

THE EQUAL TIMES

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Bexar County Women's Bar Association

BCWB

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

October 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As we gear up for Fall, Bexar County's Woman's Bar Foundation is hard at work planning this year's *Virtual* Autumn Affair. Although we hoped to be in-person as we raise necessary funds and awareness for the Bexar County Family Justice Center, after long and thoughtful consideration, the Board decided to err on the side of caution and pivot the event to a virtual platform. Our Autumn Affair Chairs, Natalie Wilson and Natalie Karge have spent countless hours planning the event and we are excited to see you all on November 4th at 6PM. We are thankful to our donors who have continued to support this incredible organization through virtual format.

September 15th was our Autumn Affair Kick-Off Party at Cherrity Bar. Thank you to Whitney Thomas for organizing the event - it was a perfect outdoor venue with great food and drinks. An additional thank you to J. Hunter Bass, CPA, PLLC, and Preferred Counsel for sponsoring the event! If you haven't been to Cherrity Bar, I recommend checking it out. It was established in 2017 to promote awareness of a multitude of conditions and services offered in the community—the owners donate a portion of the proceeds to a new local charity each month.

Thank you to everyone that submitted nominations for this year's Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer. We look forward to celebrating two deserving colleagues with this honored award at Autumn Affair. Thank you to Alicia Grant and the Bela Committee for your hard work.

Don't forget the Congenital Heart Walk is coming up on October 9th. If you would like to join the BCWB team, or create your own team, reach out to Casey Lee regarding how to register for this in-person event at the San Antonio Zoo.

On October 17th at 4:00PM is the Autumn Affair Peloton Inspired Fundraising Challenge! You can ride or run while you enjoy friendly competition and raise funds for the Bexar County Family Justice Center. Remember to put the following hashtag in your profile: #4bcfamilyjusticectr.

Finally, I want to recognize and say THANK YOU to the amazing Autumn Affair sponsors:

Garden Rose

Rosenblatt Law Firm and Chasnoff Stribling

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Dykema Gossett PLLC

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Please reach out to me at Nicole@RosenblattLawFirm.com to inquire about the various sponsorship levels for Autumn Affair and learn more about our beneficiary, check out: www.bcfjc.org.



Going Virtual!

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation
cordially invites you to the
2021 Autumn Affair

Thursday, November 4th
6pm - 8pm

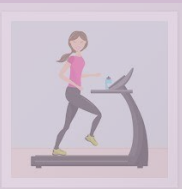
Find Updated Sponsorship Information
on the BCWB Website [HERE!](#)

Virtual Program Coming Soon

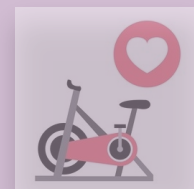
Benefitting

The Bexar County Family Justice Center





AUTUMN AFFAIR PELOTON® INSPIRED FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE



**LET'S BREAK A SWEAT IN SUPPORT OF THE
BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PELOTON® INSPIRED RIDE OR RUN,
ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND RAISE FUNDS
TO BENEFIT THE 2021 AUTUMN AFFAIR! BENEFICIARY, THE
BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER!**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 17
4:00 PM**

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30-DAY FREE TRIAL!**

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BIKE, TREADMILL, ELLIPTICAL, ROWER, OR EVEN
TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE!**

**IN YOUR PROFILE, ADD THE HASHTAG
#4BCFAMILYJUSTICECTR**

DONATE

**SUGGESTED DONATION AMOUNT OF \$25 TO THE
BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
BUT ANY AMOUNT IS WELCOME!**

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA:

**1) BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION'S
VENMO @BCWBF**

(PLEASE INDICATE "PELOTON CHALLENGE" IN THE NOTES)

**2) BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'S
WEBSITE -**

[HTTPS://BCFJCFFOUNDATION.NETWORKFORGOOD.COM/](https://bcfjcfoundation.networkforgood.com/)

(PLEASE INDICATE "BCWB AUTUMN AFFAIR" IN THE NOTES)

ON THE DAY OF THE CHALLENGE, JOIN EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

BIKE: BEYONCÉ TWO FOR ONE RIDE WITH ALEX & TUNDE (11/9/20)

RUN: 30 MINUTE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH COUNTRY RUN WITH SELENA SAMUELA (3/7/21)

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

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September 27, 2021

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Re: BCWBF Autumn Affair 2021 – Going Virtual!

