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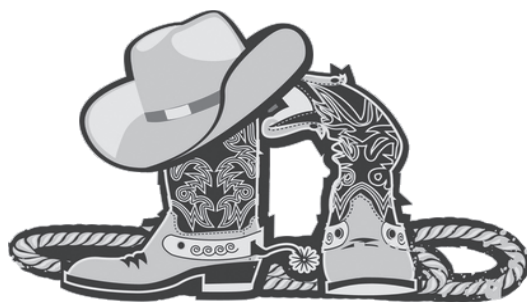
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2012 Peacemaker Awards Rodeo Round Up, Jan. 28

Saddle up and mosey on down to the 2012 Peacemaker Awards "Rodeo Round Up" on **Saturday, January 28** at Leon Springs Dance-Hall! Don your Western duds and help us honor the unsung heroes who have contributed to peacemaking efforts in our community.

We need your help, y'all! Sponsors for the event are essential to ensure the continuation of community peacemaking programs and other charitable projects the Foundation supports. As in the past, sponsors will receive a specific number of admissions and other perks. And, those who attend are guaranteed to enjoy good grub, tasty brew and boot-scootin' tunes, courtesy of the Scott Taylor Band. Sponsorships are available at \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500 levels. Download a sponsorship form at bit.ly/PeacemakerSponsor12. For additional information, contact Jennie Badger at 210.227.8822 or jennieb@sabar.org.

So grab your pardner and get ready to rodeo with the San Antonio Bar Foundation!

SAVE THE DATE:

Bexar County Holiday, 1/2
February *Subpoena* Deadline, 1/10
Bexar County Holiday, 1/16
CJP St. Mary's Wills Clinic, 1/17
Last Chance Videos, 1/19-20
Ethics Follies Video, 1/25
SABA Monthly Luncheon, 1/26
SABF Peacemaker Rodeo Roundup, 1/28

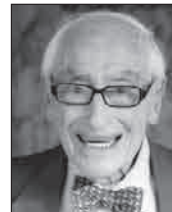
Introducing the 2012 Peacemaker Honorees!



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2012, Jump On The January Rollercoaster Ride!

Life brings us changes all the time. That we know. So you will not be surprised to learn that 2012 should be one big Rollercoaster ride. January gets it all started.

ELECTIONS this year have had an auspicious start. As of press time the Primary elections will be April 3rd. On **JANUARY 9**, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in regard to state and congressional lines. For those at the Courthouse, this will be an extraordinarily active election year. There are 19 local judicial races — all contested. The Supreme Court may decide legislative lines, but you get to vote for who you want deciding your court cases next year.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE. We are all for it. As lawyers we fight for the right to air our clients' grievances in court. But in Austin, a good ol' fashioned brouhaha between the Family Lawyers (and others) and our own State Bar and Supreme Court is ready to boil over. On **JANUARY 20**, there will be an open hearing of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors to hear from the Uniform Forms Task Force set up by the Texas Supreme Court. A recommendation from the State Bar to the Texas Supreme Court on the proposed forms for use in family law by *pro se* litigants is being considered.

The **BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE** is currently a Mecca for architects and contractors. Who better to provide us with the history and future of construction changes than **JUDGE NELSON WOLFF?**

When will the eight courtrooms in the Justice Center and the new Presiding Court on the first floor of the Courthouse be finished? Will the new two-story courtroom plans finally be revealed? How will it be utilized? What can we expect from the new historical center and gift shop? Will the ugly four-story box stuck to the back of the courthouse for the past 39 years be torn down, and where will they relocate the five courts in that building? Find out the answers on **JANUARY 26** at the SABA luncheon at the Plaza Club.

We won't have to wait long to find out if the four-story addition will be coming down. On **JANUARY 27th**, the **TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION** grants their next round of awards. If Bexar County's 3.1 million dollar grant is accepted, then those five courts (224th, 285th, County Courts 3 and 10 and the basement Child Support Court) will need to start looking for a new home. You may not be aware that there is another addition

on the 2nd floor of the west side of the Courthouse. That is also part of the grant proposal to be removed. If the second floor addition goes, then the Sheriff loses his entrance for prisoners and the 57th District Court and County Court 5 both lose their courtrooms. That's a total of seven evicted courtrooms.

With all of this controversy, let's give peace a chance. Our San Antonio Bar Foundation **PEACEMAKER AWARD** celebration has abandoned the tux and has gone **COUNTRY**. Get ready to shed all of the bickering and kick up your heels on Saturday **JANUARY 28** at the Leon Springs Dance Hall. This fun event will not diminish the importance of the awards to three deserving recipients. Retired Brigadier General M. Scott Magers is honored as our Attorney Community Service award recipient; Rackspace will be receiving the Corporate Community Service Award and Bill Sinkin is this year's Peacemaker Award honoree.

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2012 Texas Bar Foundation call for nominations

The Texas Bar Foundation is calling for entries for the 2012 Award Program! We are pleased to announce a new award, the Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award. The Texas Bar Foundation awards categories include the following:

- **Dan Rugeley Price Award** recognizes an attorney who is an accomplished legal writer and researcher.
- **Lola Wright Foundation Award** is given to an attorney who exemplifies the highest standards of legal ethics.
- **Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award** recognizes an attorney whose practice spans 50 years or more and adheres to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to the public.
- **Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award** is awarded to an attorney who has demonstrated high ethical and moral standards and has demonstrated exceptional professional conduct, thus enhancing the image of the trial lawyer.
- **Samuel Pessarar Outstanding Jurist Award** is given to an active, current Federal or State judge who has served on the bench for a minimum of 10 years and exhibits an exceptionally outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency, and integrity.
- **Outstanding Law Review Article** which honors an article published by one of the Texas law schools.
- **NEW! Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award** recognizes an attorney who exhibits an outstanding appellate practice and strong moral compass while maintaining a strong commitment to providing legal services for the underserved and mentoring of young lawyers.

For Additional information and a nominations form please visit our website at bit.ly/txbf2012nominations. The deadline for submission is January 13, 2012 at 5 p.m.

Support the CJP for a chance to win a fabulous 7-Night Cruise!

