

PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION

November 2008 - Newsletter

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

So you've finally been dragged, kicking and screaming, into the post-PC world. You now realize that your discovery requests are going to have to include a search of your litigation opponent's hard drive. Now what? You can't perform the search yourself, so you hire someone to do it for you. What are you looking for on the hard drive? You have to be careful what you ask for. You do not have the tools to perform the search yourself, so you hire someone to do it for you. Printing everything out would deforest East Texas, and it would take you years to read it all. "A request for 'everything' on a hard drive would generate millions of pages," said computer discovery specialist Malcolm Wells of Litigation Solution, Inc. Malcom will be our next speaker at this week's general membership meeting at noon Friday, November 7, at Tino's, south end of Collin Creek mall on the upper level.

OTHER DATES TO CALENDAR

Meetings:

- ▣ Friday, November 7, 2008: General membership meeting, noon, at Tino's, Collin Creek Mall, south entrance
- ▣ Friday, December 5, 2008: General membership meeting, noon, at Tino's, Collin Creek Mall, south entrance

Other:

- ▣ November 15, 2008: National Adoption Day

STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

Please consider donating an unwrapped medium size stuffed animal to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. The Center takes action to identify, protect, and improve the lives of abused and neglected children. The last day to donate is Thursday, December 4. If you do not get to the store to buy an animal, please consider donating \$10 or more at the PBA general membership meeting, and one of our board members will purchase the toys with your donations. The Center provides the stuffed animals you see inhabiting the courtrooms on National Adoption Day. While the larger animals are certainly eye-popping, we have seen that the children prefer the smaller ones that they can hug.

MOCK TRIAL COACHES NEEDED

Two high school campuses in Frisco, Centennial High and Career and Technology Campus, are fielding mock trial teams this year. Both teams will practice in the courtroom at the CTE campus, located at 9889 Wade, Frisco, directly across the street from the Collin County Community College Frisco campus. Attorney coaches are needed.

The CTE team is a first-year team that will practice from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. The Centennial team is a third-year program. Its members will practice from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Each team currently has one attorney-advisor, but more are needed to provide more individual attention.

The regional competition will be on Saturday, January 31, and the teams will practice until that time. If you can donate some of your time, please contact Benjamin Ewald on his cell at 214.548.7749. Or respond to the email from which you received this newsletter for his email address.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new PBA members Mark Hill and Kyle Hejl of Mosser and Mallers, PLLC; Sara Duff of Wolfe, Tidwell and McCoy, LLP; Jason Duff of Linden & Willeford.; and Deborah Ham.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

The tally is in, and the majority of our members want our association to pass a resolution supporting the first new public law school in Texas since 1967. Such a resolution recognizing the vote of our membership was passed at the last meeting of the board of directors of PBA. The University of North Texas System has requested that the Texas Legislature and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve plans for the school, which is proposed to be located in the Old Dallas Municipal Building at Main and Harwood in downtown Dallas.

Since the initial announcement concerning the proposal, UNT and the City of Dallas have developed concrete plans. Supporters say the University of North Texas College of Law will be opening a public law school at the right time in the right place; bringing affordable and accessible high-quality legal education to an underserved population; and helping to revitalize downtown Dallas.

Since 1980, the population of Texas has grown from 14.3 million to 22.5 million without any added state legal education. In the past 25 years, only 524 new law school seats have been created in Texas, while the number of bachelor degrees is currently growing at a rate of 25,000 annually. Houston has three law schools (two public, one private) with FY 2004 enrollment of 2,953. By comparison, the more populous DFW region's law school enrollment was only 1,561 at its two private law school. Also in Houston, 11,186 baccalaureate degrees were awarded in 2002, and 969 first-year law school seats were available. Houston's ratio of bachelor's degrees to first year law school seats was 12:1. DFW's ratio of bachelor degrees awarded to first-year law school seats was more than double, approximately 27:1.

SUBMISSIONS FOR PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Do you have news you'd like to share with other members of the Plano Bar Association? If so, please submit the information to Evy Davis at the email address from which the newsletter was sent. Or call 214.769.0019.

JOINING THE PLANO BAR ASSOCIATION

Attorneys can join the Plano Bar Association at any time. Please pass along the the attached application. New members should send it, along with a check for \$65, to our treasurer:

Doug Floyd
6521 Preston Road, Suite 100
Plano, Texas 75024

Please type your personal information directly on the form – Adobe 8 will perform that function. If you handwrite, *please be sure to print legibly* to ensure we can reach you. Let us know if any of your information changes.

ONLINE ACCESS TO NEWSLETTERS

About one year of issues of his newsletter are be included on the site at www.planobar.com.

REFERRALS

An application for inclusion in the association's Lawyer Referral Service is attached. The

fee pays for the answering service for each attorney.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

On November 5, 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is re-elected for an unprecedented third term as president of the United States. Roosevelt was elected to a third term with the promise of maintaining American neutrality as far as foreign wars were concerned. Despite ongoing negotiations with Japan, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor- “a day that would live in infamy.” The next day Roosevelt requested, and received, a declaration of war against Japan. On December 11, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.

FORMER PBA PRESIDENTS

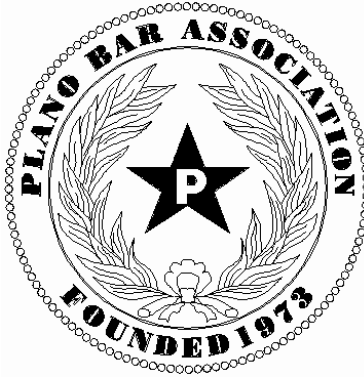
Here is a list of those who have served as president of the PBA.

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	2008-09	Israel Suster

CURRENT PBA OFFICERS

PBA officers and directors for 2008-2009:

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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, 6521 Preston Road, Suite 100, Plano, Texas 75024

You can use Adobe 8's typewriter function to complete this form. If you do not have Adobe 8, please *write legibly*. We all know how unforgiving the internet is with respect to incorrect addresses.

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. The cost will be less expensive as 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:

The six categories of referral are: 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, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$50.00 COVERS 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, 6521 Preston Road, Suite 100, Plano, Texas 75024. Complete the following form and return it with your check:

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 - broad category that includes civil matter including, civil litigation, contract review and drafting