

# THE EQUAL TIMES

Bexar County Women's Bar Association

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Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

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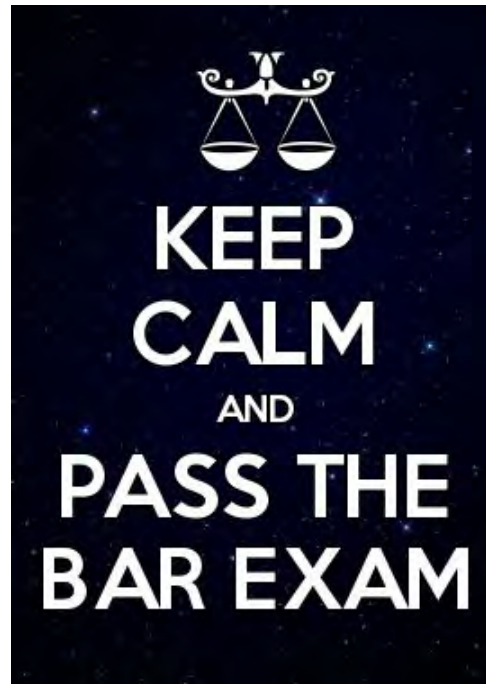
## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I must admit October has taken me completely by surprise. How is it not still August? As you all know, we are heading into our busiest season!

Last month, in a reception hosted by Justice Rebeca Martinez, the women judges of Bexar County mixed, mingled, and celebrated the inaugural LEAD Academy with Bexar County Women's Bar. Of course, we had an ulterior motive! We used the event to make an "ask" of the judges and practitioners in attendance: nominate and encourage the women practicing around you to apply for LEAD Academy. Why make this ask? Well, studies have shown time and again, that women are most likely to apply for a position or step into a leadership role when they are asked. I am living proof of this! I jokingly referred to myself as the Most Reluctant President. In all honesty, this position pushed me out of my comfort zone and right into a new awareness of my capability to captain the ship. I bring this up now because I need to ask you for your help. First, help the women around you to see their potential and encourage to apply to the 2018 LEAD Class before October 20. The application can be found [here](#).

My second "ask" is for your support of Autumn Affair, which is mere weeks away. *(continued on Page 3)*

# Calling All New Attorneys for 2017



You've endured the months of studying, you've survived taking the Bar, you're waiting those agonizing three months to find out if you've passed the Bar, and we all know you did, so take the time to plan ahead how you will commemorate your new status as a licensed attorney! The Bexar County Women's Bar and the San Antonio Young Lawyers' Association have the place to be for all fledgling attorneys waiting to become official.

Join us on November 9, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Central Jury Room of the Bexar County Courthouse and be sworn in, in the very room where justice can begin its journey, by the honorable Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion of the Fourth Court of Appeals. We will also hear from Senior U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra, as well

as the heads of various legal associations now open to you to join. Mix and mingle with some of the greatest legal minds in the community! This event is open to all who have passed the Texas Bar Exam and since no new attorney is an island, please bring your family, your friends, your support group, whoever cheered and helped every step of the way. Space is limited so please **RSVP now!**. If you have any questions about this event please email, Kathleen Church at [kathleen@churchlawsa.com](mailto:kathleen@churchlawsa.com) or Taylor Beaver at [tbeaver@dslawpc.com](mailto:tbeaver@dslawpc.com).

**When? November 9th, 4-5:30 p.m.**

**Where? Central Jury Room**

**Who? You and Your Celebratory Crew**

## President's Column Cont'd

In addition to honoring the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Young Lawyer recipients, we are also celebrating two of the women stars of our judiciary: Chief Justice Alma L. López and Justice Shirley W. Butts. We have only one sponsored table and a handful of individual tickets still remaining. Even if you cannot attend this year's red carpet event, we are rolling out new technology to enable you to participate in the silent auction. Stay tuned for email announcements explaining how to register and bid on the packages. Bidding will open before the event and you do not have to be present to win.

Of course, the raffle packages are always a hot commodity. If you need more than the 3 tickets mailed out, [buy more tickets online now](#).

My third "ask" is for volunteers to help staff the Wills Clinic on October 17. I'll be there; won't you join me?

My final ask is for you to bring a friend to the next Bexar County Women's Bar event. Our organization is enriched by new members. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the coming events!