Dear BCWBF Friend and Supporter:

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation ("BCWBF") is pleased to present its annual charitable fundraising event, **Autumn Affair**. We appreciate your generosity and support over the years and ask that you consider serving as a sponsor for this year's event, which out of an abundance of caution, will take place on a **Virtual Platform - Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

Autumn Affair will once again recognize two outstanding Bexar County female lawyers as recipients of our **Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awards**.

We are pleased to announce that the proceeds from Autumn Affair will benefit **The Bexar County Family Justice Center**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing 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 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 Bexar County Family Justice Center serves over 4,000 families each year. The proceeds donated at Autumn Affair will support their mission of assisting victims of domestic violence in their journey from survivor to thriver!

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will partner with us this year!

Sincerely,

Nicole E. Jackson
Sponsorship Chair

Danielle N. Rushing
Sponsorship Co-Chair



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San Antonio, Texas 78298-2297

2021 *Virtual Autumn Affair*

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Sponsor Information

Firm/Organization: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Email 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 Wine and Cheese Basket with goodies for 20 people
Individual Social Media Recognition leading up to the event and through July 31, 2022, including press release
Prominent recognition of color logo on front page of BCWB and Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Prominent placement and recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- DAHLIA: \$3,500**
Premier Wine and Cheese Basket with goodies for 15 people
Individual Social Media Recognition leading up to the event and through July 31, 2022, including press release
Prominent recognition of color logo on front page of BCWB and Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Prominent placement and recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- ORCHID: \$2,500**
Wine and Cheese Basket with goodies for 10 people
Prominent recognition of black and white logo on front page of BCWB landing page through July 31, 2022
Prominent recognition of color logo on BCWB – Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Prominent placement and recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- ZINNIA: \$1,500**
Wine and Cheese Basket with goodies for 6 people
Recognition of black and white logo on front page of BCWB landing page through December 31, 2021
Prominent recognition of black and white logo on BCWB – Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Prominent placement and recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- MARIGOLD: \$750**
Recognition of black and white logo on front page of BCWB landing page through December 31, 2021
Recognition of black and white logo on BCWB – Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- CHRYSANTHEMUM: \$500**
Recognition of black and white logo on BCWB – Autumn Affair landing page through July 31, 2022
Recognition in Autumn Affair program, at the event, newsletter, social media, and email recognition
- 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 E. Jackson, BCWBF Autumn Affair Sponsorship Chair *Forms may also be emailed to nicole@rosenblattlawfirm.com*
16731 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248

Kindly return this form by October 15, 2021

Autumn Affair Kick-Off Party




Pictured (left to right): Whitney Thomas, Nicole Jackson, Katherine Noll, Natalie Wilson, Natalie Karge, and Brittany Weil

The Autumn Affair Kick-Off party was successfully held on September 15, 2021, at the outdoor pavilion of the Cherrity Bar. The evening was enjoyed with great company, delicious food, and signature cocktails. We want to thank everyone for their attendance and the generous donations made for our BCWBF Autumn Affair Wine Pull. We look forward to seeing you virtually at our 2021 Autumn Affair!

A special thanks to our
kick-off party sponsor,
J. Hunter Bass CPA, PLLC



Congenital
Heart Walk 

San Antonio

Join Us!

and Help Us Fund Critical
Congenital Heart Defect Research.

October 9, 2021 at 7:30 AM
San Antonio Zoo – San Antonio, TX

This fundraising event allows both virtual and in-person participation, subject to safety considerations, with engaging and fun activities and events throughout Walk week, and culminating with mission updates, research remarks, our Moment of Silence and more on Walk day, and a full day at the Zoo. This event has a \$15 fundraising or donation minimum for each guest over age 2.



The Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation is participating in the 2021 San Antonio Congenital Heart Walk! The money we raise will directly benefit the The Children's Heart Foundation's mission to fund critical research for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of congenital heart defects.

CLICK HERE to join us in supporting this great cause by signing up for and/or donating to our team.

