

2024 ANNUAL CLE RETREAT SPEAKER BIO

Name: Whitney Thomas Firm: Founding Attorney, Whitney Thomas Law Firm, PLLC Interim Managing Attorney, San Antonio Legal Services Association

Whitney is the owner of the Whitney Thomas Law Firm and serves in a supporting role as Interim Managing Attorney of the San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA.) Her focused practice areas include estate planning, probate, and guardianship.

Whitney is a proud HBCU graduate of Hampton University and Southern University Law Center. During her final year in law school, she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty. She has been named one of San Antonio's Outstanding Women in Law for the past two years and a 2023 Rising Star S.A. Lawyer by Scene in S.A. magazine. In 2023, Whitney was awarded the Future Legend Award by the San Antonio Black Lawyers Association.

Whitney is an active leader of her local and national legal community. Locally, she serves as President-Elect of the San Antonio Black Lawyers Association, Treasurer-Elect of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association & Foundation, and Lawyer Referral Service committee chair of the San Antonio Bar Association. She is a graduate of the 2023 Class of the LEAD Academy of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation. She is an active member of the Polly Jackson Spencer Probate American Inns of Court (membership committee) and the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association. Nationally, Whitney serves as a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral and Information Service.

Past Professional Presentations

"Artificial Intelligence and Access to Justice" 2023 American Bar Association Forum on Building Access to Justice for All

"Pro Bono Opportunites with SALSA" BCWB October 2023 CLE Luncheon

"Technology Revolution: The Future of Professional Services & AI" Technology Revolution: The Future is Now - Podcast

"AI Ethics Unveiled: Navigating the ChatGPT Frontier for a Responsible Legal Future" State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

"Ethical & Practical Implications of Regulating Referrals" American Bar Association - Online CLE, 2023

"From Automated Referrals to SMS Messaging: Find Out How Your Colleagues Are Using New Technology"

2022 American Bar Association National Lawyer Referral Workshop