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Open Doors to Literacy through HBA Book Drive

Help children, teens and adults learn the power of reading by participating in the annual Fall Book Drive, sponsored by the HBA Lawyers for Literacy Committee. The drive benefits local homeless shelters, hospitals, and literacy projects by collecting gently-used or new books. The drive collects books for readers of all ages, with a particular emphasis on books for young children and young readers. Sarah Cabello of de Diego Law, Victoria Gipson, Attorney at Law, Gary Johnson of Vinson & Elkins LLP,

and Megan Prout of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. serve as co-chairs of this year's Lawyers for Literacy Committee, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary.

Books may be dropped off at the HBA office from September 5-15 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. at the loading dock. Contact Bonnie Simmons at bonnies@hba.org or (713) 759-1133 to confirm your participation, receive delivery instructions, or request pickup if you are unable to deliver.



Clothing and Diaper Drive, Oct. 16-27

Make winter warmer for Houston's homeless and less fortunate residents by collecting gently used clothing and new packages of disposable diapers for the HBA's Clothing and Diaper

Drive, October 16-27. Drop off items at the HBA office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The drive is sponsored by the HBA Campaign for the Homeless Committee, co-chaired by Ryan Boutet of Shell Oil Company and David J. Rusk of Thompson & Knight LLP. The drive will collect gently-used coats, sweaters and other clothing for all ages, as well as unopened packages of disposable diapers.

Cash donations also are welcome to purchase disposable diapers and to support Houston Dress for Success. For every \$100 donation, Dress for Success can purchase one new interview-appropriate suit for low-income women who are entering the workforce. Checks for diapers or Dress for Success should be made payable to the Houston Bar Foundation and sent to 1111 Bagby, FLB 200, Houston, TX 77002. Contact Bonnie Simmons at bonnies@hba.org or (713) 759-1133 to confirm your participation, receive delivery instructions, or request pickup if you are unable to deliver.



This clothing & diaper drive donates to 13 different organizations across Houston that serve people in need.

Judicial Poll to Open October 1

The Houston Bar Association's 2017 Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire is scheduled to open for voting on Monday, October 1, as of press time. Members will access the questionnaire through an e-mail that will be sent to all current members for whom the HBA has a valid individual email address. If you do not have a current email on file with the HBA and would like to participate in the Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire, please send your email address

to Ron Riojas at ronr@hba.org or Emelie Englehart at emeliee@hba.org.

The closing date is 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2017. You will notice a number of changes made by BallotBox to make your participation easier, while still maintaining the security of the poll. Instructions and contact information will be included in the email you receive from BallotBox. Only HBA members who are current in their 2017-18 dues may participate.

Sept. 4 Photo Deadline for 2018 Roster

September 4, 2017 is the deadline for HBA members to submit a photo for the 2018 HBA Pictorial Roster. Photos will not be accepted after the deadline. Please include the member's name and HBA member #.

Hard copy photos must be at least 2 x 3 inches and must have the attorney's complete name and member #. Passport photos will not be accepted. Hard copies can be mailed to the Membership Department, Houston Bar Association, 1111 Bagby Street, FLB 200, Houston, TX 77002.

The HBA will host a photo shoot session in the fall. Photos from this shoot are the only photos accepted after the deadline.

Photos can also be submitted via email at roster@hba.org.

For more information, call Ron or Emelie in the HBA Membership Department at (713) 759-1133.

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HBA/CIS Program Places 19 Interns



Summer 2017 interns with Texas State Representative Ana Hernandez and HBA CIS Committee 2016-17 Co-Chairs Diana Gomez and Quentin Smith.

The Houston Bar Association/Communities In Schools Houston Summer Legal Internship program wrapped up its eighth year of empowering academically-gifted students with an interest in the legal community to stay in school and achieve success in life. CIS works with the school systems of over 100 campuses to provide direct social services to at-risk students and connect them with community resources.

The HBA/CIS partnership places students in eight-week paid internships in professional law office environments. This summer, 19 students were placed in 17 law firms and corporate legal departments. In addition to work experience, students had the opportunity to hear speakers and participate in a mock trial program.

