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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



On October 24, 2019, St. Mary's University School of Law welcomed the start of the new judicial year with its local version of the centuries-old tradition of Red Mass, known for reflecting the color of the priests' vestments and judges' robes of the 13th century, at San Fernando Cathedral. This tradition began in Europe in 1245 and has continued in San Antonio now for 67 years. The purpose of the annual Red Mass celebration is to request God's blessing and guidance on the administration of justice. The principal celebrant and homilist was the Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio. The Red Mass was coordinated by the St. Mary's University School of Law, the Catholic Lawyer's Guild of San Antonio, and representatives from San Antonio legal organizations, the judiciary and the Texas Legislature. Bexar County Women's Bar participated in this celebration. If you did not get the opportunity to attend this year, I encourage you to be part of next years' Red Mass.



Under the leadership and creativity of the Autumn Affair Co-Chairs Kathleen Church and Durime Fahim, and with the help of all of the

President's Column (cont.)

Autumn Affair board members and committee volunteers, we celebrated BCWB's annual Autumn Affair, benefiting Restore Education, at the Witte Museum on October 25, 2019. Many guests attended in *Alice in Wonderland* themed attire, inspired by Lewis Carroll's fictional characters, including the well-known *Queen of Hearts*.

During the Autumn Affair, we recognized those members of the 2005 Fourth Court of Appeals who comprised the first all women appellate court in the nation. We honored Melanie Fry, as the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer and the Honorable Rebecca Simmons, as the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer. We also introduced Sister Grace Walle, who presented the St. Mary's University School of Law single parent scholarship to Aisha Denis.

We hope you will join us at the annual holiday luncheon, where we will present a check of the funds raised at Autumn Affair to Restore Education, on December 13, 2019, at the Quarry Golf Club.

Looking forward to 2020, the nominations committee will be presenting members with the slate of directors and officers for the upcoming year. Please be sure to cast your vote!

Hella Scheuerman
BCWB President



Join Our President for the November Around Town Lunch!

Join BCWB President Hella Scheuerman for the November Around Town Lunch on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at noon at La Fonda on Main, 2415 N. Main Ave. No need to RSVP. Just look for Hella. We look forward to seeing you there!

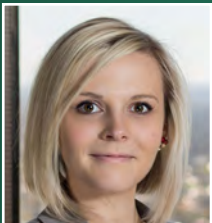


October Luncheon Recap

**By: Patricia M. Oviatt
Luncheons Co-Chair**

Our October luncheon CLE presenter was Natalie Friend Wilson, a shareholder at Langley & Banack. Her presentation on Privacy – What Is All The Fuss About? A Cybersecurity, Data Protection, And Privacy Primer was both enlightening and scary! Along with a history of how our privacy rights came to be, we learned about current regulations and trends that continue to be developed to protect them. Likewise, we learned what we need to do to be more diligent in the protection of our personal information, as well as our professional obligation to implement procedures to protect sensitive personal information used in our law practices. Thank you, Natalie, for this boo-worthy presentation!

October Around Town Lunch Recap

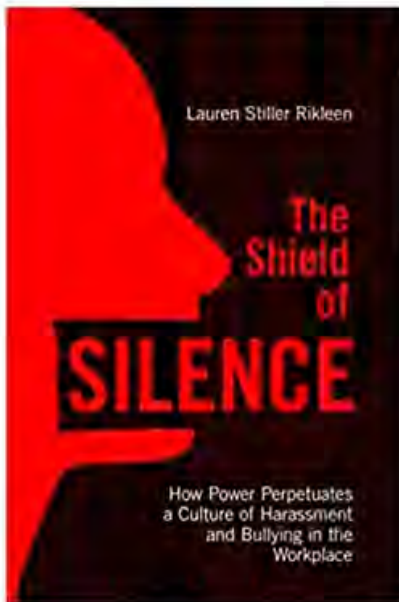


By: Kayla Tanner

We could not have had better weather for our October Around Town Lunch on Thursday, October 17, so we opted for patio seating at Down on Grayson. Colleen Mulholland, Kelly Preston, Kristi Clarke, and Kayla Tanner enjoyed discussing balancing obligations, career goals, and new restaurants and attractions around town. Thanks for a lovely meal with lively conversation ladies!



