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**October Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 p.m.
Ortiz Convention Center
402 Harbor Drive**

**Judge's Forum
All Candidates in Contested Judicial
Races Have Been Invited**

Cost: \$16.00 per person for members, \$21.00 per person for non-members if reserved by noon, Tuesday, October 10th, 2006. Call the Bar Office at 883-4022 to RSVP or e-mail us at sgonzales@corpusbar.com. All reservations must be paid for. "No Shows" will be billed. The cost at the door will be \$18.00 for members, \$23.00 for non-members.



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Advanced Personal Injury Seminar October 27th

The Advanced Personal Injury Seminar will be conducted on Friday, October 27th at the Congressman Solomon Ortiz Convention Center. Steve Schiewtz is the course director. Topics covered will be ethical considerations for bench and bar, Texas Supreme Court update, discovery update, jury persuasion, L. A. Law: Doing It Hollywood's Way, thoughts from the bench on how lawyers waste their own time in voir dire, anatomy of a refinery case, Ford's fires, a practical approach to ethics, recognizing products liability cases in the personal injury case, and the practical aspects of working with experts: expert reports, depositions, trial testimony and Robinson/Daubert Challenges. The flyers have been mailed and are on the CCBA website (ccbar.com) as well as having a link from the SBOT Calendar. The cost for members will be \$185.00 for pre-registration; it will be \$210.00 for non-members. Registration after October 25th will be \$205.00 for members and \$230.00 for non-members.

Red Mass October 4th Judge Carolyn Dineen King of 5th Circuit Keynote Speaker

The "Red Mass" will be Wednesday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi Cathedral. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, Judge on the Federal Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. A reception will follow at the residence of Bishop Edmond Carmody. The "Red Mass" is a historical tradition that dates to the 13th Century in Europe and is attended by

judges and attorneys and clergy of all faiths asking God to bless them at the beginning of the judicial year. Invitations have been sent. Please RSVP to the CCBA office at 883-4022 or sgonzales@corpusbar.com.

Cecil E. Burney Humanitarian Nominations Sought

In 1979 the children of Cecil E. Burney funded and the Corpus Christi Bar Association established the Cecil E. Burney Humanitarian Award. The award is given each year by the Bar Association to the attorney who best exemplifies the spirit of Cecil E. Burney: untiring devotion and humanitarian involvement in all phases of the community. The award carries a cash stipend of \$750.00 which is given to the local charitable organization designated by the honoree. A silver bowl memorializing the award is presented to the honoree.

Please mail nominations for the award to Cecil E. Burney Humanitarian Award Committee, Corpus Christi Bar Association, 555 N. Carancahua, STE 260, Corpus Christi, TX 78478. The nomination package should include a biographical sketch along with an outline of the nominee's community involvement and civic accomplishments qualifying the nominee for this award. If you have any questions, please call the Bar Office at 883-4022. **The deadline for nominations is October 20th.**

Coat & Warm Clothing Drive

The annual "Coat & Warm Clothing Drive" has begun. The coordinator is Karon Connelly. This is our first public service project of the fiscal year. We are collecting gently used coats and warm clothing

as well as blankets. If you would like to donate new items, they will be gratefully accepted. The coats, warm clothing, and blankets collected will be donated to homeless shelters in Corpus Christi for distribution to men, women, and children in need. We ask you to do a good deed: when you clean your closets or replace your coats, warm clothing, and/or blankets: Please deliver them to the Corpus Christi Bar Association for donation to the homeless shelters. The drive will end November 1st. If you are unable to deliver them, please call us at 883-4022 to arrange a pickup.

Judicial Poll Underway

The Judicial Preference Poll documents have been mailed. They were mailed to members whose dues for 2006—2007 have been paid per the bylaws. Members have until Wednesday, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m. to return their ballots to the CCBA office. The ballots will be counted on Thursday, October 19th, and the results will be published via blast e-mail the same day. If you have any questions with regard to the judicial preference poll, please contact the CCBA office at 883-4022 or via e-mail to dking@corpusbar.com.

General Elections Tuesday November 7th

The general elections will be conducted on Tuesday, November 7th. **The last day to register** for the general election is **Tuesday, October 10th**. Early voting will commence Monday, October 23rd and end Friday, November 3rd. Among the places that it will be conducted are the American Bank Plaza on Tuesday, October 24th, One Shoreline Plaza, Thursday, October 26th, and Tower II, Monday, October 30th. Early voting will also be conducted in the Nueces County Court House and the Corpus Christi City Hall weekdays from October 23rd through November Friday, November 3rd. Visit http://www.co.nueces.tx.us/countyclerk/elections/pdf/early_voting_calendar.pdf

for the complete schedule.