Drawing to take place at the January 26 SABA luncheon

The Community Justice Program is excited to announce that it is holding a raffle for a 7-night Caribbean cruise! This exciting chance for a tropical dream vacation will benefit the CJP. The amazing trip is through the Holiday Cruise Company travel agency and will be for a 7-night cruise aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's beautiful ship, the Mariner of the Seas. The February 26, 2012 sailing will visit the Western Caribbean ports of Cozumel, Belize and Roatan, Honduras. This trip for two people leaves from Galveston and will include a balcony cabin aboard the luxury liner, as well as transportation from San Antonio to Galveston aboard a chartered, private bus. You won't have to

worry about driving to the ship or parking your car and will be delivered right on the side of this gorgeous cruise ship. The value of this vacation is more than \$2,500 and can be yours by purchasing one raffle ticket at \$25 or five for \$100. Tickets can be purchased at the San Antonio Bar Association offices or online at www.sabar.org. **The drawing will be held at the January 26, 2012 San Antonio Bar Association luncheon** at the Frost Bank Plaza Club — you do not need to be present to win. Please visit www.sabar.org for a complete list of raffle rules. For more information, contact CJP Administrative Coordinator Suzanne Dewalt at 210.227.8822 x26 or via email at suzanned@sabar.org.

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The San Antonio Bar Foundation

To more accurately reflect the purpose of the San Antonio Bar Foundation, its Board of Trustees approved the following revised Mission Statement on December 13, 2011:

The San Antonio Bar Foundation enhances the rule of law and the system of justice in Bexar and surrounding counties by soliciting contributions and providing funding and facilities for programs that relate to ethics in the legal profession, the administration of justice, legal assistance for the indigent, and legal scholarship and publications.

SABF & St. Mary's University School of Law to host 18th Annual People's Law School, Feb. 18

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2012, the 18th Annual People's Law School will be held at St. Mary's University School of Law. Free and open to the public, the seminar is designed to provide basic legal concepts on three primary topics or "Tracks": Elder, Family and Business Law.

Participants may sign up for the track that is most relevant to them and attend up to four 45-minute classes on those topics, which are taught by local attorneys. For example, the Elder Law track will include: "Living Wills and Powers of Attorney," "Social Security Disability & Social Security," "Wills" and "Managing Your Money."

Sponsored by the San Antonio Bar Foundation (SABF) in conjunction with St. Mary's University School of Law, the People's Law School allows participants to ask questions and speak personally with the instructors. "The SABF is pleased to offer these classes to the general public," said Richard Loza, an attorney who serves as Project Director for

the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Family Justice Center and as chair of the event. "Those who attend get their questions answered for free, and the attorneys who participate can feel good that they donate their time for a worthy cause. It is a beneficial situation for everyone."

St. Mary's University School of Law is located at the intersection of Culebra and 36th Street and participants are asked to enter from the NW 36th Street entrance. Like the seminar, parking is free. Light refreshments will be offered.

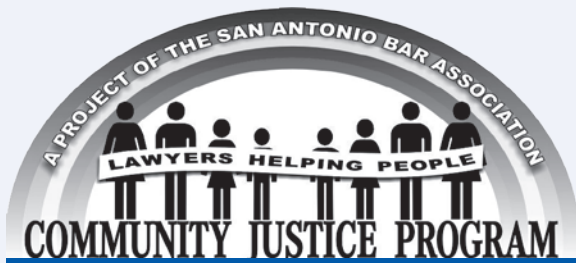
The mission of the SABF is to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Bexar and surrounding counties by soliciting contributions and providing funding and facilities for programs that relate to ethics in the legal profession, the administration of justice, legal assistance for the indigent, and legal scholarship and publications.

If you would like to receive fliers and/or more information, please contact Jennie Badger at jennie@sabar.org or 210.227.8822 x25.

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SAVE THE DATE! The Community Justice Program is excited to announce the date for our 2012 CJP Celebrity Golf Tournament. Our tournament will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012. The tournament will again be held at the beautiful Golf Club of Texas at Briggs Ranch. Be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned to the Subpoena and SABA email blasts for more details to come soon. If you are ready to reserve your foursome's spot or commit your sponsorship, contact the CJP at 210.227.8822 x26 or suzanned@sabar.org.

Volunteer of the Month Program Last month the CJP started its Volunteer of the Month program. Each month we highlight a CJP volunteer that has gone above and beyond or done an exceptional job with the CJP. The January CJP Volunteer of the Month is **Charla Davies**, a long-time CJP volunteer with Langley & Banack, Inc. Charla has participated in the program since its early years. Despite the demands of work and family, Charla rallies her co-workers to participate and often works on two or more *pro bono* cases throughout the year. Often attending the clinics with Charla is her son, Connor Davies, who may be training to be a future CJP volunteer attorney. We thank Charla for her hard work, commitment and dedication to the program.



Above: Stacy Foushee, Kathryn Stephens, Mark Cannan and Carolyn Guerrero from Clemens & Spencer take time from their busy schedules to volunteer at the CJP's November TRLA clinic.



Right: Newly licensed attorney Alysian Thomas volunteers at her first Veterans clinic in November.

If you would like to volunteer to “Just Take One” pro bono case, we welcome and appreciate your participation. Volunteer attorneys are eligible to receive 5.0 hours of free CLE credit, including one hour of ethics, for taking a case. The Community Justice Program will hold a Wills Clinic during the month of January.

- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at St. Mary’s University Center for Legal & Social Justice, 2507 NW 36th Street, San Antonio, Texas 78228. Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. – WILLS CLINIC

If you need to finalize your CJP case or have questions about a current CJP case, please contact Suzanne DeWalt at suzanned@sabar.org or 210.227.8822, x26. Please visit our website at www.sabar.org/cjp for the full 2012 clinic calendar.



Volunteer attorneys from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and mentors Cheryl Wilson and Biff Pennypacker at the November 15 Texas RioGrande Legal Aid clinic



Members of the SABA Mentoring Committee, pictured with Judge Larry Noll and mentor Cheryl Wilson, volunteered at the November TRLA clinic.

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The AT&T Excellence in *Pro Bono* Legal Service Award

The AT&T Excellence in *Pro Bono* Legal Service Award is designed to encourage law students to develop a strong commitment to pro bono legal service while in law school, with a goal toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. The award recipient will provide legal and administrative support to the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program ("CJP") by serving as a student intern.

One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester to receive a \$2,500 award based on the eligibility criteria outlined below.

Student Eligibility

Presented to a St. Mary's University School of Law student who:

- a. Is a 2L or 3L student, based on accumulated class credit;
- b. Is in the top 33% of his or her class and is a student in good standing;
- c. Submits (i) an application; (ii) a one-page letter of recommendation; and (iii) an essay discussing the importance to the applicant, and to society as a whole, of pro bono legal service (essay limited to two pages, double spaced); and
- d. Commits to serving as a CJP intern for a minimum of 5 hours per week for at least 12 weeks per semester.

