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Docket Call

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

**When: Thursday, June 18th
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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

Cost: There is **NO cost for members** (non-members pay \$10.00), **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

New CCBA Board Elected

As previously announced via blast e-mail, the 2009—2010 Corpus Christi Bar Association Board of Directors is comprised of the following individuals:

L. Gayle Nelson, President
 Audrey Mullert Vicknair, Immediate Past President
 Brenda B. Baker, President-Elect
 Jerry Dorsey, Vice President
 Ann Coover, Secretary
 David Stith, Treasurer
 Directors
 David T. Bright
 John Blaise Gsanger
 The Honorable Marisela Saldana
 Paul Swacina
 Greg Turman
 Robert Zamora

The new Board's term will begin July 1st. A combined meeting of the 2008—2009 Board and the 2009—2010 Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th.

Young Lawyers Elect New Officers and Board of Directors

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association has elected its officers and Board of Directors for 2009 — 2010. The Board will be led by President Polly Dunn. Other officers for 2009 — 2010 are Michael McCauley, President-Elect, Newman F. "Tree" Baker, III, Vice President, Jordan Anderson, Secretary, Melody Rodney, Treasurer, and Steve McMains, Immediate Past President. The Directors for 2008 — 2009 are Austin Anderson, Dane Bruun, Lisa Huerta, Roxana "Roxy" Stevens, and Joy Stewart. The new Board takes office on July 1st. A combined meeting of the 2008 — 2009 Board and the

2009— 2010 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th.

Nancy DeLong to Lead Family Law Section

Nancy DeLong has been elected President of the Corpus Christi Bar Association Family Law Section for the 2009 — 2010 year. She will be assisted by Kelly Koch, Vice President, and Fran Willms, Secretary/Treasurer. The next meeting of the Family Law Section will be Tuesday, June 16th at Portis Country Kitchen II. All Family Law Section Members are urged to attend because the issue of where to hold future meetings will be addressed.

State Bar of Texas 2009 Annual Meeting in Dallas

The 2009 SBOT Annual Meeting will be in Dallas on June 25-26 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Highlights include:

Bar Leaders Recognition Luncheon with keynote speaker David Brooks;

Bench Bar Breakfast featuring co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Conference Morris Dees;

General Session Luncheon including a presentation from historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin;

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Dallas attorney Bryan A. Garner presenting "Making Your Case" (**At press time, Scalia is committed to presenting if the Supreme Court's schedule permits.**);

Former FBI Director William Sessions speaking about the impact of digital pixels and the double helix on law practice and law enforcement;

Section sponsored CLE tracks and joint programs including the Legislative Update, Senior Lawyers Track, Work Life Balance CLE and Diversity Summit; and

Panel discussion with Dean Larry Sager (University of Texas School of Law), Dean John Attanasio (Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law), Dean Brad Toben (Baylor Law School), and Dean Ken Starr (Pepperdine Law School) titled "Future of the Profession — In the Eyes of Those Training the Next Generation."

You can register at www.texasbar.com/ annual meeting. Your registration includes access to all CLE events, Annual Meeting-sponsored meals, and all MCLE materials on a flash drive. One-day registration is \$150; two-day registration is \$245. To reserve your hotel accommodations, call the Hilton Anatole at (214) 748-1200.

Nominees Sought for LeadershipSBOT

The State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association are looking for 20 Texas lawyers to participate in LeadershipSBOT. This diversity initiative is designed to recruit, train, and retain Texas lawyers for leadership positions in the legal community and the State Bar of Texas. Program participants will be selected to reflect the cultural, ethnic, geographic, and practice area diversity of the state.

The SBOT asks that you take a minute to think about lawyers who might benefit from participating in LeadershipSBOT. Those selected for LeadershipSBOT will be

- Current members of the State Bar of Texas
- Individuals who aspire to lead and have the demonstrated potential to become leaders
- Individuals who have a goal to serve their communities and the profession and are committed to a profession and judiciary that reflect the diversity of the

state

- Individuals willing to commit sufficient time to attend two sessions of LeadershipSBOT plus the 2010 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.
- Individuals willing to make an additional year commitment of service within the organized bar (the individual will have a variety of options for service presented throughout the sessions).

Participants will examine what is expected of leaders and receive guidance and advice from current leaders on appropriate activities in which to be engaged in to be effective in the profession and respected in the community.

Nomination forms for LeadershipSBOT 2009-2010 should be submitted by **July 1, 2009**. Once a nomination is received, SBOT will follow up with that individual to ascertain his/her interest and commitment in participating. SBOT encourages you to nominate a lawyer who has not previously participated in a bar association or local affiliate leadership academy. Self-nominations will also be accepted.