Diana Gomez of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. and Quentin Smith of Vinson & Elkins LLP co-chaired the HBA's CIS Committee. To participate next summer, contact the HBA Office or contact CIS directly at (713) 654-1515 Ext: 119. The Hon. Grant Dorfman of Sheehy, Ware & Pappas and Bill Kroger of Baker Botts L.L.P. co-chair the 2018 program.

Harris County DA Kim Ogg to Speak at Senior Lawyers Forum, Sept. 27

District Attorney Kim Ogg will speak at the HBA Senior Lawyers Forum on Wednesday, September 27 regarding "The New Era of Criminal Justice (The State of the Harris County District Attorney's Office)".

One hour MCLE and .75 ethics credits are offered at this program.

The program will be held at Brennan's, 3300 Smith Street, 77006 with a meet-and-greet at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and program at Noon. The cost is \$45 per person. Send

Lunch & Learn with TLAP, Sept. 21

The HBA and the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) will present a Lunch & Learn program called "Life Alert: Save a Lawyer" on Thursday, September 21 from Noon - 1 p.m. at Heritage Plaza Conference Room, 1111 Bagby. A panel of experts on suicide prevention will cover topics including the warning signs of suicide, what resources are available for at-risk legal professionals, and how to cope with the suicide of a colleague.

The HBA would like to thank the following 17 offices that hired CIS students in 2017:

Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP
Baker Botts L.L.P.*
Blank Rome LLP
Bracewell LLP
Dobrowski, Larkin & Johnson LLP
Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
Gibbs & Bruns LLP
Gray Reed & McGraw, LLP
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Jones Day
King & Spalding LLP
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Reynolds Frizzell LLP
Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P.
Vinson & Elkins LLP*
*(*Hired two CIS students.)*

We would also like to thank the following program sponsors:

McKool Smith, P.C.
Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP
Weycer Kaplan Pulaski & Zuber, P.C.
Peter Yetter

your check, payable to the HBA, to Bonnie Simmons, Houston Bar Association, 1111 Bagby Street, FLB Suite 200 Houston, TX 77002 by September 21st or until sold out. You can also pay by credit card online at www.hba.org. All HBA members and their guests are welcome. Walk-ins are not guaranteed a seat. To learn more or RSVP, contact Bonnie Simmons at (713) 759-1133 or bonnies@hba.org.

According to the American Bar Association, the legal community experiences higher-than-average rates of substance abuse and depression, two risk factors for suicide. Therefore, suicide prevention measures such as those championed by TLAP are of great salience. This members-only program is free, but space is limited. To register, email Ashley Steinger at ashleyg@hba.org. Bring your own lunch.



Updates

October 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. – Offer in Compromise Clinic, 1111 Bagby, Main Auditorium.

Modeled on our Pro Se Divorce Clinic, this *NEW* limited service clinic is a perfect opportunity for those who are interested in volunteering on a tax case. Volunteers will use the new OIC Online Software solution tool to complete the OIC package for the preselected clients. A training video will be available if the volunteer was unable to attend the training CLE in August. HVL is seeking 3-5 volunteers for each appointment time at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Email Jessie.Campbell@hvlp.org for more information.

Support HVL at Big Give Houston

On September 13, 2017, HVL will be participating in Big Give Houston, by sharing with the general Houston public and raising awareness of the work that we do. A social media campaign, please visit HVL's Facebook page and share its posts to encourage your non-legal friends to contribute \$10 to our cause!

Upcoming HVL CLEs, Seminars

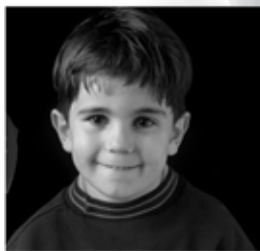
September 15 – Bankruptcy Seminar
September 15 – Disability Rights Training
October 20 – Family Law Seminar
Email Brittany.Krohn@hvlp.org for more information.

National Pro Bono Week

October 22 – 28, 2017
\$5 Jeans Day Wednesday, October 25
Watch for more information at www.makejusticehappen.org

Give Blood. Save Lives.

Blood donations have declined over the last couple of years and the need is great. Please consider joining this crucial effort by hosting a 1-day drive that works for your schedule as part of the HBA's Blood Drive. **You can also donate through one of the upcoming legal community drives listed at www.hba.org/giveblood.** The HBA has set a goal of collecting 3,000 units of blood this year for The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. For more information, please visit www.giveblood.org or contact Bonnie Simmons at the HBA office at (713) 759-1133 or bonnies@hba.org.