Free Teleconference: The Shield of Silence



Thursday, November 14, 2019
11 a.m. Pacific to Noon Pacific
Register Here:

*Intended for members of
member organizations!*

See list here:

<https://ncwba.org/members/>

You're Invited!

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations
invites you to join us for our first program in our
#OwnTheChangeReaction
Discussion Series

featuring a conversation with Lauren Stiller Rikleen,
President, Rikleen Institute for Strategic Leadership,
and author of *The Shield of Silence: How Power
Perpetuates a Culture of Harassment and Bullying in
the Workplace.*

Lauren will discuss findings from her book and
strategies for change, addressing the link between
sexual harassment and gender discrimination, and the
ways in which fear of retaliation silences victims and
bystanders.

*NCWBA Board Members Teresa Beck (Co-Chair of CA
Litigation and Chair of AZ Litigation for Buchanan Ingersoll
& Rooney), and Sheila Willis (Associate the Columbia,
South Carolina office of Fisher Phillips), will facilitate what
we expect to a riveting and informative discussion.*

When

Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 2:00
PM to 3:00 PM EST

Where

By phone--number will be provided.

Register Now!



National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

October 2019 Newsletter

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

Click [here](#) to read the NCWBA October 2019 Newsletter and learn about other women's bar associations across the country!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

*Bexar County Women's Bar
Association*

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 13, 2019

12 PM – 1 PM

Quarry Golf Club

444 E. BASSE ROAD

\$40 per person

Please bring a book, for kinder to 2nd grade readers,
to donate to San Antonio Youth Literacy.

AUTUMN AFFAIR 2019

By: Kathleen H. Church and Durime Fahim

On a chilly Friday night, the BCWB brought a little bit of Wonderland to the Witte Museum and members of the local bar with the 2019 BCWB Autumn Affair. Autumn Affair included among other things: the Cheshire Cat; flamingo croquet; Tarot reading; and painter, Franco Mondini-Ruiz, in an interactive pop-up shop that showcased his incredible work.

The event honored the female jurists of the Fourth Court of Appeals, recognized the 2019 Belva Lockwood Award Honorees; Melanie Fry and Hon. Rebecca Simmons, and raised money to benefit Restore Education.

The evening itself seemed like it was a great success, as no heads were lost, and all those considered to have gone mad, bonkers, or off the top of their head, left the 2019 Autumn Affair knowing that all the best people are too.

An event fit for the Queen of Hearts herself would not have been possible without the numerous people behind the scenes. We would like to send our deepest thanks to every single volunteer, donor and sponsor who helped this event be amazing. Thank you to everyone who attended and a big thank you to those who splashed some cash during the night.

For those who would like to view, one more time or for the first time, our video honoring the female jurists of the Fourth Court of Appeals please follow this link and enjoy!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuEq7BF0k5U&feature=youtu.be>



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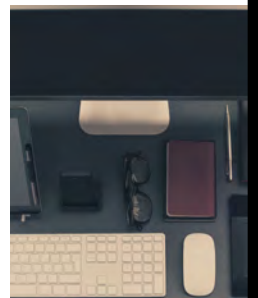
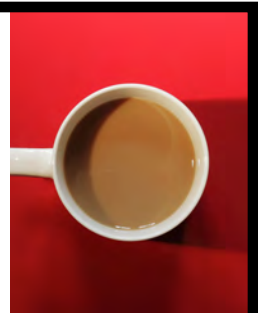
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MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

By: Robin Thorner

As part of our commitment to support future women lawyers, BCWB and the St. Mary's Women's Law Association are teaming up to host a series of mentorship circles this spring. If you would like to host a small group of WLA members at your home, a coffee shop, or a restaurant for an informal discussion about your career and to share your advice, please e-mail Robin Thorner at rthorner@stmarytx.edu. Prefer to co-host with another attorney? The more, the merrier! You set the date, time, location and number of students you wish to invite, and we will take care of the coordination.



