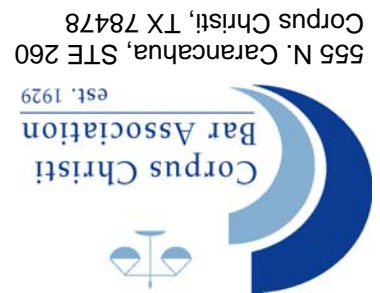


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**When: Thursday, June 19th
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: Cassidy's Irish Pub
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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

“Augie” Rivera Recipient of the Judge Paul W. Nye Award

Augustin “Augie” Rivera, Jr., 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, April 22nd, at the Omni Bayfront Hotel. Mr. Rivera is a partner with Dunn, Weathered, Coffey, Rivera, Kasperitis & Rodriguez, P.C. The Judge Nye award honors the local attorney who best meets the qualities for which Judge Nye is 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

Omar Leal Named Outstanding Young Lawyer

Omar Leal, Branscomb, P.C., has been selected as the 2008 Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year. 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 the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association, be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, and have been 36 years of age or younger on June 1, 2007. For the first time, the recipient was chosen by the Corpus Christi Bar Association Board of Directors from young lawyers nominated by the general membership.



“Augie” Rivera, the 2008 Judge Paul W. Nye Professionalism Award recipient, and Omar Leal, the 2008 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient, at the Law Day Luncheon.

Sheryl Mann CCYLA’s Liberty Bell Award Recipient

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association presents the Liberty Bell Award annually. Sheryl Mann, a legal assistant with Branscomb, P.C., was selected as



Sheryl Mann making her Liberty Bell Award acceptance remarks during the Law Day Reception

the 2008 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.

Robert C. Wolter Honored as CCALP Boss of the Year

The Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals has named Robert C. Wolter of Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C., as the 2008 Boss of the Year.

CCALP Names Belinda Damerow Legal Professional of the Year

Belinda Damerow of Hilliard & Munoz is the 2008 Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals Legal Professional of the Year.

Judge Edward Charles Prado of the Fifth Circuit Law Day Speaker

The guest speaker for this year’s Law Day Luncheon was the Honorable



The Honorable Edward Charles Prado addresses the Law Day Luncheon attendees

Edward Charles Prado, Circuit Judge, the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Judicial Circuit. The 186 in attendance were treated to an informative and inspiring history of the pivotal role played by the Fifth Circuit in making the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* the law. Absent rulings by the Fifth Circuit in key cases, the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Brown* would not have had the impact on the civil rights law of our country that is attributed to it. Judge Prado explained how four Caucasian Judges, with privileged backgrounds and residing in New Orleans, bucked their societal environs by giving effect to the holding in *Brown*.

Gib Walton, SBOT President Addresses April Luncheon

Gib Walton, President of the State Bar of Texas was the speaker at the April Luncheon. He explained “Let’s Do Justice for Texas,” an initiative to help Texans better understand their essential role



State Bar of Texas President Gib Walton addresses attendees at April Luncheon

in protecting and preserving the rule of law. He noted that while the defining ideal of our system of justice is to guarantee a fair hearing to all Texans, evidence suggests that huge numbers of citizens are apathetic or pessimistic about our justice system. Mr. Walton urged all to take every opportunity to educate the public, especially of the need for an independent judiciary.

Important Dates

Bold indicates seminar or new entry on the calendar

May 2008

- 1 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 8 — CCYLA Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Katz 21**
- 15 — CCYLA Happy Hour, 5:30—7:30 p.m., Cassidy's Irish Pub**
- 20 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Katz 21
- 23 — Criminal Law Seminar**
- 26 — Holiday, Office Closed

June 2008

- Docket Call
- 5 — **Baseball with the Bench**
- 12 — CCYLA Board of Directors, Joint Meeting**
- 17 — Board of Directors Joint Meeting
- 18 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

- 19 — Docket Call, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Cassidy's Irish Pub**
- 26 — 28 — State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

July 2008

- 9 — Luncheon
- 18 & 19 — SBOT Bar Leaders Conference at The Woodlands

Should you have any questions about any of the events listed, please call 883-4022.

Bill Edwards Selected ATLA Executive Committee

William R. "Bill" Edwards, who had previously been selected for membership in the American Trial Lawyers Association, has become a member of the Executive Committee of the organization. There are twenty-four lawyers on the Executive Committee. The American Trial Lawyers Association is a national organization composed of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers from each state. Membership in The

American Trial Lawyers Association is



William R. "Bill" Edwards

extended to civil plaintiff and criminal defense attorneys by special invitation. Candidates are considered for membership in The American Trial Lawyers Association based on superior qualifications, leadership, reputation, influence, stature, and profile in the Trial Lawyer community.