Equal Access Champions

The firms, corporations and individuals listed below have agreed to assume a leadership role in providing equal access to justice for all Harris County citizens. Each has made a commitment to provide representation in a certain number of cases through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers.

Large Firm Champions

Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP
 Baker Botts L.L.P.
 Bracewell LLP
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Corporate Champions

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 Gray Reed & McGraw, LLP
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 Haynes and Boone, LLP
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 LeClairRyan
 Ogden, Broocks & Hall, L.L.P.
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 Stewart P.C.
 Sutton McAughan Deaver PLLC
 Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
 LLP
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 Kroger | Burrus
 MehaffyWeber, P.C.
 Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan,
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 The Law Office of Scardino & Fazel
 Shortt & Nguyen, P.C.
 Trahan Kornegay Payne, LLP

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 The Dieye Firm
 The Ericksen Law Firm
 Law Office of Todd M. Frankfort
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 David Hsu and Associates
 The Jurek Law Group, PLLC
 The LaFitte Law Group, PLLC
 C.Y. Lee Legal Group, PLLC
 Lindley Law Firm, PLLC
 Law Office of Maria S. Lowry
 Martin R.G. Marasigan Law Offices
 Law Office of Evangeline Mitchell,
 PLLC
 Law Office of Bertrand C. Moser
 Law Office of Rita Pattni
 Pilgrim Law Office
 Robert E. Price
 Reece Law Firm, PLLC
 Law Office of Cindi L. Robinson
 Law Office of Jeff Skarda
 Amalfi Law, PLLC
 Diane C. Treich, Attorney at Law
 The Law Office of Norma Levine
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HBA Receives Hankinson Award

The Houston Bar Association is the recipient of the 2017 Deborah G. Hankinson Award from the Texas Access to Justice Commission. The award honors bar associations and young lawyer affiliates that demonstrate a commitment to access to justice by creating initiatives that increase access to legal aid services, increase awareness of access to justice issues, or raise funds for legal aid providers.

The HBA was honored for its access to justice efforts including an extensive program of monthly and bimonthly legal clinics custom-

ized to meet the needs of Harris County residents and raising \$725,000 for pro bono legal services through the Harvest Celebration. The HBA won the award in the category that includes Texas bar associations over 900 members.

Neil D. Kelly, 2016-2017 HBA president, accepted the award from Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman during the State Bar of Texas 2017 Bar Leaders Conference on July 29 in Houston.



2016-2017 HBA president, Neil D. Kelly, left, accepted the Deborah G. Hankinson Award – Division III on behalf of the HBA at the Bar Leaders Conference on July 29. Presenting the award are Tom Vick, 2017-2018 president of the State Bar of Texas; Justice Eva Guzman of the Supreme Court of Texas; and Trish McAllister, executive director of the Texas Access to Justice Commission.

Get on Board Project TRAIN: Opportunities for Special Needs Individuals

The HBA's new Project TRAIN Committee is on track to assist those with special needs through education and pro bono services. The committee is developing training materials to assist employers in recruiting and hiring individuals with cognitive and intellectual disabilities. HBA president, Alistair Dawson, is working with a collaboration of organizations including The Center, H.E.A.R.T., Social Motion Skills, Jewish Family Services and Disability Rights Texas for job creation.

The program is now recruiting law firms and corporate legal departments to join the collaborative network and help the committee with its important work, said Dawson. During Disability Awareness Month in October, the HBA committee will work to increase awareness of the program and will distribute a list of all participating law offices.

If you would like to find out more about the Project TRAIN Committee's work, or if you are interested in joining the collaborative

network, please contact Alistair Dawson at adawson@beckredde.com.

In addition to its work on a jobs program, the Project TRAIN Committee also will work through the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers to help families set up guardianships for special needs individuals after they turn 18, and will help students struggling to get the accommodations they are entitled to in schools.

Give 1L Students a Head Start through HBA MOILP 20th Anniversary

The HBA Minority Opportunities in the Legal Profession Committee is seeking law firms, corporate legal departments, governmental agencies, courts and other offices that would like to help level the playing field for Houston's first year minority law students by hiring them as summer clerks. The program is open to 1L students from all three Houston law schools. The MOILP Committee will

assist your office in finding qualified applicants and provide enrichment opportunities for students.

