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Docket Call

**What: A Chance to Socialize with the
Judiciary and Friends with Open Bar**

**When: Thursday, June 22nd
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: Cassidy's Irish Pub
601 Water Street**

Cost: There is **NO** cost **BUT** we would appreciate your making reservations so we can have name tags prepared in advance and make it possible for you to start quenching your thirst earlier. Please Reserve Your Place by e-mailing sgonzales@corpusbar.com, faxing 883-0353, or calling 883-4022

NOTE: DOCKET CALL REPLACES THE JUNE LUNCHEON



Newsletter

June 2006

David Bright Named Recipient of Judge Nye Award

The Judge Paul W. Nye Professionalism Award honors the local attorney who best meets the qualities for which Judge Nye is known, i.e., the attorney who is well-respected not only for his/her legal knowledge but also for his/her professionalism, honesty, integrity, kindness, fair play, and respect for others. It is awarded annually. This year's recipient is David T. Bright of the Watts Law Firm, L.L.P.



David T. Bright receives silver bowl symbolizing the Nye Award from President Pat Wolter

Kevin Liles CCYLA's Outstanding Young Lawyer

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association has chosen its Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year. It is Kevin Liles of the Watts Law Firm, L.L.P.



Kevin Liles is congratulated by President Pat Wolter, Danice Obregon, President, Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association in the Center.

John J. Janssen Named Boss of the Year

The Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals has named John H. Janssen of Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gordon, P.C. the Boss of the Year.

CCALP Names Diana Martinez Legal Professional of the Year

Diana Martinez of Hilliard and Munoz is the Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals Legal Professional of the year.

Baseball with the Bench

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association's annual "Baseball with the Bench" will be Thursday, June 8th. The event will begin in the Federal Courthouse Jury Room at 3:00 p.m. with a two-hour trial tactics CLE. Immediately following the CLE all will adjourn to the Hooks "Party Porch" for comradery with jurists and colleagues, food, libation, and baseball watching the Hooks beat the Midland Rockhounds. The cost will be \$85.00. In order to reserve your place, please use the form at the bottom of the flyer or the e-mail or go to the CCBA website, ccbar.com, and download the form. Submission instructions are also located there. If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at sgonzales@corpusbar.com.

Criminal Law Seminar Held Friday May 19th

The "2006 Criminal Law Seminar" was presented Friday, May 19th, at the Ortiz International Convention Center. It was a joint effort of the Corpus Christi Bar Association and the Coastal Bend Criminal

Defense Lawyers Association and provided 7.25 hours of CLE. Over 65 attorneys attended and rated the course overall as 4.54 on a 5.0 scale. A special thanks to Jerry Dorsey for a job well done.

Board Actions

The CCBA Board met May 16th and took the following actions:

- Agreed to reply to People's Law School offer to hold the event November 18th to see if agreement can be reached
- Agreed to provide free Pictorial Directories to the judiciary at a cost of \$704.00
- Agreed to provide free Pictorial Directories to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid at a cost of \$66.00
- Agreed to pay an additional \$10.00 per month for ED's cell phone for a total of \$30.00 due to increased CCBA business conducted via cell phone
- Agreed to have open bar for Docket Call on June 22nd at a cost of \$700.00

Important Dates

Bold indicates seminar or new entry on the calendar

June

- Appointment of special committees, committee chairs, seminar course directors
- 6/8** — CCYLA Baseball with the Bench
- 6/14**— **6/17** — State Bar Annual Meeting
- 6/22** — **Docket Call at Cassidy's Irish Pub, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

July

- Beginning of new fiscal year
- 7/4** — Holiday, Office closed
- 7/11** — Last day for luncheon reservations
- 7/12** — Luncheon, Ortiz Center, JoAl Cannon Sheridan, ETHICS
- 7/21** — **7/22** — State Bar Leaders Conference, Dallas

August

- 8/8** — Last day for luncheon

- reservations
- 8/9** — Luncheon

September

- 9/12** — Last day for luncheon reservations
- 9/13** — Luncheon
- 9/14** — **9/15** — SBOT Board of Directors Meeting at Omni Bayfront

October

- Annual "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" begins
- 10/4** — Red Mass, Judge Carolyn Dineen King, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Speaker
- 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
- 11/10** — Holiday, Office Closed
- 11/23** — **11/24** — Holiday, Office Closed

December

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

Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Lawyers Vote to Become Section of CCBA

The Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Lawyers Association has voted to come under the umbrella of the Corpus Christi Bar Association as a section. The CBCDLA will retain its identity and will administer its own budget just as the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association. Members of CBCDLA will be required to be members of CCBA. In return, CCBA will provide full administrative support. Negotiations between the respective Boards will begin this month.

New Board of Directors Election Results

The ballots have been counted, and congratulations go out to L. Gayle Nelson, Fred McCutchon, Richard Crews, Jerry Dorsey, and Steve Schiwetz. The 2006 — 2007 Board of Directors will be

Officers

President — Doug Mann

Immediate-Past-President — Pat Wolter

President-Elect — Rebecca Kieschnick

Vice President — Audrey Vicknair

Secretary — L. Gayle Nelson

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Red Mass Committee Seeks Additional Members

The Red Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th. Justice Carolyn Dineen King of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will be the keynote speaker. The Committee is just starting to make preparations, and it is seeking additional members. If you are interested, please call Doug Norman at 888-0328.

Administration of Justice Committee Procedures

Some question has been raised with regard to the procedures being followed by the Administration of Justice Committee in reviewing the local practice rules. In order to dispel any misunderstandings, the following is provided.

The Committee is reviewing all of the local procedural rules, civil and criminal, to determine whether addition, modification, and/or deletion is required. Once the Committee has completed its review and drafted any proposed changes, the proposed changes will be submitted to the membership of the CCBA for comment. At the end of the comment period, the Committee will review any comments submitted and make any changes that it considers necessary. Following that, the proposed changes with any amendments made as a result of the comments of CCBA members at large will be presented to the Council of District Judges who will review them. The proposed rules changes presented to the Council will also be distributed to the CCBA membership at that time. If Council makes changes to the proposed rules, those changes will be distributed to the CCBA membership for comment. At the end of the comment period, the Council will review any comments received and make any additions, modifications, and/or deletions considered appropriate in light of comments received from the CCBA membership. The final proposed rule changes will be forwarded to the

Administrative Judge of the 5th Region for processing in accordance with the rules of the Texas Supreme Court. A copy of the proposed changes forwarded to the Administrative Judge of the 5th Region will be distributed to members of CCBA.

CCBA New Members

We welcome the following new members:

William H. Berry, Jr., of the Law Office of William H. Berry, Jr., has rejoined, phone number 888-5568

Christine Cone who has joined Donnell, Abernethy and Kieschnick, phone number 866-8153

Rene C. Flores who is in the Federal Public Defender's Office, phone number 950-5077

Sam R. Fugate who is in solo practice with an office at 504 East Kleberg in Kingsville and has rejoined, phone number 361-592-2412

Adam Rodrigue who is in solo practice with an office at 9950 South Padre Island Drive, Suite 3, phone number 937-6300

Sarah R. Stukenberg who is in solo practice with an office at 3502 Aransas, phone number 813-0041.

Alex Wyatt Wright who is with the office of Wayne Wright, L.L.P., phone number 210-734-9965

We also welcome Jo Emma Arechiga who is in practice with the Edwards Law Firm who was left off the CCBA roles last year due to an error on the part of the CCBA Staff. We apologize for our error.

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