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April Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, April 12th, 12:00 p.m.

Congressman Solomon Ortiz International Center
402 Harbor Drive

Speaker: Ray Fleming, Insurance Network Service Company

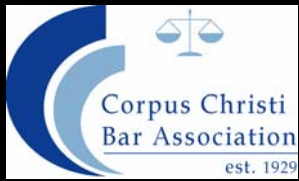
Topic: "Legal Malpractice Avoidance"

CLE Credit: 0.75 hour Participatory, **ETHICS**

Cost: \$16.00 per person for members, \$21.00 per person for non-members if reserved by noon, Tuesday April 11, 2006. Call the Bar Office at 883-4022 to RSVP or e-mail us at sgonzales@corpusbar.com. All reservations must be paid for. The cost at the door will be \$18.00 for members, \$23.00 for non-members

NOTE

ADDED ADVANTAGE OF ADVANCE RESERVATIONS — THOSE WHO RSVP IN ADVANCE WILL HAVE THEIR CLE ATTENDANCE CARDS PRE-POPULATED SO ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TO SIGN THE CARD (AND, OF COURSE, STAY FOR THE PRESENTATION) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THEIR CLE CREDIT — Just another service of your Corpus Christi Bar Association



Newsletter

April 2006

Judge Carl E. Lewis 2006 Cecil E. Burney Winner

The Honorable Carl E. Lewis, Judge of the County Court at Law 5, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2006 Cecil E. Burney Humanitarian Award. This award is given by the Corpus Christi Bar Association each year to the Nueces County Lawyer who best exemplifies the spirit of the late Cecil E. Burney, *i.e.*, untiring devotion and humanitarian involvement in all phases of the community. While consideration is given to nominees' standing and participation in the organized bar, the award is primarily based on the nominee's community service performed outside his/her professional life.

The award carries a cash stipend of \$750.00 which is given to a local charitable organization selected by the recipient. It is signified by an engraved silver bowl presented to the attorney selected for the award. Judge Lewis designated the Greenwood-Molina Nursery School as the recipient of the \$750.00 stipend. He was recognized for his selection as the recipient of this year's award at the March Bar Luncheon attended by over 80 attorneys. Several members of Judge Lewis's family were present as were the members of his staff.

An extremely well-rounded person, Judge Lewis first gained public notice by scoring the first touchdown ever scored for Moody High School. He went on to All-District and All-Ivy League honors, the latter while playing football for Yale University. A graduate of the University of Texas Law School, Judge Lewis returned to Corpus Christi to practice law.

Judge Lewis has served on and contributed to the Boards of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Coastal Bend, The Mayor's Commission on Children and Youth, YMCA, "Do the Write Thing" effort, and Youth Odyssey, and currently serves on the Board of the Molina-Greenwood Nursery School. As one of the original appointees of the Mayor's Commission, he contributed to its initial Mission Statement and served to implement it for four years. He saw the need for and was instrumental in the creation of the Child Protection Advisory Committee to coordinate the contributions of community-wide organizations, both public and private, working to deliver services to families affected by the Juvenile Court.

To increase public awareness of the plight of children in foster care, he introduced Adoption Day in Nueces County in 2004 in a ceremony and reception that included the consummation and celebration of adoptions for nineteen sets of foster parents and children.

One of Judge Lewis' more popularly recognized activities is leadership in a band named "Carl Lewis and the Deadbeats." He is the lead singer and harmonica man. For over 10 years Judge Lewis and his fellow musicians have generously provided free musical entertainment at fund raising events for many humanitarian organizations including the March of Dimes, CASA, MH-MR, Refugio Boys and Girls Club, RID Gangs, Coastal Bend Brothers and Sisters, YMCA, NAACP, Planned Parenthood, Coastal Bend Aids Foundation, and the Corpus Christi Women's Shelter. Last fall the band played a spirit-uplifting gig for the displaced victims of Hurricane Katrina temporarily housed at Memorial Coliseum.

