

## PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION

May 2008 - Newsletter

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our May meeting will be held at noon on Friday, May 2 at Tino's Mexican Restaurant in Collin Creek Mall. Our speaker will be Bob Reagan of Reagan McLain. Mr. Reagan will speak on "Collections and Fraudulent Transfers."

### OTHER DATES TO CALENDAR

- Meetings:
  - June 6 - Hilaree Casada will speak on "Attorney Fee Awards on Appeal."
  - July 4 – HOLIDAY NO MEETING.
  - August 1 - social only meeting, no CLE.
  - September 5 - Tom Culpepper of Thompson Coe will speak on "Update on the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act."
  - October 3- Alex Shiliday of Hermes Sargent Bates will speak on "Insurance Law Issues Every Lawyer Needs to Know."
- RoughRider's Baseball Game – Mark your calendars for the annual fun, family time. The date is May 5 at 7:00 pm. See article below.
- Collin County Bench Bar Conference – May 30, 31 & June 1, at a spa resort in League City, Texas. Put this on your calendar; more details in future months.

### SOCIAL - **EVENING AT THE ROUGHRIDER'S GAME**

**Tickets are going fast!** The PBA's annual evening at the RoughRider's baseball game is set for Monday, May 5. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (18 & under) and no limit on how many you can purchase; bring your family, bring your office staff. However, we have ONLY 50 SEATS on the party deck (that's the whole party deck for PBA) – first come, first serve. If you are interested in attending, call Stuart Brown at 972-731-6789, or bring your check to the May

general membership meeting. If you have attended one of these evenings in the past, you know they are a bargain and loads of fun – great baseball, great views, free hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and adult beverages – all for the price of a ticket.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION**

At our May general membership meeting at Tinos we will be voting on next year's slate of officers (for June through May 2009). As announced at the last general membership meeting, the nominees are as follows:

President	Israel Suster
President Elect	Bert Starr
Secretary	Laura Calhoun
Treasurer	Doug Floyd
Immediate Past President	Melinda Eitzen
Director – Social	Kim Killebrew
Director – Newsletter	Evy Davis
Director – Membership	Stuart Brown
Director – Website	Keith Davis
Director – CLE	Shelly Shilling
Director – CLE	Connie Pena

## **DUES**

It is that time again. Dues are due for 2008-2009 by no later than May 31. Please complete the attached Application and send your dues to the address listed therein to remain a member. Please type your personal information directly on the form. If you choose to fill out the application by hand, please print clearly and provide a complete mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. The number one problem we have had is unreadable and incomplete hand written information. Also, if you are with a firm and your firm sends us a check for several attorneys, they need to include an application form for each attorney. Otherwise, we have no idea to whom to apply the membership money. We cannot contact you if we cannot read your telephone number or address. All meeting notices and newsletters are sent via e-mail. If your e-mail or address changes during the year, please keep us updated.

You will also find following the membership Application an application and information about the Lawyer Referral Service provided by PBA. If you are interested, read, complete and return that form with the indicated check and your dues information.

## **CLE & CRUISE**

Join us for our CLE at Sea Cruise! You can't miss this opportunity to spend four fun filled days aboard Carnival's Ecstasy. This November we will set sail for Cozumel Mexico to experience all the fun and excitement the "fun ship" has to offer. What better way to connect with your friends and colleagues and receive CLE at the same time? Space is limited and prices are subject to change until a deposit is made. Hurry! Don't miss this opportunity. Reserve your space today!

CLE will focus on trial skills for the civil and criminal practitioners. More details will follow. The dates are November 6 through the 10 and the cruise will leave from Galveston and stop at ports in Mexico. The cost is \$517.00 per person, not including transportation to Galveston.

Laura Bennett of Business with Pleasure Travel will be at our April general membership meeting at Tino's to answer any questions. You can also contact her at 214-537-4978.

## **DO YOU KNOW AN AREA ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF PBA?**

If you know an attorney who lives or practices in the Plano area and is not a member of PBA, urge them to join. As you know, we have regular CLE speakers at our monthly meetings, we provide numerous opportunities for attorneys to serve the community, we offer opportunities for networking with other attorneys, and we have FUN. So forward a copy of this newsletter to your non-member attorney friends and urge them to fill out an application and join today. You can also refer them to our website at [www.planobar.com](http://www.planobar.com) where they can find an application and information about joining.

## **PLANO LEGAL CLINIC**

As of January 2008, the Plano clinic will no longer be held on the 3rd Monday of the month. It will now be held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Legal Assistance of Northwest Texas is actively seeking volunteers to help at the monthly clinics in Plano. If you can help, contact Jan Kearney at Legal Aid of North Texas.

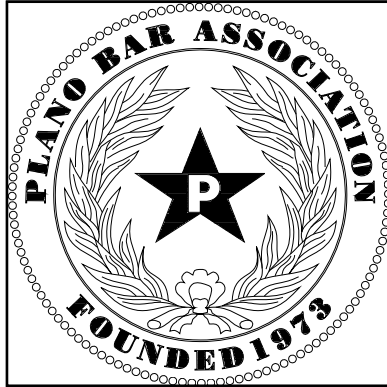
## PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

This is the 35th year that our bar association has been in existence. One interesting thing to review at this point is the list of names of the former presidents of our association. Many prominent members of our county and our legal community have provided leadership for us. Take a look at the attached roster.

