



Coming Events

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APRIL

- 15 Last Day for Board of Directors Nominations (5:00 p.m.)
- 16 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano’s Lincoln Heights (*Avoiding the Grievance Committee* by Jefferson Moore—1 hr. Ethics CLE# 901262957)

MAY

- 2 Mega-Networking Mixer—Witte Museum
- 3 Law Day
- 5 Family Fun Day & Chili Cook-Off—Pavilion #4, at MacArthur Park, 1611 NE Loop 410
- 21 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano’s Lincoln Heights (*Firearms Laws and Individual Rights*, CLE # 901262958)

JUNE

- 1 New SAYLA Officers and Director Take Office
- 7-9 SAYLA Summer Board Retreat
- 18 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano’s Lincoln Heights (*Supreme Court Update* with Justice Paul Green, CLE# 901262959)
- 28 SAYLA Scramble — Hyatt Hill Country Resort

JULY

- 16 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano’s Lincoln Heights

3rd Annual Family Fun Day & Chili Cook-Off



COME CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO WITH SAYLA!

Family Fun Day 2013 will take place at Pavilion #4, at MacArthur Park, 1611 NE Loop 410, 78209, beginning at 12:00 p.m. on May 5, 2013.

The event will include music, and all you can eat and drink beer, wine, soft drinks, chili, and other food and beverages.

This is an event for kids as well as adults, so please bring your family and enjoy many fun activities for the kids, including a Moon-Walk (Jumpy-Jump), cotton candy, snow cones, Fun Slide, piñatas, face-painters, balloon art, and many other games and activities!

Only \$25 to enter a team in the Chili Cook Off! Only \$20 for a family of four at the door, or \$15 if you purchase your family ticket ahead of time at the link below!

Only \$5 for an individual ticket! www.sayla.org/ffd for tickets and info.

SAYLA Elections—Get More Involved!

Nominations are now being accepted for election to the SAYLA Board of Directors. Available positions are Director (2 year term-4 open), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer-Elect (all 1 year terms), and President-Elect (3 year term-Pres. Elect, President, Immediate Past Pres.). **Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.** Officers and Directors who will serve for the next fiscal year (June 2013 through May 2014). **Nominating yourself or someone you know is a two-step process and BOTH steps must be completed no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2013.** First, you must submit the nomination form online at www.sayla.org/election. Second, you must email the supervisor consent form to Mike DeNuccio at mdenuccio@winstead.com. This second step is equally as important and designed to avoid scheduling conflicts during your term.

Members of the Board coordinate the organizing of SAYLA’s annual events, including the Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception, Scramble, Family Fun Day, monthly luncheons, happy hours, and much more. Board members attend most SAYLA events for free, with the exception of the monthly luncheons and the Scramble. The newly elected Board will be introduced and sworn in by Justice Paul Green at the June Luncheon.

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National Trial Competition

On April 3-6, the city of San Antonio hosted the 38th Annual National Trial Competition (NTC). This competition is the preeminent mock trial competition in the country and is co-sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association along with the American College of Trial Lawyers. This year we had approximately 150 law schools and 300 teams compete in fourteen regional competitions across the nation prior to our national finals here in San Antonio. The two winning teams from each regional competition advanced to the national rounds held last week.



During the competition, more than 150 people served as witnesses and/or judges for this year's competition which were held in the Bexar County Courthouse and Cadena-Reeves Justice Center. Bexar County judges were kind enough to allow use of their courtrooms during the first two days of competition all the while some were still holding hearings in their respective jury rooms! On our last day of competition, our semi-final and final rounds were held at the Federal Bankruptcy Courtrooms located at the Hipolito F. Garcia Courthouse.

For those that missed participating in this year's competition, here are the results:

Quarterfinalists: Ohio State University Moritz School of Law; Rutgers Law School-Newark; Samford University Cumberland School of Law Teams 1 and 2

Semi-Finalists: The Thomas Jefferson School of Law and University of Memphis Humphreys School of Law

2013 NTC Runner-Up: Loyola University Chicago School of Law

2013 NTC Champion: Georgetown University Law Center

The 2013 Best Oralist went to L. Lars Hulsebus from Georgetown University Law Center

Special Thanks to all those that assisted in witnessing, judging, or serving as a bailiff during the competition. Also, special thanks to the following judges who allowed our competitors to use their courtrooms during the competition:

Judge Karen Pozza; Judge Sol Casseb; Judge Antonia Arteaga; Judge Gloria Saldana; Judge David Canales; Judge Raymond Angelini; Judge Irene Rios; Judge Jason Pulliam; Judge Nick Catoe; Judge James Rausch; Judge Richard Garcia; Judge Charles Montemayor; all 7 Justices of the 4th Court of Appeals; Judge Ronald King and Judge Craig Gargotta.

