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President's Corner

Welcome back! As we enter 2010, I'm sure many of you are in the process of taking stock of 2009 and identifying goals you wish to accomplish in the coming year. If you haven't already, I'd like to encourage you to put the San Antonio Chapter of the FBA on that list of organizations in which you'd like to become more active. There are many ways this can be accomplished.

If you are a St. Mary's Law School Alumni, you may be interested in our Young Lawyers and Law Students Committee. Throughout the year, this committee seeks to assist younger lawyers in the practice of law in the federal legal system, and to further law students' understanding of a federal practice. Currently, this committee is involved in co-sponsoring with the San Antonio Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee a panel discussion on the topic of "What Do Lawyers Really Do?" which will be held on February 25th at the Law School.

If your practice involves government contracting and procurement at any level, you would be remiss to not be involved in the Chapter's Government Contracting Committee. This committee hosts frequent brown bag lunch speakers and panel discussions on topics of important significance to this practice area. Most recently, the committee hosted Col. Dan Rogers with the 37th Training SJA to discuss the implementation of the Joint Basing Plan. You can read much more about this committee's upcoming events on page 3 of the newsletter.

These are just two of the many committees of the Chapter. I encourage you to reach out to discuss with me or any of the Board Members these and other activities of the Chapter. I look forward to seeing you on February 10th at our next Membership Luncheon!

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Upcoming CLEs, Luncheons, & Events:

Chapter Luncheons

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 11:50 A.M.

Professor Michael Ariens, Associate Dean for Evening Law Program and Professor of Law at St. Mary's Law School, will provide a historical perspective on legal ethics, specifically how the implosion at Enron has affected the legal profession, including how things have changed and how they have not.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 11:50 A.M.

Speaker and topic to be determined. Please check the website periodically and/or watch your email in late February/early March for an announcement.

Make your reservations on the chapter website at www.fedbarsatx.org. For each meeting, the chapter will apply for 0.75 hours of SBOT MCLE credit (unless otherwise indicated). Luncheons are held at the Quarry Golf Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

Federal Court Practice Seminar on February 5th

The Federal Court Practice Seminar is a prerequisite for admission to practice in the Western District of Texas. The next course is on Friday, February 5th. Registration forms and fee information is available on the website (www.fedbarsatx.org). The course will be held at the Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center from 8 AM – 3 PM. Five hours of SBOT MCLE credit, including **1 hour of ethics credit**, will be awarded.

Panel Presentation at St. Mary's School of Law: "What do Lawyer's Really Do?"

The FBA is co-sponsoring this panel discussion with the San Antonio Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee on the topic of "What Do Lawyers Really Do?" This program will be held at the St. Mary's School of Law on February 25th.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS COMMITTEE NEWS & EVENTS

Government Contract Counsel: Attending the “West Government Contracts Year in Review Conference-Covering 2009” February 16-19, 2010, in Washington, D.C.? If so, let's get together for dinner! Tentatively, we are planning to meet for dinner on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Please email or call Joan Kelley Fowler Gluys for details and suggestions for a location. 210-524-3821 (office), 210-391-1665 (mobile) and/or jgluys@dulske-gluys.com. Be sure to watch the Message Board at the Conference for updated information too. Attendees of the conference are invited to serve as panelists for our next local FBA Government Contract Committee Brown Bag Luncheon on March 23, 2010.

Kim Judd, Esq. made a stellar presentation to the Committee in December, 2009 just after his return from the JAG School's Annual Government Contract Law Symposium. Attendance at the Symposium is limited and highly sought after. Kim Judd shared some of the monumental changes in Government Contract law and literally wowed the attendees. CLE was earned by all.

Col. Dan Rogers, SJA honored our Committee on January 19, 2010, by bringing us up to date on the challenges, solutions and forward motion of the Joint Basing implementation involving Fort Sam Houston, Lackland AFB and Randolph AFB. Watch the news unfold beginning February 1! His leadership in this mighty endeavor is evident and greatly appreciated.

The Committee has **two more Brown Bag Luncheons scheduled before summer**. Bring your lunch and come see what this Committee is all about! We are experimenting with a location change for the luncheon in March. At the March luncheon, let us know what you think about parking, convenience and travel time. We have applied for 1 hour of MCLE for each meeting. The two upcoming luncheons listed below promise to continue the cutting edge topics.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., Suite 500 Conference Room at 745 East Mulberry. Those who attend the *“West Government Contract Year In Review Conference Covering 2009”* are invited to lead the lunch time discussion in a *“Report on Government Contract Highlights of 2009”*.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 11:45 a.m., Paul Heydon, Esq. will lead us through *“The Maze of Intellectual Property”* in an *amazing* presentation. Location for this luncheon will be decided at the March luncheon.

For more information, please call or email: Joan Kelley Fowler Gluys, Esq.
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Membership Report

Welcome to our new members **Roderick G. Ayers** and **Thomas E. Brewer III**. We are very happy to have you as part of our membership!

Chapter Selects Four Fox Tech High School Students to Attend UTSA Constitutional Law Class

The Community Outreach Committee of the FBA San Antonio Chapter is proud to introduce the four Fox Tech High School seniors who have been accepted into UTSA's Constitutional Law college course: Arsahy Alvizo, Alfredo Castillo, Celeste Orta, and Cassie Rodriguez. The FBA funds the course and parking, while UTSA provides the textbooks. The students are selected through an essay application. Then they must take the SAT or ACT, apply to, and be admitted to UTSA. These four students cleared these hurdles and will be taking the college level course along with their full high school course loads during the Spring 2010 semester. Special thanks go to Fox Tech High School administrator Josie Gonzales and Law Magnet instructor Maricela Lazarus, who work tirelessly for their students.



Left to Right: Community Outreach Committee Chair Susan Cone Kilgore, Cassie Rodriguez, Celeste Orta, Alfredo Castillo, Arsahy Alvizo, President Elect David Rivela.

Participate as a Judge in the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition

The Younger Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association has invited our members to participate as a judge in the Thirteenth Annual Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition, which will be held on March 25 and 26, 2010, in Washington D.C. Each spring, law schools from around the country send teams to compete. As in the past, this year's topic will focus on emerging issues in federal law. Persons who would like to judge need not have prior moot court experience. An information packet, including a "bench memo" that explains the legal issues in detail, will be provided to each judge.

They are seeking judges for the first three rounds of the competition, which will take place on: (i) the evening of Thursday, March 25; (ii) the morning of Friday, March 26; and (iii) the afternoon of Friday, March 26. **If you are interested in judging any of these rounds, please send contact Kelly T. Scalise at ktscalise@liskow.com indicating the round you would like to judge.** Please forward this information to any licensed attorneys or judges who you think may be interested in participating.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly T. Scalise at ktscalise@liskow.com.

Get More Involved!

The Chapter supports its on-going projects through the committees and sections, led by the chairs listed below. This is a great time to become more involved as we begin the 2009-2010 bar year! Get to know the great members of our Chapter and work on worthwhile programs that help your colleagues and the community.

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