Bexar County Women's Bar Annual Cookies with Santa



**Saturday, December 7, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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

Register at <https://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/event-3586277>

BCWB Members: \$25 per family
Non-Members: \$35 per family

Registration includes full-day admission to the Witte, one 4" x 6" print photo and access to digital picture with Santa, cookies to eat, balloon animals, and Holiday cheer!

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St. Mary's University School of Law is launching a new post-graduate recruitment program for recent graduates! Employers can interview recent grads (who will have just learned their bar results in many instances) through the November Post-Graduate Recruitment Program, with interview dates on campus: Nov. 11-14 and Nov. 18-21.

Employers can choose on-campus interviews or a résumé collection, and will be able to pre-screen candidates to interview. Best part? Registration is free, and once employers make their selections, we handle the rest of the logistics.

To register, visit us [here](#). For more information, contact Robin Thorner at rthorner@stmarytx.edu.

Farewell and Thank You to our President-Elect Lindsay Riley



Congratulations to Lindsay and her family on their new opportunities and adventures in Colorado! Lindsay, you will be greatly missed. We will be ever grateful for your leadership, inspiration, friendship, and dedication to the BCWB. Farewell and all the very best in your new endeavors!



YOU ARE INVITED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Thursday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.
Judge Craig Gargotta's Courtroom
Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building

Reception to Follow
RSVP to Serina.Rivela@uhs-sa.com

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved with BCWB?

We are looking for volunteers for 2020 to help with our award-winning newsletter, website administration, and social media and email coordination. Please email Danielle Rushing at drushing@dykema.com if you are interested in any of these positions or serving on a committee for next year!

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation/Association 2020 Election Ballot

It's time to vote for our Officers and Directors for 2020. As in years past, voting will be conducted electronically, so please keep an eye out for an e-mail on November 13, with a link to the electronic ballot. Voting will remain open until November 22 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 6 open Director positions. Officer Candidates and Director Candidates who have accepted a nomination are below.

OFFICERS

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's practice was focused on complex commercial litigation as well as some oil and gas title and litigation. Currently, she is Vice President of the BCWB and sits on the board of the Rape Crisis Center. In addition to her board positions, she volunteers at the Discovery School and wrangles her two boys, Benjamin (2) and Harvey (5).

President-Elect 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. Prior to opening her own boutique law firm in 2015, Mrs. Jackson was a shareholder and managing partner of a local firm focused on insurance defense throughout South Texas and New Mexico. Mrs. Jackson has extensive experience in 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.

Vice President
Danielle Rushing



Danielle N. Rushing is an associate in Dykema Gossett PLLC's San Antonio office, focusing her practice on commercial bankruptcy and restructuring and commercial litigation 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 participates in the LEAD Academy and serves as Secretary and Sponsorship Coordinator.

Treasurer
Kathleen Church



Kathleen H. Church graduated from St. Mary's School of Law and passed the bar in 2010. Since then, she has specializes in Real Estate and Probate law in the firm she started with her father, Church and Church PLLC. With a focus in transactional work, the closest she comes to the courthouse is when mediating or training new mediators for the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center. For the past three years, Ms. Church has served on the Bexar County Women's Bar board and helped plan multiple events such as the new attorney Swearing In Ceremony, the President's Party and most recently was the co-chair for the 2019 Autumn Affair. In her off time, she bakes, knits and fences.

Treasurer-Elect
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, a Director of the TTLA Board of Advocates, 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.

Secretary
Patricia 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.

DIRECTORS



Judge Antonia “Toni” Arteaga

In June 2008, Judge Antonia “Toni” Arteaga became the first woman ever elected to the 57th District Court which was created in 1899. The youngest of eight daughters, Judge Arteaga earned her undergraduate degree at The University of Texas in Austin – the first college graduate in her family. She then earned her Juris Doctorate at St. Mary’s University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

Only five years later, Judge Arteaga was appointed by Mayor Phil Hardberger as a Magistrate Judge for the City of San Antonio due to her trial work. She received several awards recognizing her trial expertise, including Texas Monthly Magazine’s Texas Rising Star Award for two consecutive years. As an attorney, Judge Arteaga continued her commitment to the community as the Chairperson for the Mexican American Bar Association’s Scholarship Program for eight years, and was honored with MABA’s Henry B. Gonzalez Service Award.

