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As 2021 comes to an end, I once again pause to reflect on the past year...and again say WOW...we did it! I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to lead BCWB alongside some of the most fearless, loving, motivated women in San Antonio! These women donate their expertise, money, wisdom, and most importantly their time to make this organization not only thrive, but flourish – regardless of the pandemic.

BCWB strives to provide our membership and our community with a multitude of options ranging from continued legal education, community outreach programs, diversity training, mentor circles, and family events. Even during this unprecedented time, our board and our volunteers have delivered just that. It was so fun to learn from this board and cultivate relationships with new members. I will forever look back on this past year with thanks and gratitude. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to the 2021 Officers and Board of Directors for all you do to make this organization successful.

And speaking of successful, I am so proud to share that the *Virtual Autumn Affair* was able to donate \$60,000 to the Bexar County Family Justice Center! The expression on their faces made all the work worth it. A part of our mission is to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs...with a rally of volunteers and sponsors, led by “the Natalies,” BCWB was able to accomplish this goal and remind ourselves of why we do what we do.

I am excited for 2022 (mostly because I will not have to run the board meetings!) but for the new Officers, the new Board Members, the new LEAD class, and the new relationships that will blossom from it all. Danielle Rushing takes the helm January 1, 2022 and will do a fantastic job leading us through this next year.

Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays!

Nicole Jackson
President

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2021 Holiday Luncheon where we were able to present this year's Autumn Affair Beneficity, the Family Justice Center, with a check for \$60,000 raised from Autumn Affair!



Thank you again to all our sponsors and in-kind donors!

2022 BCWB Officers



Danielle Rushing
President



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2022 BCWB Directors



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Congratulations!

Bexar County Women's Bar
Annual Cookies with Santa



Saturday, December 4, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Witte Museum
Prassel Auditorium
3801 Broadway St.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Register at <https://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/event-4562374>

BCWB Members: \$25 per family
Non-Members: \$35 per family

Registration includes full-day admission to the Witte, one printed photo and access to your digital picture with Santa, beautifully decorated cookies, kid-friendly make-your-own ornaments, and Holiday cheer!

Click [HERE](#) to Register

Congratulations!



BCWBF
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ACADEMY

The Bexar County LEAD Academy is pleased to announce its next class:

- Nadeen Abou-Hossa (Staff Attorney Fourth District Court of Appeals);
- Stephanie Bigley (Davis & Santos, P.C.);
- Marie Bussey-Garza (Norton Rose Fulbright);
- Catherine A. Byers (Rosenblatt Law Firm);
- Jennifer Conway (USAA);
- Diana Christine Davalos (Davalos Law Firm PC);
- Emily Gearhart (Santoyo Wehmeyer P.C.);
- Claudia Gonzales (USAA);
- Jade Heep (Espinoza Law Firm, PLLC);
- Adrianna Jimenez (Chasnoff | Stribling);
- Bonnie Kirkland (Dykema);
- Krizia Landivar (Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC);
- Analisa Nazareno (Analisa Nazareno Law, PLLC);
- Pallavi Chintapalli Nemani (Otto Bock Patient Care);
- Tess Dunn Osborn (Reuter Law Group, PC); and
- Jacqueline Sandoval (Jacqueline Sandoval Law Group, PLLC)

The Bexar County LEAD Academy is a nine-month long leadership-development program whose mission is to assist women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, in their communities, and in the legal profession. The LEAD Academy teaches participants to:

- **Lead** in a way that is authentic and effective;
- **Empower** themselves and others;
- **Advance** professionally and personally; and
- **Develop** robust professional networks.

The 2022 LEAD Academy will begin on January 13, 2022, with a welcome mixer and speed networking event in San Antonio, followed later that month by a multi-day symposium in New Braunfels. The formal curriculum continues through September with three seminars and a graduation celebration, and informal events will be interspersed between the formal seminars to enhance camaraderie and build on the lessons learned at the seminars. Faculty members include local and national experts on wide-ranging topics related to many aspects of leadership.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is twofold: to provide educational opportunities to its members; and to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs.

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