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Denton County Young Lawyers Association Takes Top Honors Statewide!

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Each year, the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) recognizes the outstanding activities of its local affiliates through an Award of Achievement Competition. The competition is divided between large and small cities, and the awards are given for outstanding comprehensive programs and single projects in the categories of service to the public and service to the bar.

Denton County Young Lawyers Association (DCYLA) is proud to announce receipt of First Place: Small Affiliate Comprehensive Award of Achievement for the projects that DCYLA rolled out to its members, the Denton County Bar Association, and the legal community. This year's award recognizes a standard of excellence for the following projects:

- “Will Lawyer for Food” income survey,
- “We All Swear at Once” swearing in ceremony for newly licensed attorneys, and
- “The Sequel” interactive evidence and advocacy workshop.

DCYLA has also been recognized for its service to the Denton County Bar Association by winning First Place: Small Affiliate Service to the Bar Award of Achievement for the “Will Lawyer for Food” income survey.

Members of the DCYLA Board will attend the Annual State Bar of Texas Bar Leaders Conference in Houston, Texas on July 20, 2013 to accept the awards and recognition from TYLA.

DCYLA looks forward to building on last year's successes in 2013-2014. DCYLA is committed to continuing to provide services to young lawyers in Denton County, the Denton County Bar Association and the community at large.

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The 2013-2014 DCYLA Calendar is filled with social, educational and civic events and activities. The DCYLA Board invites and encourages young lawyers to participate in and benefit from everything that DCYLA has to offer.

For more information, please contact Jill Jester at jjester@minorandjester.com or Eric Navarrette at enavarrette@koonsfuller.com.

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From the President

If you've been following my running articles, you know a goal as president this year is to review the Texas Lawyer's Creed and encourage our members to share their passion for "Doing what is Right."

The other day a close colleague asked my opinion on a judge recusal issue. I was able, thankfully, to rattle off enough of Section 2 of the Creed to give my friend the confidence to proceed with his recusal motion. I found his concern and reticence of alienating his relationship with the judge to be clouding his path of representing his client under our Creed's duties.

We all want the favor of the Courts, and we certainly do not want to tick the Judge off just as a matter ensues before that official. Yet, my friend was facing exactly that. What was he to do?

When I quickly referred him to the preamble of the duties in Section 2 of the Creed, it became immediately clear that the duty to his client is greater than the disfavor he will

endure from that judge. His comment to me was a revelation: "I have the Creed on my wall, right in front of me every day, and I didn't even think to look there."



Theodore D. Ogilvie, President

My friend went on to state that it had been a long time since he had read the Creed. I would submit that is the case with most of us, even though it is framed and hanging on our office walls or attached to each client contract. Take a few minutes and read it over the next month.

Then practice it!

Membership has its privileges!

Renew TODAY!

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• Trial Lawyer's Association

• Family Law Section

• Greater Denton County Young

Lawyers Association

• Real Estate, Trust, and Probate

Law Section

• Criminal Law

DCBA Membership

Your DCBA Membership includes

- Free and discounted CLE programs
- Monthly luncheon & happy hour
- Networking opportunities
- Listing on the bar website, including photo, two practice areas, and a link to your website.

For more information see our website: www.dentonbar.com.

Denton County Bar Association

2013-14 Membership Application

Required Information (for directory, membership, and website use)

Name: _____ Texas Bar Number: _____
Business Phone: _____ Facsimile: _____
Firm/Company: _____
Business Address (including City & Zip Code): _____
Email/Web Address: _____
Texas Board Certifications (TBLS): _____
Law School/Graduation Date: _____
List All Other Degrees: _____

If you are younger than 37 years OR have practiced in Texas for less than 5 years, please check here

Primary Areas of Practice* (select two):

* Having two areas of practice listed in the web directory is included in the fee for bar membership. If you would like three to five areas of practice listed, there is an additional \$75.00 posting fee. Choose from the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADR | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor-Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBT Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation: Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation: Personal Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics-Legal Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> International | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil & Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills-Trusts-Probate |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation |

Optional Information

Home Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____
Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Attorneys in Firm: _____
Date Licensed in Texas: _____
Other State Bar Admissions/Dates/License Numbers: _____
Do you speak a foreign language? _____ If yes, what language: _____

If you would like to post your photograph on the DCBA website, email your photo to Erin Manley at emanley@dentonbar.com. The website will be updated periodically throughout the membership year.

Application Certification

I, the undersigned, do hereby make application to the Denton County Bar Association for membership and, in making such application, I certify that I am validly licensed to practice law or am a law student of an accredited law school, that I promise to uphold and support the By-Laws of the Association and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in all respects and to the best of my personal and professional ability, that all information provided by me in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Application Submission

Please mail this application along with a check made payable to **Denton County Bar Association** in the amount of **\$195.00** or **\$150.00** (licensed in Texas less than two years) to DCBA at 512 W. Hickory, Suite 202, Denton, TX. 76201. Please **DO NOT** include Collaborative Law, Family Law, Criminal Law or Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section dues with your DCBA payment. The DCBA membership year runs from May to May and dues are not pro-rated.

