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President's Message *by Clarissa Benavides*

Sorry for the siesta during Fiesta, but after a month of celebration we are ready to get serious again. I am pleased to report that our mail out membership drive was a success. We have increased our active membership to over 100. It is great to see faithful members renewing their support for MABA and getting colleagues to join as well. Thank you for getting the word out and helping MABA fulfill its mission.

MABA has continued to stay active by hosting and sponsoring different events. On March 17th, MABA hosted the Dia de San Patricio celebration at Suede's Lounge. MABA also showed its commitment to its community by sponsoring a table at the Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) dinner on April 4th, and by sponsoring a table at the Kids SAKE gala on April 17th.

As a continued effort to provide benefits to our members, CLE presentations were made at our past two general meetings. In March, Margaret Montemayor

and some of her fellow employees from the District Clerk's Office spoke about Paperless Filings. In April, our long time member Andrew del Cueto and his colleague Nico La Hood gave a professional and engaging presentation on DWI defense. I want to thank all of them for their time and for their wonderful presentations. Most of all, I want to thank Andrew and Nico for their good-natured understanding of our limited meeting time at the Blue Star.

On Wednesday May 14th, the culmination of MABA's year long hard work will unfold at our annual scholarship reception. This year - thanks to the success of our signature events (golf tournament, raffle and Pachanga) and to the money donated in Pete Torres' name, MABA will award \$15,000 in scholarships. I invite everyone to attend the scholarship reception at the Downtown UTSA Durango building and witness this special event. I trust that you will feel a sense of pride in knowing that



you helped each recipient have access to higher education and become a contributing member of society.

With each additional member and with each successful event, MABA continues to remain financially healthy and is well positioned to provide additional benefits to its membership and its community. Unidos y Adelante!

Clarissa Benavides
MABA President

Annual Scholarship Reception

WHEN: Wednesday
May 14, 2008
5:30 p.m.

WHERE: UTSA Downtown
Campus
Durango Room

PARKING: Durango
Loop Lot

Dia de San Patricio Celebration

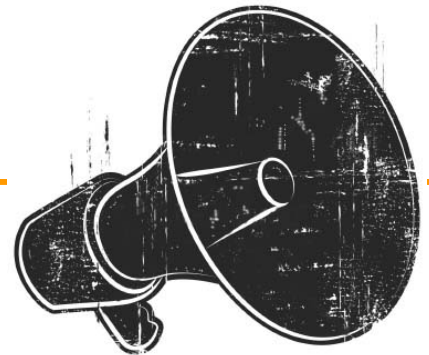


Announcements

- Join us at the **American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division** Annual Meeting August 7-10, 2008 to expand your network, sharpen your legal skills, and debate important resolutions affecting the legal profession. More information is available at www.abanet.org/yld/annual08.
- The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association of St. Marys University** will host its 14th Annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner honoring Charles A. Gonzalez, Congressman, on May 10, 2008. See attached flyer for information.
- **San Antonio Bar Association Law Day Luncheon** May 9, San Fernando Cathedral AT&T Community Center (231

W. Commerce). 11:30 a.m. Speaker/topic: Barry Scheck. \$45 per person, CLE: 1.0 hr. INFO: 210.227.8822.

- **Associate Attorney Position-Bexar Metropolitan Water District** Experience: 5+ years. Experience in representing governmental entities in transactional and litigation matters. Contract drafting and negotiation; respond to open records request; respond to subpoenas and third party document requests; involvement in special projects; strong analytical, drafting and legal research skills; prepare legal opinions and memorandums; and assist General Counsel in advising internal departments in a variety of areas of law. Strong computer skills preferred. Write and speak effectively and have



the ability to work well with all levels of management. Salary commensurate with experience.

- The **Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is offering **two \$2,500 scholarships** that will be awarded to women and/or minority law students. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans, who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applications must be postmarked by no later than May 1, 2008. Please see the announcement at the back of this newsletter for more information.