The award recipient will be selected by a three-member application committee comprised of one representative from AT&T, the CJP Director, and one of the Bexar County judges who serves as a liaison to the CJP.

Applications are available at bit.ly/spring2012probono. Application, essay and letter of recommendation must be submitted electronically to the CJP Director, Amanda R. Buckert, at amandab@sabar.org and to CJP Administrative Coordinator Suzanne DeWalt at suzanned@sabar.org.

Deadline for submission for the spring 2012 semester is Friday, February 3.



CORRECTION! Attorney James Rodriguez's award photo was inadvertently omitted from the December issue. James (pictured on the far left) tied with Tammy Wincott (second from right) for most CJP cases taken by an individual attorney in 2011. Congratulations James, and thank you for your support and dedication to the Community Justice Program!

CJP Cookbook

Do you have a recipe for a delish dish, scrumptious sweet or amazing appetizer that you want to share with the San Antonio legal community?



If so, please consider submitting the recipes for all your culinary creations to the first ever CJP Cookbook. This cookbook will benefit the CJP and be a perfect gift or addition to your kitchen collection. We will be collecting recipes from all members of the legal community: lawyers, judges, paralegals, Auxiliary members, all spouses, clerks, court reporters, etc. to be included in the cookbook, which will be printed in 2012. You can submit your recipes via our online form at www.sabar.org. For any questions, please contact Amanda Reimherr Buckert or Kim Palmer at 210.227.8822. Thank you for your submissions, and let's get cooking!



November CJP Volunteer of the Month Prof. Geary Reamey is recognized by Justice Sandee Bryan Marion at the December SABA/SABF holiday luncheon



December CJP Volunteer of the Month Steve Fogle shakes hands with Justice Sandee Bryan Marion as he receives his certificate at the December SABA/SABF holiday luncheon

Volunteers from Langley & Banack, Inc. (including future lawyer Connor Davies) attend the November 15 CJP clinic at TRLA.



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Alpha Home luncheon honoring Judges Sakai and Herr

Almost 400 guests attended Alpha Home's sixth annual Doorways of Hope fundraising luncheon on November 8 in the Rosenberg Sky Room to honor the spirit, courage and hope of the women who have recovered from chemical dependency and the dedicated Alpha Home staff who have led them there. Alpha Home Board of Director members Gaye Litton and Steven Bull were co-chairs of the luncheon, which raised a record amount of money to fund Alpha Home's very successful residential, outpatient, outreach services, and program initiatives in the future.

Judge Peter Sakai (225th District Court, Family Drug Court) and Judge Maria Teresa "Tessa" Herr (186th District Court, which oversees Felony Drug Court) were honored. Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff introduced the honorees. Other judges in attendance included Judge Barbara Nellermeoe, Judge Monica Gonzalez, Judge Victor Negrón and former judge Michael Mery. Former judge (and the Alpha Home luncheon honoree in 2007) John J. Specia, Jr. and Judge Ernie Glenn also attended.

In her comments to the audience, Judge Herr said: "It was an unexpected pleasure to be honored at Alpha Home's annual luncheon. I first learned about Alpha Home, when I began presiding over the Felony Drug Court in 2006. Drug courts are part of a new movement in the United States that deals with issues like substance abuse and mental illness, in a manner significantly different from the old way of doing things. The focus of the problem-solving courts is rehabilitation rather than incarceration. The statistics being gathered by these courts show how effective this model is. But the program is only as good as the quality of treatment provided. Treatment providers who participate with Drug Court are called upon to really go the extra mile...and that is an understatement. Being part of a drug court team means attending weekly staffings at the courthouse;



Photos by Roberta Barnes

Left to right: Judge Nelson Wolff, honoree Judge Peter Sakai and Julie Wisdom-Wild (CEO of Alpha Home)

Left to right: Judge Nelson Wolff, honoree Judge Maria Teresa "Tessa" Herr with Julie Wisdom-Wild

attending Drug Court at least once or twice a week; and ensuring each participant attends counseling several times a week. Some treatment providers find these requirements quite daunting, but Alpha Home never blinked. Even when funding was tight or nearly non-existent, Alpha Home never said no. Today, they continue to provide in-patient and outpatient treatment, and support through their alumni group. They treat the whole person: body, mind and spirit. And the results speak for themselves. Alpha Home is a jewel of our community. It has been the highlight of my professional career, to have participated with Drug Court and to have worked with Alpha Home and their wonderful staff and counselors. It is no small thing to see someone turn their life around, and that's what is happening day after day in Drug Court."

Judge Peter Sakai said "It was my privilege to serve as a guest of honor at Alpha Home's 2011 'Doorways of Hope' luncheon.

Substance abuse is epidemic in our community, especially among disadvantaged families, so I whole-heartedly support the mission of Alpha Home for transforming lives and restoring families. Under the leadership of Julie Wisdom-Wild, the CEO of Alpha Home, it continues to take impressive strides to increase residential capacity and provide the best services for chemically dependent women. Alpha Home provides a path from the courthouse to the community. It has successfully created a pathway of rehabilitation of parents becoming clean and sober; a pathway of restoration of putting families back together again; and a pathway of redemption of people getting a second chance in life. Please support Alpha Home in making San Antonio a better place to live for children and families."

Mary Duane Dawson received the Alpha Home "Angel Award" for her humanitarianism and compassion as an Alpha Home board member and longtime volunteer.

Alpha Home offers special thanks to Lee Cusenbary, General Counsel for Mission Pharmacal Company (and the creator of Ethics Follies® in 2006), who wrote and directed a short drama vignette for the Alpha Home luncheon starring two well-known local actors: Anna Gangai and Victor Trevino. Lee, Victor and Anna all donated their time to create and perform the play. Lee said he didn't hesitate to donate his time because of his personal experiences with the destructive repercussions of alcoholism: "My sister died of alcoholism and its complications, so I am happy to help Alpha Home any way I can. I am amazed at how our country is in denial about this problem, so if my play helps even one person to open their hearts and checkbooks to help Alpha Home, I will be thrilled."

For more information on Alpha Home, please call 210.735.3822 or visit the home's website at www.alphahome.org.

Court Jesters play the Majestic, open for Huey Lewis & the News!



Photo by Hugh McWilliams

Check out the Jester's
newly launched website,
www.courtjestersband.com!