35th Annual Estate Planning Seminar Monday, May 19th

The Corpus Christi Estate Planning Council's "35th Annual Estate Planning Seminar" will be Monday, May 19th, at University Center, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi. It will cover the "traditional" family, the "blended" family, new developments, pros and cons of recent trends, and common problem areas. This seminar is co-sponsored by the College of Business, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi. May 12th is the deadline for early registration. The cost for CCEPC members will be \$160.00. Non-members will have to pay \$185.00. After May 12th, add \$20.00 for the registration cost. For more information, call 825-2829 or e-mail eugene.bland@tamucc.edu. Send checks payable to "CCEPC" to Eugene Bland, College of Business, Texas A&M University — Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

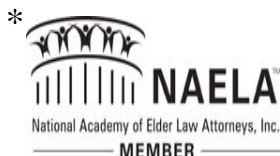
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The deadline for submitting ballots in the Corpus Christi Bar Association's Board of Directors election is 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 16th. The ballots must be in the CCBA Office by then. The postmark will NOT determine the timeliness of the ballot.

CCYLA May Luncheon "Disaster Preparedness Part II: Law Office Management Aspect"

The second and last in the "Disaster Preparedness" luncheon presentations by the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association will be Thursday, May 8th, at 12:00 p.m., at Katz 21 Steaks and Spirits. The topic will be "Disaster Preparedness Part II: Law Office Management Aspect." Todd Hunter, Hunter and Handel, P.C., and Michael Swantner will

make the presentation. The cost for members will be \$5.00; non-members will pay \$15.00. To reserve your spot, please call 883-4022.

CCYLA Celebrates the Ides of May

The Ides of May are quickly approaching, but there is no reason to be apprehensive. Instead, there is reason to look forward in joyful anticipation. Why you ask? That is because from **5:30 to 7:30 that evening** the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association will hold a **Happy Hour at Cassidy's Irish Pub**. For those of you who are new to town, Cassidy's is located at 602 North Water Street. **Members are free. Non-members are \$10.00.** Reservations are not necessary, but you can begin quenching your thirst earlier if you do because your name tag will be waiting for you. You can reserve your place by e-mailing dking@corpusbar.com, calling 883-4022, or faxing 883-0353. If you have any questions, please contact Dick King at 883-4022.



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Don't Miss the June Docket Call

The annual June **Docket Call** will be Thursday, **June 19th**, at **Cassidy's Irish Pub** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. What better way is there to wind down after a busy June afternoon than to commune with colleagues and members of the Judiciary in Cassidy's Irish Pub? It is **FREE** for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Reservations are not required, **but** you can begin quenching your thirst earlier if you do because your name tag will be waiting for you. You can reserve your place by e-mailing dking@corpusbar.com, calling 883-4022, or faxing 883-0353. If you have any questions, please contact Dick King at 883-4022.

Fastcase Launches "Freecase"

Fastcase has established the "Fastcase Public Library of Law" which its press release describes as the "largest free law

library on the Web." You can find it at www.plol.org.

Baseball with the Bench

The Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Association's annual "Baseball with the Bench" will be Thursday, June 5th. The event will begin in the Federal Courthouse Jury Room at 4:00 p.m. with a two-hour trial tactics CLE. Immediately following the CLE all will adjourn to the Hooks "Champions Club" for comradery with jurists and colleagues, free food, free libation, and baseball watching the Hooks beat the Midland Rockhounds. The cost will be \$95.00 for members, \$110.00 for non-members.

Look for the e-mail arriving next week for a registration form and instructions. They will also be located on our website by Monday, May 12th.

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Adopt A Family Thanks

Nineteen families had a much more pleasant holiday season than they would otherwise have had thanks to members of the Corpus Christi Bar Association. Eighteen firms and individuals participated in this year's Adopt a Family Project. A big "Thanks" goes to the participants:

Wilson Calhoun; Rudy Lerma; Jerry Guerra; Susanne Bonilla; Susan Hutchison; Brantley White; Josh Nieto; Michael Maldonado; The Huerta Law Firm; Shelby Jordan; Huseman, Dodson & Hummell, PLLC; Wigington Rumley, L.L.P.; Michael Schmidt; Upton, Mickits, Hardwick & Heyman, L.L.P.; Brunkenhoefer & Nielson, P.C.; Baker & Baker; the Honorable Jose Longoria and Judy Ramos; and Randall Barrera.

Special thanks go to Jerry Guerra for

organizing and administering the project.

