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Bexar County Women's Bar Association

# BCWB

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Although we are half-way through 2021, the best is yet to come! Most of us are starting to gather with family and friends, remembering life before COVID-19 and the changes it forced us all to accept. BCWB is no different. We are gearing up for face-to-face events including luncheons, CLE's, community out-reach programs, and our annual fundraiser, Autumn Affair. We are so excited to be holding in-person events, and we cannot wait to see all of you. Be on the lookout for our Facebook postings and email announcements for upcoming events.

We are so proud of the students from the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA). In April, three young ladies placed in the State Bar's annual Law Day Competition. In the Poster Contest, Miamor Orozco won first place, and Alinne Romero-Torres won third place. In the Editorial Contest, Campbell Taylor won second place. This is the first time we have had a YWLA student place in the editorial portion of the contest. Congratulations to these outstanding young ladies!

On June 12th, the Bexar County Woman's Bar Foundation LEAD Academy graduated the 2020/2021 class. After the extended and unprecedented year, graduation was heart-felt and clearly reflected the relationships that developed through the program.

The LEAD Academy mission is to “assist women attorneys in attaining the highest levels of success in their firms and organizations, communities, and in the legal profession.” If you, or a colleague, are interested in joining, we will begin accepting applications for the LEAD Academy Class of 2022 on September 13th with applications due on October 15th. Please be on the lookout for more information on our Recruiting Kick-Off Event in early September. We encourage all alumnae, and anyone interested in learning more about participating in the LEAD Academy, to attend. For more information, please contact **Alicia Grant** at: [alica.grant@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:alica.grant@nortonrosefulbright.com).

BCWB is supporting The Children’s Heart Foundation by creating a team to participate in the Congenital Heart Walk on October 9th. This event will be held in-person at the San Antonio Zoo. Please look for announcements from **Casey Lee** about how to register for this event. See you at the Zoo!

We are very excited to announce ***The Bexar County Family Justice Center*** as the 2021 Autumn Affair beneficiary. The Family Justice Center provides services and resources necessary to assist victims of domestic violence and their families. Today, the Family Justice Center has over forty on and off-site partners who provide comprehensive services in the areas of law enforcement and prosecution, protective orders, employment and educational assistance, counseling, civil legal services, child therapy, health care, military liaison services, food and housing assistance, crisis intervention, childcare, financial stabilization, life coaching, professional clothing assistance and emergency shelter. The Family Justice Center serves over 4,000 families each year. All partners work together to fulfill the mission of assisting victims of domestic violence in their journey from survivor to thriver! For more information about the Family Justice Center, go to:

[www.BCFJC.org](http://www.BCFJC.org).

Please join us at **Autumn Affair on November 4th at 6PM** at the Witte Museum. Sponsorships are now available; reach out to me at [nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com](mailto:nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com).

**Nicole Jackson**

**BCWB President**

*Save The Date!*

2021 AUTUMN AFFAIR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> at 6PM

THE WITTE MUSEUM

*Honoring*

THE BEXAR COUNTY  
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

*Presented by  
The Bexar County Women's  
Bar Foundation*

For Sponsorship information, please contact  
Nicole Jackson at [nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com](mailto:nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com)



# 2021 BCWB Autumn Affair Beneficiary!



## Bexar County Family Justice Center

The Bexar County Family Justice Center is a unique organization that provides the services and resources necessary to assist victims of domestic violence and their families in one, centralized location. The Family Justice Center is one of only two of its kind in the State of Texas. Since opening on August 1, 2005, the Bexar County Family Justice Center has grown in size and in services. Their partnership now consists of over forty members, and they serve nearly 4,000 families a year. [To learn more about the Bexar County Family Justice Center, click here to visit the BCFJC website.](#)

### **GOALS**

The goals of the Bexar County Family Justice Center include:

- Effective apprehension and prosecution of domestic violence cases
- Empowerment and education of victims of domestic violence leading to the termination of abusive relationships, thus breaking the cycle of domestic violence - one family at a time
- Greater access to legal and social services
- Increased reporting of undocumented domestic violence

### **Ways You Can Get Involved:**

- Volunteering & Interning
- Donate:
  - Old Cell Phones
  - Food, Personal Hygiene Products, Infant/Toddler Needs, Books & Toys for Kids
  - Monetary Donation

**For a full list of items you can donate or ways you can get involved and support the FJC, CLICK HERE**



# Bexar County Family Justice Center

## **Message from FJC Executive Director Crystal Chandler**

The Bexar County Family Justice Center is supported by the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation and over forty community partners. Through this strategic and coordinated collaboration of agencies, we provide crisis support, legal assistance, counseling, and educational empowerment for our survivors. Our agency partners and advocates are extraordinarily talented individuals with a clear, shared goal: to break the cycle of violence and eradicate domestic violence in Bexar County one household at a time.

On average, the center assists close to 4,000 victims each year. Of those, a staggering 9 out of every 10 victims identify an immediate need for assistance in obtaining a protective order against their abuser, and close to 100% of victims experience financial abuse in their relationships. So many victims suffer silently, sometimes for years – imprisoned in a life controlled entirely by their abuser. Domestic violence does not discriminate; it is in every community regardless of race, gender, age, socioeconomic level or sexual orientation, and the cycle of violence can impact families for generations. I applaud the efforts of each and every advocate, attorney, counselor, liaison, and administrator who fight tirelessly for victims of domestic violence every day.

We are located at 126 E. Nueva on the 2nd floor, right across the street from the old courthouse in the heart of downtown San Antonio. We are available to you and your business or school in whatever capacity you see fit in an effort to increase our community outreach and education on domestic violence. Also, if you are interested in touring or volunteering at our center, please do not hesitate to contact us. The work accomplished here is truly remarkable, and we would love to show you around.