After winning a JACK-FM competition, The Court Jesters opened for the legendary Huey Lewis & the News at the Majestic Theater on Sunday, October 30.



Photo by Kim Palmer



Photo by Kim Palmer

Standing, left to right: Judge Sol Casseb, III, Michael Jackson, Bobby Treviño, Ruben Barrera, Joe Casseb, Huey Lewis, Stephen Barrera and Mark Luitjen

Kneeling, left to right: Doug Walsdorf, Brett Rowe and frequent "Guest Jester" Bobby Rey

Committee Corner

FEDERAL COURTS COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of its Chair George Parker, the Federal Courts Committee (FCC) held its semi-annual Federal Judges Dinner at Club Giraud on November 30. Chief Judge Biery began the evening with a toast to District Judge Sam Sparks and Bankruptcy Judge John Akard, both of whom have generously given their time to help with the heavy caseload in the short-handed Western District. Other judges have been helping out as well, including Judge Hudspeth.

Magistrate Judge Nowak. Judge Biery also toasted retiring Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein Nowak, who was first appointed to the bench in 1989. The tributes to, and expressions of appreciation for, Judge Nowak echoed around the room, and deservedly so. Magistrate Judge John Primomo described Judge Nowak as “dignified, gracious, and even-tempered”; and Judge Xavier Rodriguez pointed out that Judge Nowak will be missed not only locally, but nationally as well, given her years of outstanding service to the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts.

Local District Court Rules. Civil Law Subcommittee Chair Leslie Hyman and Magistrate Judges Subcommittee Co-Chairs Steve Allison and Megan Gillette reported on the proposed revisions to the Local District Court Rules that — after thorough vetting and tweaking — were presented to the District Judges for approval in early December.

Bankruptcy. Chief Bankruptcy Judge Ronald B. King announced that Bankruptcy Clerk George Prentice will be leaving in mid-January to become Bankruptcy Clerk for the Arizona District. Judge King also thanked Judge John Akard for filling in for Judge Clark, who will be returning to the bench on January 9, 2012, after several months. Co-Chairs of the Bankruptcy

Subcommittee Deborah Williamson and Jim Hoffman added that a committee will soon be formed to consider revisions to the Bankruptcy Court Local Rules.

Opportunity to Learn About Cutting-Edge Forensics. Criminal Law Subcommittee Co-Chairs Cynthia Orr and Russell Leachman reported about a joint project between SABA and SACDLA to present a program designed to bring attendees up to date on forensic science evidence. The exact time and place for the program are still being determined, but Orr emphasized, “The materials are incredible and include recorded experiments. . . . This is cutting-edge science.”

Civil Appointments Project. The Civil Appointments Subcommittee reported that there are now fifty-eight attorneys available for civil appointments. Appointments have already been made in twelve cases — seven of which remain pending, and five of which are now closed. To sign up for the civil appointment program, go to the Western District website (www.txwd.uscourts.gov), and click on the Forms button. From that drop-down menu, select Attorneys, Pro Bono Civil Appointments. This will take you to the page that includes a link for the Application/Questionnaire. Questions about the program can be addressed to Bob Kilgore or Sylvan Lang, who co-chair the subcommittee.

Trial of Santa Claus and Fox Tech Mock Trial. The Trial of Santa Claus and the Fox Tech Mock Trial are two of the projects of the Community Relations Subcommittee, headed by Ted Lee and Joe Hinojosa. Both events occurred on December 10. The annual Trial of Santa Claus took place in Judge Biery’s courtroom, and was followed by a reception. For the first time in seventeen years, Judge Ed Prado was not available to preside over Santa’s trial, but Judge Laura Parker stepped up to preside. This fun project — designed to teach elementary school students, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts about our legal system — would not be possible without the generosity and hard work of many volunteers from the U.S. Marshal’s Office and U.S. District Clerk’s Office. In the annual Fox Tech Mock Trial competition, Juniors and Seniors from Fox Tech’s law magnet high school have a chance to learn valuable litigation skills. This year’s problem was a civil matter, and once again Judge Xavier Rodriguez presided.

Decisions Annotations. Magistrate

Judge Nancy Nowak, reporting for the Decisions Annotations Subcommittee, said that the Federal Update column that has appeared in the San Antonio Lawyer for years may undergo some changes, due to the availability of similar sorts of annotations on Court Web, which can be accessed from the District Court’s website using the Notable Decisions pull-down menu. Court Web also provides a repository of civil jury instructions dating back to the 1990s. Judge Nowak took this opportunity to thank everyone, and to say that she enjoyed her work as a Magistrate Judge because, as she told her kids, she felt like it gave her an opportunity “to do the right thing every day.”

Constitution Day. Special Projects Subcommittee Co-Chair Soñia Ramirez confirmed that the Constitution Day Project will continue next year, and that the subcommittee will need the bar’s help to staff that program. Soñia also announced that the subcommittee now has a good supply of pocket Constitutions to hand out to the local high school students who participate in Constitution Day.

Construction at the Bexar County Courthouse. SABA President Gary Hutton reported about plans to construct a new Presiding Court on the first floor of the Bexar County Courthouse, and SABA President-Elect Andy Kerr adopted Gary Hutton’s report.

CLE for Handling Criminal Appointments. Co-Chairs Henry Bemporad and John Convery of the Criminal Appointments Subcommittee reported on the success of a recent CLE designed to train attorneys to handle criminal appointments. The CLE was presented here in San Antonio to excellent reviews, and was then repeated in Waco.

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Project. SBOT Director Alan DuBois reported about the very successful Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Project, which paired attorneys with Texas Veterans to memorialize the veterans’ stories and experiences for posterity. Alan also told the FCC about the joint SBOT-SABA project to offer a three-hour CLE to teach attorneys how to handle disability appeals.

Judge Primomo’s New Courtroom Deputy. Magistrate Judge John Primomo announced his new Courtroom Deputy, Christian Hunt, who graduated from Fox

Tech High School.

The FCC meets monthly except during the summer. Through the hard work of its active, committed members, the FCC makes substantial contributions to the San Antonio bar and community.

