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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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From the President

By Christine Reinhard

I write this as a sit on a South-west flight to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Those of you who know me are familiar with my Aggie pride and fanatical support of all things Aggie. However, this year my husband and I have a reason to attend each and every A&M football game—our daughter, Brittani. No, she is not blazing trails as a female football player, but she may be in the athletic training world. Despite her desire and enthusiasm, Brittani was not blessed with athletic skills (she will even readily admit such). However, as a freshman in high school, she figured out a way to blend her love of sports (nurturing at its best!) with her interest in science. She decided to get involved

with athletic training and sports medicine.

Very few of us figure out what we want to be when we grow up as a freshman in high school, but Brittani has been dead-set on her career path ever since. And it is a career path where, as a female on the sidelines, she will make waves if she continues at the college or even pro levels.



Brittani's experience today is much like our own industry several years ago. In fact, in the early 1980s when the Bexar County Women's Bar was just getting started, women lawyers were few and (con'd on p. 5)

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Autumn Affair 2010 is Almost Here!

By Tiffanie Clausewitz and Laura Mason

After months of planning, BCWBF's Autumn Affair, benefitting Dress for Success San Antonio, is here! We hope you received your gorgeous invitation and your raffle tickets, and have made plans to participate in this wonderful event! One more time - here are the details:

An Autumn Affair
Thursday, October 14, 2010
6:00 in the Evening
Witte Museum, Prassel Courtyard

Honoring Women in the Judiciary and our 2010 Belva Lockwood Recipients,
Elizabeth A. Copeland and Marissa D. Helm

To RSVP or for more information regarding tickets, please contact Beverly Smith at smithjustice@sbcglobal.net on or before October 7, 2010. For any other questions, contact co-chairs Tiffanie Clausewitz at tclausewitz@rmgllp.com or Laura Mason at lmason@obht.com. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Thank you to our auction and raffle sponsors for their support and donations:

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema
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Boudro's
Canyon Springs Golf Club
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Carino's Boutique
Central Market
Cheesy Janes
Chris Dunn
Cox Smith
Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio
Dr. Rolando Saenz & Gaylia Brunson
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Tiffanie Clausewitz
Autumn Affair 2010
Co-Chair



Laura Mason
Autumn Affair 2010
Co-Chair

Autumn Affair (con'd)

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 Dry Comal Creek Vineyards and Winery
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 Justice Simmons
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 Learning Express
 Legal Preference, Inc.
 Lone Star Limo
 Luce Restaurant
 Mac & Ernie's Roadside Eaterie
 Magik Theatre
 Messina Hof Winery & Resort
 Michele Petty
 Oak Hills Country Club
 Paesano's at Lincoln Heights
 Page Barteau Catering Inc.
 Pampered Chef
 PartiLite
 Plunkett & Gibson
 RockinR River Rides
 Roger Soler Sports
 San Antonio Missions Baseball Club
 San Antonio Sports Foundation
 Shiraz Restaurant
 Spurs Sports & Entertainment
 The Day Spa at Folawn's
 The Witte Museum
 Tiffanie Clausewitz
 Water 2 Wine
 Yard House

The Suit is Just the Beginning!

By Elena Villaseñor

When you put on a suit, you don't just look good; you feel good. It gives you that confidence you need to walk into a room. It makes you stand up straighter and walk taller. It conveys to others that you are a professional—you are prepared, capable, and ready to work.

Every year, Dress for Success San Antonio gives suits and confidence to more than 700 low-income women in San Antonio. Non-profit organizations and governmental agencies refer women to Dress for Success who already have an interview scheduled. On her initial visit, a woman receives a suit appropriate for her interview. After a woman finds a job, Dress for Success provides her with additional clothing that can be mixed and matched to make several outfits, providing her with the foundation for a professional wardrobe.

But the suit is just the beginning. Dress for Success San Antonio also has workforce development and life skills training programs. Through job preparation, employment retention, and career development programs, Dress for Success San Antonio promotes economic security and self-sufficiency. Its objective is to help their clients establish a solid work history and permanently leave public assistance.

For all the fabulous work that it does for disadvantaged women in San Antonio, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association has named Dress for Success 2010 the beneficiary of this year's Autumn Affair. Support Dress for Success 2010 by attending the Autumn Affair and donating new to lightly used women's suits and accessories. The only thing that will make you feel better and more confident than wearing a suit is giving a suit to a woman who is trying to improve her own quality of life, but needs a little help to get there.



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SAVE THE DATE

THE BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION
PRESENTS

An Autumn Affair

benefiting Dress for Success

OCTOBER 14, 2010, 6 P.M.
THE WITTE MUSEUM
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



From the President (con'd)

between, with even less serving as judges. The women who led the BCWB at the time were visionaries, but I doubt they would imagine a little over 20 years later our own court of appeals would be made up of mostly women. Nor did they perhaps envision so many women would fill our judicial ranks, as evident by the many currently holding judicial office in Bexar County or striving to do so.