Since the inception of the program in 1998, 594 law students were hired by local firms, corporations, and courts. This bar year, the committee will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The MOILP committee hopes to have all participating offices signed up by November

17, 2017. For information contact one of the MOILP co-chairs: Rehan Alimohammad of Wong Fleming at ralimohammad@wongfleming.com; Rafael Boza of Sarens USA at rafael.boza@sarens.com; or J'Antae Hall Eloundou of PwC at jantae.hall.eloundou@pwc.com.

Upcoming HBA/CLE Seminars

Friday seminars are 1-2:30 p.m. at the Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza; Thursday seminars are 8-9:30 a.m. at the Marathon Oil Tower 10th Floor Conference Center. Seminars are free to HBA members only; members may purchase written materials for \$5-\$15. Seminars are \$50 for nonmembers, including materials. Register at the door only. For more information, see the Spring/Summer Seminar brochure at www.hba.org/cle.

Friday, September 15, 2017

"Too Much Tequila? How to Enforce an Invalid Mexican Arbitration Award in the U.S." Presented by Sean Armstrong (ConocoPhillips Company) and Jack Edwards (Ajamie LLP) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, September 22, 2017

"Emerging LGBT Issues & Trends in Employment Law" Presented by Corey E. Devine (Muskat, Mahony, Devine & Moses, LLP) and Daniel N. Lenhoff (Muskat, Mahony, Devine & Moses, LLP) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, September 29, 2017

"Flying Straight and Level: Litigating the Aviation Case" Presented by Pamela Hicks (Hicks Davis Wynn, PC) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, October 6, 2017

"HOA Legislative Update" Presented by Mitchell Katine (Katine & Nechman LLP) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, .5 hours ethics credit.

Friday, October 20, 2017

"Sign & Consent: A Review of the Customary Deal Terms in an Openlane Transaction" Presented by Simin Sun (Haynes and Boone, LLP) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, October 27, 2017

"Elder Law Beyond Simple Wills & Probate" Presented by Joy Eckelkamp (Bank of Texas) and Bryn Poland (Law Office of Pi-Yi Mayo) 1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.

68th Annual Harvest Celebration

Sowing Seeds of Hope through Pro Bono Services

Join your colleagues on November 13 to celebrate the legal profession's spirit of giving. The 68th Harvest Celebration is set for 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the River Oaks Country Club.

The Harvest Celebration benefits the Houston Bar Foundation (HBF), which supports the crucial pro bono efforts of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL). HVL sows seeds of hope by helping the poor and "working poor," those who have jobs and are raising families, but who cannot afford help for legal prob-



lems that could arise in anyone's life. HVL handles civil, non-fee generating cases including child custody, consumer problems, probate, foreclosure and legal problems for veterans using volunteer attorneys supported by staff.

HBA Treasurer Benny Agosto, Jr. of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz and HBF Chair Travis Sales of Baker Botts, LLP, serve as co-chairs. Please consider joining the law firms, corporations, businesses, bar groups and individuals listed below in supporting HBF and HVL.

THE 68th ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION

Monday, November 13, 2017 • 6:30 - 10 p.m. • River Oaks Country Club • 1600 River Oaks Blvd.

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\$30,000

Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP
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Bracewell LLP
Locke Lord LLP
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Vinson & Elkins LLP
Williams Kherkher Hart
Boundas, LLP

\$15,000

King & Spalding LLP
LyondellBasell Industries

\$10,000

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
BakerHostetler
Chevron Corporation
Exxon Mobil Corporation
KoonsFuller, P.C.
Winston & Strawn LLP

\$7,500

Beck Redden LLP

\$5,000

Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C.
Baker & McKenzie LLP
Blank Rome LLP
Chamberlain Hrdlicka White
Williams & Aughtry
Dentons US LLP
Family Law Section
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Haynes and Boone, LLP

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP
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Sidley Austin LLP
Susman Godfrey L.L.P.
Thompson & Knight Foundation
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Winstead PC
Yetter Coleman LLP

\$4,000

Hogan Lovells US LLP

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Benny & Nikki Agosto

\$3,000

Kay Sim

\$2,500

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Donato, Minx, Brown & Pool, P.C.
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EOG Resources, Inc.
Esquire Deposition Solutions, LLC
Frost Bank