Prior winners were

1980---Judge Paul W. Nye
1981---Judge Eduardo de Ases
1982---Judge Allen Wood
1983---F. Marshall Boykin, III
1984---Farrell Dee Smith
1985---M Harvey Weil
1986---Tony Bonilla
1987---William H. Keys
1988---Judge Jack R. Blackmon
1990---Judge Jack Hunter and Leo Duran
1992---Ted Anderson
1994---Judge Noah O. Kennedy, Jr.
1995---Judge Robert Blackmon
1997---Ann Hennis
1999---Junie Ledbetter
2001---F. Starr Pope, Jr.
2002---Wilson Calhoun
2005---Ruben Bonilla

Board Actions

The CCBA Board met March 21st and took the following actions:

Decided not to participate in "Peoples Law School" with the University of Houston due to fact that scheduled for Saturday just before election day
Agreed to pay the cost of President's lunches with other Bar Presidents
Agreed **NOT** to increase dues for 2006-2007 fiscal year

Important Dates

April

- 4/7 — **Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar**
4/11 — Last day for luncheon reservations
4/12 — Luncheon at Ortiz Center, Speaker: Ray Fleming
Topic: "Legal Malpractice Avoidance"
CLE: ETHICS, 0.75 Hr
4/19 — **Board of Directors Elections ballots to be mailed**

May

- Law Day Reception
— Law Day Luncheon

- 5/19 — **Criminal Law Seminar
5th Region Judicial Spring Meeting Reception in evening**
5/20 — **5th Region Judicial Spring Meeting**

June

Docket Call, Retreat/Joint Board Meeting, Appointment of special committees, committee chairs, seminar course directors

- 6/14— 6/17 — **State Bar Annual Meeting**

July

Beginning of new fiscal year

- 7/11 — **Last day for luncheon reservations**

- 7/12 — **Luncheon**

- 7/21 — 7/22 — **State Bar Leaders Conference**

August

- 8/8 — **Last day for luncheon reservations**

- 8/9 — **Luncheon**

September

- 9/12 — **Last day for luncheon reservations**

- 9/13 — **Luncheon**

October

Annual "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" begins

- 10/10 — **Last day for luncheon reservations**

- 10/11 — **Luncheon**

November

"Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" ends and donations distributed to homeless shelters; "Adopt a Family" Holiday Project begins

- 11/7 — **Last day for luncheon reservations**

- 11/8 — **Luncheon**

December

Annual Fish Fry; "Adopt a Family" Holiday Project ends and food and other items donated distributed

Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar Will Be Friday, April 7th.

The 2006 Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar will be Friday, April 7th, at the Ortiz Center. It will provide 6.5 hours of CLE with 0.75 hr of ETHICS. **The Seminar has been approved for 6.5 hours of Specialization Credit for Civil Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law, and Personal Injury Trial Law.** "Racehorse" Haynes will provide cross examination tips. Other topics to be covered are

"Discovery of Experts: 'So Who Died and Made You the King?'," "Vair Dire," "Jury Selection: Exploring New Worlds with Cortez," "Maximizing Damages," "Preparing Your Witness for Deposition and Trial Testimony," "Legal Malpractice and Ethics, Analyzing the Civil Trial Attorney's Duties and Liabilities," "Direct Examination," "Jury Argument," Digging into Deep Pockets, Enterprise Liability (Alter Ego, Single Business Enterprise, Joint Enterprise, Negligent Exercise of Control)," "Overtime Cases for the Plaintiff's Personal Injury Lawyer," and "Use of Medical Literature and Learned Treatises on Direct and Cross-Examination." The flyer is on the street and is available on our website (ccbar.com). The cost for members is \$185.00; it is \$210.00 for non-members. Please submit the registration form on the flyer to register.

33rd Annual Estate Planning Seminar Monday, May 22nd

The Corpus Christi Estate Planning Council's "33rd Annual Estate Planning Seminar" will be Monday, May 22nd, at University Center, Texas A&M University — Corpus Christi. Stanley Johanson, Distinguished Teaching Professor and Fannie Coplin Regents Chair in Law of the University of Texas School of Law who is also Of Counsel with Vinson & Elkins, Houston, is the featured presenter. It will cover recent developments, community property concepts, and ethical issues. This seminar is co-

sponsored by the College of Business, Texas A&M University — Corpus Christi. May 12th is the deadline for early registration. The cost for CCEPC members will be \$160.00. Non-members will have to pay \$185.00. After May 12th, add \$20.00 for the registration cost. Approval is being requested for CLE credit. For more information, call 825-2434 or e-mail pstokes@cob.tamucc.edu. Send checks payable to "CCEPC" to Pamela Stokes, College of Business, Texas A&M University — Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 787412.

Family Law Seminar Held March 3rd

The Family Law Seminar was held Friday, March 3rd, at the Ortiz Center. Forty-Seven attorneys attended and rated it above "4" on a "5" scale. **Special thanks to Course Director L. Gayle Nelson.**

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