If you are interested in participating or wish to nominate a lawyer for LeadershipSBOT, please call Pat Wolter at 888-5551 or the Bar office at 883-4022.

Help Your Bar Association Improve to Meet Your Needs — HOW?

**Tells us what you do not like
 Tell us when we make mistakes
 Suggest Improvements or New Ideas**

HOW? Communicate with a member of the Board of Directors or Call the Staff at 883-4022 Or

**E-mail the Staff at
dking@corpusbar.com
sguajardo@corpusbar.com**

Mock Trial Results

The High School Mock Competition was held in the 117th and 94th District Courts of Judges Sandra Watts and Bobby Galvan on Saturday, January 24, 2009. The following local attorneys served as judges at this competition: the Honorable Janis Graham Jack, the Honorable Bobby Galvan, Steve Chapman, Kevin Franta, Carlos Omar Garcia, Arnold Gonzalez, Jr., Gregory Gowan, Andrew Greenwell, Craig Henderson, Tom Hermansen, Marcy Hernandez, Brian Miller, Simon Purnell, Ruth Reid, Kim Seger, Joy Stewart, David Stith, Rene "Bo" Vela, and Vaughn Westheimer.

Due to a very generous donation by the Watts Guerra & Craft law firm, the thirty seven student competitors and their four coaches were treated to a free dinner at the Water Street Seafood Company immediately after the competition. Numerous scholarships were awarded as well. The scholarship winners were

First place Best Attorney: Carroll High School junior Ian Tuttle, \$1,650 Huerta Law Firm, L.L.P. scholarship;

Second place Best Attorney: Flour Bluff High School senior Nicole Raney, \$1,250 Sico, White, Hoelscher & Braugh, L.L.P. scholarship;

Third place Best Attorney: Carroll High School senior Nathan Clark, \$750 Anthony Peterson & Purnell, L.L.P. scholarship;

First place Best Witness (tie): Carroll High School junior Leslie Tisdale and Carroll High School senior Pranjal Manchada, \$425 scholarship each; and

Second place Best Witness (tie): Calallen High School senior Nell Thompson, Flour Bluff High School sophomore Ryan Claybourn, and Carroll High School senior Phoebe Trotter, \$225 scholarships.

Gregory Gowan of the Watts Guerra Craft LLP did another exceptional job raising scholarship funds for this competition. The very generous donors who made these scholarships possible were

Anderson Lehrman Barre & Maraist L.L.P.; Watts Guerra Craft LLP; The Huerta Law Firm, L.L.P.; Tim Dowling; Tony Pletcher; Kevin Liles; Gregory Gowan; Cliff Gordon; Austin Anderson; James Hada; The Rangel Law Firm, P.C.; Anthony Peterson & Purnell, L.L.P.; Brunkenhoefer, Almaraz & Turman, P.L.L.C.; Sico, White, Hoelscher & Braugh, L.L.P.; Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, L.L.P.; Gonzales Hoblit Ferguson, L.L.P.; Barker, Leon & Fancher, L.L.P.; Tony LaMantia (L & F Distributors L.L.C.); Donnell, Abernethy & Kieschnick, P.C.; and Alissa Jackson.

The schools sending teams to the competition were Mary Carroll High School, Flour Bluff High School, Calallen High School, and John Paul II High School. The winning team at this competition was Carroll High School. Calallen High School finished second. Carroll High School competed for the Texas State Mock Trial championship in March in Dallas against teams throughout Texas garnering a ninth place showing.

Help is needed for next year. The last two years Anne Huffsmith, a law clerk to the Honorable Janis Graham Jack, has worked with local high schools to encourage them to compete in this competition and making it easy for them to do so. Anne will be leaving Corpus Christi later this year, and it would be most helpful to have someone to take over the work that Anne did. Please call Tim Dowling at 884-1961 if you might be interested in this rewarding work.

If you would like to serve as an attorney advisor for any of the teams next year, please also call Tim Dowling. The heavy lifting work is done by the team's coaches, but an attorney advisor can provide very valuable assistance to these students.

Grants Available to Defray Cost of Sign Language Interpreters

Due to the generosity of the Texas Bar Foundation, the Disability Issues Commit-

tee of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Lawyers Care are pleased to announce the availability of one-time, lump-sum grants to defray the costs of sign language interpretation and other accommodations for clients and potential clients who are deaf or hard of hearing and needing legal services. The grants may be made in payments up to two thousand (\$2,000) dollars and will come directly from the Sign-Up Fund created by the Texas Bar Foundation.

