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March Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th, 12:00 p.m.

Congressman Solomon Ortiz International Center
402 Harbor Drive

Speaker: The Honorable Vilma Luna

**Topic: “Sales Tax on Attorneys’ Fees
and Other Interesting Topics”**

Cost: \$16.00 per person for members, \$21.00 per person for non-members if reserved by noon, Tuesday March 7th, 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



Newsletter

March 2006

Colleen Barrett, President of Southwest Airlines to Speak at CBWLA's Spring Luncheon

The Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association's annual Spring Luncheon honoring "Women of Distinction" will be **Thursday, March 23rd**. CBWLA's Spring Luncheon is held during Women's History Month.

This year's speaker will be **Ms. Colleen Barrett, President of Southwest Airlines**. Ms. Barrett is renowned not only for her achievements but also for her impressive public speaking. If that is not enough reason to attend, the fact that a large portion of the proceeds of their Spring Luncheon will be presented to the local Ronald McDonald House should provide the rest of the reason.

The luncheon will commence at **12:00 noon** at the **Omni Bayfront Hotel**. The cost will be **\$40 for CBWLA members**, and **\$45 for non-CBWLA members**. CBWLA is seeking sponsors to help defray the costs of the luncheon and increase the amount donated Ronald McDonald House.

If you have questions, please contact the Spring Luncheon Chairwomen: Charlotte Yochem at (361) 888-7611, or Kathleen Day at (361) 888-4342.

Please send your checks for your

tickets and sponsorship donations to
CBWLA
P.O. Box 2176
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403

Nominations Sought for CCBA Board Elections

The CCBA elections will be conducted in April this year. The date for the elections has been scheduled earlier than in the past in order to provide for a "transition period" for the incoming Board. Nominations are sought for 3 directors positions, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President-Elect. Nominations must be received by March 31st. You can nominate yourself or another. Please send nominations the Bar Office via mail, fax (883-0353), or e-mail (dking@corpusbar.com). The position for which the person is being nominated should be specified. If you have any questions, please call 883-4022 or e-mail dking@corpusbar.com.

LULAC Honors Mikal C. Watts

On February 16th at its annual Community Leaders Awards Banquet, the League of United Latin American Citizens honored, among others, Mikal C. Watts. Awardees are chosen for their willingness and dedication to serve and give unselfishly in striving to make a difference. They are individuals whose service to the community impacts education, employment, and economic growth and they help others and give back to the community.

Mock Trial Winners

The High School Regional Mock Trial competition was held Saturday, February 4th. \$400.00 scholarships were awarded for Best Attorney and Best Witness. Elizabeth Busby from Mary Carroll High School was selected as the Best Attorney, and Nicole Raney of Flour Bluff High School was chosen the Best Witness. Mary Carroll High School won the competition and will be traveling to Dallas for the state competition which runs from March 2nd to the 4th. Once again, **Tim Dowling**, "flying solo," did a superlative job of running the **Mock Trial Competition and Awards Dinner**. **Special thanks go to Perry & Haas, Gary, Thomasson, Hall, & Marks, P.C., and Judge Robert Max Blackmon whose monetary donations made the scholarships and awards dinner possible.**

Board Actions

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

- Authorized advertising Frost Bank Seminar in newsletter for free
- Referred offer of "People's Law School to CCYLA
- Agreed to allow candidates for SBOT President to speak at the March Luncheon
- Agreed to prohibit sale of CCBA e-mail list
- Agreed not to allow political advertising via CCBA blast e-mail
- Agreed to pay \$20.00 of ED's cell phone costs monthly due to its use for CCBA business

Important Dates

(Changes and seminars noted in **bold**)

March

- CCISD spring break 13th — 17th
- 3/3 — Family Law Seminar**
- 3/7 — Last day for Luncheon Reservations**
- 3/8 — Luncheon at Ortiz Center**

April

- Board of Directors Elections
- 4/7 — Advanced Civil Law Seminar**
- 4/11 — Last day for luncheon reservations
- 4/12 — Luncheon at Ortiz Center **Annual Meeting**

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
- 7/12 — Luncheon**
- 7/21 — State Bar Leaders Conference**

August

- 8/9 — Luncheon**

September

- 9/13 — Luncheon**

October

- Annual "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" begins
- 10/11 — Luncheon**

November

- "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" ends and donations distributed to homeless shelters; "Adopt a Family" Holiday Project begins
- 11/8 — Luncheon**

December

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

Advanced Civil Appellate Seminar Held January 27th

The Advanced Civil Appellate Seminar was held Friday, January 27th, at the Ortiz Center. Sixty-Five attorneys attended and rated it above "4" on a "5" scale. **Special thanks to Course Directors Audrey Vicknair and Greg Perkes.**

Frost Bank Presents "2006 Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trusts" Seminar March 1st

The Frost Bank Financial Management Group will present a video replay of the January 18, 2006, conference on Special Needs Trusts sponsored by the University of Texas Law School in co-sponsorship with the Trust Financial Services Division of the Texas Bankers Association. It will commence at **8:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.** There will be **6.5 hours of MCLE credit.** It will cost

\$135.00 which will include the seminar materials and lunch. The seminar will be held at **Frost Bank's Parkdale Branch, Everhart and Staples, in the Heritage Room.** Contract Irene Pratap at Frost Bank to register.

SBOT Seeking General Counsel

The State Bar of Texas is seeking a General Counsel. Interested individuals will find the job description and job application on the SBOT website, www.texasbar.com, under the first topic in the middle of the page. All applications must be received at the SBOT in Austin by 1:00 p.m., CST, March 10th.



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