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# The Federal Bar Association News

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## Chapter Newsletter Returns!

The Chapter is bringing back the newsletter to help our membership (particularly those cannot make our monthly luncheons) stay informed of events and other news of interest. The current plan is to publish the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis and to email it to all members. If you have an event, news, or other item which you feel may be of interest to the membership, please send the information to the newsletter editor, Kay Perry, via email to [perryik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:perryik@sbcglobal.net), or at (210) 287-4348. We welcome your feedback and suggestions!

## Future Chapter Luncheons

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009**

Ms. Chris Long, Special Programs Coordinator, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, will address us. A licensed clinical social worker as well as an attorney, Ms. Long will concentrate on the serious issues arising from attorney impairment (for instance by drug or alcohol abuse) and their consideration in the attorney disciplinary system.

*NOTE: Because we intend to apply for **1 hour of ethics credit** from the SBOT for this presentation, you should plan on it lasting until approximately 1:15 P.M.*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

Professor David A. Schlueter, Hardy Professor of Law and Director of Advocacy Programs, St. Mary's University School of Law. Professor Schlueter will be updating us on current significant Constitutional Issues.

***Make your reservations on the chapter website at [www.fedbarsatx.org](http://www.fedbarsatx.org). For each meeting the chapter will apply for 0.75 hours of SBOT MCLE credit (unless otherwise indicated).***

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## Government Contracting Committee Meetings

The FBA Government Contracting Committee will continue its series of lively discussions on current Government contracting issues. This committee brings together practitioners from both the Government and private practice in a non-adversarial setting to enhance knowledge and collegiality, and is very informative even for those who do not practice in this field. This Brown Bag Luncheon is open to all interested attorneys. Bring your lunch or order in advance from Chair Joan K.F. Gluys. The committee meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room of the 110 Broadway Building from 11:45 AM to 1 PM. Contact Chair Joan Gluys at [jgluys@dulske-gluys.com](mailto:jgluys@dulske-gluys.com) or 210-524-3821 for further information. For each meeting the chapter will apply for **one hour of SBOT MCLE credit**.

**February 24:** *"The Application of the UCMJ to Private Contractors"* with speaker Gary Anderson

**March 24:** *"The Federal Circuit Decision in Roth: What Does it All Mean?"* with speaker David Barton

**April 28:** *"FAR Subpart 3.10 Amendments"* with speaker Dan Hargrove

## Other Upcoming Activities

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

### FEDERAL COURT PRACTICE SEMINAR

The Federal Court Practice Seminar is a prerequisite for admission to practice in the Western District of Texas. Registration forms and fee information are posted on our website at [www.fedbarsatx.org](http://www.fedbarsatx.org). It 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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009**

### OPEN DOORS TO THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE BROWN BAG LUNCHEON

Judge Xavier Rodriguez will give a presentation on the new Federal Rule of Evidence 502 (Attorney-Client Privilege and Work-Product Doctrine) at noon at Judge Rodriguez' courtroom at the John H. Wood, Jr. US Courthouse Building, 655 E. Durango Blvd. The chapter will apply for one hour of SBOT MCLE credit.

## Webmaster Liaison Needed

The chapter is seeking a member who is willing to serve as the liaison to our webmaster. Although this person will not be responsible for updating the website, it would be very beneficial if the person has a technical understanding of website development, modifications, etc. If you are interested, please contact President Bill Kirk at 764-0969.

# The FBA Can Lobby for Legislation

Many members are unaware that as a 501(c)(6) organization, the FBA can (and does) lobby. The Government Relations Committee of the National FBA pursues a variety of legislative issues on behalf of the FBA's membership. Each year, FBA chapters nationwide are invited to submit legislative issues for consideration of being placed on the national agenda. Last year, the San Antonio Chapter submitted two issues, both of which were selected and pursued by National FBA. Help the San Antonio Chapter remain a source of interesting and relevant legislative issues! Please send your suggestions to President Bill Kirk at 764-0969 or [william-kirk@att.net](mailto:william-kirk@att.net).

## Community Outreach Programs

We are planning two community outreach projects, a casual lunch with the female students at Fox Tech High School, and our annual Law Day Poster Contest for the students at the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School. The Community Outreach Committee will hold a planning meeting on February 3rd at 11:45 am at W.D. Deli on Broadway. If you are interested in helping, please attend the meeting or contact Dawn Knepper at 277-3611.

## Welcome New Members!

As of December 2008, our chapter has 468 members. We extend our warmest welcome to our newest members, David E. Dilley, Nicole Hines-Glover, LTC Carissa Greg, Richard Ellison, and Kevin Mickits! And, of course, we thank all of our members for their continued membership and support.

## Get Involved!

The Chapter supports its on-going projects through the committees and sections, led by the chairs listed below. We welcome your participation! Get to know the great members of our Chapter and work on worthwhile programs that help your colleagues and the community!

CLE Coordinator:	Susan Biggs	384-7255
Community Outreach Committee:	Dawn Knepper	277-3611
County Dispute Resolution Center Advisory Board:	John Franco	277-3600
Federal Court Practice Seminar Committee:	Jane Thomson	967-7050
Government Contracting Committee:	Joan K.F. Gluys	524-3821
Judicial Relations Committee:	John Paniszczyn	384-7325
Membership Committee:	Susan Kilgore	320-2749
Military Relations Committee:	Maury Deaver	221-7894
Newsletter Committee:	Kay Perry	287-4348
Nominations and Elections Committee:	John Paniszczyn	384-7325
Open Doors to the Federal Courthouse (Brown Bag):	Paul Barkhurst	224-2000
Program and CLE Committee:	Bill Kirk	764-0969
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Young Lawyers and Law Students Committee & St. Mary's Univ.School of Law Student Liaisons:	Travis Headley	554-5357
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