- Sara Murray, *Official Reporter*

MENTOR COMMITTEE

State Civil District Court Judge Larry Noll hosted us on December 16 in the new courtroom of the 408th District Court. Drop by and view it if you have not already done so. SABA President Gary Hutton joined us and introduced Judge Noll. Judge Noll presented the program, "On Mentoring Dos and Don'ts, and his updated Top 10 List." You would have received the written list if you had attended, but you had to attend to get the full benefit of the program, since Judge Noll went beyond the list in describing Dos and Don'ts. We thank Judge Noll for the presentation and we thank SABA and Administrative Assistant Liz Castillo for providing lunch and assisting with the arrangements. I would like to recognize the mentees and other mentors who attended: Isaiah Jackson, Allan DuBois, David Levine, Gabriel DeVega, new mentee Alysian Thomas, James Rodriguez and his guest and intern Jenny Zarka (who is a 2L at St. Mary's University School of Law), new mentee Robert Bondurant, Sara Dysart, new mentee Edith Brown, Barry Beer, new mentor Catherine Casiano, Marshall White, Jefferson Moore, Amber Nelson, Rudy Vasquez (and guest), Kathleen Church, Nathan Begley, Mike DeNuccio, Mark Laneman, Phil Bozzo, Jr., Sherry Barnash and upcoming presenter Dawn Bruner Finlayson. Thank you all for attending and being part of the Mentoring Program, which is one of the many benefits of the San Antonio Bar Association.

I am taking reservations for our next program. You are invited if you are a mentor or mentee, or potential mentor or mentee. Please send an email to robin@teaguelaw.com. On January 19, 2012, at noon, in the courtroom of the 224th District Court, we will present "A New Judge's Perspective on Courtroom Advocacy:

Tips from a former trial lawyer on things that are helpful to the Judge in arguments to the court; client preparation and inside insights on how our presiding system works" by State District Judge Cathy Stryker. The presentation will include tips for new lawyers on preparing for hearings on motions for summary judgments, motions to compel and interacting with the jury. SABA will serve lunch. MCLE credit in the amount of 1.0 hour. Please plan to stay after the program to help clean up the courtroom.

- Robin Teague, *Chair*

DISTRICT COURTS COMMITTEE

The SABA District Courts Committee met at Noon on December 1, 2011, in the conference room of the Bexar County Law Library. About 14 lawyers and District Judges Barbara Nellermeoe and Larry Noll were in attendance. Gary Hutton reported that there were no new developments with respect to the renovations under way at the Courthouse. Our guest speaker was Kim Tindall, CSR, RPR, of Kim Tindall & Associates. Ms. Tindall gave an excellent PowerPoint slide-show presentation, supplemented by real-time reporting by Tammy Pozzi. After a brief survey of the history of court reporting, Ms. Tindall explained the physical workings of a stenograph machine. Repeatedly, she emphasized that the court reporter has a duty of total impartiality. Among a wealth of information shared by Ms. Tindall were the following tidbits: The attorney hiring the court reporter, and his/her firm, are jointly and severally liable for the court reporter's fee. Rule 203.3(c) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure governs to whom a court reporter may sell a transcript, and Rule 199.1(b) says a Texas Certified Shorthand Reporter should not swear a witness over the phone. Attorneys, new and tenured, each learned something from the presentation. Next month's meeting will be at Noon on Thursday, January 5, 2011, and our guest will be James Ehler of the State Bar of Texas, who will discuss the attorney disciplinary process.

- Steve Weakley, *Chair*

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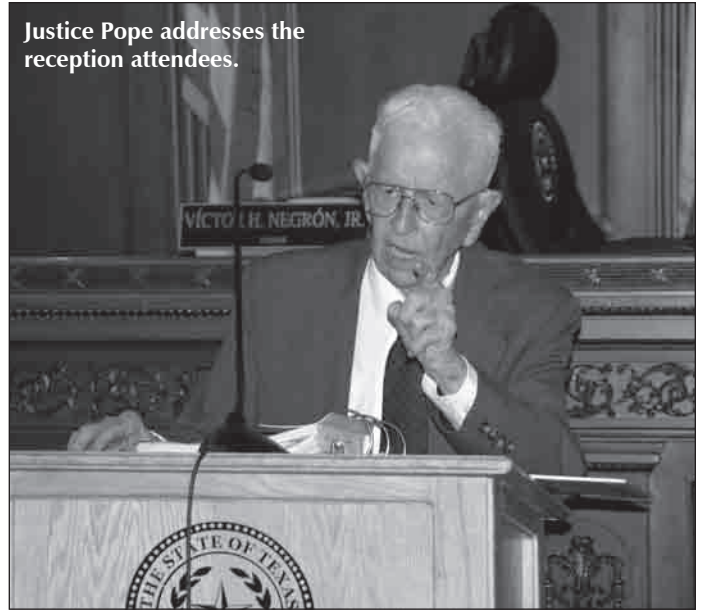
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Roy Barrera, Sr. greets Justice Jack Pope.

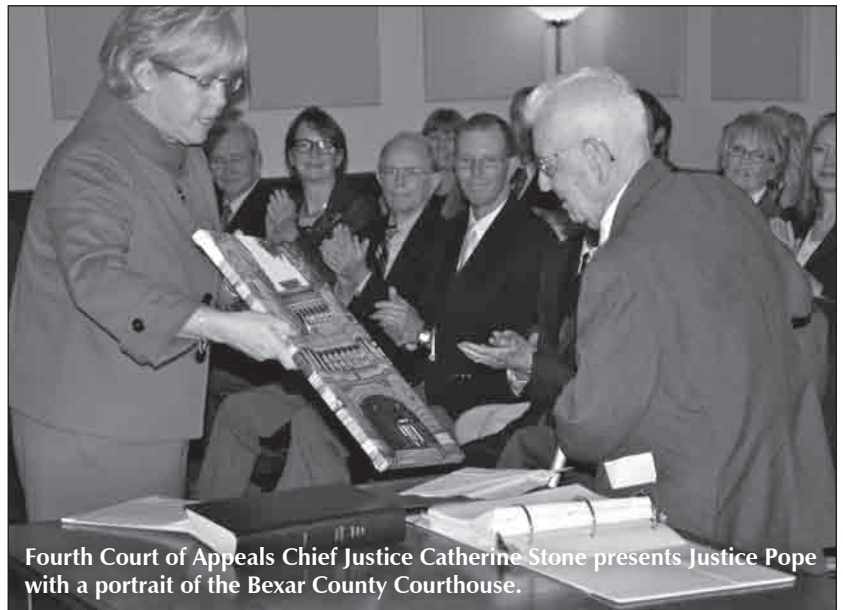


Justice Pope addresses the reception attendees.

Below: Supreme Court Justice Paul Green and Justice Pope search a 1912 bench/bar composite for Justice Pope's photo.