New CCBA Members

We welcome the following new members:

Yvette Agilar, City of Corpus Christi Legal Department, phone 826-3894

Jenny Cron Boyd, Nueces County Attorney's Office, phone 888-0391

Stephen W. Byrne, Federal Public Defender's Office, phone 888-3532

Candice J. Paiz, Gonzales, Hoblit & Ferguson, L.L.P., phone 888-9392

2008 Criminal Law Seminar Will Be Friday, May 23rd

The 2008 Criminal Law Seminar will be presented Friday, May 23rd, at the Ortiz Convention Center. It will provide 6.75 hours of CLE with 1.0 hour of ethics. **The seminar has been approved for 6.75 hours of Specialization Credit for**

Criminal Law. The topics to be covered include "Jury Selection," "The Adam Walsh Act or Why 24 Months Might Mean 24 Years," "Recent Appellate Cases You Can Use," "Ethics," "Immigration Law's Interrelationship with Criminal Law," "Trial Evidence — Making and Meeting Objections," "Opening and Closing Statements," "Commitment Questions in *Voir Dire*," "Traffic and DWI Laws," "Handling the Media," and "Expunctions and Petitions for Non-Disclosure by the Numbers."

The flyer is on the street and is available on our website (ccbar.com). Cost for members is \$185.00 on or before May 21st. After that members pay \$205.00. The cost for non-members is \$210.00 on or before May 21st. After that it is \$230.00. Please submit the registration form in the flyer to register. If you have any questions, please e-mail dking@corpusbar.com or call 883-4022.

Lawyer Referral Service Renewals Due

It is time to renew your Lawyer Referral Service Membership. The new panel will take effect May 15th. Those who have not renewed by then will be removed from the active panel and will not be given any more referrals until they renew. If you have questions, please call us at 883-4022.

Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar a Success

The Corpus Christi Bar Association's 2008 Advanced Civil Trial Seminar was held Friday, April 11th. 58 lawyers attended, and once again it garnered rave reviews. **Special thanks go to David Bright and John Gsanger, the course directors, who brought in such an array of highly respected and talented speakers.**



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CCBA Law Day Contest Winners Also Win at SBOT

Three of Corpus Christi Bar Association



Alyssa De Los Santos, Rachel Spiering, and Jack Gsanger show their SBOT award certificates

Law Day Contest winners also won prizes in the State Bar of Texas Law Day Contest. Rachel Spiering (Yes, she is Susan Spiering's daughter.), first place winner in the CCBA high school poster contest, placed third in the statewide contest. Jack Gsanger (Yes, he is John and Cecile Gsanger's son), first place winner in the CCBA kindergarten through second grade poster contest, was the third place winner in the statewide contest. The first place winner in the CCBA third grade through fifth grade poster contest, Alyssa De Los Santos, also placed third in the statewide competition.

Immigration Topic at April Criminal Defense Luncheon

The April Criminal Defense Section's Luncheon was held April 16th at Katz 21 Steaks and Spirits. Marc Cervantes was the speaker. He spoke about the "Immigration Consequences of Criminal Cases." Over thirty were in attendance.

Postal Rates Increase Monday, May 12th

Effective Monday, May 12th, the cost to mail a first class letter increases \$0.42, but the cost of an additional ounce will remain \$0.17. The weight limit will remain 3 1/2 ounces. \$0.83 will be the new first class rate for large envelopes weighing one ounce or less while the cost for additional ounces will remain \$0.17 for each additional ounce. Check the Post Office's website for additional information, www.usps.com/prices.

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March Docket Call Held April 17th

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Mark Gilbreath and Robert Morris at Docket Call different. The one-month delay changed nothing. All who spent the evening at



Dan Garcia, Ted Bonilla, and Cammie Bonilla Cassidy's Irish Pub and those who just stopped by for a for a short visit said it was fun. Our next one will be in June 19th.

CCYLA Kids Law Library Book Report Winners

When the Kids Law Library was established at Los Encinos Special Emphasis Elementary School, an annual book report contest for 5th grade students was established to encourage students to read about the law. This year's winners were Alyssa Puebla, first place (\$75.00 gift certificate), Mariah Cavazos, second place (\$50.00 gift certificate), and Mer-randa Aguirre, third place (\$25.00 gift certificate). Gift certificates were to Half-Price Books.

Law Day Contest Winners

This year's Law Day Contest winners were, as is the practice, recognized at the Law Day Reception. First place winners received checks for \$100.00. Second place winners received checks for \$50.00, and third place winners received checks for \$25.00.

- First Place Editorial Contest:
Christopher Perkes (Greg's son)
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First Place: Rachel Spiering (Susan's daughter)
Middle School Poster Contest
First Place: Jeron M. Hoelscher (Jon Paul's nephew)
3rd through 5th Grade
First Place: Alyssa De Los Santos
Second Place: Jessica Rivera
Third Place: Mariela Mayen
Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
First Place: Jack Gsanger (John and Cecile's son)
Second Place: Arianna Trevino
Third Place: Benjamin N. Sanchez

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Justice Dori Contreras Garza, Justice J. Bonner Dorsey, and Judge Edward Charles Prado



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