## Welcome New Members!

- Kelly Oyer
- Justice Irene Rios
- Julie Bray Patterson
- Donna Spicer
- Judge Rosie Alvarado
- Judge Daphne Previti  
Austin
- Judge Celeste Brown
- Iliana Castillo Daily
- Judge Crystal Chandler
- Marina Gonzales
- Judge Norma Gonzales
- Laura Heard
- Judge Angelica Jimenez
- Judge Susan Skinner
- Judge Cathy Stryker

**Autumn Affair - October 19, 2017**  
**"A Night of Hollywood Glamour"**

*Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation Presents*

**2017 AUTUMN AFFAIR**

*A Night of Hollywood Glamour*

**10.19.2017**

Honoring  
Belva Lockwood  
Award Recipients  
Suzanne D. Oliva  
Amanda N. Crouch



**6:00 P.M.**

Celebrating  
Women Stars  
of the Judiciary  
Hon. Alma L. López  
Hon. Shirley W. Bulfs

**PEARL STABLE**

**HONORING THRU PROJECT**

*Cocktail Attire Optional*

## Autumn Affair is October 19!

**Don't worry if you can't make it—you can still help us raise money for the THRU Project! Buy a raffle ticket:**

**<https://bcwb.wildapricot.org/event-2670323>**

**One for \$20 or three for \$50**

Don't miss out on your chance to win one of the following great prizes:

**1. Mulco Watch** Rose gold plated face, with a blue turquoise silicone band, water resistant to 10 ATM; Courtesy of Gurinsky's Fine Jewelry

**2. Spurs Suite San Antonio v. New Orleans, March 15, 2018** Center Court Terrace Suite 151 includes: 16 tickets & 4 guest passes, catered attendant services, dedicated bartenders for terrace level, access to VIP entrance, and 4 VIP parking passes

Courtesy of Cowen | Mask | Blanchard

**3. iPad with Accessories**

iPad Air 2, keyboard case, and other fun travel accessories Courtesy of Tinsman & Sciano

**4. Apple Watch** Apple Watch Series 2 with rose gold aluminum case  
Courtesy of Platinum Wealth Solutions of Texas, LLC

**5. Wine Party** Enjoy a private Fredericksburg winery tour and tasting for six with complimentary bottles of wine Courtesy of Bell Mountain Winery

**6. Pamper Her** Dinner for two at Hotel Emma's Supper; Tiger's Eye pendant necklace and private party for you and your guests courtesy of Elaine Turner Boutique; 1-hour massage at Oak Haven Massage; gift certificate to Nails Palace; designer handbag

# **AUTUMN AFFAIR AUCTION IS OPEN!**

## **Register to Bid Today!**

The BCWB is so excited about our upcoming Autumn Affair and we are ready to roll out the red carpet! We wanted to let you know that, for the first time, we will be conducting our silent auction through an online site called ClickBid. Thanks to volunteers (and children of volunteers), it is up and running and ready for you to start viewing all our fabulous items!

To register for viewing and bidding, visit our secure site:  
[cbo.io/autumnaffair2017](http://cbo.io/autumnaffair2017)

Once you register, you will receive an email with your bidding number and a quick link to the site. You can start looking at the items and begin placing bids! Please forward this link to your friends and guests—attending or not! The bidding will continue through the event where all of the items will be displayed for viewing. We will also have volunteers at the event with iPads if you need help with bidding. Again, the site is: [cbo.io/autumnaffair2017](http://cbo.io/autumnaffair2017)

# Check Out Some of the Auction Items!

## 505 - Deep Sea Adventure

📍 Sports

**Market Value:** \$1,117

Donated by: Duggan Diving and Blue Sea Adventures

**Details:** Two scuba dive lessons at Duggan Diving, plus two full-face snorkel masks, two snorkel vests, and one underwater camera from Blue Sea Adventures in Garland, Texas

**Exceptions:** Duggan Diving must be reserved by 12/31/17



## 610 - Dinner for 6 at Bohanan's

📍 Home

**Market Value:** Priceless

Donated by: Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood

**Details:** Get your besties together for a night out! Dine downtown at Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood

## 602 - Garcia Art Glass

📍 Home

**Market Value:** \$450

Donated by: Garcia Art Glass

**Details:** This beautiful blown glass flower bowl is a one of a kind piece created by the talented artisans at Garcia Art Glass, the premier glassblowing studio in San Antonio.