SBOT Board of Directors Here September 14th and 15th

The State Bar of Texas Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting here on September 14th and 15th. In connection with the meeting, a reception was hosted by Judge Jorge C. Rangel and his wife Guadalupe at their home on Thursday evening.



Judge Jorge C. Rangel welcomes Audrey Vicknair to the reception held at his home.



Martha S. Dickie, President of the State Bar of Texas shares a joke with Timothy W. Mountz, 2005 President of the Dallas Bar Association during the Thursday reception

The Board and associated committees held meetings on Thursday and Friday.



Bob Black, Chair of the SBOT Board, Martha Dickie, and Eduardo Rodriguez, Immediate Past President, SBOT, examine an issue during the Board meeting.

CCBA Dues Were Due July 1st

Members who did not renew by September 30th were dropped from the rolls.

Judges' Fish Fry Set for December 1st

The resurrected Judges' Fish Fry has been set for Friday, December 1st, this year. Please be sure to mark your calendars. 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)? Reserve Friday, **December 1st**; and stand by for more details. All who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the fish.

CCBA Board Actions

The CCBA Board met September 26th and took the following actions:

Agreed to liaison with the Corpus Christi Family Law Association with regard to Amicus Attorney Program in Domestic Violence Cases

Agreed on financial terms for Coastal Bend Criminal Defense Lawyers Association becoming a section of CCBA

Agreed on the general parameters of drive to bring in new members

Agreed to assist the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association with the events surrounding the swearing in of new lawyers on November 8th

Set December 1st as the date for the Judges' Fish Fry

Updated Mailing Labels For Sale

The Bar Association has updated mailing labels for sale. The cost for members is \$50.00 plus tax and shipping and handling when applicable. Just call us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at sgonzales@corpusbar.com to order. We provide same day service.



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Judge Carl Lewis Honored by State Bar of Texas Board of Directors

During its quarterly meeting held here September 14th and 15th, the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas passed a Resolution honoring Judge Carl Lewis for his leadership, commitment, and exemplary service to his family, community, and the legal profession. Judge Lewis was unaware of the honor until he attended the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors luncheon on Friday. The certificate recording the honor was delivered to him during the luncheon by State Bar of Texas President Martha Dickie. Judge Lewis attended law school with Ms. Dickie.



Judge Carl Lewis and SBOT President Martha Dickie pose for photographers with the citation noting Judge Lewis' recognition by the State Bar of Texas

Mark Your Calendars

Bold indicates seminar or new entry on the calendar

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, Judicial Candidates Forum**
- 24 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 26 — CCYLA "TYLA Roadshow," Waterstreet Seafood Company**
- 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
- 2 — 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 2007

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

March 2007

- Nominating Committee, Docket Call, 12 — 16 CCISD Spring Break
- 7 — Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association Luncheon**
- 27 — Board of Directors Meeting

April 2007

- Election of New Board, Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar
- 2 — Passover 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, 11:30a.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
- 21 — 22 State Bar Annual Meeting**
- 26 — Board of Directors Joint Meeting with new Board

CCBA New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Daniel D. Jones, phone 658-9267

Sneha Patel, who is with the District Attorney's Office, phone 888-0410

Actually Said In Court

Attorney: How old is your son, the one living with you?

Witness: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Attorney: How long has he lived with you?

Witness: Forty-five years.

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Attorney: Were you present when your photo was taken?

Witness: Would you repeat the question?

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Attorney: The youngest son, the twenty-one year old, how old is he?

Witness: Uh, he's twenty-one

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Attorney: So the date of conception (of the baby was August 8th?

Witness: Yes

Attorney: And what were you doing at that time?

Witness: Uh . . .