FTI Consulting
Germer PLLC
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Holmes, Diggs, Eames & Sadler
Hunton & Williams LLP
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Jim Adler & Associates, P.C.
Lanier Law Firm
Latham & Watkins LLP
Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.
Noble Energy, Inc.
Porter Hedges LLP
Reynolds Frizzell LLP
Service Corporation International
Shipley Snell Montgomery LLP
Strasburger & Price, LLP
Ware, Jackson, O'Neill, Smith & Barrow, LLP

\$1,200

Jim Hurd & Cisselon Nichols Hurd

\$1,000

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South Texas College of Law Houston
Tindall England, P.C.
Travis Torrence
Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C.

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For more information on underwriting or to purchase tickets, visit www.hba.org.

Appellate Courts Celebrate Anniversaries

The HBA Appellate and Litigation Sections are sponsoring a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the First Court of Appeals and the 50th anniversary of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals on Tuesday, September 12, from 4 - 6

p.m. The event, Commemorating a Commitment to Justice, will include a 1-hour CLE presentation by the current justices followed by a cocktail reception in the rotunda of the 1910 Harris County Courthouse.



There is no cost for the event, but RSVPs are required as seating is limited.

To register, go to conta.cc/2vILfKg. For questions, please contact Jennifer A. Hasley at jennifer@hasleyscarano.com.

New Jamail Endowment Supports Free Legal Services for Veterans

The Texas Access to Justice Foundation announced that Houston attorney Richard Mithoff has created the Joe Jamail Endowment for Veteran Legal Services to honor the late Houston legend, who was known for his philanthropic efforts. The Endowment aims to ensure that Texas veterans have fair and equitable access to the justice system by receiving the free legal help they need to successfully integrate back into civilian life and secure the rights and benefits for which they risked their

lives.

“Joe Jamail was one of our greatest trial lawyers. But before he was a lawyer, he was a Marine,” said Mithoff. “This Endowment honors Joe’s commitment to justice and his commitment to veterans.”

Texas has the second-highest population of veterans in the nation, and according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, legal issues account for five of the top 10 unmet needs of homeless veterans. Access to legal services

can be critical to veterans to get the benefits and support they need for themselves and their families.

For more information or to make a donation to the Joe Jamail Endowment for Veteran Legal Services, visit www.teajf.org.



Jamail with Mithoff.

HBA People



Garcia Hopkins Marshall Reasoner

Judge Esmeralda Peña Garcia, Associate Presiding Judge of the City of Houston Municipal Courts, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Hispanic Professionals Organization–Houston. The award honored Judge Peña Garcia for her 30 years of Judicial Service, Leadership, and Community Service benefitting educational scholarships and youth services. The award was presented at NHPO Houston’s 2nd An-

nual Women’s Empowerment Conference.

William Hopkins, a partner at Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley and Norton LLP and immediate past chair of the HBA Health Law Section, was the recipient of the ABA Health Law Section’s Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award. The award honors a section member who has made exceptional efforts to promote diversity and inclusion within the section and the legal profession. The award was presented at the ABA section’s Emerging Issues Conference in New Orleans.

The Texas Municipal Courts Association has selected **Judge J. Elaine Marshall** as the TMCA 2017 Outstanding Judge. This award is bestowed annually to a Texas Municipal

Judge who demonstrates excellence in the fair administration justice. Judge Marshall has served as a Houston Municipal Judge for 30 years and is the chair of the Municipal Court Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. The award was presented August 25 at the Annual TMCA Convention in San Marcos.

Barrett Reasoner, a partner at Gibbs & Bruns LLP, was inducted as a Fellow into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers during an Academy meeting in Montreal on July 28. The Academy is a group of only 500 trial lawyers representing both sides of the bar. Membership is by invitation only after an extensive vetting process.

Volunteer Opportunities

Special Olympics – The HBA Special Olympics Committee is seeking volunteers for five events this fall. Consider volunteering alongside others in the legal community at one of these upcoming events by visiting tinyurl.com/SOHBA2017. Click “Register” to select an event and shift or to learn more about each event. Non-attorneys are welcome, too!

