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Newsletter

August 2009

Young Lawyers Win First Place in Statewide Competition

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association (CCYLA) has been awarded first place by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in the Small City Single Project/Service to the Community category for 2008—2009. CCYLA won the award for its “They Had a Dream Too Local Edition” project. This project was an extension of the Texas Young Lawyers Association video *They Had a Dream Too: Young Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement*. That video documented the actions of high school and college students in support of the civil rights movement of the 60’s. In “Local Edition” 11th grade students were encouraged to learn about the local civil rights movement by interviewing and recording the oral histories of Coastal Bend residents who participated in the Mexican-American, African-American, Native American, and other civil rights movements. The results of the interviews were then compiled into museum-type exhibits and short oral and video documentaries. Those exhibits and documentaries were entered into regional National History Day competitions and will be displayed in local government offices and museums. They will also be placed in the Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History’s archives for use in the future by the Museum and researchers.

David Stith Submitted The Following and Requested That We Place It in the Newsletter for Your Consideration:

Opinion: “A Point to Ponder”

Upon walking out of court a few days ago, I saw two lawyers yelling and cursing each other up one side and down the other. They did not appear to be arguing their client’s positions but were instead shouting simply to see who could be the loudest. This is an all too familiar sight in today’s times and is typical of the “dog eat dog” mantra of every person for themselves.

I would like to make a modest proposal:

Let’s take a step back in time when our profession was one of camaraderie, brotherhood, and working toward the common good.

Thinking of the way things were in times long past, when the practice of law was not just a business but a profession of high repute, I am reminded of the framers of the constitution, many of whom were lawyers. I remember John Adams and his arguments on behalf of some of the most unpopular clients of the time (the British soldiers) and many other lawyers whose thoughts and ideals are embodied in some of our most valued documents. Now certainly not all lawyers in those times were “entirely honorable,” but the vast majority upheld the high standards of the profession.

More recently, there comes to mind the story of one of our fallen brethren, Doug Tinker. Although much has been said about Doug since his passing, this story bears repeating.

Doug received a phone call one day from a man who was charged with murder. The man had been talking to former client of Doug who told him if anyone could help, Doug Tinker could. After meeting

with Doug and telling his story, the man told Doug he did not have any money but did have the deed to his house. Doug told him he would never take a man’s home and said he would handle the case for free. A murder case, for free! Taking a murder case without compensation or at the least being court appointed is almost unthinkable today. After Doug passed on, Jimmy Granberry inherited the case and agreed to handle it for free as well. When the time for trial finally came, the battle raged fierce. Although the stakes were high on both sides, neither Jimmy nor the prosecutor, Michael Gordon, ever lost sight of what it meant to be an ethical hard working lawyer.

Does being ethical mean that we do not try our hardest to win and zealously represent our clients within the bounds of the law? No. But it does mean that we refuse to fight simply for the sake of fighting. We follow the ethical rules and ideals of our profession. For indeed the practice of law is not just a business, or even a career. The practice of law is the upholding of our most basic and valuable rights and is a noble and honorable profession. It is the prosecution and defense of cases that are the most important experiences our clients may ever go through. In many situations, we really do hold our client’s future in our hands.

As far as the story of Jimmy and the murder case, the verdict was not guilty; and the client broke down in tears. It is easy to lose sight of the high calling of the profession of law when faced with the daily tasks of plea bargains, mediated settlement agreements, and clients calling in hysterics; but I humbly suggest that we not forget our heritage and the respect and honor it is to be called an attorney and counselor at law.

Bar Dues Were Due July 1st

Have you paid your 2009 — 2010 dues yet? The new year started July 1st. Please check your records. If you have not yet paid them, you are asked to do so

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as soon as possible. Your payment of your dues without our having to mail another reminder will save CCBA’s resources. It also will ensure your continued access to the Doug Tinker Memorial Lounge in the Nueces County Courthouse as well as discounted CLE, Docket Calls, and notices concerning matters such as the FTC’s “Red Flag Rules.” If you have questions concerning your dues, please call us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at sguajardo@corpusbar.com.

Important Dates

AUGUST 2009

- 5 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 12 — CCBA Luncheon, Town Club
- 13 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 18 — Family Law Section Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 18 — CCBA Board Meeting
- 20 — CCYLA Happy Hour, Havana Club

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 2 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 7 — Labor Day Holiday, Bar Office Closed
- 9 — CCBA Luncheon, Town Club
- 10 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 15 — Family Law Section Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 15 — CCBA Board Meeting

OCTOBER 2009

Coat and Warm Blanket Drive Begins

- 1 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 2 — **Family Law Seminar, Ortiz Center**
- 7 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 14 — CCBA Luncheon, Town Club
- 20 — Family Law Section Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
- 20 — CCBA Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 2009

- Coat and Warm Blanket Project Ends;
Adopt a Family Project Begins
- 4 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
 - 5 — CCYLA Board Meeting
 - 6 — **Advanced Personal Injury Law Seminar, Ortiz Center**
 - 11 — Federal and County Holiday
Bar Office Closed
 - 12 — CCYLA New Lawyer/Judicial Reception
 - 17 — Family Law Section Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Comm. Rm. B, Tower II
 - 17 — CCBA Board Meeting

- 18 — CCBA Luncheon, Town Club
- 26 — Thanksgiving, Holiday, Bar Office Closed
- 27 — Bar Office Closed

DECEMBER 2009

- Adopt a Family Project Deliveries to Adopted Families
- 3 — CCYLA Board Meeting
 - 10 — CCYLA Holiday Party
 - 20 — Criminal Defense Holiday Party
 - 24 — Bar Office Closed
 - 25 — Christmas Holiday, Bar Office Closed

2010

- Criminal Defense Section Luncheon 1st Wednesday
- Young Lawyers Board Meeting 1st Thursday
- Corpus Christi Bar Association Luncheon 2nd Wednesday
- Family Law Section Luncheon 3rd Tuesday
- Corpus Christi Bar Association Board Meeting, 3rd Tuesday

Friday, November 5th, Advanced Personal Injury Seminar

Should you have any questions about any of the events, please call 883-4022 or e-mail dking@corpusbar.com.