If you have any questions, please contact our Community Service Committee Chair, Casey Lee, at CaseyColleenLee@gmail.com

Applications are now open for the 2022 LEAD Academy program. The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation LEAD Academy is a nine-month program that assists women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms, organizations, communities and profession. The application window will be closing soon so please make sure to submit your information or nominate a leading lady who would benefit from this program before October 15. You can find a link to the application as well as additional information about the academy, past participants, programming and faculty on our website: <https://www.bexarcountrywomenlead.org/>.



Registration is open for the Class of 2022.

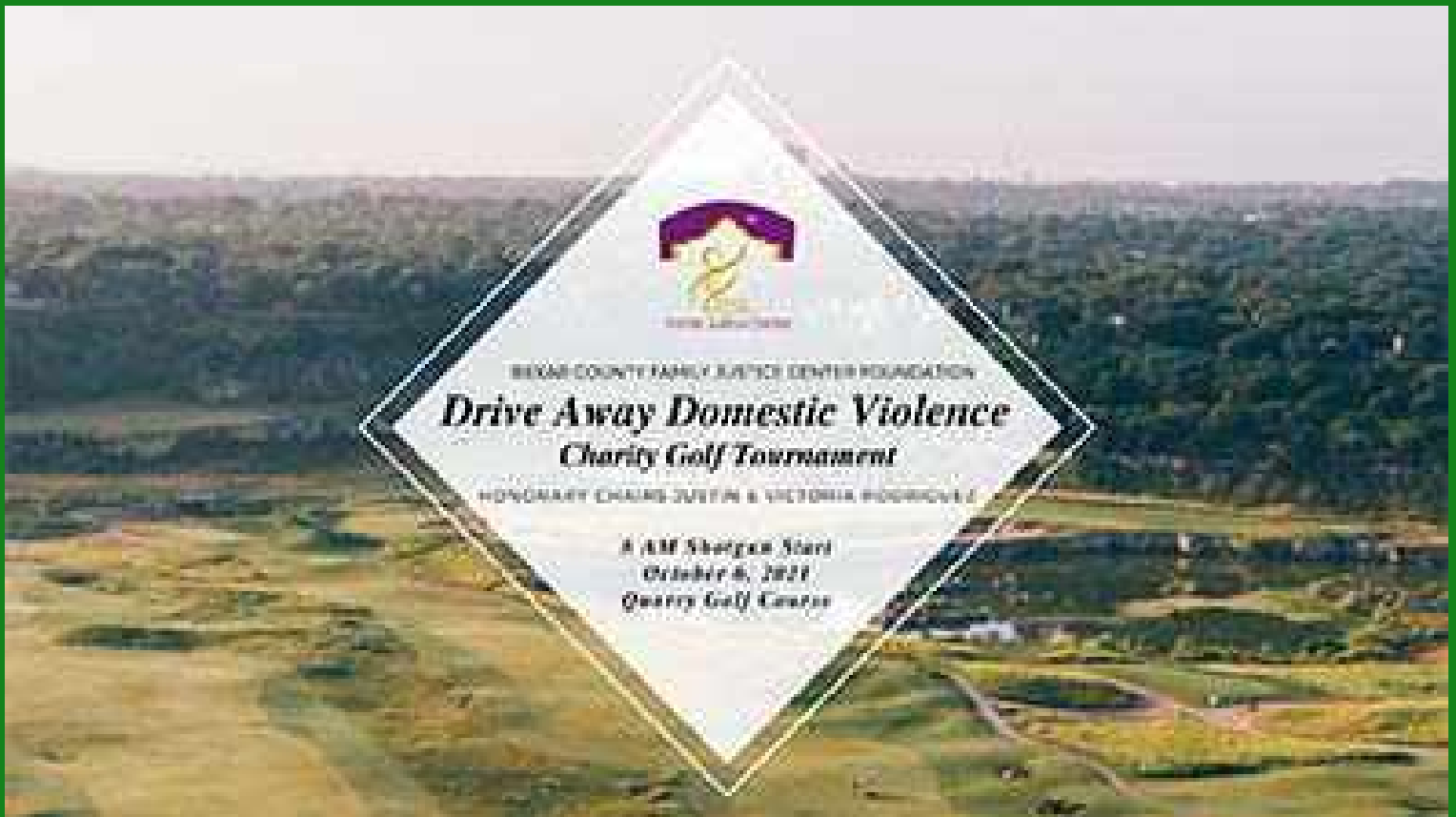
CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Applications due October 13, 2021.