MABA Calendar

May

- 9 Mentor Day Luncheon—5th Floor Courthouse
14 General Membership Meeting—Scholarship Awards Presentation: 5:30 p.m., UTSA Downtown Campus

June

- 9 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

July

- 8 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

August

- 11 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

September

- 9 General Membership Meeting (Bd. and Officer Election): 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub
TBA Golf Tournament and Raffle

October

- 14 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub
31 Día de los Muertos Celebration, Beethoven Maennerchor Halle Und Garten, 422 Pereida
TBA Wills Clinic

November

- 11 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub

December

- 9 General Membership Meeting: 5:30 p.m., Blue Star Brew Pub
6 Pachanga--Plaza Club (note new location)



Membership Application

Membership in MABA runs with the calendar year. As such, it's time for all members to renew for the 2008 year. Please submit the application below along with your check to MABA, or visit our website at www.mabasa.org where you can pay online using Paypal.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
DOB: _____ Male [] Female []
Primary Area of Practice: _____
Firm Name: _____
Firm Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Office Phone/Fax Number: _____
Law School Attended/Date of Graduation: _____
State Bar No.: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Telephone No.: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Email Address: _____

Membership Status

_____ New _____ Renewal

[] \$5.00---Student/Assoc. Member
[] \$12.00—Licensed up to a year
[] \$30.00---Licensed 1-5 years
[] \$60.00---Licensed 5 years +

Sponsorships:

[] \$500.00 –Golf Sponsorship (includes sponsorship listing and 4 players)
[] \$500.00—Pachanga Sponsor (includes sponsorship and 10 dinner tickets)

Please Mail Payment To:

MABA-SA
P.O. Box 830953
San Antonio, Texas 78283

Date Received: _____

Check #: _____

Amount Paid: _____



Membership Roster

Rochelle Acevedo
Joseph Acevedo
Ernie Acevedo Jr.
Alex Aguirre
Judge Al Alonso
Mary Lou Alvarez
David Angulo
Joseph Aragon
Rafael Baca
Eric Barbosa
Clarissa Benavides
Philip Bernal
Andrew Borrego
Linda Brandmiller
James Branton
Mario Bravo
Judge Joe Brown
Rosa Cabezas-Gil
Carlos Calderon
David A. Canales
Jesus Cavazos
David Christian
Joel Cisneros
John Conveny
Sylvia Cordona
Thomas Cowen
Jason Cruz
Joe Cumpian
Brent de la Paz
Joe de los Santos
Andrew Del Cueto
Antoinette V. Delgado
Reynaldo Diaz
Luis Alonzo Echeverria
Shirley Ehrlich
Manuel Escobar
Roland Esparza
Laura Figueroa
Jalyn N. Fiske
Laura Gabrysch
Maritza Gamboa
Joe A. Gamez
Joe Gamez
Edward Garcia

Humberto G. Garcia
Dianne Garcia
Judge Sarah Garrahan
Aric Garza
Judge Pat Garza
Michelle Garza
Oscar Garza
Lisa Gonzales
Andres R. Gonzales
Rep. Charlie Gonzalez



Felix Gonzalez
Rosa M. Gonzalez
Henry B. Gonzalez III
Sue Hall
Brian Hamner
Mack T. Harrison
Chris Lopez
Rogelio Lopez
David Lopez
Justice Alma Lopez
Dan Lopez
Natalia Maldonado
Justice Sandee Bryan Marion
Robert Marroquin

Desiree Marrufo
Art Martinez
Arturo I. Martinez de Vara
Gerardo Menchaca
Ronald Mendoza
Judge Andy Mireles
Monica Munoz
Judge Barbara Nellerhoe
Anthony Neugebauer
Judge Larry Noll
Judge Laura Parker
Judge Linda Penn
Dayla Pepi
Bill Piatt
Edward Pina
Paul Ray Pinon
Judge Karen Pozza
Dan Pozza
Savita Rai
Ivan Ramirez
Leslie Rangel
Joel Richardson
Amanda Rivas
Serina Rivela
Armando Rocha
Sonya Rodriguez
Aida Rojas
Judge Mary Roman
Ted Santos
Bernadette Segura
Martha Sepeda
Sonja Sims
Justice Phylis Speedlin
Judge Martha Tanner
Paul Torres
Tina Torres
Judge Catherine Torres Stahl
Michael Ugarte
Reynaldo Valencia
Luis R. Vera
Oscar Villarreal
Anthony Zamora

Above is our current membership roster. Please let us know if you have paid your dues and your name does not appear above so we may add you. Also, let us know if we've misspelled your name so we can correct any errors.



**14th Annual
Henry B. Gonzalez Awards**

Honoring
Charles A. Gonzalez
Congressman

**Hispanic Law Alumni Association
St. Mary's University**

Proudly Presents

"La Segunda Generación"

**Honoring a Second Generation of Public Service
and Dedication to the Latino Community**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008
Marriott Plaza San Antonio Hotel
555 South Alamo**

**6:00 pm Cocktail
7:00 pm Dinner and Program**

Keynote Speaker

**Alma L. López
Chief Justice
4th Court of Appeals**

Special Remarks

**Ciro Rodriguez
Congressman**