# AUTUMN AFFAIR AUCTION DONORS

## As of October 5, 2017

3 Sassy Chicks	Shades	H-E-B Central Market
Alamo Café	Cooper's Forge	Hotel Valencia
Alamo Heights Pet Clinic	Cowen Mask Blanchard	James Avery Craftsman
Alamo Travel	Darden Restaurants	Jugo Juicery
Aldino's at the Vineyard	Dominion Country Club	Justice Rebeca Martinez
Alvarez Decor	Eric Schaeffer, M.D.	K. Charles & Co.
B-Daddy's BBQ	Duggan Dive Shop	Kaitlyn Smith
Ballet San Antonio	Eilan Hotel & Spa	Photography
Beldon Group of Companies	El Chaparral El Tropicano	Judge Karen Pozza
Bell Mountain Vineyards	Riverwalk Hotel	Judge Genie Wright
Biga on the Banks	Elaine Turner	Kendra Scott
Bin Tapas Bar	Elements Massage	Kim Rodriguez
Blue Sea Adventures	Epitacio Resendez	Kraft Cleaners
Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood	Fair Oaks Ranch Golf & Country Club	Kumori Sushi & Teppanyaki
Bolner's Fiesta Products	Five Star Cleaners	La Hacienda de los Barrios
Botika	Folawn's Day Spa	La Tuna Grill
Boudro's	Foresight Golf	Laser Legend San Antonio
Camp Gladiator	Fralo's Pizza	Laundry's Restaurants
Casillas Law Firm, PLLC	Frontier Enterprises	La Frite Belgian Bistro
Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse	Garcia Art Glass, Inc.	Learning Express
Cheesy Jane's	Gigi's Cupcakes	Legrand & Bernstein
Chenega Global Services	Good Sports	Leighelena
Children's Ballet of San Antonio	Grey Moss Inn	Leslie Hyman, Phil Lynch, Sally & Don Munford, and Karen & Bob Oliver
Cibolo Creek Brewing Co.	Gruene Door	Lick Honest Ice Creams
Compton's Lamps &	Gruene River Grill	Lily's Cookies
	Gruene River Hotel	
	Gurinsky's Jewelers	
	Half Moon Power Yoga	



Little Rhein Steakhouse	Rio Rio Cantina	Stella Public House
Luce Restaurant	Rise Bakery	Stonewerks Big Rock Grille
Lucky Thread Embroidery	Robin Jackson	Stray Grape Supper
Madhatter's Teahouse and Café	Rodan + Fields (Kim Rodriguez)	Texas Ski Ranch
Magik Theatre	Rollercade	The Bin Tapas Bar
Main Event Entertainment San Antonio	Rome's Pizza	The Brooklynite
Mary Lou's Café	Sam's Burger Joint	The Cove
Mash'd	San Antonio Botanical Garden	The Home Accessory Co.
McAdoo's	San Antonio Museum of Art	The RK Group
McNay Art Museum	San Antonio Symphony	The Synergy Studio
Meadow Boutique	Santikos Theatres	The Witte Museum
Mexican Manhattan	Schlitterbahn Waterpark	The Yoga Den
Monster Mini Golf	SeneGence (Kerriann Britt)	Tiff's Treats
Musical Bridges Across the World	Shelby Historic Inns	Tiffanie Clausewitz
Myron's Prime Steakhouse	Sheraton Gunter Hotel	Tinsman & Sciano
Nails Palace	Six Flags Fiesta Texas	Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
Natural Bridge Caverns	Skydive San Marcos	Tre Trattoria
Oak Haven Massage	Smile Solutions	Two Hearts Yoga
Order Up	Spa d' Sante	Uni'ko
Paesano's - 1604	Spec's	University Bowling
Paesano's Lincoln Heights	Spice of Life Catering	WD Deli
Pampered by Norma	Splashtown San Antonio	Well Fit Mind and Body
Patt Poole	Sporting District	Whimsy Art Studio
Piatti Italian Ristorante	St. Mary's University Alumni Association	Whole Earth Provision Co.
Picaboo.com	Starbucks	Ye Kendall Inn & Limestone Grill
Ramos Vacation Home	Stella and Dot	Zedric's Gourmet to Go
Rebecca Creek Distillery		Zinc Bistro & Wine Bar

## **Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer of the Year:**

### **Suzanne Dapro Oliva, J.D., CPA**



Suzanne Dapro Oliva, J.D., CPA, joined the Greehey School of Business faculty in 2003. She teaches Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Business and Professional Ethics, and Legal Environment of Business. She has also taught Property I, Property II, Insurance Law and Federal Income Taxation at St. Mary's University School of Law.