If you have any questions about the DCBA, please call the Denton County Bar Association at 940-320-1500. Visit our website at www.dentonbar.com/membership.shtml.

From the Social Committee



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Join us for fun and frolic in the sun and surf!



DCBA will be having its first of many family friendly events for bar members. The event will be held at the Denton Waterworks Park on July 20, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The park is located at 2400 Long Road. Food and tasty (non-alcoholic) beverages will be provided.

The event is FREE for DCBA members and their families. Non-members are welcome to join us and will receive a 20 percent discount off the price of admission.

Please RSVP and load up the kiddos for a rip roaring good time!



**Social Committee
Volunteers
needed!**

Please contact

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the DCBA page or
joined our group on
Facebook yet?**

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colleagues for up-
to-the-minute
information.**

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Announcements & Events



Bob Black presenting Kimberly Killebrew with an inaugural Bob Black Bar Leaders Award at the Texas Tech Law School Reception at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting on June 20.

Congratulations Kim Killebrew!

Congratulations goes out to Kim Killebrew, DCBA member and attorney at CokerLegal, on being named an inaugural recipient of the Bob Black Bar Leaders award for her service as President of the Plano Bar Association.

This award, presented at the Texas Tech Law reception during the Texas Bar annual meeting on June 20, recognizes each Texas Tech Law alumnus who had during the past year served as president of a local, state, national, international, or specialty bar association. This award is named in honor of Texas Tech Law alumnus Bob Black, Class of 1980, who served as president of the State Bar of Texas during 2011–2012.



Please look for details coming soon about an informational meeting in August for volunteers.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please contact

Victor Rivera

victor@riveralegalgroup.com.

35TH ANNUAL TexasBarCLE

Advanced Real Estate Law COURSE

Limited to the first 30 to register!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Texas Homestead Laws
- UCC Related Foreclosure Matters
- Involuntary Liens Against Real Estate
- Practical Aspects of Insurance: 10 Things You Wish You Had Known
- Technology Tips for the Real Estate Practitioner
- Annotated Leases: ACREL
- Tales from the Hinterlands: Really Weird Laws Affecting Real Estate
- Mechanics Liens Against Lease Hold Estates
- 1/2 Day Breakout Sessions on Lending Issues and Mineral Issues

Mail payment (payable to "Law Office of Ruth Brock") to
4880 Long Prairie Road, Suite 110, Flower Mound, TX 75028

Please provide your email address for future communication and your preference of USB Drive or Hard-Copy (2 notebooks).

Lunch Box Sandwiches available for \$15 additional (includes tip and delivery). You will be contacted via email before August 28th for your order.

Only \$375

**August
28, 29, 30**

Sessions begin 8:30 am

Sponsored by the Denton County Bar Association.
Hosted by The Law Office of Ruth Brock

MCLE CREDIT | 17.5 HOURS (3.5 ETHICS)
MCLE No: 901259153

July Bar Luncheon

Date:

Friday, July 12

Location:

Oakmont Country Club

Program:

New electronic filing procedures adopted by the Texas Courts

Speaker:

TEXFILE representative

CLE: Course Number: 901268792,
0.75 hours

August Bar Luncheon

Date:

Friday, August 2

Location:

Oakmont Country Club

Program:

Neuroscience and Conflict Management

Speaker:

Jayne Beach

CLE: Course Number: 901261317,
0.75 hours in ADR

Upcoming Activities!

August 2013

DCAP Sign-up Party

September 2013

Chili Cook Off (Family Friendly)

October & November 2013

UNT Tailgates

December 2013

Tree Lighting & Holiday Party

February 2014

Court Staff Appreciation Day

March 2014

DCAP Thank You Party (Family Friendly)

April 2014

Bench Bar

Monthly Meetings

Collaborative Professionals

DCCP will meet at **12:00 PM** on Tuesday, **August 6**, at Oakmont Country Club, 1901 Oakmont Dr. in Corinth.

Family Law

The Family Law Section will meet at **12:00 PM** on Thursday, **July 18**, in the Central Jury Room, 1450 E. McKinney St. in Denton.

Paralegals

DCPA will meet at **12:00 PM** on Thursday, **July 25**, at Oakmont Country Club, 1901 Oakmont Dr. in Corinth

DCYLA

DCYLA will gather for their monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Contact Jill Jester at jjester@minorandjester.com for meeting times and location.

REPTL

The REPTL Section will not meet during the summer. The next meeting will be Wednesday, **September 25**.

Transitions to Practice

The Transitions group will not meet during the summer. Mentors and mentees are encouraged to sign up beginning in August. Contact Virginia Moore for more information.