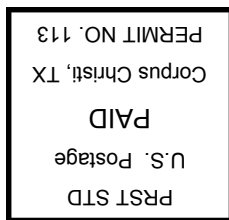




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Corpus Christi, TX 78478



September Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th, 12:00 p.m.

Town Club

800 North Shoreline Boulevard, 6th Floor

Free Parking available in Parking Garage — Have your ticket Validated at the front desk

Speaker: Kevin L. Leahy

Topic: “Ethical Issues Regarding Electronic Mail”

CLE Credit: 0.75 hour Participatory, ETHICS

Cost: \$19.00 per person for members, \$21.00 per person for non-members if reserved by noon, Tuesday September 13, 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 \$21.00 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

September 2005

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 17th.**

WE 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.

Red Mass Re-Scheduled

The Red Mass was originally scheduled for Monday, September 19th. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Red Mass Committee has had to announce that the Red Mass must be re-scheduled. A new date has not been set, but as soon as a new date is selected, it will be announced.

Bankruptcy Changes to Be Explained in Seminar Set for Friday October 14th

Bankruptcy laws are changing October 1st. The Bar Association is making it easy for you to understand and navigate the intricacies of the changes with comparable ease. Matt Rosenstein has put together an outstanding seminar on the changes and how they will affect you and your clients. Titled "A One Day Survival Course — Living under the Revisions to the Bankruptcy Code and Related Statutes: Bankruptcy Abuse, Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005," it will be held Friday, October 14th, at the Ortiz Center. It will be 7.25 hours in duration with a **full hour of ethics**. This course has been approved for **specialization credit** for Bankruptcy. The cost will be \$160.00 for members, \$185.00 for non-members who pre-register. For those members who do not pre-register, the cost at the door will be \$175.00. Non-members who do not pre-register will pay \$200.00 at the door. You can register now with the Bar Association. A flyer has hit the streets and is available on our Website. There is also a link to the flyer on the State Bar of Texas's Calendar.

Fish Fry to Replace Holiday Party

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:

Agreed to take affirmative action to improve the public's impression of attorneys

Increased the charge for those not reserving luncheons in advance the additional fee incurred, and increased the charge for non-members to \$2.00 more per meal than members pay

Moved the publication date for the Pictorial Directory up to January
Authorized the inclusion of attorney's specialties in the Pictorial Directory
authorized charging for listing more than one specialty

Reinstituted the "Judges' Fish Fry" to replace the Holiday Party
Authorized updating and cleaning-up of the website

Authorized the transfer of banking transactions to American Bank
Directed the purchase of a plaque for Minerva Arriaga to recognize her service to the Bar Association
Agreed that Board members would call those who have not yet paid their

dues to encourage them to renew their bar membership.
Authorized the change in the newsletter's format.

Important Dates

(Changes noted in **bold**)

September

- 9/13 — Last day for luncheon reservations
9/14 — Luncheon — See back page

October

- 10/1 — "Coat, Blanket, and Warm Clothing" drive commences
10/11 — Last day for luncheon reservations
10/12 — Luncheon — State Bar of Texas President to Speak
10/14 — Bankruptcy Seminar

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 — Luncheon

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

**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 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 OCTOBER 1ST.**

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 October 17th. ALL photos must be DIGITAL.**

For the first time, you will be able to list your area of specialization in the Bar Directory. One listing consisting of 30 characters will be free. Any additional listings will be \$_____ per additional listing. Due to space constraints, each specialty 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 specialties, please notify us via mail and include a check to cover the cost. **No additional specialty listing(s) will be placed in the directory until the check paying for the additional specialty 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
- Specialty

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 a specialty, he/she would have to delete one of the current listings to make room for the specialization 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 specialties, he/she would have to delete two of his/her current listings in order to make room for the second specialty 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 a specialty without deleting two of the current listings.

The deadline for adding a specialty to your listing is October 1st. 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

Specialty: _____

LIMITED to 30 Characters/Spaces

Additional Specialty: (At a cost of \$10.00 per additional specialty)

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