SAYLA Scramble—June 28

Please make plans to join SAYLA on **Friday, June 28, 2013** for the **2013 SAYLA Scramble** - the annual golf tournament sponsored by the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association. Each year, this tournament supports the San Antonio Young Lawyers Foundation (SALYF) and a local charity. This year's charity is **Transplants for Children (TFC)**. TFC, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, is the only organization of its kind seeking to empower families to master lifelong challenges associated with pediatric transplantation. Founded in 1986, TFC is dedicated to assisting young organ and tissue transplant recipients and their families in effectively coping with the emotional, financial, and social challenges that arise before, during and after transplantation. In addition to supporting a worthwhile cause, the Scramble provides for a fun and relaxing day full of golf, prizes, great food and great company. Over 30 teams will compete in a 4-person Scramble format, with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Each participant will receive a round of golf, lunch, dinner, beverages, goodie bags and an opportunity to win one of our great door prizes.

SIGN UP TODAY TO PLAY IN THE 2013 SAYLA SCRAMBLE! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT THE DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$100 PER GOLFER (OR \$400 PER FOURSOME) UNTIL JUNE 1ST. AFTER JUNE 1ST, THE PRICES GO UP TO \$125 PER GOLFER (\$500 PER FOURSOME), SO SIGN UP NOW!

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsors of the 2013 Scramble will enjoy prominent exposure to many rising leaders in the local business community. SAYLA members are involved in all aspects and at all levels of the San Antonio area community. From transactional attorneys and litigators to elected officials in the public eye, the San Antonio Young Lawyers Associations has a diverse membership that has been a mainstay of our community for over 60 years and will continue to be one for many more.

For a full list of sponsorship opportunities please contact James Griffin at (210) 299-3704 or James@BrownOrtiz.com. To register for the 2013 SAYLA Scramble visit us online at www.SAYLA.org/scramble where you can download the printable form to sponsor or register online using your credit card.



Spa Day at Hyatt Hill Country Spa

In conjunction with the Scramble, on **Friday, June 28, 2013**, SAYLA is hosting a spa day extravaganza at the Windflowers Day Spa at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort. It is anticipated that tickets will cost \$100 per person, which will include a manicure and pedicure, all-day access to the spa/pool facilities, spa-day refreshments and admission to the post-tournament dinner.

Participants will be able to book additional spa treatments at a discounted SAYLA group rate. If you or someone you know will participate or has any questions, please contact Molly Neck by sending her an e-mail at mneck@bhlawpc.com

Vote in the State Bar Elections

RIGHT NOW, the State Bar of Texas is holding elections for SBOT President-Elect, TYLA President-Elect and District Directors. This is your opportunity to elect the next leaders of the State bar and TYLA.

Click on the links below to vote online or you may have already received the paper ballot in the mail.

www.texasbar.com then click on Vote Now or use this link <https://www.vres.us/webapps/vwr2047.pgm?query=3>



SAYLA Bestows Awards on Three

Each year, SAYLA awards distinctions to three individuals for their contributions to the justice and legal communities in San Antonio—Outstanding Young Lawyer, Liberty Bell, and Outstanding Mentor.



The **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award** recognizes one young lawyer who has demonstrated professional proficiency, service to the profession, and service to the community.

James A. Rodriguez, a solo practitioner focusing on family law was named as the **Outstanding Young Lawyer**. James is a regular participant in many SAYLA and San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) programs and events. James was recently honored by SABA as the Community Justice Program Pro Bono Award 2011, Outstanding Volunteer Lawyer because of his frequent participation in the SABA Community Justice Program providing pro bono legal services to lower income individuals. James also serves as a mentor to many other young lawyers, providing guidance and advice on family law matters, opening a law office, and many other issues of importance to attorneys who are just starting their careers.

The **Liberty Bell Award** recognizes one outstanding non-lawyer in Texas who has made the most selfless contribution to his or her community to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of Justice by instilling better understanding and appreciation of the law.

The **Honorable Donna Kay McKinney**, Bexar County District Clerk, has been presented with the **Liberty Bell Award**. Since taking office in 2011, Ms. McKinney has consistently improved the functionality of the Bexar County District Clerk's office, implementing new technology that today's generation of young lawyers has grown accustomed to using on a daily basis. Additionally, Ms. McKinney has made many more records available online, allowing attorneys and citizens to access this information without having to come to the courthouse. All of these endeavors will continue to make the case-filing and recording processes easier for everyone involved while saving time and taxpayer money at the same time.



The **Outstanding Mentor Award** recognizes one attorney who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to mentoring young lawyers in his or her legal community.

This year's **Outstanding Mentor Award** is being posthumously bestowed upon **Charles "Chip" Henry Rich, III**, who passed away on November 5, 2012 at the age of 46. Chip worked at the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. He took great satisfaction in his work as a prosecutor, and spent ten years in various divisions of the DA's office, most recently as Chief of the DWI Task Force. Chip served as a formal and informal mentor to many young lawyers as they started their careers at the DA's office. Chip was well respected by both prosecutors and members of the criminal defense bar.



The three awards will be presented at the annual Law Day Luncheon hosted by the San Antonio Bar Foundation on **Friday, May 3** at the AT&T Community Centre, 231 W Commerce St., on Friday, May 3, 2013. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Contact SABA for information on the Law Day luncheon and how to obtain tickets and table reservations.

In addition, SAYLA has nominated all three to the Texas Young Lawyers Association for statewide consideration.

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