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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As we embark on a new year, a moment of pause is necessary to fully appreciate all we have been through as a world, a nation, a community, and as a family. 2020 took us all by surprise; and everyone, in some capacity, was affected. But out of the darkness emerged a great deal of WOW! I personally said WOW . . . this pandemic is really here. WOW . . . so many lives have been lost. WOW . . . so many jobs destroyed and so many loved ones left alone. But, I also said WOW . . . we persevered, we adapted, we made hard decisions, and we grew!

A law partner of mine once told me, "grow where you are planted." That's what we have done; that's what BCWCB has done. We have grown. Brittany Weil did a beautiful job leading this organization through the most difficult year and I applaud both her courage and her patience.

The days ahead of us are uncertain; but one thing is steadfast, BCWCB is committed to furthering our mission. Our theme this year is, "Empowered Women, Empower Women." Achieving this goal will continue to evolve throughout this year as the world around us grows and adapts. But rest assured, BCWCB will continue to fight, together, to empower each other.

President's Column (cont.)

I would be remiss without highlighting the amazing work of Danielle Rushing and Jessica Davis, Co-Chairs for the "First Virtual Autumn Affair." They, along with a dedicated group of committee members, raised \$23,500.00 in much needed funds for Respite Care of San Antonio, Inc. With these dollars this incredible agency will continue to, "protect, love, build trust, and nurture growth of children with special needs." Thank you, ladies, for an unbelievable feat ----- such a worthy beneficiary and we are grateful for their tireless work.

Out of LEAD and the BCWB, came the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Chaired by Robin Thorner and Alicia Grant. Throughout 2020, they discussed allyship, voting rights, and microaggressions. Keep a look out for the January 27th event focused on health disparities. If anyone would like to get involved with this amazing group, please contact either Chair. It's sad that in 2021 we need this committee. But again, WOW . . . what a phenomenal group of ladies doing great work!

We look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2021 and the exciting work we will do together, empowering each other along the way. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the BCWB this year.

Nicole Jackson
BCWB President

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AUTUMN AFFAIR

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Meet the Bexar County Women's Bar Association/Foundation 2021 Board of Directors

A big thank you to everyone that ran in the 2021 election and to all of our members who voted. Congratulations to the officers and directors of the 2021 BCWB Board. We thank you for your service and look forward to an exciting new year!

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Join the San Antonio Bar Association for our next **Ask A Lawyer** series!

Starting January 19, Ask A Lawyer will be held (virtually) every Tuesday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We are looking for attorney volunteers to answer simple legal questions and provide helpful resources to the San Antonio public!

How does Ask A Lawyer work virtually? Public participants schedule call times to speak with volunteer attorneys. Volunteer attorneys are able to call participants anonymously from their home or office. Phone calls last no longer than 15 minutes.

If you would like to volunteer, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Did you know that we are a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations?

Click [here](#) to read the **NCWBA December 2020 Newsletter** and learn about other women's bar associations across the country.

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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