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July Luncheon Meeting

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

Ortiz Convention Center, 402 Harbor Drive

Speaker: JoAl Cannon-Sheridan, The Sheridan Law Firm, Jacksonville

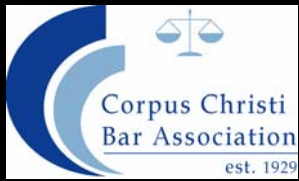
Topic: "How not to Get Crosswise with Your Cross Client — Including the Top Ten Signs You Have a Difficult Client"

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 July 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.

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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

July 2006

2006 — 2007 Board of Directors Take Office

The CCBA Board of Directors for 2006 — 2007 takes office July 1st. Its members are

President — Doug Mann
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Omar Leal — President, Corpus Christi, Young Lawyers Association

CCYLA 2006 — 2007 Board of Directors Elected

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association's Board of Directors for 2006 — 2007 has been elected. The members are

Omar Leal — President
Danice Obregon — Immediate Past-President
Dabney Pettus — President-Elect
Steve McMains — Vice President
Marco Longoria — Treasurer
Julie Hampton — Secretary
Directors
Frank Gonzales
Don Jones
Polly McCann
Jaime Rangel
Vernon (Geordie) Schimmel

Baseball with the Bench

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association conducted its second successful "Baseball with the Bench" CLE and social



The Honorable Hayden Head responds to a question posed by Bill Chriss during the CLE portion of "Baseball with the Bench." The Honorable James E. Klager and the Honorable B. Janice Ellington observe.

on June 8th. Sixty-seven attorneys participated. The afternoon began at the Federal Courthouse where Judges Hayden Head, Janis Graham Jack, B. Janice Ellington, J. Manuel Banales, Tom Greenwell, Nanette Hassette, James E. Klager, and Marisela Saldana provided tips on trial tactics. After 2 hours of CLE, all adjourned to The Cotton Club at Whataburger Field where they enjoyed food and drink and rooted the Hooks to victory over Midland-Odessa. A great time was had by all. **Julie Hampton, Steve McMains, Marco Longoria, Omar Leal, Brian C. Miller, Danice Obregon, Don Jones, and Polly McCann are congratulated for putting together such a successful venture.**

Docket Call Earns Repeat Performance

The CCBA's first "Docket Call" was ruled a success by the over 70 judges, attorneys, and guests in attendance. Those in attendance also ruled that future "Docket

Calls" would be proper events to be held



Gary Hall and Danny Tower provided live music during "Docket Call."

in the future. They also determined that



Rebecca Kieschnick, Patricia Shackelford, and Mike Hummell discuss the virtues of "Docket Call."

Cassidy's Irish Pub was the proper



Minnie Arriaga (Right) gives the thumbs up call for "Docket Call" on behalf of herself, Mark Woerner, and Gayle Nelson.

venue in which to hold future "Docket Calls." All rulings were considered unanimous and not subject to appeal.

Those absent were pitied for their failure to appear. It was declared that **Jerry Dorsey** and **Judge Robert Blackman** are to be commended for their efforts in arranging "Docket Call" and that **Les Cassidy** is to be thanked for his help in making the event a success.

CCBA Board Actions

The CCBA Board met June 20th and took the following actions:

- Formed a committee to handle logistics of creating the Criminal Lawyers Section of the CCBA
- Formed a committee to determine means by which to raise funds for membership computer software.
- Agreed not to place limits on reservations to luncheons or to disallow entry at the door
- Agreed to examine establishment of an "Appealing to the Public" program in which oral argument is presented before high school students
- Agreed to consider a "solo practitioner" seminar
- Agreed to reimburse the Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Lawyers Association \$300.00 for costs of Social following the Criminal Law Seminar
- Agreed to establish annual reviews for CCBA employees in June
- Agreed to raise ES's pay \$1000.00 per year effective July 1st
- Agreed to grant ED 3 weeks of vacation and 4 four-day weekends per year effective July 1st in lieu of a pay raise
- Agreed to appoint a committee to increase CCBA membership

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President's Annual Report Addendum

President Patrick Wolter issued his "President's Annual Report" at the Annual Meeting conducted in conjunction with the April Luncheon. Since he could not cover all aspects of his year in office that far in advance, the following is addendum is published:

The Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Lawyers Association voted to join the CCBA as a section and steps are being taken to handle the logistics of that change.

We are on our way to financial stability. We have finished the year in the black, the first time in six years. It will take several years to achieve our goal, but the steps taken this year have put in place a framework which will help us achieve that goal in the

shortest time possible.