Although women are part of every aspect of the law today, we cannot forget the strides we made or those who helped us get there. It is for this reason the BCWB still honors women in the judiciary at our annual charitable fundraiser, renamed three years ago to Autumn Affair. This year will be no different. On October 14, under the stars of the Witte Museum, we will recognize and honor our Texas women judges for the twenty-eighth year. We will also highlight two outstanding women lawyers who fulfill all the attributes that made Belva Lockwood a woman of

history. I hope each and every one of you, as members of the BCWB, will attend this glorious event and bring a few others along with you (girls' night anyone?!?). I know our Autumn Affair Committee, led by Laura Mason and Tiffanie Clausewitz, has worked extremely hard to make it another "affair to remember."

With football season in mid-swing, Brittani will be busy taking care of injuries and (hopefully – yes, I am a mom) studying hard at A&M on October 14. However, I know that if she were able to attend this year's Autumn Affair, she would be amazed and as proud as I am of the many past, present, and future women leaders in our legal community. Kudos to you all!

Gig 'em!

(Postscript – Well, the Aggies were outscored in a wild game. But, it was awesome to support Brittani and our Aggies!)

Membership Dues Poll!

By Natalie L. Hall

Did you know that the BCWBA has not raised dues in over 5 years! Our membership dues are a vital component to our budget. Membership dues allow us to provide amazing benefits to our members that we cannot afford to reduce due to budget constraints. Current membership dues are \$40 for attorneys licensed 1-3 Years and \$50 for attorneys licensed 3 years or more. We seek your thoughts about the acceptability of a \$15 increase for all membership dues. Please E-mail Natalie L. Hall at nlhall@coxsmith.com and tell us “yes--progress” or “no--go.” We value your membership and want to hear from you!

A Santa Fe Holiday Feast

Join the BCWBA on November 11, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at Central Market for A SANTA FE HOLIDAY FEAST cooking class and CLE. \$50 per person, includes one hour of CLE. Speakers will be Fourth Court Justices Phylis Speedlin, Sandee Bryan Marion, and Rebecca Simmons. Attendance is limited. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. RSVP to tclausewitz@rmgllp.com.

Menu includes: White Bean & Roasted Tomato Soup dolloped with Sage Pesto; Dried Cherry Scones; Pork Tenderloin served with Apple & Red Chile Chutney; Barley, Quinoa & Wild Rice Salad with Citrus-Chipotle Vinaigrette; Brussels Sprouts with Pomegranate Molasses & Toasted Walnuts; and Pumpkin Bread Pudding.

Congratulations to:

- Elizabeth Copeland on her selection for the Belva Lockwood Lawyer Award
- Marissa Helm on her selection for the Belva Lockwood Young Lawyer Award
- Abigail Kampmann on receiving the Family Business Award from the *San Antonio Business Journal*
- Judge Renee F. McElhaney on receiving the Mentoring Award from the *San Antonio Business Journal*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2010 PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR

The Paralegal of the Year program has been adopted to honor an outstanding paralegal from San Antonio. This is not a popularity contest, but rather an award to a paralegal based on fair and impartial judging by a three person panel.

Below are the requirements for nomination and a nomination ballot. Each nominee's employer will be notified and will be asked to prepare a letter of recommendation reflecting his/her qualifications, experience, professionalism and the importance of his/her position in the firm.

The winner will be announced at the Paralegal Day luncheon on October 22, 2010. Please give serious consideration to those paralegals that have served well and worked hard this past year.

PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR PROCEDURE

Requirements for nominations:

1. Paralegal must be a voting member of AAPA, STOP or PD.
2. Paralegal must have at least five (5) years of legal experience.

Notification process:

Each nominee will be notified upon receipt of ballot. Each person is then required to furnish the contact person the name of his/her supervising attorney who will be contacted to provide a letter of recommendation.

BALLOT FOR PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR 2010

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DEADLINE FOR ALL BALLOTS IS OCTOBER 8, 2010

Celebrate 58th Annual RED MASS



The custom of a special Mass for the judicial community arose in France, England and Italy in the early 13th Century to mark the opening of the courts of law and to ask guidance for all who seek justice. It became known as the Red Mass from the color of the priests' vestments and judges' robes. This tradition continues today in San Antonio as a time for the legal community to come together to pray for the cause of justice.

A Legacy of **Faith & Law**

St. Mary's University President Charles L. Cottrell, Ph. D., and Charles E. Cantú, dean of the School of Law, invite the legal community and people of all faiths to join in the celebration of Red Mass, marking the beginning of the judicial year.

The Most Reverend Oscar G. Cantú, S.T.L., Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider and homilist. The Honorable Catherine Stone, Chief Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals, will offer reflections.

**Thursday, October 28, 2010
6 p.m.**

**San Fernando Cathedral
115 Main Plaza
San Antonio**

Reception to follow:
The Plaza Club
Frost Bank Tower
100 W. Houston Street
San Antonio

This tradition is coordinated annually by the St. Mary's University School of Law, Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio and representatives from San Antonio's legal organizations, the judiciary and the State Legislature.

Judges will meet at the Fourth Court of Appeals at 5 p.m. in robe to prepare for the solemn procession from the Courthouse to the Cathedral with representatives of the local legal organizations.

For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walk, F.M.I., St. Mary's School of Law campus minister, at (210) 436-3063 or gwalk@stmarytx.edu.