Please note that the size of the grant will be dependent both on demand for the grants and other factors. The fund has approximately four thousand (\$4,000) dollars remaining at this time. You are therefore urged submit your request as soon as possible. If you are interested in being considered for funding from this Sign-Up Fund, please contact Catherine Nahay, Program Developer of Texas Lawyers Care at the State Bar of Texas by telephone at 512-427-1873. A brief application is available to request funds and may be sent via email or facsimile to

tlcmail@texasbar.com. A copy of this form is available from the CCBA office.

Extra Space You Would Like to Rent to Another Lawyer?

Do you have extra space you would like to rent to another lawyer? Why don't you advertise it in the newsletter? The cost is cheap: \$20.00 for 1/4 page, \$40.00 for 1/2 page, and \$80.00 for a full page. You don't want to advertise it? We still have a solution for you. We have a list of space available for rent by lawyers/firms. All you have to do is to notify us at 883-4022 or e-mail us at sguajardo@corpusbar.com. We shall place you on the list of lawyers/firms with space to rent to other attorneys. If we receive inquiries as to space available to rent to other lawyers, we shall notify you of the individual seeking space; and you can contact the lawyer seeking the space or not do anything based upon whether you wish to rent to the lawyer seeking space. Your identity will not be provided to the lawyer seeking space.



Social Security Disability Law firm based in San Antonio, Texas, with offices through the state seeks a licensed attorney. Duties will include new client interviews, legal advice to clients, as well as preparation for and presentation at disability hearings before Administrative Law Judges.

Spanish speaker preferred.

May perform a variety of tasks under the general supervision of a managing attorney, including the supervision and coordination of paralegal and clerical staff at branch office sites.

Requires strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively in a diverse community. Position will be based in Corpus Christi but will require travel to other branch office in Victoria. Please provide sample of written materials.

We pay a competitive salary based on background and experience, with bonus and a comprehensive benefits package including 2 weeks vacation, health benefits, and a 401(K) plan.

Please email your resume and writing samples to molly@heardandsmith.com.

John T. Flood Recipient of the Judge Paul W. Nye Award

John T. Flood, Flood & Flood, Attorneys at Law, is the recipient of this year's Judge Paul W. Nye Professionalism Award. His selection was announced during the Law Day Reception on Tuesday evening, May 5th, at the Ortiz Convention Center. The Judge Nye award honors the local attorney who best meets the qualities for which Judge Nye is



Branley W. White congratulates John T. Flood

known, i.e., well respected not only for his/her legal knowledge but also for his/her professionalism, honesty, integrity, kindness, fair play, and respect for others. The award is given annually. Nominations for the award are submitted by the general membership.

Brian C. Miller Named Outstanding Young Lawyer

Brian C. Miller, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, L.L.P., has been selected as the 2009 Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year. His selection was announced during the Law Day Reception on Tuesday evening, May 5th, at the Ortiz Convention Center. Awarded annually, the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes one young lawyer who has demonstrated exemplary professional proficiency, service to the profession, and service to the community. In order to be eligible, the attorney must be licensed to practice law in Texas, be a member of



Brian C. Miller delivers his acceptance remarks as Steve McMains, Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association President looks on

the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Mr. Miller was chosen by the Corpus Christi Bar Association Board of Directors from young lawyers nominated by the general membership.

Lily Fanning CCYLA's Liberty Bell Award Recipient

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association presents the Liberty Bell Award annually. Lily Fanning, Court Manager, Nueces County Court at Law 5, was selected as the 2009 recipient. The Award recognizes an outstanding non-lawyer who has made selfless contributions to our community to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of justice by instilling a better understanding and appreciation of the law. Its purpose is to recognize community service that promotes a better understanding of government, especially the Bill of Rights, encourages greater respect for the law and the courts, stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties and their rights, contributes to the effective functioning of our institutions of government, and instills a better understanding and appreciation of the law.

Frederick J. McCutcheon Honored as CCALP Boss of the Year

The Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals has named Frederick J. McCutcheon of Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C., as the 2009 Boss of the Year.

CCALP Names Patricia Rowe Legal Professional of the Year

Patricia Rowe of Branscomb, P.C. is the 2009 Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals Legal Professional of the Year.

Frances "Sissy" Farenthold Law Day Speaker

The 160 attending this year's Law Day Luncheon were treated to an address by Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold. A Native Texan, she has been called a true "Texas Maverick." Ms. Farenthold is said to have changed the face of Texas politics. She is a politician, an attorney, an educator, and it is by no means a stretch to further describe her as a reformer, a ground breaker, and a charismatic leader. Ms. Farenthold enrolled in law school at age nineteen and was one of only 3 women in a class of 800.