On December 2, the San Antonio Bar Association and the Fourth Court of Appeals sponsored a special meet-and-greet reception honoring Retired Chief Justice Jack Pope, who served longer as a judge than any Texas Supreme Court justice in history.



Fourth Court of Appeals Chief Justice Catherine Stone presents Justice Pope with a portrait of the Bexar County Courthouse.

Submit your nominations for the '12 Joe Frazier Brown, Sr. Award!

Nominations are now being accepted for the Joe Frazier Brown, Sr. Award of Excellence, created in 1994 for the purpose of recognizing an outstanding lawyer in the community.



Joe Frazier Brown, Sr.

The award was established as a long-term tribute in honor of Joe Frazier Brown, Sr., who had a distinguished career and also taught and influenced many attorneys throughout the years. He was the 150th District Court Judge from 1957 until 1963 and president of the San Antonio Bar Association from 1964 until 1965. Judge Brown died in 1993.

The award recognizes an attorney (or attorneys) who exemplifies all that is good about our profession. He or she should demonstrate the highest level of professionalism, exceptional skills as a counselor and advocate and such personal attributes as honor, integrity, service and intelligence. He or she should be a model of the Texas Lawyer's Creed and an inspiration for others in serving our clients and fulfilling our responsibility to the legal system.

The Joe Frazier Brown, Sr. Award of Excellence will be presented to the recipient(s) at the annual Law Day luncheon in May of 2012. Names of all recipients are permanently on display in the San Antonio Bar Association offices, located on the 5th floor of the Bexar County Courthouse.

Letters of nomination should be submitted to the San Antonio Bar Association, Bexar County Courthouse, Suite 500, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Nominations letters should be no longer than three pages and will be accepted though Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

St. Mary's University Announces Nelson Wolff Law Early Admission Program

Program will allow students to graduate with bachelors and law degrees in six years.

St. Mary's University will offer an early School of Law admission program starting in fall 2012 that will allow qualified undergraduate students to earn both a bachelor's degree and law degree in just six years. The program is named in honor of Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, who graduated in 1966 from St. Mary's with both bachelors and law degrees.


The Honorable Nelson Wolff Law Early Admission Program at St. Mary's University will allow St. Mary's students to enter law school after completing the third year of undergraduate study. Students' first year of law school will complete the final 30 hours of the undergraduate program, so that students complete both in six years, instead of seven. Included undergraduate degree programs are English, speech communications, criminology, philosophy, political science, sociology or international relations. The program offers advantages to motivated, talented students who want to save money by graduating in less time.

Additionally, St. Mary's graduates who meet certain conditions will be guaranteed admission to the law school. Students must apply to the School of Law within three years of graduating from St. Mary's, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and an LSAT score of 157 or better

to be considered for guaranteed admission. For specifics on both programs, visit www.stmarytx.edu/lawearlyadmit.

The University's strategic planning document, Vision 2012, called on the University to advance academic quality and innovation by considering combined and accelerated degree programs such as this one. The law school and the Graduate School also offer a combined J.D. and masters of public administration degree program.


St. Mary's University has been granted The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's Community Engagement Classification for institutional focus on community engagement, and is ranked No. 1 by Washington Monthly's 2010 "College Rankings — What Can Colleges Do for the Country?" for promoting community service, fostering scientific and humanistic research, and social mobility. Most recently, St. Mary's was named a Presidential Awardee by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition for service in higher education. St. Mary's University, as a Catholic and Marianist university, fosters the formation of people in faith and educates leaders for the common good through community service, integrated liberal arts and professional education, and academic excellence.



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Briefly

□ The **Tom Rhodes Law Firm, P.C.** is proud to announce that **Taylor Lauren Brzezinski** has become an Associate of the Firm. Brzezinski is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law.

□ **Peter H. Wickersham**, President of Peter H. Wickersham, P.C., was selected by his peers for inclusion in **The Best Lawyers in America® 2012** in the specialty of Health Care Law. Mr. Wickersham, one of only four attorneys in San Antonio who is Board Certified in Health Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, was previously recognized in 2010 and 2011. With over fifteen years of experience in the field of health law, Mr. Wickersham focuses on the representation of physicians and physician group practices in connection with business transactions, entity formations, federal and state regulatory matters and practice operations.

□ The **Law Offices of Kevin Collins** has hired a new associate, **Oliver Neel**. His responsibilities as associate will include representing clients, writing briefs and preparing cases for trial.

□ The Legal Team at **de la Riva & Associates** is pleased to welcome **Jesse Hernandez** as an associate to the firm. Mr. Hernandez is a St. Mary's Law School graduate who was honored in the June 2010 *Scene In S.A.* magazine as San Antonio's Best Lawyers 2010 – Criminal Defense. Mr. Hernandez has practiced criminal defense in Laredo and San Antonio, working in private firms, as an assistant public defender in Webb County, and in his former firm, Bennett & Hernandez. He has also handled personal injury cases and family law cases. Mr. Hernandez will continue to represent clients in both felony and misdemeanor criminal law cases, as well as continue his personal injury and general practice work at de la Riva & Associates. He can be reached at 210.224.2200 or jhernandez@delarivalaw.com at 13407 N.W. Military Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78231.

□ **BG (Ret.) M. Scott Magers** is being treated for a multiple myeloma cancer. He expects full remission of the disease, but has decided to end his mediation practice. He has found it to be extremely rewarding experience to work with the members of this bar and thanks the members of the bar for their friendship.

□ **Stephen M. Little** has become a partner in **Mani, Sloan and Little, PLLC**, formerly Mani & Sloan, PLLC, 20726 Stone Oak Parkway, Ste., 116, San Antonio, TX 78258.

□ Effective January 1, 2012, **Dawn M. Knepper**, a shareholder with **Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC**, has relocated to the firm's Orange County office in California. Her new address is 695 Town Center Drive, Ste. 1500, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; phone 714.800.7938; fax 714.754.1298; email dawn.knepper@ogletreedeakins.com.

□ **Graham Baker**, formerly of the Law Office of Graham Baker, P.L.L.C., has become an associate of Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans, P.C., 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 700, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

□ **Ann M. Leafstedt** joins the corporate & securities section at **Jackson Walker** as senior counsel. She provides general corporate representation, advising clients on the formation of entities, acquisitions, corporate governance issues, commercial loan transactions, contract negotiation, and other business matters. Ms. Leafstedt is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the San Antonio Bar Association. Ms. Leafstedt received her B.A., magna cum laude, from Williams College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her M.A. from Stanford University and her J.D., with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law, where she was lead articles editor of the Texas Environmental Law Journal.