Judge Arteaga serves on a variety of boards and committees, and is especially proud of her role as the Bexar County Chair for the National Campaign to Stop Violence. She also serves on the Parents’ Advisory Board at the schools of her children. Additionally, Judge Arteaga has been appointed by her peers as Chair of Bexar County’s Court Security Committee (CSC), which was statutorily created to advise on the safety of our judges.

Judge Arteaga has received several awards honoring her professional accomplishments and charitable work in the community. Most recently, Judge Arteaga was honored as Mentor of the Year by St. Mary’s University School of Law, and La Estrella de Texas award from Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas.

Judge Arteaga is married and the proud mother of two.

Noteworthy: In 2008, less than half of the Civil District Court judges were women. Today, 10 of the 14 Civil District Court Judges are women.



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), personal injury and property claims involving automobiles, commercial transportation and construction sites. She is currently the managing attorney of the San Antonio office of Sheehy Ware & Pappas, P.C. Prior to joining Sheehy Ware & Pappas, P.C. she was one of the founding partners of Cantu | Norman LLP. Ms. Cantu is 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. She is actively involved in the Bexar County Women’s Bar Association and this past year she volunteered to serve on the Mentor/Mentee committee. As part of her service on the Mentor/Mentee committee, Ms. Cantu was delighted to host a mentorship circle for female law students from St. Mary’s University School of Law.



Hayley Ellison

Hayley Ellison is a staff attorney to the Honorable Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion of the Fourth Court of Appeals. A member of the 2019 BCWB LEAD Academy class, Hayley supports the local bar as co-chair of the auction committee for the 2019 BCWB Autumn Affair and as treasurer of the SABA Appellate Practice Section. Hayley also serves the community as a member of the board of directors of the YWCA San Antonio and as an active member of the Junior League of San Antonio.



Durime Fahim

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.



Melanie Fry

Melanie L. Fry heads Dykema's appellate practice in San Antonio. Melanie has served on the BCWB Board of Directors since 2017. She currently co-chairs the BCWB's Family Events Committee and runs the annual Halloween Spooktacular event. She has been a BCWB member since 2010. Melanie is the 2019 recipient of the BCWB's Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award and is a 2018 graduate of the BCWB's LEAD Academy. She is Past-President of the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and currently serves as Special Projects Co-Chair on SABA's Federal Courts Committee. She is co-author of the "Federal Court Update," a recurring column in the San Antonio Lawyer Magazine, and author of the yearly "Personal Injury Update" for the Texas Bar Journal. Melanie is passionate about community outreach; she is a coordinator for the annual Fox Tech Girls' Mentoring Luncheon and the FBA and FCC's Constitution Day for San Antonio high schools. She currently serves on the Admissions Committee for the Western District of Texas, and she is a former chair of the Federal Court Practice Seminar, the required course for attorneys seeking admission to practice in the Western District. Melanie and her husband, Kyle, have three children: Ethan (5 years), Hannah (3 years), and Asher (10 months).



Elizabeth Assunto Germany

Elizabeth Assunto Germany is an associate attorney at Tiwari, PLLC in San Antonio, TX and focuses on business and real estate law. Originally from Tyler and a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler, Elizabeth decided to make San Antonio her hometown after graduating from St. Mary's University School of Law. Her clientele at Tiwari, PLLC, includes many small and large business owners and she takes pride in tailoring their work to suit their legal needs on projects ranging from business entity matters to commercial real estate. She is an active member of Bexar County Women's Bar Association and has served on the Auction Committee for Autumn Affair 2017-2018, and is currently an Auction Committee Co-Chair for 2019. Other membership involvement in the San Antonio area include, the Christopher Columbus Italian Society, volunteer for Launch SA as a business law presenter, and Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter of San Antonio.



