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November Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th, 12:00 p.m.

**Congressman Solomon Ortiz International Center
402 Harbor Drive**

Speaker: Gene Major, Director, Advertising Review, State Bar of Texas

Topic: "Advertising Review Rules Update"

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 November 8, 2005. 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

NOTE

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

November 2005

Advanced Personal Injury Seminar November 4th, Racehorse Haynes to Speak

The Advanced Personal Injury Seminar will be conducted on Friday, November 4th at the Congressman Solomon Ortiz Convention Center. Judge Jack Hunter and Greg Turman are the course directors. Topics covered will be jury selection, the lawyer grievance process, demonstrative evidence, tire defect litigation, medical malpractice litigation, e-filing, maritime personal injuries, Vioxx litigation update, and product liability developments. Mr. Haynes will talk about ethical considerations in accepting new clients, voir dire suggestions for both civil and criminal trials, cross examination in civil and criminal trials, closing argument in civil and criminal trials, and anecdotal examples regarding trials over the last 50 years. The flyers have been mailed and are on the CCBA website 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 November 2nd will be \$205.00 for members and \$235.00 for non-members.

E-Filing Has Started in Nueces County

E-filing will enable you to submit documents online and to receive a response from the courts as to the status of your filing. It will enable you to file with multiple courts without having to learn separate systems for each court. You will be able to file 24/7/365, and the online status will allow you to know the document was received and what actions

have been taken thereon. Payment will be by a major credit card. You will be able to attach messages and instructions to the clerk upon your document submit-tal.

To start the e-filing process, go to TexasOnline.com. At the bottom of the page you will find "eFiling for Courts." Click there, and then follow the instructions.

You will actually register and file through a certified electronic service provider (EFSP). EFSP's are competing commercial filing services with their own websites. Currently, there are five EFSP's. Those services transmit your filing to the various courts. That is why you do not have to learn a separate procedure for each court that allows e-filing. There is, however, a caveat: **YOU MUST STILL COMPLY WITH THE LOCAL RULES.** As a registered filer, you will also have the option of being served electronically. E-filing is currently available in sixteen Texas counties. The list is available at TexasOnline.com.

E-Filing Training

Patsy Perez, Nueces County District Clerk, will be hosting FREE e-filing information session on **Monday, November 7th, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the Nueces County Courthouse.** The room will be announced later. There will be presentations by TexasOnline, Pro-Doc, CaseFile, MYFILERUNNER.COM, Roadrunner Couriers, Mach 5 Couriers, and eLawServices.com. Attendees can earn one hour of CLE.

You are requested to RSVP to Evona Adickes at eadickes@nueces.esc2.net. Ms. Adickes is also available to answer any questions at 888-0565.

Judge's Fish Fry Friday, December 2nd

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)? Reserve Friday, **December 2nd**; and stand by for more details. As an experiment, the "Judges' Fish Fry" will replace the Holiday Party this year.

Board Actions

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

Decided to continue placing the newsletter on the website

Decided not to place the phone numbers of the members of the Board on the website

Tabled the issue of whether to change the Bylaws to create a new membership category to allow attorneys who are admitted to practice in another state and before the District Court for the Southern District of Texas but not SBOT to become CCBA members

Agreed to seek sponsors for the January and April Luncheons

Agreed to grant 2006 Pictorial Directory advertisers who renew their 2005 ads a 25% discount in light of the "short" advertising year for the 2005 Pictorial Directory

Decided to continue to allow sitting and assigned judges to attend seminars free

Agreed to hold the June "Docket Call" at Cassidy's

Decided to hold November Board

meeting at Pat Wolter's Office
Agreed to try and have digital copies of all handouts for seminars if possible
Agreed to allow CCYLA to have a page on the website

Important Dates

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

November

11/1 — "Adopt a Family" Holiday project commences
"Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing" drive ends

11/4 — Personal Injury Seminar

11/8 — Last day for Luncheon reservations

11/9 — Joint Luncheon with Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals

December

12/2 — Judge's Fish Fry

January

1/10 — Last day for Luncheon reservations

1/11 — Luncheon

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

3/21 — Last day for Luncheon reservations

3/22 — Luncheon

April

Advanced Civil Trial Seminar
Board of Directors Elections

4/11 — Last day for luncheon reservations

4/12 — Luncheon

May

5/2 — Law Day Reception

5/3 — Law Day Luncheon

5/19 — Criminal Law Seminar

Pro Bono College of SBOT Seeking Applicants

The Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas is seeking applicants for 2005 membership. To qualify for membership, attorneys must have performed 75 or more hours of eligible pro bono legal services to the poor during the preceding year. Membership in the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas is free.