□ **Robert Hayes, Agatha Rode and Rebecca Carrillo**, formerly at Vance & Whitley, L.L.P are pleased to announce that in August 2011, they formed the law offices of **Hayes, Rode & Carrillo, P.L.L.C.** This law firm provides services in the areas of family law, criminal law, and general civil litigation. Their office is located at 118 Broadway, Ste. 227, San Antonio, TX 78205.



On Saturday, December 10, SABA members, **Richard Loza** and **Cheryl Gafford** were recognized at the TRLA board meeting for **20 years** of dedicated service to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid and Bexar County Legal Aid Association.



Henry Christopher, long-time SABA member (pictured with his wife, Marjorie and to his left, son Craig) was recognized by Christian Senior Services of San Antonio when it named its Northeast Service Center Building, located at 13420 Nacogdoches, The Christopher Building, in recognition of the valuable services, time and resources that Henry and his family have devoted to the organization over the past many years. Christian Senior Services, founded in 1977, is one of the largest non-profit organizations in Bexar County and provides services to adults over the age of 55. It operates Grace Place Alzheimer's Activity Center and the Senior Companion Program, as well as its better-known Meals on Wheels program, which soon will prepare and deliver over a million meals annually in Bexar County. Making the presentation to Henry and his family is Bill Lemons, pictured on the left, also a long-time SABA member, and former President of the Christian Senior Services Board of Directors.

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Ethic Follies Video Presentations Return with Cloud 9, Jan. 25

Ethics Follies uses music and comedy, performed by local attorneys, physicians, judges and actors to raise awareness of the business and legal ethics issues, and it's now available to view monthly at the San Antonio Bar Association! If you missed the live performance in October, this is your opportunity to see Cloud 9 on DVD! Beginning in December, the video will be shown twice on the 5th floor of the Bexar County Courthouse on the last Wednesday of every month. The morning video presentation will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and the afternoon video begins at 2 p.m.

The 2011 Ethics Follies show is called "Cloud 9," and it's the story of a geeky IT employee of Decent Food and Drugs who has a lucky discovery that leads him to open his own cloud computing company. While the show covers serious ethics and compliance issues in an enjoyable way, it also reminds us about the positive financial impact of "doing the right thing." All businesses and law firms will benefit from the ethics issues raised. This year, we'll also see the emerging ethics issues for attorneys who use remote computing for their client's files.

The South/Central Texas Chapter of The Association of Corporate Counsel has hosted the ethics conference for 14 years in San Antonio. It is produced in cooperation with The San Antonio Bar Association, the San Antonio Bar Foundation and the Las Casas Foundation, which is donating the use of the Charline McCombs Empire Theatre. The net proceeds of both performances of Ethics Follies and the raffle benefit The Community Justice Program. To date, the South/Central Texas Chapter of The Association of Corporate Counsel has donated over \$75,000 to the CJP!

Registration is \$60 to SABA and ACC members and \$100 to nonmembers. Attendees will receive 2.0 hours of the most enjoyable, entertaining ethics CLE credit available! RSVPs to kimp@sabar.org are appreciated, but walk-ins are always welcome.

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SA Bar Auxiliary holiday projects and 2012 preview

By Martha Ann Franco

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary's annual Christmas Angel Tree project card gathering was held in the magical holiday wonderland home of Mary-Jean and Matt Stolhandske on Sunday, December 4. Many thanks go to Jere Lee who chaired this popular and important project. Jere works all year getting ready for the December gathering.

Thanks to members and friends of the Bar Auxiliary, almost 70 gift cards were collected and presented to Tiffany Denson, Child Advocates of San Antonio, for young people to use to shop, accompanied by an advocate, for clothes. It was a very successful afternoon, to say nothing about the delicious goodies provided by auxiliary members.

Coming up on February 7 is the HEB Cooking Class from 5-7 p.m. at the Central Market on Broadway. The class is limited in number so it will be first come first serve. Make your reservations now by calling Jacqui Rothermel at 210.219.3429 (cell) or home 210.653.4024.

Then, you won't want to miss the luncheon at Club Giraud on March 6 followed by a tour of the San Antonio River via chartered river barge. More details on that event next month but for now, just put it on your calendar.



Left to right: Carolyn Clark, Susan Hall, June McManus and Cindy Farney



Left to right: Jere Lee, Linda VanGaasbeck, Dee Dee Hutton, Sally Ball and Patsy Noll

The auxiliary members wish for you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a peaceful and meaningful Hanukkah. May each and everyone enjoy peace and happiness in this most joyous season!