After graduating from St. Mary's University in 1987 with a BBA in Accounting, Oliva worked as an auditor with the public accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young) and as a CPA with a local medical office. After graduation from law school, she joined the law firm of Oliva, Saks, Garcia & Curiel LLP, and primarily concentrated her legal practice in the areas of wills, probate, estate planning, family law, personal injury law and corporate law.

She is Past President of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation and a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Accounting Association and the Texas Society of CPAs. She is admitted to practice law in the state of Texas, the Federal District Court of the Western District and the United States Supreme Court.

Oliva has published research in the areas of medical ethics in the pharmaceutical industry, business ethics and internet law, and transportation and safety.

As director of the Greehey Scholars, Oliva recruits for and manages this leadership program comprised of forty-four undergraduate business scholars who receive full scholarships due to the generosity of alumnus, Bill Greehey. Since 2006, she has been a reviewer and advanced tax trainer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, a community service program that provides free tax return preparation for qualified individuals in San Antonio. She was recently awarded the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Attorney of the Year award by the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation.

Oliva is a eucharistic minister at St. Padre Pio Catholic Church and enjoys live theater, sporting events and world travel with her husband, Javier, and four sons.

## **Interview with Suzanne:**

### **What's your current job?**

I am a full-time professor at the Greehey School of Business at St. Mary's University. I have been a "Visiting Assistant Professor" of Accounting, Ethics and Law since 2004. That's a long time to be visiting! I enjoy it. So, ... as long as my Dean and the President allow me to enter a classroom, I will do so. I also keep my little toe "in the door" of the world of law with Oliva, Saks, Garcia and Curiel, LLP where I primarily practice in Probate Court. Prior to teaching, I worked full time for ten years at the firm alongside Javier, my husband of thirty years.

### **How long have you been a member of the BCWB? What's your best experience thus far?**

I joined the Bexar County Women's Bar back in 1993 when I was a young law student at St. Mary's Law School. I quickly learned the importance of professional mentors and camaraderie with a great group of women (and men). The best experience has been working in unison with other volunteers towards projects that allow beneficiaries to accomplish their goals to help women and children. It was never difficult to be a committee chair or officer of the BCWB because everyone stepped up and did whatever was necessary without ever being

asked.

### **Tell us about your morning ritual or daily routine.**

I love "changing things up" (except when it comes to husband, family and friends!) and this likely comes from growing up in a military household where we moved fifteen times in the first eighteen years of my life! So, I have really enjoyed structuring my career to allow me to do something different almost every day. Just during this month of October (which is not representative of the rest of the year), I will teach three classes and a Greehey Scholars Program seminar on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, preside over an Eminent Domain hearing in court, attend Business Week lectures, travel to Seattle for the National Scholarship Provider's Conference, attend NACAC college recruiting fairs with St. Mary's Admissions in Miami and Phoenix, and bring eleven Greehey scholars to New York City to tour corporate headquarters and meet with executives for question/answer sessions. During my free time in October, I enjoyed eating out and going to the movies with my family, visiting my parents and sisters twice in Corpus, attending music concerts, Broadway plays and a Spurs game with Javier and family.

### **Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without?**

Besides family, I love animals, travelling the world, experiencing other cultures and seeing the beautiful world that God created especially on recent trips to China, Switzerland and Iceland. Javier and I are also confirmed "cruiseaholics" having gone on more than 30 cruises to destinations for zip lining, scuba diving and cave tubing. This certainly helps explain my extra pounds, but it is difficult to live without a good slice of New York pizza and Italian gelato!

### **What is the most influential advice you have received?**

I've been told both "Don't be afraid to say no" and "Don't be afraid to say yes." Both have come in handy on my career path. When my plate has been full, I have found that trying to do too much can lead to regret. Just the same, accepting a new adventure can be personally fulfilling. What's your favorite moment of your career so far? From day one of my legal career all the way to present day, I still feel the excitement of walking into the court house knowing that I can make a positive difference in a client's life. From drafting an estate plan to probating someone's will, to garnering success in a trial, to helping someone terminate a violent marriage, to helping a family adopt a

child, I feel blessed to have been able to practice law and help people solve their problems. On the academic side, I love to see my students succeed, whether it is in a class or landing a dream job on Wall Street or with a charity. What's the best career advice you can offer to others? Being in the right place, at the right time, with the right credentials is key to new opportunities. It is okay to attend a networking event with co-workers or friends. But, once you arrive, you should make a point to meet new people. You never know who you will meet and what direction your life may change.