Attorney: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

Witness: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Attorney: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

Witness: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

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Attorney: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

Witness: No, this is how I dress when I go to work

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dking@corpusbar.com

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Bar Directory Publication Date Moved Up New Feature Added

In order to make the information in the Directory more timely, the Bar Directory for 2006 — 2007 will be published in late December 2006 or early January 2007 instead of April 2007. If you have moved, changed firms, changed any phone numbers, changed your e-mail address, or wish to add additional information, **NOW** is the time to notify us. You may do so via fax (883-0353) or e-mail Sara Gonzales at (sgonzales@corpusbar.com). The **DEADLINE FOR UPDATES IS November 10, 2006.**

Even if you have not changed anything, please check the 2006 Bar Directory to ensure that your information is correct and please notify us if it is not. When checking the 2006 Bar Directory, please take a close look at your photo. If you are not pleased with what you see or you have become more distinguished in appearance, you can change the photo; but **we must have the updated photo by November 10th. ALL photos must be DIGITAL.**

Please remember that we have changed the Bar Directory to afford you the opportunity to list your area(s) of practice (AOP) in the Bar Directory. Your AOP(s) will be listed both in the pictorial section (space per-

mitting as explained below) and in a reference section at the rear of the Bar Directory. If you have any questions about how this will be done, please check this year's Bar Directory or contact us and we shall fax you an example.

ONE AOP listing consisting of 30 characters or less will be free. Any additional AOP listings (even if they fit on one line with the initial AOP listing) will be \$10.00 per additional AOP listing. Due to space constraints, each AOP listing in the pictorial section will be limited to 30 characters. As with updates, you may notify us via fax (883-0353) or e-mail (sgonzales@corpusbar.com) of your initial AOP listing request. If you wish to list additional AOP's, please notify us via mail and include a check to cover the cost. **No additional AOP listing(s) will be placed in the directory until the check paying for the additional AOP listing(s) is received.**

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE AOP LISTING IN THE 2006 BAR DIRECTORY AND WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR ADDITIONAL AOP LISTING(S) IN THE 2007 BAR DIRECTORY, PLEASE SEND US \$10.00 FOR EACH OF THOSE ADDITIONAL AOP LISTING(S) THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE IN THE 2007 BAR DIRECTORY PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10TH. IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THEN, THE AOP

LISTING(S) FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED WILL NOT BE LISTED IN THE 2007 BAR DIRECTORY.

Due to space constraints, the maximum number of listings you may have in your PICTORIAL SECTION entry in the Bar Directory will be limited to **10 lines of 30 characters/spaces each** in addition to your name. An example of the limitation is as follows:

Name
Spouse's Name
Name of Firm
Address of Firm
Home address
Office phone
Office fax
E-mail
Home phone
Home fax
Area of practice

The attorney in the example already has 10 listings in addition to his/her name. If the attorney in the foregoing listing wished to list an additional AOP in the pictorial section, he/she would have to delete one of the current listings to make room for the additional AOP listing. That is so because the attorney already has 10 listings in addition to his/her name. **There is no limit on the number of AOP(s) that may be listed in the reference section.** If the attorney in the foregoing example wished to list two additional AOP's in the pictorial section, he/

she would have to delete two of his/her current listings in order to make room for the second and third AOP listings. If the attorney's name, the firm's name, or the firm's address in the foregoing example were such that two lines were required to list it, then the attorney would not be able to list an AOP without deleting one of the current listings.

The deadline for adding an AOP to your listing (and paying for it) AND/OR PAYING FOR CONTINUATION OF THE LISTINGS YOU HAVE IN THE 2006 BAR DIRECTORY is November 10th.

Please remember that the limitations on the number of AOP listings only applies to the pictorial section. There is NO LIMIT on the number of AOP's you can have set forth in the reference section of the Bar Directory.

Please also remember that if you currently list more than one AOP in the Bar Directory and you wish to continue to list your current AOP listing(s), that you must pay \$10.00 for each additional AOP in order for the additional AOP listing(s) to continue to be listed in the 2007 Bar Directory.

If you have any questions, please contact us. The form on the back may be used when notifying us of changes.

Directory Update

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Firm:

Business Address: _____

City _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

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Include Home Address in Directory: ____ Yes ____ NO

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Include Home Phone in Directory: ____ Yes ____ NO

Include Home Fax in Directory: ____ Yes ____ NO

Home e-mail: _____

Include Home e-mail in Directory: ____ Yes ____ NO

Area of Practice: _____

LIMITED to 30 Characters/Spaces

Additional AOP(s) (At a cost of \$10.00 per additional AOP; there is no limit as to the number of additional AOP's that can be listed in the reference section):

CCBA Directory Errata Sheet

October 2006

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