1973-74	Byron H. Schaff	1991-92	Tom Ford
1974-75	David McCall	1992-93	Richard Armstrong
1975-76	Bill Kramer	1993-94	Nancy B. Amick
1976-77	Robert T. Dry, Jr.	1994-95	John A. Goren
1977-78	Howard Shapiro	1995-96	Deborah Brown Kovac
1978-79	Richard Schell	1996-97	Michael R. Puhl
1979-80	Jim G. Bray	1997-98	Scott Carpenter
1980-81	William Roberts	1998-99	Jean Power
1981-82	John O'Keefe Barry	1999-2000	Sharon Curtis
1982-83	Howard Hamilton	2000-01	Savannah (Dyer) Sorrels
1983-84	Stephen Chapman	2001-02	Ann Shuttee
1984-85	Ray Wheless	2002-03	Gwen Rawls
1985-86	Harry F. Smith	2003-04	Susan Whitson Periquet
1986-87	Alex Modelski	2004-05	Shawn Ismail
1987-88	Charles F. Sandoval	2005-06	Shelly Dukes
1988-89	Nathan E. White, Jr.	2006-07	Keith E. Davis
1989-90	Douglas T. Floyd	2007-08	Melinda Eitzen
1990-91	Luke Laman		

### **PBA officers and directors for 2007-2008**

Melinda Eitzen, President	972-403-1200
Israel Suster, President Elect	972-380-0130
Doug Floyd, Treasurer	972-578-8186
Bert Starr, Secretary	972-633-2588
Laura Calhoun, Director- CLE	214-423-5100
Connie Pena, Director- CLE	214-423-5100
Stuart Brown, Director- Social	972-731-6789
Kimberly Killebrew, Director	972-436-9300
Charles Chesnutt, Director	972-735-0757
Keith Davis, Immediate Past President	214-473-9626



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### PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION DUES NOTICE

2008-2009

**DUES ARE \$65.00 PER YEAR. PLEASE PAY BEFORE JUNE 1, 2008. IF YOU PAID AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008 YOU ARE PAID UP FOR 2008 AND TO JUNE 1, 2009. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION and MAIL TO: DOUGLAS T. FLOYD, 850 East Central Parkway, SUITE 120, PLANO, TX. 75074**

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO USE A WORD PROCESSOR, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE THAT DOES INPUT THE INFORMATION. PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION TO INCLUDE CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE. MOST MISTAKES ARE MADE BECAUSE WE CANNOT READ YOUR HANDWRITING.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BAR CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## **LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

The Plano Bar Association has sponsored a Lawyer Referral Service for over 25 years. The LRS is a certified as a lawyer referral service as required by the State of Texas under Article 320d, Revised Statutes, Certification No. 9307.

If you would like to join the lawyer referral service, please read the following information.

Plano Bar Association (PBA) Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)

**BY JOINING THE LRS, YOU AGREE THAT YOU WILL CHARGE NO MORE THAN \$20 FOR THE INITIAL CONSULTATION WHICH MAY LAST FOR UP TO 30 MINUTES**

The method of operation is that each member agrees to pay his or her proportionate share of the cost of operation of the LRS.

Currently we advertise the LRS in the Verizon yellow pages for southern Collin County and northern Collin County. The annual cost of operation is approximately \$30,000.00. We currently have 25 members making the average annual cost per member \$1,200. The Verizon yellow pages generate about 400 calls per month in all categories.

We also advertise the LRS in the AT&T yellow pages for Collin and Dallas Counties. The annual cost of operation is approximately \$30,000.00. We currently have 10 members making the average annual cost per member \$3,000. It will go down if more join. The AT&T yellow pages generate about 500 calls per month.

All calls are routed through an answering service. The system works as follows:

There are 6 categories of referral: personal injury, family law, criminal law, bankruptcy, wills and probate and general civil. A potential client calls the referral number and someone at the answering service takes the call. The person gives the answering service the category of the law that they require an attorney. The answering service refers the potential client to three attorneys in that category. The attorney's names are rotated each time and an attorney is 1, 2 and 3 on a rotating basis. You may put your name in one or more categories.

State Bar rules require that you may not charge more than \$20 for the initial 30 minute consultation.

**BY JOINING, YOU AGREE THAT THE ABOVE REFERRAL SERVICE ANNUAL DUES ARE AN ESTIMATE. YOU MAY BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL DUES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE NEXT YEAR. FAILURE TO PAY THE ASSESSMENT WHEN REQUESTED WILL CAUSE YOU TO BE TERMINATED FROM THE REFERRAL SERVICE AND BAR YOU FROM FURTHER**

PARTICIPATION IN THE REFERRAL SERVICE WITHOUT SPECIAL APPROVAL OF THE BOARD.

IF YOU JOIN AFTER JULY 1, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$50.00 TO COVER THE SERVICE FEE CHARGED BY THE ANSWERING SERVICE TO ADD EACH ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY.

Remember, in order to be a member of the LRS you must first be a member of the Plano Bar Association. The annual dues to join the Plano Bar Association are \$65.00. The fiscal year for PBA starts June 1.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION, c/o Douglas Floyd, 850 East Central Parkway, Suite 120, Plano, Texas 75074, and complete the following form and return it with your check:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

NIGHTTIME TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you want calls after hours)

CHECK THE CATEGORIES IN WHICH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE CALLS.

1.    \_\_\_    Personal Injury includes auto accidents, medical malpractice, product defects
2.    \_\_\_    Bankruptcy
3.    \_\_\_    Criminal Law (THIS INCLUDES JAIL CALLS 24/7)
4.    \_\_\_    Family Law includes divorce, modification and adoptions
5.    \_\_\_    Wills and Probate
6.    \_\_\_    General Civil - this is a broad category that includes civil matter including, civil litigation, contract review and drafting.