### **What are you most looking forward to about Autumn Affair?**

I have attended almost every Bench Brunch or Autumn Affair since 1993, often as a leader of some function, from treasurer, volunteer coordinator, decorations chair, Autumn Affair chair, or President to helping with live or silent auction and filling balloons. I am so excited to be able to truly enjoy the event, learn more about the beneficiary, Thru Project, and meet some new friends! I truly feel humbled to receive the Belva award and look forward to celebrating with everyone!

## **Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year: Amanda Neugebauer Crouch, J.D.**



Amanda Neugebauer Crouch is a native of San Antonio and a product of North East Independent School District. Upon graduating from Reagan High School, she attended the University of Texas at Austin where she obtained degrees in Public Relations and Political Communications. After a first career as a teacher, Amanda decided to attend law school 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. She was also a member of the George Washington

National Security Moot Court Team and the John Marshall Information Technology Moot Court Team. During law school, Amanda interned with the Texas Supreme Court and the United States Attorneys' Office. After graduating from Baylor, Amanda returned to San Antonio and began her career as a commercial litigator at Jackson Walker, LLP. At Jackson Walker, Amanda has represented clients in a wide range of litigation matters, including oil and gas disputes, creditor representation, financial institution disputes and defending personal injury claims. Amanda excels at providing legal solutions to complex problems, tailoring strategies to fit each client's specific need. She emphasizes efficiency in her practice and is frequently able to obtain a cost-effective resolution that fully achieves the clients' business goals. Amanda works tirelessly for her clients and sees her role as a partner with her clients in reaching their business goals.

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. As the granddaughter of the general

contractor for Hemisfair when it hosted the World's Fair in 1968, having the opportunity to serve Hemisfair in this capacity has been significant and meaningful. Amanda is active with the Junior League of San Antonio and currently sits on the Board of Directors as the Signature Project Chair. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the North East Educational Foundation where she has the opportunity to give back to the school district where she was raised. Amanda has been involved in local and state bar organizations since she began her practice in San Antonio. She 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. 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. As part of LeadershipSBOT, Amanda had the opportunity to learn from and be mentored by leadership from the state bar and network with young attorneys from across the state. Amanda is a member of the San

Antonio Bar Association and Inns of Court. She was recently awarded the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Attorney of the Year award by the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation.

In her spare time, Amanda enjoys traveling and trying new restaurants with her husband, Scott, and watching college football and the San Antonio Spurs.

### **Interview With Amanda:**

#### **What is your current job?**

I am a commercial litigation associate at Jackson Walker, LLP. I have been at Jackson Walker since I graduated from law school and am very thankful for a law firm that is supportive of me both professionally and personally.

#### **How long have you been a member of the BCWB? What's your best experience thus far?**

I joined Bexar County Women's Bar when I began my practice in 2013. I enjoyed getting to know other women in San Antonio and the incredible mentorship I obtained from women who had paved the way in this profession. My best experience so far is a tie but they both involve Shari Mao. In 2015, Shari and I co-chaired the inaugural Swearing In Ceremony for San

Antonio. It was exciting to begin a new tradition for the San Antonio legal community and it has been fun watching the event continue to grow over the years. In 2016, Shari and I co-chaired Autumn Affair. As co-chairs, Shari and I had the opportunity to work with so many amazing women who volunteer with or serve on the board for Bexar County Women's Bar. I continue to be amazed by the strength and energy of the women who are part of this organization and those two events will always be great memories!

**Tell us about your morning ritual or daily routine.**

I am admittedly not a morning person. After hitting the snooze button several times, I slowly start to get ready for work. I "try" to work out every day, which sometimes happens in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. On days when I do not work out in the morning, I make a pit stop at the Starbucks near my neighborhood before heading downtown to feed my coffee habit. My days at work are always varied with different client meetings, conference calls or drafting pleadings and discovery. As of late, I have traveled fairly frequently to West Texas or the Rio Grande Valley for hearings and depositions. In the afternoons, I either head to the gym or home to cook dinner. I love to cook and find it is a great stress reliever for me after a long day. After dinner, I either

have a board meeting or will spend time with my husband. I also try and see my parents at least once a week as they both live fairly close. On the weekends, I enjoy going to the movies and trying new restaurants in San Antonio. I also try to visit my nieces and nephew in Victoria about once a month for some "Aunt Amanda" time.

**Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without?**

Dark chocolate and good red wine.

**What is the most influential advice you have received?**

Failure is often a stepping stone to success.

**What are you most looking forward to about Autumn Affair?**

After co-chairing Autumn Affair last year, I am looking forward to enjoying the evening as a guest. I know that Rachel Skinner Fernandez and her committee have planned a fabulous event and I am excited to spend time with members of the local bar and judiciary as we give back to our community and honor the trailblazers of the Fourth Court who helped pave the way. I am also particularly looking forward to having my dad in attendance this year. Last year, he had open heart surgery two days before the event. I am thankful that he is able to celebrate with us this year!



Legal organizations, please join the St. Mary's University School of Law in carrying your organization's banner at the **65th Annual Red Mass, A legacy of faith and law** St. Mary's Law and the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invite you to select a representative from your legal organization to carry a banner into San Fernando Cathedral in the 2017 Red Mass procession. The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider of this year's Mass.

The Hon. Kevin Patrick Yeary, Justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will offer welcome remarks.

**Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.**, Banner representatives gather in the San Fernando Parish Hall **6 p.m.**, Red Mass begins

**San Fernando Cathedral  
115 Main Plaza**

**San Antonio, Texas 78205**

*For additional information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, St. Mary's University School of Law campus minister, at 210-436-3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).*





# October Luncheon Recap

The Bexar County Women's Bar would like to thank St. Mary's University School of Law Professor Laura H. Burney for delivering an excellent discussion on recent oil and gas case law at our October luncheon.



# ETHICS FOLLIES

ACC'S 20TH ANNUAL ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF  
ETHICS AT THE EMPIRE!