Drive Away Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament

October 23, 2021 at 8 am

Quarry Golf Course



Join Us for a Tee-rific Time at the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation Drive Away Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation is hosting a charity golf tournament on Saturday October 23, 2021 at the Quarry Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit survivors of domestic and family violence in San Antonio and Bexar County.

[CLICK HERE to Register or Sponsor!](#)

Members of your Legal Organizations are invited to join us for
Red Mass



Thursday, October 14th
6 p.m.
San Fernando Cathedral
115 Main Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205
Reception to follow
San Fernando Hall

The Most Reverent Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio
will be the president

St. Mary's University President, Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., will offer welcome
remarks

People of all Faiths Welcome!



TEX-ABOTA
The Texas Chapters of ABOTA



TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION



THE NATIONAL TEAM

Dear Colleague,

The Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) and the law firm of Perdue & Kidd are sponsoring the **Texas Showdown Trial Competition**. St. Mary's University School of Law is proud to partner with TEX-ABOTA to co-host this event. All ten law schools in Texas will participate and students will have an opportunity to practice their advocacy skills. This competition will take place virtually from October 29, 2021, to October 31, 2021.

To have a successful competition, we need attorneys to participate as scoring judges. Each round requires four attorneys to be scoring judges. We need 68 scoring judges and, therefore, ask for your help! We would greatly appreciate your participation. You can sign up for one or more rounds of the competition. The times include the entire time from reporting until the end of the round and are as follows:

ROUND 1 – Friday, October 29, 2021, from 8:30 am CST to 12:00 pm CST (round starts at 9:00 am)
ROUND 2 – Friday, October 29, 2021, from 1:30 pm CST to 5:00 pm CST (round starts at 2:00 pm)
ROUND 3 – Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 8:30 am CST to 12:00 pm CST (round starts at 9:00 am)
ROUND 4 – Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 1:30 pm CST to 5:00 pm CST (round starts at 2:00 pm)
SEMI-FINALS – Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 8:30 am CST to 12:00 pm CST (round starts at 9:00 am)
FINALS – Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 1:30 pm CST to 5:00 pm CST (round starts at 2:00 pm)

If you are willing to help all Texas law schools, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/TXSHOWDOWNJudge>

Alternatively, you can simply use your cell phone camera to scan the QR code below to sign up. After you sign up, a member of the Board of Advocates will contact you to provide further details.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Carin Wieters at boalaw@stmarytx.edu or Jennifer Ellis, Competition Chair, at jellis@law.tamu.edu.

Thank you very much for your participation and for ensuring the success of this valuable learning experience.

Patricia O. Alvarez | Justice
Fourth Court of Appeals

Les Hatch | Judge
237th District Court





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San Antonio Legal Services Association

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**Alternatives to
Guardianship Clinic**

2 HR VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
OCTOBER 14, 15, 16

Q&A ZOOM TRAINING
OCTOBER 13 @ NOON

TRAINING VIDEOS AND FORMS AVAILABLE ON
SALSA'S ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

REGISTER BY THURSDAY, OCT. 7

[HTTPS://SA-LSA.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM/](https://sa-lsa.volunteerhub.com/)



Our mission is to encourage and facilitate the active and effective participation of women—both in the legal profession and in the community — and to address women’s current needs and the issues affecting them.

This year, we are developing and providing outstanding monthly virtual CLEs, quarterly newsletters, business development workshops, enhanced website features, an annual CLE seminar devoted to women's issues in the legal profession, and opportunities for advocacy.

If you are a woman attorney that has been licensed for two years or less, membership in the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is FREE. You can join by filling out this [membership form](#). Or re-joining is easy! Dues are only \$25, and you can pay by credit card via your [My Bar Page](#) on [TexasBar.com](#). Or fill out this [membership form](#), and return it via [email](#).

The legal profession has worked to improve gender parity and optimize career paths for women attorneys. Of course, important work remains to be done. The Women and the Law Section is committed to promoting the professional growth of women lawyers and encouraging and facilitating their active and effective participation in the legal profession and community. The section provides an outstanding forum for women attorneys to network with and learn from each other.

We hope you will join our growing section! Together, we can help to ensure that women attorneys thrive. We appreciate your dedication to the profession.

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

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