Blake Farenthold introduces Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold at the Law Day Luncheon

In 1968 she won a seat in the Texas House of Representatives where she and Barbara Jordan were the only two women

servicing. Ms. Farenthold was one of the so-called Dirty Thirty---the thirty House members who rebelled against a corrupt Speaker in the early '70s.

In 1972, she was the first woman whose name was put into serious contention for the office of Vice President of the United States during a major political party's Nominating Convention. She came in second to Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, who was Senator George McGovern's choice. In 1972, Ms. Farenthold also became the first woman to run on her own for the office of Governor of Texas.

In 1988 she received the Lyndon Baines Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Democratic Party.

Active in international affairs as well, Ms. Farenthold has served as a human rights observer in Iraq, El Salvador, Honduras, South Korea, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Cuba and the former Soviet Union.



Frances Tarlton "Sissy" Farenthold speaking at Law Day Luncheon



Law Day Committee Chair, the Honorable Marisela Saldana reads the inscription of the back of the Wilhelm plate given to Ms. Farenthold.

CCBA Dues Are Due July 1st

Have you paid your 2009 — 2010 dues yet? The new year starts July 1st. Please check your records. If you have not yet paid them, you are asked to do so as soon as possible. Your payment of your dues without our having to mail another reminder will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Dick King at 883-4022 or e-mail him at dking@corpusbar.com.

Baseball with the Bench Another Scoring Event

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association conducted its fifth successful "Baseball with the Bench" CLE and social on May 28th. Fifty-seven attorneys participated. The afternoon began at the Federal Courthouse where the Honorable Hayden Head, the Honorable Richard S. Schmidt,



The Baseball with the Bench Federal panel (L to R) of the Honorable B. Janice Ellington, the Honorable Richard S. Schmidt, the Honorable Brian Owsley, and the Honorable Hayden Head with moderator Gregory Gowan to the far right.

the Honorable B. Janice Ellington, the Honorable Brian Owsley, the Honorable J.



Don Jones, Brian Miller, and the Honorable Tom Greenwell partake of the buffet at the Cotton Club

Manuel Bañales, the Honorable Bobby Galvan, the Honorable Sandra L. Watts, the Honorable Joel B. Johnson, the Honorable



Roxy Stevens and the Honorable J. Manuel Bañales at the Cotton Club

Tom Greenwell, the Honorable Nelva Gonzales Ramos, the Honorable Robert Vargas, and the Honorable John Martinez provided trial tactic tips and insight. Gregory Gowan moderated the session. After 2 hours of CLE, it was time for baseball. All adjourned



The Honorable Brian Owsley, Chris Dorsey, and Steve McMains

to The Cotton Club at Whataburger Field where they enjoyed watching the Corpus Christi Hooks AA baseball team as they



Sara Giddings, Melody Rodney, and Don Jones



Larry Coffey, Steve Schiwetz, and the Honorable J. Manuel Bañales watching the baseball game



Robert Patterson and Jordan Anderson

took on the Arkansas Travelers, a free food buffet, and free beverages. Unfortunately, Baseball with the Bench may come to be thought in the same vein as appearance on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* if the trend continues; for once again despite Baseball with the Bench attendees vociferous rooting for the home team, they watched as the Hooks lost another tough one. A great time was had by all, and the decision to go for a sixth next year is a "no-brainer." **Lisa Huerta is congratulated for putting together such a successful venture.**

The following are thanked for making Baseball with the Bench possible: **Anderson Lehman Barre & Maraist LLP, Sico, White, Hoelscher & Braugh, L.L.P., Certified Court Reporting & Video, Inc., Anthony, Peterson & Purnell, L.L.P., Branscomb, P.C., Dunn, Weathered, Coffey, Rivera & Kasperitis, P.C., The Hastings Law Firm, The Huerta Law Firm, LLP, Rimkus Consulting, Marshall's Business Records, and Welder Leshin LLP.**

JORDAN, HYDEN, WOMBLE, CULBRETH & HOLZER, P.C.,

is pleased to announce that

ERNEST C. GARCIA,

former District Judge of the 126th Judicial District Court, Travis County, and former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, is now of counsel to the firm.

SUSAN M. WOMBLE,

former briefing attorney to bankruptcy judge Ronald King of San Antonio, has joined the firm as an associate.

The firm is accepting new clients and would be pleased to assist you.

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