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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM YOUR CCBA STAFF**



# Newsletter

December 2005

## Judges' Fish Fry Friday, December 2nd DON'T MISS IT!

Remember the raucous "Judges' Fish Fry" parties of the past? Those of you who do not can ask their more experienced brethren/sistren. We do not remember why they stopped; regardless, we are going to resurrect them this year. What better way to spend a Friday evening in December than having casual intercourse with the judges (Get your mind out of the gutter — check the first definition of "intercourse."), eating great fish, and drinking some beer (wine for "sophisticated" non-hackers, tea for those trying to create a mature, responsible impression)?

Where: **Doug Allison's Abode, 4920 Ocean Drive**

When: **5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Who: **Judges and spouse/guest are our honored guests**

**Lawyers and spouses/guests are also honored guests but at the rate of \$10.00 each (non-members who are not a spouse/guest of a member are honored at \$15.00 each**

**Non-members who join CCBA and pay their dues at the Judge's Fish Fry will have their \$15.00 refunded**

**PLEASE CALL 883-4022 OR E-MAIL SGONZALES@CORPUSBAR.COM OF YOUR INTENT TO ATTEND ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH. That will help us to have enough food and Libations — But even if you forget or are unable, please come.**

## Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association's "Holiday Shopping Extravaganza" Dec 8th

How can it be any better — the opportunity to socialize with your friends and have a glass of wine while you shop? Yes, it is time for the shopping experience of the year. On **Thursday, December 8th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Suite 210 of the American Bank Building, 711 North Carancahua**, will serve as the venue for the event of the season. There will be gourmet food sampling, a cash bar, and some of the greatest stuff to purchase. The following will be there:

Aloe Tile  
Anjewel Amy  
Bangles — John Rank  
Chatelain  
Elizabeth Large  
Jon Hart  
Junior League of CC  
Lott's of Art  
Mikhal's  
Nyce' T's  
Pilar  
Rhinestone Cowgirl  
Southern Charm  
Sullivan's Jewelry  
Surf Club Records  
Zambra's

Add in caroling by the Unitarian Universalist Church Choir, and you have an evening you cannot miss. Bring your staff and friends. There will be something for all.

## The South Texas Lawyer

Dear Fellow Corpus Christi Lawyers,

By now, you should have received your first issue of *The South Texas Lawyer*, successor to *The Corpus Christi Lawyer*.

The second issue will soon be sent to the publisher and should be arriving in your mailbox by the end of December.

The new magazine remains a publication of The Corpus Christi Bar Association, but with an expanded area of interest including the counties in Texas south of a line running roughly from Laredo to Victoria. We are hoping to create a regional flavor for the magazine, yet retain our roots in Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

Hopefully, the expanded coverage area will also make the magazine financially more viable than it has been in the past, as it will encourage a broader base of potential advertisers.

We on the editorial board see this as an exciting time. In addition, we are always in search of new editors and contributors. If any of you would like to contribute your time and talents, or if you just have a suggestion or comment about the new look of the magazine, please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting either Dick King at 883-4022 or contact me directly at the listed phone number.

Doug Norman, Managing Editor  
888-0328

## Board Actions

The following actions have been taken by the Board of Directors:

- Decided to modify the free luncheon privilege for judges by limiting it to sitting judges who are members
- Decided to modify the free CLE Seminar privilege for judges by limiting it to sitting judges and judges sitting by assignment who are members
- Decided that the privilege for judges is subject to making timely reservations and to making timely cancellations with the jurists being charged the normal fees if they fail to do either
- Decided to have the March and April luncheons at the Ortiz Center
- Rejected offer of Hayse Group to make a presentation that would not be CLE

Agreed to offer reduced CLE seminar prices for paralegals who do not take written materials

Rejected a request to allow paralegals to work seminars in return for free attendance at seminars

Rejected a request to release the names of CLE seminar attendees

Decided not participate in the Junior League's auction gift bag event

Postponed a decision whether to allow attorney advertising in the Newsletter

Agreed to hold "Yellow Pages" advertising costs to \$1020.00

## Important Dates

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

### December

12/2 — Judges' Fish Fry

### January

1/10 — Last day for Luncheon reservations

1/11 — Luncheon at Ortiz Center

**1/27 — Appellate Law Seminar**

### February

High School Regional Mock Trial Competition

2/17 — Joint Luncheon with CPA's

### 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

### May

5/2 — Law Day Reception

5/3 — Law Day Luncheon

**5/19 — Criminal Law Seminar**

### June

Docket Call, Retreat/Joint Board Meeting  
State Bar Convention

## Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project Commences December 1st

We are once again sponsoring the "Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project." This is the 17th year that CCBA will be participating in this community project. It is conducted in cooperation with the Department of Human Services. They send us profiles of needy families with names, sizes, special needs, etc. An attorney, legal professional, or a firm then "adopts" a family by pledging to meet the family's needs for clothing, toys, and food for a Holiday celebration. The clothing, toys, and food are then delivered to the family by the attorney, legal professional, or firm. Please participate in this community project if at all possible. You will find it quite rewarding. Michael Maldonado is coordinating this project. If you can participate, please contact us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at [sgonzales@corpusbar.com](mailto:sgonzales@corpusbar.com). If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022.

