born in Austin and moved to San Antonio in 1999 where she taught middle school in the Edgewood Independent School District prior to attending law school. Mrs. Jackson obtained her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2005. Ms. Jackson currently serves as General Counsel for the Silotech Group, Inc., a cyber security company that focuses primarily on government contract work. Prior to moving in-house, Mrs. Jackson was a shareholder and managing partner of a local firm focused on insurance defense throughout South Texas and New Mexico representing business owners involved in catastrophic personal injury litigation. Mrs. Jackson is actively involved with the BCWB and has served as Co-Chair of the Annual BCWB Retreat in 2017 and 2018.

Natalie Karge



Natalie Karge was raised in North Dakota where she also completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and her Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from the University of North Dakota. At St. Mary's University School of Law she was the Articles Editor on the St. Mary's Law Journal and received the distinguished Martin D. Beirne Editor's Excellence Award. After completing law school, Natalie began her career practicing corporate law and commercial litigation. She then joined Valero in 2017 as a contract attorney in their Commercial Law group. Natalie has been a BCWB member since law school and has served on the BCWB Autumn

Affair auction committee.

Jessica Lerma



Jessica Lerma is currently VP & General Counsel at an e-commerce apparel retailer whose headquarters recently relocated to San Antonio, Texas. She also currently serves as a Vice President on the board of the Association of Corporate Counsel. Prior to joining Grunt Style, Jessica was VP of Legal Affairs at CaptureRx, a pharmacy software company, overseeing risk management, compliance and general corporate matters. Her previous in-house roles also included a senior leadership role as the Director of Legal Affairs & Corporate Counsel at an allergy services company, as well as working with a publicly traded medical device company's commercial operations team to negotiate high visibility and strategic agreements. Prior

to working in a corporate setting, Jessica worked in private practice handling business transactions, civil litigation, and various real estate matters. Jessica earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Juris Doctorate degree from St. Mary's University School of Law.

Patti Oviatt



Patti is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, where she was a staff writer for the St. Mary's Law Journal, President of the Women's Law Association, recipient of the Dean's Leadership Award for 2002 and 2003, and was named the school's Outstanding Woman Law Graduate by the National Association of Women Lawyers for 2003. She has been practicing for 14 years and is currently Senior Counsel at Cokinos | Young. Her litigation practice primarily focuses on construction, business, real estate, and insurance defense. She was named a Texas Rising Star in 2013 and 2014. She is a past President of

the Kendall County Bar Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the SABA Construction Law Section and the Andy Mireles Charitable Foundation. Patti is a proud graduate of the 2017 inaugural class of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation's LEAD Academy.

Serina Rivela



Serina Rivela is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law ('97 J.D.) and a 2017 fellow from American Essential Hospitals. Currently she is serving as Interim Vice President/Chief Legal Officer for Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health System providing representation in a variety of legal matters including contract law and regulatory health law. She is a member of the Texas Hospital Association, San Antonio Bar Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association (BCWBA). Serina joined BCWBA's Board in August 2016 and has taken an active role in a number of various committees including: Mentor/Mentee, Law Day, President's Party, Social Committee, and Autumn Affair.

Kayla Tanner



Kayla is a litigation associate at Jackson Walker with an appellate focus. Kayla was a member of the inaugural LEAD Academy class and wants to increase her involvement within the women's bar in order to advance awareness and discussions of issues affecting women. She also found the relationships she formed with her LEAD classmates to be the most rewarding part of the program and hopes to cultivate more relationships within BCWB. She is a new mother with a five-month-old son, and is loving every minute of motherhood.

NAWJ Luncheon

On October 3, 2018 Bexar County Women's Bar Association hosted a luncheon at the Pearl Stable to kick off the 2018 National Association of Women Judges' Conference. BCWB welcomed a panel of speakers from across Texas (and one from Massachusetts) to discuss Hard Decisions from the Bench.

Thanks to our panel, which included Justice Eva Guzman from the Texas Supreme Court, Judge Beckie Palomo from the 341st Judicial District in Webb County, Judge Susan Criss from Galveston and Chief Justice Amy Nechtem from the Massachusetts Juvenile Court. Thank you also to our moderator, Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, for leading the panel discussion. Our guests appreciated getting to hear from wonderful women in the judiciary and learning from your experience and wisdom.

Finally, thanks to our luncheon sponsor, Jackson Walker LLP, and to our gift bag sponsors, which included Justice Rebeca Martinez, HEB, the Junior League of San Antonio and Nancy Guido. We could not have hosted such a great event without your support!





NAWJ Hospitality Suite

Bexar County Women's Bar Association concluded our NAWJ festivities by hosting the Hospitality Suite on Friday, October 5, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency. We enjoyed getting to meet women in the judiciary from across the country and learning about their time on the bench. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event - we had such a great time with these women! Thanks especially to Justice Rebeca Martinez and Judge Orlanda Naranjo from Austin for helping plan this event. Thanks also to our gift bag sponsors, including HEB, Justice Rebeca Martinez, the Junior League of San Antonio and Nancy Guido, for helping give a Texas Welcome to our guests!





Thanks to All Who Attended the Halloween Spooktacular

The Annual Spooktacular Halloween event was October 25, 2018 from 5pm-7pm at Kiddie Park. It was a great success! After weeks of rain we were blessed with gorgeous 75 degree sunny weather for the event. The event was free for all BCWB and SAYLA members. BCWBA provided pizza, cookies, juice, and water for the kids free of charge. SAYLA provided beer for the adults, also free of charge. Both organizations donated the rental fee allowing us to have the park all to ourselves! The event was well-attended and a ton of fun. Special thanks to Melanie Fry, Laura Cauley, Danielle Rushing, and Bonnie Kirkland for help in organizing, publicizing, and running the event.