- **September 18** - Golf Tournament, Windrose Country Club in Spring. Volunteers needed 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **September 23** - Softball Competition, Location TBA. Volunteers needed 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon or 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **October 7** - Aquatics Meet, Cy-Fair ISD Natatorium. Volunteers needed 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon or 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **November 4** - Area Volleyball Tournament, Willowbrook Sports Complex. Volunteers needed 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon or 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **December 2** – Area Bowling Tournament, Copperfield Bowl, Volunteers needed 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Constitution Day and Lawyers for Literacy 30th Anniversary Readings – The Houston Bar Association will read to students at 100 schools in both September and October. Contact Bonnie Simmons at

(713) 759-1133 or bonnies@hba.org to volunteer to read at a school. The books our members will read to elementary students are *If I Were President* for Constitution Day and *Ordinary Mary’s Extraordinary Deed* for the 30th Anniversary program. Volunteers need not commit to both reading programs.

IDEA – The Interprofessional Drug Education Alliance (IDEA) Committee gives legal and medical professionals the opportunity to present an anti-drug-abuse message to youth. Presentations will take place at various elementary schools in Harris County on Tuesday, October 24 from 8:30 - 11 a.m. To volunteer, contact Ashley Steinger at ashleyg@hba.org or (713) 759-1133. Volunteers can attend an orientation on Friday, October 19.

L4BH @ Memorial Park – Volunteer with the HBA Lawyers for a Beautiful Houston Committee for the National Public Lands Day. This family friendly (12+ years) event will take place on Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers will work on hiking trail management at Memorial Park. Contact Bonnie Simmons at (713) 759-1133 or bonnies@hba.org to volunteer.

Join the HBA 100 Club!

The Houston Bar Association 100 Club is a special category of membership that indicates a commitment to the advancement of the legal profession and the betterment of the community. The following law firms, government agencies, law schools, and corporate legal departments with five or more attorneys have become members of the 100 Club by enrolling 100 percent of their attorneys as members of the HBA.

Firms of 5-24 Attorneys

Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz
Adair Myers Graves Stevenson PLLC
Ajamie LLP
Baker Williams Matthiesen LLP
Baker • Wotring LLP
The Bale Law Firm, PLLC
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Dentons US LLP
Dobrowski, Larkin & Johnson LLP
Dow Golub Remels & Gilbreath, PLLC
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Ewing & Jones, PLLC
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Summaries

U.S. Supreme Court Justice to Speak after Red Mass – The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston cordially invites all associated with the study and administration of justice to join its annual celebration of the Red Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28. There will be an optional dinner immediately following the Red Mass, with an address by United States Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. For tickets to the optional dinner, go to www.archgh.org/redmass. There is no charge to attend the Red Mass.

Food from the Bar – The results are in! The Houston Food Bank's 2nd Annual Food from the Bar campaign, which took place April 2017, raised \$177,412, collected 14,675 pounds of food, and donated 2,344 volunteer hours for Houston's hungry. For further details and lists of winners, visit www.houstonfoodbank.org/foodfromthebar.

Need Ethics? – The next HBA Saturday Ethics Program will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the Heritage Plaza Conference Room, 1111 Bagby St. The program is free for HBA Members; \$100 for non-members. No pre-registration is required.

Civil Courthouse Updating Elevator Bank – The Harris County Civil Courthouse, located at 201 Caroline Street, has been approved by the county for a complete modernization of all six elevators to

the upper level elevator bank (floors 8-17). The project, announced in April, is expected to finish by January 2018. At least three units, including the freight elevator during high-traffic hours, will remain in service while the repairs are in progress. Stairwells and lower level elevators remain open as well.

U.S. District Court Bench Bar Conference – The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas will have the District's first ever Bench/Bar Conference on Friday, November 3, 2017 in downtown Houston, next to the federal courthouse. The conference will bring together federal trial judges and the federal court civil and criminal practitioners in the Houston and Galveston divisions. Attorneys must be admitted to practice before the Southern District of Texas to attend. Mark your calendar.

Business Litigation CLE Set for November 2 – Save the date on November 2, 2017, for "The Art of Business Litigation: A Conversation, Sips, and CLE." Join Sofía Adrogué, Editor, "Texas Business Litigation," and the Hon. Caroline Baker, co-editor, with contributing authors, for an evening CLE at River Oaks Country Club, from 4 - 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the University of Houston Law Center with support from the Houston Bar Association and ALM Media. Please email lawalumni@uh.edu to sign up to receive registration announcement information in early September.

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