P.O. Box 2297  
San Antonio, Texas 78298-2297

**2021 Autumn Affair**  
Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Witte Museum  
3801 Broadway Street, San Antonio, Texas 78209

**Sponsor Information**

Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Level**

I/We will sponsor the 2021 Autumn Affair at the level indicated below. A check made payable to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is enclosed.

- GARDEN ROSE: \$5,000**  
Premier table for 10 with champagne service  
Individual social media recognition leading up to the event  
Prominent recognition during the event  
Prominent recognition of color logo on all digital media, publications, and programs  
Custom social media, newsletter and email recognition
- DAHLIA: \$3,500**  
Superior table for 10 with champagne service  
Individual social media recognition leading up to the event  
Prominent recognition of color logo on all digital media, publications, and programs  
Custom social media, newsletter and email recognition
- ORCHID: \$2,500**  
Preferred table for 10 with champagne service  
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- ZINNIA: \$1,500**  
Reserved table for 10  
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- Individual Tickets: \$100**
- Donation:** I would like to make a fully tax-deductible gift to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation to directly benefit the **Bexar County Family Justice Center** in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Please return sponsorship form and payment to:**

Nicole Jackson, BCWBF Autumn Affair Sponsorship Chair  
16731 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248

Forms may also be emailed to [nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com](mailto:nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com)

**\*Kindly return this form by September 15, 2021\***

**Interested in volunteering for Autumn Affair?  
Join a Committee!**

**If interested, contact the Natalies!**

**Natalie Wilson at:**

**[nwilson@langleybanack.com](mailto:nwilson@langleybanack.com)**

**or**

**Natalie Karge at:**

**[natalie.karge@valero.com](mailto:natalie.karge@valero.com)**



## LEAD Academy Announces Newest Alumnae!

Congratulations to the LEAD Academy Class of 2020 – 2021! To commemorate the end of a truly memorable program year, a graduation brunch was held at the Veranda on June 12th. The LEAD Academy welcomed back 2018 alumnae Marina Gonzales, President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as the graduation keynote speaker. Graduate Molly Thompson delivered the Class Perspective Address, and Class Liaison and LEAD Alumnae Ashley Senary Dahlberg presented the graduates with their certificates and a special class gift. BCWB President Nicole Jackson discussed service and recognized the graduates' service project and the benefits of continued involvement with the BCWB. LEAD Executive Director Elena Villasenor Sullivan delivered the welcoming and closing remarks. The LEAD Academy is so proud to graduate another 15 women attorneys to rise into leadership roles within their firms and organizations and throughout the legal community.



*Pictured left to right, bottom row: **Jessica Newill** (Newill Law Firm PLLC), **Larissa Sanchez Fields** (USAA), **Cassidy Daniels** (Rosenthal Paurstein Sandoloski Agather LLP), **Ofelia Delgado** (Delgado Law Firm, PLLC), **Aimee Vidaurri** (Norton Rose Fulbright), **Alison Nixon** (Bexar County District Attorney's Office), **Miranda Cook** (Sico Hoelscher Harris LLP), **Molly Thompson** (Thompson House). Top row: **Georgina Buckley-Graham** (Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee), **Elizabeth Hartsell** (Chasnoff Muniga Valkenaar Pepping & Stribling, LLP), **Melina Hill** (United States Air Force), **Taylor Beaver** (Akerman LLP), **Marion Reilly** (Hilliard Martinez Gonzales LLP), **Megan Jungman Scales** (Cyxtera Technologies), **Jennifer Neal** (Watts Guerra LLP).*





*Pictured left to right (top left photo): LEAD Steering Committee Members, Christine Reinhard, Dannick Villasenor-Hernandez, Tiffanie Clausewitz, Elena Villasenor Sullivan; (top right photo): Dannick Villasenor-Hernandez, Christine Reinhard, Ashley Senary Dahlberg; (bottom left photo): Christine Reinhard, Marina Gonzales, Elena Villasenor Sullivan; (bottom right photo): Molly Thompson, Megan Jungman Scales, Miranda Cook*





*Pictured left to right (top left photo): Melina Hill, Ofelia Delgado; (top right photo): Liz LaBarge, Nicole Jackson, BCWB President; (bottom right photo) Baby Newill, Jessica Newill, Megan Jungman Scales*

# BCWB LITES



Congratulations to BCWB Past President Tiffany Clausewitz for being elected to the Board of Directors for the San Antonio Bar Association! Tiffanie is the President of Clausewitz Law Firm where she practices business law.

In addition to her busy practice, Tiffanie is a long-standing supporter of the BCWB, winner of the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer award in 2012, and a pivotal founder and former Director of the BCWBF Lead Academy. Thank you Tiffanie for all you do for our profession, this organization, and our legal community!



Congratulations to BCWB Member Donna McElroy for being elected Treasurer of the San Antonio Bar Association! Donna is a member at Dykema Cox Smith where she practices labor and employment law. Donna is a long-standing supporter of the BCWB and currently serves on the Advisory Board for the BCWBF LEAD Academy. Donna was also recently recognized as one of San Antonio's Outstanding Women in Law. Thank you Donna for all you do for our profession, this organization, and our legal community!

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Bexar County Probate Court is hiring a  
Staff Attorney!**

**[Click here for details](#)**

# 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.*

**Please Direct All  
Questions, Comments and  
Submissions to:**

**[Newsletter@BexarCountyWomensBar.Org](mailto:Newsletter@BexarCountyWomensBar.Org)**

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