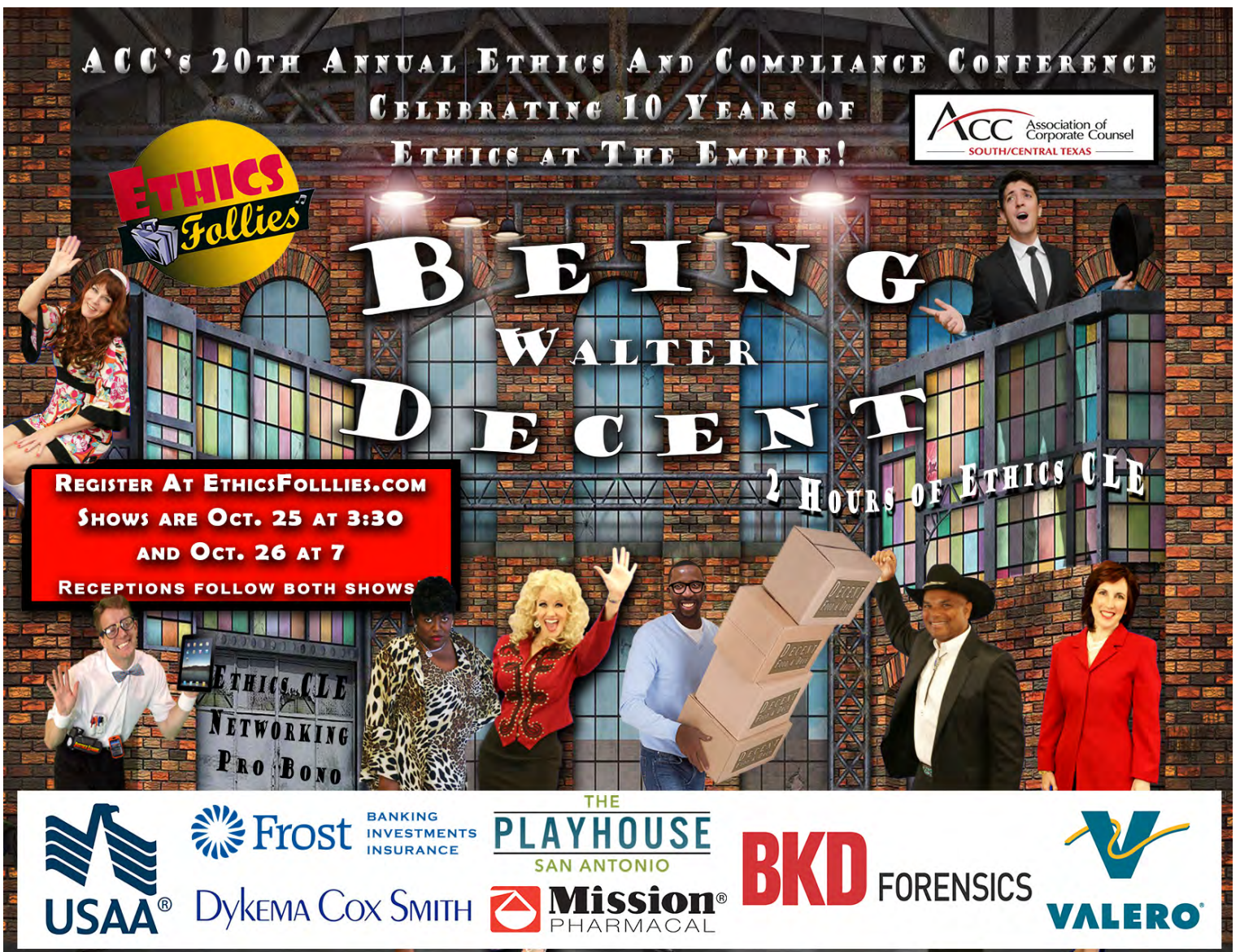









**BEING  
WALTER  
DECENT**

2 HOURS OF ETHICS CLE

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SHOWS ARE OCT. 25 AT 3:30  
AND OCT. 26 AT 7  
RECEPTIONS FOLLOW BOTH SHOWS

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# **BCWB Co-Hosting November Luncheon with SACDLA**

The Bexar County Women's Bar is thrilled to partner with the San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for the November luncheon. Please join us at Club Giraud on Tuesday, November 7, as we welcome guest speaker U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth "Betsy" Chestney. All SACDLA members will be able to attend the luncheon at the BCWB member rate. Hope to see you there!

For more information, please email [luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org](mailto:luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org)



# A MOVIE REVIEW OF WIND RIVER

**By Rachel Skinner Fernandez**

In the third installment from screenwriter, Taylor Sheridan, (*Hell or High Water* and *Sicario*) he makes his directorial debut and presents his audience with beautiful cinematography, strong acting performances, and a captivating mystery. The film opens at night with a scene of a young woman running barefoot through the barren, snow-covered fields in Wyoming surrounded by gorgeous snowcapped mountains in the distance. While she runs, the voice of a young girl reads a poem that begins with "There's a meadow in my perfect world . . ." You know right away you're in for a heart-wrenching story.

The film focuses on solving the mystery behind this young woman's frantic flight through the wilderness, which culminates in her death. Cory Lambert (played by Jeremy Renner), a federal wildlife officer who hunts predatory animals at the Wind River Indian Reservation, teams up with

federal officer Jane Banner (Elizabeth Olsen) to solve the murder. Banner flies in from Las Vegas, fully unprepared for the winter conditions in Wyoming, and seems too green to handle this murder investigation on her own. Lambert convinces Banner that his knowledge of hunting and the landscape will reveal the secrets behind the murder. A gripping story follows as Banner struggles to navigate the intricacies of solving a murder in the snow-covered wilderness involving Indian Reservation land while also establishing herself as a capable FBI agent.

Since I loved both *Sicario* and *Hell or High Water*, I waited anxiously for Sheridan's directorial debut in *Wind River*. I felt deeply connected to the characters, and the beauty of the landscape throughout the film blew me away. Sheridan subtly brings light to the difficulties facing Native Americans on Indian reservations without going over-the-top with it. He

also showcases a strong female character who knows her limits but refuses to give up. Sheridan successfully challenges his audience with a complex story that draws out wonderful acting performances from the cast. I am

confident we will continue to see excellent work from him in the future.



# RESTAURANT REVIEW: THE RUSTIC

**By: Amanda Crouch**

As a fan of large patios and good beer, I knew I had to try The Rustic. The Rustic is an expansive indoor/outdoor restaurant and bar located in The Rim next to Bowl and Barrel and the General Public. The restaurant is the second of its kind with the original in Dallas and a new location opening in Houston in 2018. It is co-owned by Pat Green who was on hand for the opening celebration and VIP party in September.