We had a successful Law Day as a result of great attendance. The evening Reception went well, and we had almost 200 (195 to be exact) attend the Luncheon. In fact, we had to be moved to a larger room at the Ortiz Center so that all could be accommodated.

We held our first "Docket Call" on June 22nd at Cassidy's Irish Pub. It was attended by over 70 judges, attorneys, and guests. It received rave reviews, and I believe that a new tradition has been established along with the revival of the Judge's Fish Fry.

In closing, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It has been a great year with more ups than downs.

Patrick Wolter



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Important Dates

Bold indicates seminar or new entry on the calendar

July

Beginning of new fiscal year, appointment of special committees, committee chairs, seminar course directors

- 4 — Holiday, Office closed
- 11 — Last day for Luncheon reservations
- 12 — Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center, JoAl Cannon Sheridan
- 21 - 22 --- Bar Leaders Meeting Westin Park Central, Dallas
- 25 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

August

- 9 — Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center
- 22 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

September

- 4 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 13 --- Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center
- 14 - 15 — **SBOT Board of Directors Meeting at Omni Bayfront**
- 26 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

October

- Annual "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" begins
- 4 — **Red Mass, Judge Carolyn Dineen King, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals**
- 11 --- Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center
- 24 — **Board of Directors Meeting,**
- 27 — **Advanced Personal Injury Seminar**

November

- "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing Drive" ends and donations distributed to homeless shelters; "Adopt a Family" Holiday Project begins
- 8 --- **Joint Luncheon with Legal Professionals, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center**
- 10 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 18 — **Peoples Law School**
- 23 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 24 — Holiday, Office Closed

28 — Board of Directors Meeting

December

"Adopt a Family" Holiday Project ends and food and other donated items distributed to "adopted" families; Judges' Fish Fry

- 22 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 25 — Holiday, Office Closed

January 2007

- 1 — **Holiday, Office Closed**
- 10 — **Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center**
- 15 — **Holiday, Office Closed**
- 23 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

February

- Mock Trial**
- 14 — **Joint Luncheon with CPA's, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center**
- 27 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

March

- Nominating Committee, 12 — 16**
- CCISD Spring Break Luncheon???**
- 27 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

April

- Election of New Board, Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar, 2 — Pass-over Begins, 6 — Good Friday, 8 — Easter**
- 11 — **Annual Meeting Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center**
- 24 — **Board of Directors Meeting**

May 2007

- Criminal Law Seminar**
- 3 — **Law Day Reception, 5:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m., Ortiz Center**
- 4 — **Law Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Ortiz Center, Judge Carl E. Stewart, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals**
- 22 — **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 28 — **Holiday, Office Closed**

June 2007

- Docket Call, Baseball with the Bench, State Bar Annual Meeting**
- 26 — **Board of Directors Joint Meeting**

CBWLA Elects New Board

The Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association has elected its new Board of Directors. The members are as follows: President — Kathleen Day

Immediate Past-President — Dabney Pettus
Vice President — Pat Shackelford
Secretary — Marilyn Larsen
Treasurer — Sandy Sterba-Boatwright, Deborah Sundermann, jointly

Directors
Linda Breck
Deanne Pierce
Liana Gonzales
Lisa Godwin
Deanie King
Gail Gleimer
Susan Barclay
Lucinda Garcia

Apology to Alex Wyatt Wright

Mr. Wright was accidentally left out of this year's Pictorial Directory. It was an error on our part. In attempting to rectify the error to the extent possible, we noted that Mr. Wright should be added to the Pictorial Directory in the body of the newsletter in addition to including him in the "Errata Sheet." In doing so we compounded our error by listing Mr. Wright as a new member and listing his fax number as his voice phone number. He is not a new member. Mr. Wright has been an active member of the Corpus Christi Bar Association for several years. We apologize to Mr. Wright for our errors, and we ask that you add the following information to your Pictorial Directory on page 63:

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CCBA New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Tamara Adami who has joined Upton, Mickits, Hardwick & Heymann, L.L.P., phone number 884-0612

Laura M. Baker, who has joined Branscomb, P.C., phone number 888-9261

Patricia Clark Bonilla, phone 713-443-7782

Ed Chapa, who is with Bonilla and Chapa, P.C., phone 881-1000

Jason M. Jett, who is with the Nueces County Attorney's Office, phone 888-0391

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George Schimmel, who is with the District Attorney's Office, phone 888-0410

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