Committee Volunteers Sought

President L. Gayle Nelson is making appointments to the different CCBA committees. If you would like to serve on a committee, please e-mail us at sguajardo@corpusbar.com, call us at 883-4022, or fax us at 883-0353. The CCBA committees are

- Computer/Website
- Continuing Legal Education
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CCBA New Member

We welcome the following new member:

Jane E. Lane, phone 866-553-8500

Is Your Photo Missing from the Pictorial Directory or Do You Wish to Update Your Photo?

Do your colleagues searching for your listing in the new Pictorial Directory find a gray block instead of your photo? Would you like a **free** and **easy** way to cure the "gray block syndrome" in the Pictorial Directory?

Your Bar Association offers a **simple** and **free** solution: Do as several of your colleagues have done. Stop by the Bar Office and let us take your photo for **free**. Then we shall not only ensure your photo is included in the 2010 issue of the Pictorial Directory, but we shall also provide you a digital copy if you so wish. Additionally, since we shall have a digital copy on file in the Bar Office, if you should ever want another digital copy of your photo for any reason, we shall provide it free.

Is your current photo in the Pictorial Directory the one you submitted when you first reported to town "lo those many years ago" or have you become better looking? You can also have your photo **updated free of charge**.

The procedure is quick and painless. We can do it in 15 minutes or less. All we ask is that you give us at least one day's notice of when you would like to come to have your photo taken so we can be sure to have the camera here to take your photo. If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at dking@corpusbar.com.

State Bar Annual Report Available For Download

The 2008 — 2009 State Bar of Texas Annual Report is available for download in the PDF format on the SBOT website, www.texasbar.com. The Report provides

brief descriptions of programs and departments of the SBOT and specific, quantifiable accomplishments over the past year in such areas as service to members, protection of the public, and sound administration of resources.

Local Pro Bono Opportunities Focus of July Luncheon

Nancy DeLong was the main speaker at the CCBA July Luncheon on the 8th at the Town Club. She explained the various forms of legal services that qualify for pro bono classification and opportunities to provide those services. Those in attendance obtained .75 hour of Continuing Legal Education in ETHICS. The following members of the judiciary were present: the Honorable J. Manuel Bañales, the Honorable B. Janice Ellington, the Honorable James E. Klager, the Honorable Robert J. Seerden, and the Honorable Michael J. Westergren.

Voluntary Reporting of Pro Bono Hours On Line

In 1992 The SBOT Board of Directors adopted a pro bono policy which establishes an aspirational goal of 50 hours pro bono legal services to the poor each year for each Texas attorney. Also established was an annual reporting system. In the past a form had to be mailed. Now voluntary reporting of pro bono hours is possible on the State Bar of Texas (SBOT) website, www.texasbar.com.

The definition of "pro bono," examples of qualifying service, and answers to frequently asked questions about the policy are provided on the SBOT website in conjunction with the information explaining how to make the voluntary filing on line. An estimated 75 percent of the legal needs of the poor are not being met. The pro bono policy is intended to encourage attorneys to do more to try to close that "gap."

At the same time the SBOT Board of Directors is continuing to take additional action such as emphasizing that this is a

societal issue that lawyers cannot address alone.

DWI/DUI Topic at Criminal Defense July Luncheon

Defense of DWI/DUI was the subject of the Continuing Legal Education presentation at the Criminal Defense Section's July Luncheon on at Marco's Catering. Randy Mack was the speaker. He explained means by which to cross examine prosecution witnesses with regard to the testing they may have conducted to support the DWI/DUI charge. Those in attendance obtained .75 hour CLE in Criminal Law.

Kelly Koch Provides Family Law Legislative Update

Kelly Koch made the Continuing Legal Education presentation at the Family Law Section's July Luncheon on Tuesday, the 28th. She summarized the changes in Family Law made during this year's meeting of the Texas Legislature. Those in attendance obtained .75 hour CLE in Family Law. The meeting was held in Community Room B of Tower II. It was agreed during the Luncheon that future Luncheons would be held there. Holding Luncheons there allows those in attendance to determine their own luncheon menu and luncheon cost. There are two "carry out" restaurants in the basement of Tower II, and there is another on the second floor. Additionally, attendees are able to bring in food from outside.

CCBA Members Register New Citizens to Vote



The Honorable Hayden Head addresses the Naturalization Ceremony attendees

Continuing a tradition started last year, members of CCBA spent the morning of July 4th registering newly eligible voters following the Naturalization Ceremony on board USS Lexington. Adding a personal touch, the Honorable Hayden Head asked the new citizens to sign the back of the copy of the Constitution which hangs in his office. Roberta S. Dohse, Joe Fulton, Coretta Graham, Augie Rivera, Joy Stewart, and Eric Stewart assisted with the registration of the new citizens. A poignant moment occurred when a new citizen whose native country is Peru and Augie Rivera met and he learned that she knows the parents of the Honorable Juliana C. Sircusa Rivera, to whom he is married.



Barbara Head inscribes the back of a copy of the Constitution explaining the signatures that followed



A new citizen signs the back of the copy of the constitution as others wait in line to add their signatures



Joe Fulton, foreground, reviews a registration form as new citizens complete their voter registration forms

CCBA Directory Errata Sheet

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