The restaurant and outdoor patio are much larger than they appear on the outside. The facility contains close to 28,000 square feet, with much of that square footage on a large outdoor patio complete with misters and fans. There are lots of televisions to showcase sporting events and two outdoor bars. On the corner of the patio, there is a stage set up for live music.

The drink menu is expansive with lots

of craft beers, great wine selections and a variety of cocktails, including some unique frozen cocktail options. I had a frozen Moscow Mule that was perfect for a warm Sunday afternoon.

In addition to beverages, my table enjoyed a Texas goat cheese appetizer, which was perfectly roasted garlic and goat cheese on wood-grilled baguettes. In short, they were amazing.

The food portions are generous, particularly on Sundays where the restaurant features its "Sunday Supper." On Sundays, each restaurant attendee can select an entree and will receive unlimited sides. I chose the hand-fried chicken and it was delicious. It had a unique sweet and spicy breading and the chicken was juicy and tender. The sides also had a Texan flair, including southern cornbread, black bean and corn hominy and potato salad. Their regular lunch and dinner menu

features other items such as the Rustic Burger that is rumored to be delicious and family-style taco options, including carnitas and brisket. I definitely need to make a trip back for lunch or dinner during the week!

Overall, it was a great dining experience. The drinks were tasty, the food was delicious and the atmosphere was relaxing, which was just what this girl needed on a

Sunday afternoon!

The Rustic is located at 17619 La Cantera Parkway, Suite 204. Hours are:

Monday – Thursday, 11am – 12am

Friday, 11am – 2am

Saturday, 10am – 2am

Sunday, 10am – 12am

The menu is here:

<http://therustic.com/kitchenbar/>





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## **Do you have what it takes to LEAD?**

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation has released the [application](#) for the second LEAD Academy class! Are you a woman attorney? Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to grow professionally and personally through an incredible program just for women attorneys. There's no reason not to apply – this opportunity is for YOU!

The LEAD Academy is a leadership-development program born out of a desire to assist women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, in their communities, and in the legal profession. The LEAD Academy aims to achieve this goal by teaching participants to: Lead in a way that is authentic and effective; Empower themselves with self-awareness and self-confidence; Advance in their firms or organizations; and Develop robust professional networks. The 2018 LEAD Academy will begin in January with a welcome mixer and speed networking event in San Antonio, followed by a two-day symposium in Marble Falls. The formal curriculum continues throughout the year with quarterly seminars and a

graduation celebration, and informal events will be interspersed between the formal seminars to build on the lessons learned at the seminars. Faculty members include local and national experts on wide-ranging topics related to many aspects of leadership.

Visit the LEAD webpage [here](#) or download the [application packet](#) for more information. The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation and the LEAD Academy Steering Committee sincerely appreciate your interest in the development and advancement of women in the legal profession. For questions regarding the application and selection process, contact LEAD Academy Class Liaison Marissa Helm at [marissahelm@gmail.com](mailto:marissahelm@gmail.com). For additional program information, contact LEAD Academy Director Tiffanie Clausewitz at [tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com](mailto:tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com).

# **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BCWB/SAYLA ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017  
Kiddie Park  
5-7pm**



**Our annual Kiddie Park Halloween event is coming up! Admission is free to BCWB and SAYLA members, and we'll have the entire park to ourselves. Bring the kiddos in their costumes for a fun night out! Pizza and drinks will be provided for the kiddos. BYOB for adults!**

# BCWB Lites

On September 18, Christine Reinhard welcomed the birth of her first grandchild, Cody Coleman Chance (future Aggie class of 2040).



BCWB Member Lauren Horne, her husband Justin, and daughter Hailey welcome Hannah Charlotte Horne on September 20, 2017. 7 pounds, 20.5 inches long.



## **Congratulations to Tiffanie Clausewitz - San Antonio Business Journal Outstanding Lawyer Class of 2017**



The San Antonio Business Journal 2017 class of Outstanding Lawyers award winners were honored at a luncheon Oct. 5 at the Club at Sonterra.

The winners are chosen from dozens of nominations by a panel of their peers, all of which are former award winners themselves. BCWB's Tiffanie Clausewitz was selected among the winners, in part for her work with LEAD Academy. Congratulations Tiffanie!

# 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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