Alicia Grant

Alicia is a litigation associate in the San Antonio office of Norton Rose Fulbright. Her practice focuses primarily on product liability, mass tort, and labor and employment. Her practice also includes property tax disputes and bankruptcy. Prior to law school, Alicia had a 10-year career with the Bexar County Appraisal District where she gained extensive experience in arbitration, mediation, and other alternative dispute resolutions. Before joining her firm, she clerked for the Honorable Tony M. Davis, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Alicia started attending BCWBA events as a law student and regularly attended until she left for Austin to clerk for a year. She returned to San Antonio and joined the lunch committee to assist with the monthly events. She has enjoyed her year in LEAD and would like to continue her involvement and growth within this organization that has connected her to so many brilliant and exceptional women.

Alicia is married to her college sweetheart- Kevin. Together they have two kids- Kevin (10) and Savannah (9). She enjoys spending her personal time doing activities with her family like participating in the Warrior Dash (which generally includes 6 of her 8 siblings), attending concerts and traveling. Alicia is volunteer with the Community Justice Program where she trains and helps facilitate a pro bono bankruptcy clinic.



Natalie Karge

Natalie Karge is an attorney with Valero in their commercial law department. Natalie received her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of North Dakota and her J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.



Liz LaBarge

Liz LaBarge is a San Antonio native. She earned her undergraduate degree at Rice University where she graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Liz met her husband, Parker, at Rice and moved to his hometown to attend Law School at Washington University St. Louis where she graduated in the top 5% of her class. After practicing business litigation at a large Midwestern law firm, Liz and Parker relocated to San Antonio to be close to her family. In 2010, Liz made an uncharacteristically risky decision to leave the practice of law in order to start a business with her sister whose background was in physician office management. Their company, Texas Medical Legal Consultants (TxMLC), provides administrative support to medical providers by facilitating their expert witness reviews with law firms and insurance companies. TxMLC has grown to a team of 17 employees and operates across the State of Texas, servicing over 350 medical professionals.

Liz and Parker have two little kids, Lincoln (5) and Estelle (3), who are the light of their world. Liz graduated from the LEAD Academy in 2018 and is currently active as a board member for the Texas Bio-med Founder's Council, Chairperson of the San Antonio Bar Association's Medical Legal Liaison Committee, and a member of BCWB's LEAD Steering Committee. If she were to join the BCWB Board, her goals would be to act as a liaison between the LEAD Steering Committee and the Board and to improve systems for internal referrals and information sharing amongst the BCWB members .



Chelsea Mikulencak

Chelsea Mikulencak has been a licensed attorney in the State of Texas since 2016. Prior to embarking on her legal career, Chelsea was a university instructor and professional writing tutor at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. While there, she taught English Composition to college freshman, and specialized in advising graduate students and non-native speakers of English on their various writing projects, including doctoral dissertations. She has always had a passion for public service, volunteering, and advocacy for all, and it is these traits that compelled her to leave her college-level teaching career behind for the practice of law. Since July 2017, Chelsea has served as an Assistant City Attorney in the City of San Antonio’s City Attorney’s Office. She is very active with the Texas Young Lawyers Association, is a member of the 2019-2020 LeadershipSBOT class, and is soon completing her time as a mentee in the City’s Women’s Leadership Mentoring Program. Outside of her professional life, Chelsea’s two-year-old son is easily the light of her life and motivation for everything. When she’s not shuttling between the Doseum, the Witte, McAllister Park, or various other activities around San Antonio with her son, she enjoys cooking, trying new restaurants, spending time with friends, traveling (the most recent trip being to Panama to visit family), reading, participating in the City Attorney’s Office book club, and yoga.