## Coat and Warm Clothing Drive Thanks

The Coat and Warm Coat Clothing Drive ended Tuesday, November 1st. On behalf of the men, women, and children who will benefit from the participants' efforts, we thank the following:

Baker & Baker  
Barker, Leon & Fancher, L.L.P.  
Branscomb, P.C.  
Donnell, Abernethy & Kieschnick  
Royston, Rayzor, Vickery, Williams, L.L.P.  
Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C.  
Wyatt Law Firm, LTD.

**Special "Thanks" go to Kevin Liles who honchoed this effort.**

## SBOT Women in the Profession Committee Seeks Monetary Donations and Help Compiling Information

The Women in the Profession Committee of the State Bar of Texas has recently received partial funding from the State Bar of Texas Foundation for the preparation of a treatise on the lives and careers of Texas Women Lawyers, both past and present. The Committee is seeking an additional \$18,000.00. The treatise will describe Texas women and their involvement in the legal profession as law students, attorneys, judges, and professors. At this point, the Committee is accumulating a list of "firsts" for women lawyers in Texas — first licensed in the state, first to practice in various jurisdictions, first on various courts, and accomplishments of that nature. They also intend to document the progress of Texas women lawyers from earliest times through the present. Once the book is completed, they plan to distribute it to women's organizations, law schools, high schools, and public libraries. It will also be distributed to new members of the State Bar of Texas.

While the Committee is interested in monetary contributions, it is also seeking and equally important to receive input about women from our geographical area whom you believe should be included in this historical account. This input would include not only the pioneers in our area but also those who are presently practicing who have achieved distinction in the practice of law.

All monetary donors will be recognized in the publication itself as well as in the *Texas Bar Journal*. The committee is seeking donations of any amount. The State Bar accepts VISA and MasterCard. Checks should be made payable to the State Bar of Texas and forwarded to

State Bar of Texas

Office of Minority Affairs  
P.O. Box 12487  
Austin, TX 78711-2487

There is a special payment form. If you wish to donate, please call us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at [sgonzales@corpusbar.com](mailto:sgonzales@corpusbar.com) and we shall provide you with a copy of the form

If you have information that you believe should be included in the treatise, please contact us as above, and we shall coordinate its submission.

If you have any questions, please contact us as above.

## UPDATED MAILING LABELS FOR SALE

The Bar Association has updated mailing list labels for sale. The cost for members is \$50.00 plus tax and shipping and handling when applicable. Just call us at 883-4022 to order.

## Newsletter is Accepting Advertising

Advertising in the newsletter is economical and effective. The extremely cheap rates are as follows:

1/4 page — \$20.00  
1/2 page — \$40.00  
Full Page — \$80.00

Are you interested? Call us at 883-4022 for more information. Approval by the Board of Directors is required for all advertising.

## WE STILL NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you have not already done so, please send your e-mail address to us via e-mail at [sgonzales@corpusbar.com](mailto:sgonzales@corpusbar.com) or via fax at 883-0353 or via voice at 883-4022. We are attempting to step into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by establishing an e-mail data base and blast e-mail capability. The ad-

resses will not be shared with any other organization. By establishing this service, we can save time in transmitting critical communications to you; and we shall be able to save money. We shall also be looking at new initiatives such as sending the newsletter via e-mail. If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022.

## Actually Said in Court

Taken from *Disorder in the American Courts*:

Attorney: What is your date of birth?  
Witness: July 18th  
Attorney: What year?  
Witness: Every year

Attorney: What is the first thing your husband said to you that morning?  
Witness: He said, "Where am I Cathy?"  
Attorney: And why did that upset you?  
Witness: My name is Susan

## Help Your Bar Association Improve to Meet Your Needs

### HOW?

**Tells us what you do not like  
Tell us when we make mistakes**

**Tell us what you want**

### HOW?

**Communicate with a member of the Board of Directors**

**or**

**Call the Staff at 883-4022**

**Or**

**E-mail the Staff at**

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