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Coming Events

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September

- 16 St. Mary's Law Happy Hour co-hosted by St. Mary's University School of Law SBA at Fatso's following Docket Call—6:00
- 21 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano's Lincoln Heights (*The Art of the Deal—Drafting Business Contracts for Your Client*)

October

- 20 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano's Lincoln Heights (*Dissolution—It's Not Me, It's You* presented by Mike Conner)
- 22 St. Mary's Law Distinguished Law Alumni Dinner
- 26 Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception at the Bexar County Courthouse and Club Giraud

November

- 16 SAYLA Luncheon — Paesano's Lincoln Heights

2010 SAYLA SCRAMBLE RAISES \$15,000

Thanks to the many sponsors and participants, the 2010 SAYLA Scramble was a huge success. SAYLA partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas (BBBS) and put together the largest tournament in SAYLA's 60-year history.

Together with our 130 golfers (a record) and 20 sponsors, SAYLA raised \$15,000 (a record), with \$10,000 being donated to BBBS, our largest charitable contribution to date. The San Antonio Young Lawyers Foundation will use the remaining proceeds to support other local charities and causes.



The event would not be possible without the generous support and participation of the Platinum Sponsor—Time Warner Business Class Cable; Gold Sponsor—Langley & Banack, Inc; Silver Sponsor—BKD & Bud Light and our many hole sponsors.

Lastly, we must thank the players who made the event fun, entertaining and worthwhile. We hope that you enjoyed yourself and will participate again next year. The event is scheduled for June 2011.

If you are interested in working on the Scramble Committee, please update your profile on sayla.org and select the Scramble Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Levy at jonlevy04@yahoo.com.

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SAYLA YOUNG LAWYER MOCK-TRIAL TOURNAMENT

The first annual SAYLA Mock-Trial Tournament took place on July 17, 2010 at the Bexar County Courthouse and was a tremendous success!

The *Winner* of the tournament was **George Salinas** of the Law Offices of Fidel Rodriguez, Jr. The *Runners-Up* were **Marc A. Williams & Raj S. Aujla** of Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gordon, P.C.

SAYLA would like to thank the following judges for participating in the event:

Hon. Lisa K. Jarrett;
Hon. Ron Rangel;
Hon. Sol Casseb III;
Hon. Ray Olivarri;
Hon. Gloria Saldana; and
Former State District Judge Richard Price

SAYLA would also like to thank all of those who participated including:

Joseph Haeggquist and Trey Porter—St. Mary's University School of Law
George Salinas—Law Offices of Fidel Rodriguez, Jr.
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Meghan Bishop and Larissa Sanchez—Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated
Allen M. DeBard—Langley & Banack, Inc.; and
James Bagby—Norman & Oliver, P.C.

Thanks to the high levels of participation and interest in the Mock-Trial Tournament, SAYLA looks forward to hosting the second annual tournament next year. Tremendous thanks go to co-chairs Molly Neck-Borshard and Santos Vargas for planning and organizing this great event!

SAYLA'S 60th ANNIVERSARY

2010 represents SAYLA's 60th Anniversary! We are looking for pictures and stories of past SAYLA events from the last 60 years for a special presentation at the Courthouse Tour and Judicial Reception. Please send your photos and stories to Mike DeNuccio at law@denuccio.com.



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SAYLA –YTAC HAPPY HOUR

On Thursday, July 15, 2010, SAYLA co-hosted a happy hour at Stone Werks in the Quarry with the Young Texans Against Cancer, San Antonio Chapter (YTAC).

YTAC is an organization dedicated to increasing cancer awareness among the 22-45 year old age group. In January of 2009, a YTAC Chapter was founded in San Antonio, bringing YTAC chapters to the four largest cities in Texas. Last year YTAC San Antonio contributed over \$70,000 to the ThriveWell Cancer Foundation, which was established exclusively for the charitable purposes of providing support for persons suffering with cancer and their families, during and after treatment, both physically and financially, and providing support for cancer research.

The event was a well attended by both SAYLA and YTAC members and was an overall success.

SAYLA intends to sponsor more happy hours in the coming weeks. You can find more information on our website or look for email reminders a few days in advance.



COURTHOUSE TOUR AND JUDICIAL RECEPTION

SAYLA's Annual Courthouse Tour & Judicial Reception is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26, 2010**.

The event has become an essential seminar for young lawyers beginning their practice in Bexar County. Lawyers and law students are encouraged to participate and benefit from instruction on the practical aspects of courthouse procedure.

The Courthouse Tour will take place from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bexar County Courthouse and Justice Center. Topics of discussion will include the Bexar County presiding and monitoring system, motion practice, local appellate practice, the District Clerk's office, probate courts and much more. Attendees will receive insight into litigation practice from local judges and attorneys, a beneficial course book that outlines all the materials that are covered that day and approval for 4.0 hours of CLE credit, including 1.0 hours of ethics credit! **Tour Cost is \$30 per person** (\$25 for law students).

A Judicial Reception following the tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Club Giraud. Judges, lawyers and law students can enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cold beverages and conversations between the judiciary, bar and students outside of the courtroom and classroom. A favorite event of our local judges and attorneys, the judicial reception has been very successful in the past and is expected to be well attended this year. **Reception Cost is \$30 per person.**

Tour and Reception Cost — \$55 per person (\$50 for law students)

We hope that you can attend! If you have attended these events in the past, SAYLA asks that you relay the news of these events to any new attorneys in your office or that you know who have just moved to the San Antonio area in order to promote attendance. For more information and to register, visit sayla.org. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring any of these events, please contact **Molly Neck-Borshard** at 210.299.2371.

Please join SAYLA this **Thursday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Fatso's Sports Bar, at 1704 Bandera Road, for an annual mixer with the St. Mary's Law School Student Bar Association. The event is great fun each year, and an excellent opportunity for SAYLA members to meet and visit with future members of our San Antonio legal community.

Pictured to the left is George Salinas during the first round of the first annual SAYLA Mock-Trial Tournament. Salinas defeated the team of James Bagby and Allen DeBard, also pictured, in the first round of the competition on his way to becoming the inaugural champion. Congratulations, George!