Save the Date!

**Bexar County Women's Bar Association &
San Antonio Young Lawyers Association**

present

2018 Swearing-In Ceremony

Thursday, November 8, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Bexar County Courthouse
Central Jury Room

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the local judiciary and representatives from several local bar associations. This is an invaluable opportunity to bond with the local legal community and learn about ways to get involved. Families are welcome. Space is limited.

Register at www.bexarcountywomensbar.org or www.SAYLA.org

SAVE THE DATE - Holiday Luncheon

December 7, 2018

12pm - 1pm

Quarry Golf Club

\$40 per person

We will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House. Watch your email for a link to RSVP and for more information about donations!

Announcements from WLA

October has been a busy month for WLA! On October 3rd, members attended a meeting with special guest and speaker, Elsbeth Magilton. Ms. Magilton is the Executive Director of the Space, Cyber and Telecommunications law programs at the University of Nebraska College of Law. She spoke to members about women in STEM and legal careers and gave advice on interviewing and networking. On October 25th, WLA held its Annual Silent Auction with this year's proceeds benefiting Martinez Street Women's Shelter. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of members and the board, as well as the support of the school and legal community, WLA is proud to announce that we raised approximately \$10,000. Thank you to all who made this event a great success!





*You are cordially invited to attend the
125th Anniversary Celebration of the*

Court of Appeals
for the Fourth District of Texas

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

3:00 P.M.

Historic Courtroom

100 Dolorosa, 2nd Floor

San Antonio, Texas 78205

Reception immediately following

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.

The Season of Giving

By: Kathleen Church

November is upon us! It's getting darker earlier, colder, and Thanksgiving is coming.....well it is getting darker earlier and Thanksgiving is coming; two out of three isn't bad, I suppose. The holiday season is approaching though and while it's always a time full of stress and promising yourself this year you will actually plan ahead; it is also a time of being thankful for all you have and giving back to others in need. In the spirit of the season, this article will focus on various charitable organizations and events designed to make the upcoming holidays joyful and good food filled for everyone.

Thanksgiving tends to be a beloved holiday simply as it is one of the only days you can enjoy an all you can eat buffet and not feel guilty (because eating is what you're supposed to do on the day!). Perhaps though, you want to make sure you can truly indulge and have that extra scoop of potatoes AND that extra slice of pie, and if that is you, then the San Antonio Food Bank is here to help! On the morning of November 22, Thanksgiving Day, their Turkey Trot will make sure you work up an appetite and make room for all the helpings of the green bean casserole. It's a pet friendly, kid friendly, family friendly, everyone

friendly event that will take participants on a 5k run or leisurely stroll (your choice) through the downtown area and King William District. The best part is each registration will provide a turkey dinner to a family in need! Families and friends can bond through waking up early and exercising, knowing that each registrant made sure a family got a turkey dinner, and then chow down. For registration information and details, please visit the Turkey Trot site; <https://safoodbank.org/turkey-trot/> and get to trotting.

For others who still want to give back but maybe would prefer a non 5k option, Operation Turkey might be what you're looking for. Operation Turkey, a 100% volunteer organization, has been serving turkey dinners to families in need all over Texas; and, several other states, for over 10 years. They handed out 75 dinners in 2005, but Operation Turkey's goal this year is delivering 75,000 dinners and they've never missed a goal yet. The San Antonio area has two events people can choose to participate in, the day before Thanksgiving in the Turkey Tailgate or the day of Thanksgiving in delivering meals. At the Turkey Tailgate, meals are cooked and donations sorted in preparation for the deliveries the next day. If you cannot help do either of those, donations

of clothing, care packages or drinks to accompany meals will be gladly accepted. This year's Turkey Tailgate will be held at Sumo Japanese Steakhouse located on 8342 W IH10. The day of Thanksgiving, packages are prepared and readied to be delivered. For more information on both the Turkey Tailgate and the Thanksgiving deliveries, please visit Operation Turkey's website:

<http://www.operationturkey.com/locations/san-antonio>

Thanksgiving meal on the day. Volunteers are needed for multiple jobs to get such an endeavor to be successful. You and your loved ones can help set up and clean up, help plate the meals, help package the meals and help deliver the meals. If you are unable to help on the day, please consider a monetary donation. For more information, please visit the Meals on Wheels website;

<http://www.mowsatx.org/volunteer-thanksgiving>

One of the mainstays on Thanksgiving in San Antonio is the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner. Still going growing in its 38th year, this dinner aims to serve at least 25,000 people in the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center on Thanksgiving Day. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with food service starting at 10:30 and lasting until 4:30 p.m.; musical entertainment will also be provided from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.. If you would like to volunteer to help serve the dinners or to provide a monetary donation, please visit their website;

<http://www.rauljimenezdinner.com/>.

On a personal note, I have volunteered at this dinner before and it truly is a great experience. A wonderful way to come together with your loved ones before sitting down to your own Thanksgiving celebration.

Lastly, please consider volunteering with Meals on Wheels; who will try to make sure every senior in need will get a good hot

Even if none of these organizations fit into your schedule, please consider doing something to give back to your local community this Thanksgiving. From the Bexar County Women's Bar to all our members, Happy Thanksgiving! (And good luck to all who will need it this year!)

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!

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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