Christine Rudy

Christine Rudy has been practicing family law in Bexar County and surrounding cities since 2015. She is a licensed attorney in Texas and California. Christine Rudy Law handles all aspects of family law – primarily divorce and issues related to children. Christine is also a Yoga Teacher, a profession that deeply informs her approach to the practice of law. Combining these seemingly opposite fields, Christine utilizes both her legal and yoga experience to negotiate matters and navigate the judicial process, bringing cases to court only when necessary. At Christine Rudy Law, we believe that each challenge individuals face presents an opportunity for growth



Natalie Wilson

Natalie is a Shareholder at Langley & Banack, Inc., where she leads the Cybersecurity, Data Protection, and Privacy Group and practices in the Bankruptcy and Litigation groups. She is staunchly committed to helping women succeed in the practice of law, however they define success, and to making the practice of law more portable and sustainable for lawyers married to active duty service members. Natalie received the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in 2014 and is a graduate of the LEAD Academy (2018). She has served on multiple Boards, including:

- Hawaii Women Lawyers (Student Liaison 2005-2007; Director 2007-2010)
- Military Spouse JD Network (2015-2016)
- Turnaround Management Association (2018-present, past president)
- San Antonio Bankruptcy Bar Association (2018-present, vice president)
- San Antonio Bar Association Publications Committee (2012- present, Articles Editor)

Natalie is married to Chad and they are the parents of 4 children ages 2-11.



Former Judge Renée Yanta

Former Judge Renée Yanta served as a District Court Judge for seven years. She has practiced law since November 1993. Prior to taking the Bench, she built a nation-wide appellate and business litigation practice and served as the first woman chair of USLAW. Before starting her legal career, Judge Yanta was a public school teacher for 9 years. Judge Yanta has now returned to practice, already handling cases at the Texas Supreme Court and other courts of appeals. She is also serving as an arbitrator, mediator & private judge.

While presiding over child protection cases, Judge Renée saw the special challenges faced by teen girls stuck in Foster Care. So she deployed her judicial resources to change the lives of these amazing young women, creating a healing program—called PEARLS Court, which she administers at night and on weekends (after finishing the rest of her docket). With the help of hundreds of volunteers, PEARLS Court has served over 100 teen girls, providing trauma-informed therapy, Judge Renée's strong oversight, mentorship and life-skill training. With a gathering of women volunteers, PEARLS Girls become empowered, enabling them to graduate from high school, wait to become pregnant, focus on serving others, and build stronger futures.

Judge Yanta's foundational principle is from Micah 6:8: Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly.



Be the Difference in Their Life.

HOW BCWB CAN GET INVOLVED WITH CASA.

OUR *Mission*

The mission of Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) is to recruit, train, and supervise court-appointed volunteer Advocates who provide constancy for abused and neglected children and youth while advocating for services and placement in safe and permanent homes.



VOLUNTEER

Our main volunteer program involves training and a monthly commitment to become a **Court Appointed Advocate** for a child(ren) in need.

If you are not available to become an Advocate, you can also participate in our "Friends of CASA" program, where you can volunteer at events and donation drives. Email Development@casa-satx.org to learn more.



SHARE

Our message is a powerful one... help us make sure it's heard by inviting CASA to speak at any organization or group you're involved with.

You can also share our message on social media! Follow our page on your preferred platform and share any post to help spread our message.

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Gift any amount to help us serve more children in San Antonio.

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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.

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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 Kim Tindall & Associates for the firm's 2019 recognitions and awards! Kim Tindall & Associates has also been recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal as one of San Antonio's largest women-owned firms of 2019. KTA also won several categories of Texas Lawyer

Best Of 2019! Texas Lawyer announced Kim Tindall as one of the BEST in the following categories:

*(Hall of Fame - Those placed in the top three listings three of the last 4 years are in **RED**)*

Legal Graphics & Video Services - 1st in Dallas, Austin & Houston

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Court Reporting & Deposition Service - 1st in Dallas & Austin; 2nd in Houston



Broadway Bank is pleased to announce that distinguished local attorney **Sara E. Dysart** has been appointed to its Board of Directors. Dysart is a commercial real estate attorney, Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law by the State Bar of Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Chair of its Real Estate Forms Committee, and a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Dysart's appointment follows the previously announced retirement of Chairman James D. Goudge, and the appointment of board member David Ladensohn as his successor.

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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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