January Calendar

- 2** BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.
- 3** SAN ANTONIO FAMILY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION. The Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **Noon**. MCLE: 1.0 hr. RSVP: kimlcox@sbcglobal.net.
- SAN ANTONIO LAWYERS SUPPORT GROUP, A CONFIDENTIAL MONTHLY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUP FOR LAWYERS SEEKING HELP OR SUPPORT WHILE HEALING FROM JOB STRESS, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, ADDICTION AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Room W105 (825 E. Basse Rd.) **6:30-8 p.m.** Speaker/topic: T.B.A. INFO: cameron.vann@texasbar.com; 800.343.8527.
- 5** SOUTH TEXAS ORGANIZATION OF PARALEGALS, INC. (STOP) MONTHLY CLE LUNCHEON. The Quarry Golf Club (444 E. Basse) **Noon-1 p.m.** Speaker/topic: Mark Sanchez. "Nuts and Bolts of Texas Employment Law — Useful Information for the Texas Paralegal." Cost: \$19.50/\$23. MCLE 1.0 hr. INFO: www.stopweb.org.
- 10** SABA CONSUMER & COMMERCIAL LAW SECTION MONTHLY MEETING. The Plaza Club. **Noon**. RSVP: 210.736.1772.
- COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION OF SAN ANTONIO MONTHLY MEETING. The Petroleum Club (8620 N. New Braunfels, Ste. 700). **Noon**. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. RSVP: 210.495.5180; mgayler@sbcglobal.net.
- DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE FEBRUARY SUBPOENA. INFO: kimp@sabar.org; 210.227.8822 x20.
- 11** SABA CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION. The Plaza Club. **11:45 a.m.** Speaker/topic: T.B.A. RSVP: 210.293.8700.
- ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL - SOUTH/CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **Noon-1:30 p.m.** Speaker/topic: T.B.A. Cost: \$10 members; \$20 nonmembers. MCLE: 1.0 hr. RSVP: accasouthcentral@yahoo.com; 830.336.2049.
- FBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING. The Quarry Golf Club (444 East Basse Rd.) **11:45 a.m.** Speaker/topic: Former Chief Justice of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and Mayor of San Antonio, Phil Hardberger. MCLE: 0.75 hrs. Cost: \$20 FBA members; \$25 FBA nonmembers; \$10 for qualified full-time law clerks of Federal judges and qualified active duty members of the USAF; \$8 for St. Mary's University School of Law students. MCLE: 0.75 hrs. RSVP: www.fedbarsatx.org; jporier@gmail.com.
- 12** SABA APPELLATE SECTION MONTHLY MEETING. Club Giraud. **Noon**. Speaker/topic: Judge Elsa Alcalá, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. "Introduction to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and Recent Cases." MCLE: 0.75 hrs. Cost: \$20 members/\$22 nonmembers. RSVP: gcanedo@langleybanack.com; 210.736.6600; smurray@langleybanack.com; 210.253.7116.
- SABA NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION MONTHLY MEETING. The Petroleum Club. **Noon**. Speaker/topic: "Estate Planning for Mineral Owners." MCLE: 0.75 hrs. Cost: \$20 members/\$30 nonmembers. RSVP: sclark@coxsmith.com; 210.554.5427.
- 13** SABA INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Plaza Club (Frost Bank Building). **Noon**. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. MCLE: T.B.A. Cost: \$20 members/\$22 non-members. RSVP: 210.220.1364; jramirez@mdtlaw.com.
- 16** BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
- 17** SABA FAMILY LAW SECTION LUNCHEON. The Palm (233 E. Houston). **Noon**. Speaker/topic: T.B.A. MCLE: 1.0 hr.; 0.25 ethics. Cost: \$16/\$20. RSVP: amber@momnd.com; 210.225.5567.
- SAN ANTONIO YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Paesano's Quarry (555 E. Basse Rd.) **11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.** Speaker/topic: Rich Reynolds, In-House Counsel at Frost Bank; Emilie Petty, Director of Law Alumni Relations and Development at St. Mary's University School of Law; and Andrew Froelich, Bexar County District Attorney's Office. "Lawyers Beyond Law Firms." Cost: \$15/\$18. RSVP: andrew.j.moon@gmail.com; 210.861.2200.
- COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM ST. MARY'S CLINIC - WILLS. St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice (2507 NW 36th St.) **5:30 p.m.** Info: 210.227.8822 x24.
- 19** SABA MENTOR COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING. 224th District Courtroom. **Noon**. Speaker/topic: Judge Cathy Stryker. "A New Judge's Perspective on Courtroom Advocacy." MCLE: 1.0 hr. INFO: 210.222.1739 x1.

January Calendar

19 **SAN ANTONIO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON.** The Palm. **Noon.** Open to members and invited guests. Speaker/topic: Tom Rhodes. RSVP: 210.224.8852.

LAST-CHANCE VIDEOS: ADV. REAL ESTATE DRAFTING 2011 (PART 1). 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. **8:30 a.m.** Applies to the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Real Estate Law. Walk-ins welcome. MCLE: 7.25 hrs.; 0.75 hr. ethics. Cost: \$75 members/\$125 nonmembers per day. INFO: 210.227.8822.

20 **LAST-CHANCE VIDEOS: ADV. REAL ESTATE DRAFTING 2011 (PART 2).** 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. **8:30 a.m.** Applies to the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Real Estate Law. Walk-ins welcome. MCLE: 5.75 hrs.; 1.25 hr. ethics. Cost: \$75 members/\$125 nonmembers per day. INFO: 210.227.8822.

SABA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION, MONTHLY MEETING. SAWS Cafeteria. **7:30-9 a.m.** MCLE : requested. RSVP: 210.299.3704.

23 **NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.** 924 Camaron St. **Noon.** Cost: \$15. RSVP: 210.227.3666.

BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCHEON WITH ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION. St. Mary's Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **Noon-1 p.m.** Speaker/topic: Panel covering a variety of topics regarding practicing in San Antonio. Cost: \$25; \$15 for students. No shows may be billed. RSVP: events@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

24 **SAN ANTONIO BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.** San Antonio Country Club. **5:30.** RSVP: 210.342.3121.

25 **JP & MUNICIPAL COURTS COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING.** First National Bank Building, 6243 W IH-10, Ste. 525. **Noon-1 p.m.** Speaker/topic: T.B.A. All members of SABA are invited to participate. RSVP: twincott@wincottlaw.com; 210.732.8477.

SALSA MONTHLY MEETING. Crown Plaza Hotel. **Noon.** RSVP: ccoats@coxsmith.com; bperez@coxsmith.com.

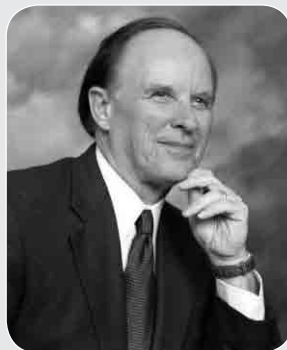
ETHICS FOLLIES VIDEO PRESENTATION OF CLOUD 9. 5th floor, Bexar County Courthouse. Morning: **9 a.m.**; Afternoon: **2 p.m.** MCLE: 2.0 hrs. ethics. Cost: \$60 SABA and ACC members; \$100 nonmembers. INFO: 210.227.8822.

26 **SABA MONTHLY LUNCHEON.** Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **Noon.** Speaker: County Judge Nelson Wolff. Cost: \$22 SABA & Plaza Club members; \$30 nonmembers. MCLE: 0.75 hrs. The winner of the CJP raffle for a 7-day cruise will be drawn! RSVP: 210.227.8822 x99.

27 **SABA ELDER LAW SECTION MONTHLY LUNCHEON.** Plaza Club (Frost Bank Tower). **Noon.** Speaker/topic: Ellen Pitluk, State Bar of Texas Ethics Helpline. "Issues in Ethics." RSVP: 210.735.9911; cbertsch@assistingse-niors.com.

28 **2012 SABF PEACEMAKER AWARDS RODEO ROUND UP.** Leon Springs DanceHall. **7 p.m.** Registration: bit.ly/PeacemakerSponsor12 INFO: jennie@sabar.org; 210.227.8822.

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