Members of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas are eligible for the same reduced tuition rate that legal services staff attorneys receive for the State Bar of Texas' annual Poverty Law Conference. The Poverty Law Conference provides three days of substantive law training on issues relating to legal services for the poor. Members of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas also receive a free subscription to the "Legal Front" newsletter, published by Texas Lawyers Care, and a certificate signed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and the President of the State Bar of Texas.

If you wish to apply for membership in the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas, we have the application form. Just call us at 883-4022, and we shall provide you with the form.

Continuing Legal Assistance For Hurricane Victims

The Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the Travis County Law Library, and the Texas Legal Services Center have collaborated to establish a comprehensive disaster section on the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation's web site, www.TexasLawHelp.org. The Foundation's website is dedicated to providing individuals with free, reliable information about their civil rights and responsibilities.

The disaster section contains information

City of Corpus Christi

City Attorney's Office

Has the Following Job Openings:

Attorney III (Litigation Section)

Minimum Salary \$52,202

Attorney I (Prosecutor)

Minimum Salary \$42,177

Apply on line at

www.cctexas.com

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related to housing, insurance claims, employment, and other issues of importance to hurricane victims. Additionally, visitors to the website can access other legal information about domestic violence, immigration, child custody, and many other legal matters. Because many Louisiana residents relocated to Texas due to hurricane Katrina, the website addresses issues pertaining to Louisiana law.

The Foundation's website also provides information concerning agencies that may be able to help including legal aid offices, social services organizations, and government agencies.

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 Reaches Milestone with Advertising

Yes, the announcement of job openings in the City Attorney's Office on the adjacent page is a paid advertisement — a milestone for this publication in that it is its first paid advertisement. 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 for all advertising.

Coat and Warm Clothing Drive Ends

The Coat and Warm Coat Clothing Drive ends Tuesday, November 1st. Please deliver all of your donations to CCBA Office prior to November 4th. On behalf of the men, women, and children who will benefit from your efforts, we thank all judges, attorneys, legal professionals, and firms who are participating in this public service project. Special "Thanks" go to Kevin Liles who honchoed this effort.

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 or via fax at 883-0353 or via voice at 883-4022. We are attempting to step into the 21st Century by establishing an e-mail data base and blast e-mail capability. The addresses 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.

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. If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022.

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HOW?

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the Board of Directors**

or

Call the Staff at 883-4022

Or

E-mail the Staff at

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**DEADLINE FOR
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
UPDATES EXTENDED TO
NOVEMBER 7TH**

In order to make the information in the Directory more timely, the Bar Directory for 2006 will be published in late December 2005 or early January 2006 instead of May 2006. 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 7th.**

Even if you have not changed anything, please check the current Bar Directory to ensure that your information is correct and please notify us if it is not. When checking the current directory, please take a close look at your photo. If you are not pleased with what you see or you have become more distinguished, you can change the photo, but **we must have the updated photo by November 7th. ALL photos must be DIGITAL.**

For the first time, you will be able to list your area of practice in the Bar Directory. One listing consisting of 30 characters will be free. Any additional listings will be \$10.00 per additional listing. Due to space constraints, each area listing 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 listing request. If you wish to list additional areas of practice, please notify us via mail and include a check to cover the cost. **No additional area of practice listing(s) will be placed in the directory until the check paying for the additional area of practice listing(s) is received.**

Due to space constraints, the maximum number of listings you may have in your entry in the Bar Directory will be limited to **10 lines of 30 characters/spaces** 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 area of practice, he/she would have to delete one of the current listings to make room for the area of practice listing. That is so because the attorney already has 10 listings in addition to his/her name. If the attorney in the foregoing example wished to list two areas of practice, he/she would have to delete two of his/her current listings in order to make room for the second area of practice listing. 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 area of practice without deleting two of the current listings.

The deadline for adding an area of practice to your listing is October 21st. If you have any questions, please call us at 883-4022.

The form on the opposite page may be used when notifying us of changes.

Directory Update

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

City _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

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 area of practice: (At a cost of \$10.00 per add. area)

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