

BENCH BAR XXVI: WELCOME TO THE MOVIES

2019 CONFERENCE DETAILS

Friday, April 5, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Conference Check-In Opens**
- 10:00 a.m. Early Bird Ethics – Shotgun Topics**
My Cousin Vinny: Professionalism and Wellness
Joetta Keene (Law Office of Joetta L. Keene)
The Firm: Ethical Representation when Your Client Has Stolen or Destroyed Evidence
Matt Smid (Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office)
Paul Youngblood (Youngblood Law, PLLC)
Erin Brockovich: Unauthorized Practice of Law - Traps to Avoid With Your Staff
An Lee Hsu (Martinez & Hsu, P.C. & Member Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee)
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Welcome to First-Timers**
- 12:30 p.m. Family Law Updates for All Practice Areas, including**
Kramer v. Kramer: Child Custody & Child Support
Cheech & Chong: The Impact of Your Client's Legal Marijuana Use on Your Family Law Case
Associate Judge Lori DeAngelis (325th District Court)
Associate Judge Lindsay DeVos (231st District Court)
Dana Manry (KoonsFuller)
- 1:30 p.m. Handling High Profile Cases**
Judge Josh Burgess (352nd District Court)
Mark Daniel (Evans, Daniel, Moore, Evans, Biggs and Decker)
- 2:00 p.m. Break**
- 2:15 p.m. Runaway Jury: An Attorney & Judicial Panel on Voir Dire & Jury Selection**
Moderator: Mike Schneider (Schneider Law Firm, P.C.)
Judge John Chupp (141st District Court)
Pat Gallagher (Haslam & Gallagher)
- 2:45 p.m. Twelve Angry Men: An Attorney & Judicial Panel on Jury Closings & Deliberations**
Moderator: Mike Schneider (Schneider Law Firm, P.C.)
Judge Susan Heygood McCoy (153rd District Court)
Judge Melody Wilkinson (17th District Court)
Greg Jackson (The Law Office of Greg Jackson)
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn**
- 3:45 p.m. Caddyshack: 9-Hole Golf**
- 4:00 p.m. Chariots of Fire Lawyer Olympics Hospitality Suite**
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner, followed by Casino Party**

Friday Night Activities generously sponsored by the Law Offices of Steven C. Laird, P.C.

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. *Coming to America: Immigration Issues We All Need to Know*
Francisco Hernandez (Law Office of Francisco Hernandez)

9:15 a.m. *A Civil Action: Impressions on Civility*
Judge R.H. Wallace, Jr. (96th District Court)
Judge Kenneth Newell (233rd District Court)
Caroline Harrison (Dowell Pham Harrison, LLP)

9:45 a.m. *The Rainmaker: Lawyer Advertising*
Steve Laird (Law Offices of Steven C. Laird, P.C.)

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. *The Wire: Criminal Law Topics that All of Our Clients Need to Know*
Cody Cofer (Cofer Luster Law Firm)

11:00 a.m. *The Rookie: New Judges Panel (1 hour)*
Moderator: Nick Bettinger (McDonald Sanders)
Justice Dabney Bassel (Second Court of Appeals)
Judge Kimberly Fitzpatrick (342nd District Court)
Judge Kenneth Newell (233rd District Court)
Judge Chris Ponder (Probate Court No. 1)
Judge Chris Wolfe (213th District Court)

Noon *Adjourn*

1:30 p.m. *Bagger Vance: Judge's Cup Tournament*

7:00p.m. *Academy Awards and Trivia Night*

Sunday, April 7, 2019

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast

***Tentative Schedule. Speaker and details will be updated.**

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Join Fellow Members

Join fellow members of the Bench & Bar at the beautiful Horseshoe Bay Resort on Lake LBJ, April 5-7, 2019 for a memorable opportunity to network and build relationships while enjoying several interesting speakers and presentations. This resort features numerous great amenities, exceptional dining, and a perfect setting for our conference social activities.

Recruit Your Friends

Each returning Bench Bar attendee is challenged to recruit as many first time attendees for Bench Bar XXVI as possible. The attorney who recruits the most first time attendees who register, pay and attend will win a free registration to Bench Bar XXVII (2020).

Scholarships for First-Time Attendees

First-time attendees who have been licensed for five years or less are eligible for partial scholarships. For details and a scholarship form, call Sherry at 817.338.4092. Apply Now!

Janna Clarke Bench Bar Scholarships

The Janna Clarke Bench Bar Scholarship Fund is intended to provide female attorneys in Tarrant County with an opportunity to engage in bar activities and further their own professional pursuits by attending the annual Bench Bar Conference. Full and partial scholarships are available. Contact Megan Coolery for an application form and eligibility requirements.

Judge's Cup

Envy is a powerful emotion! If your name is not engraved on the "Judges' Cup," then start practicing now. The traveling Judges' Cup Trophy will be presented to the winners of the Saturday Golf Tournament during the Saturday evening Awards Presentation.

Barlow Big Heart Award

James B. Barlow was a loyal attendee and supporter of the TCBA Bench Bar Conference. Jim made everyone feel welcome and was a positive role model for all who attended the conference. In memory and special recognition of him, attendees can nominate a member who actively promotes positive relationships between the bench and bar during the conference. The attendee who is selected will receive the James Barlow Big Heart Award.

Sponsored Events

"Friday Night Fever" will include music and casino, sponsored by the Law Offices of Steven C. Laird, P.C. Saturday's "Academy Awards Dinner" will include a trivia night and conference awards.

Hotel Activities

Horseshoe Bay has numerous amenities – pools, water activities, Bayside Spa, tennis, fitness center, Birds of the Bay, the Whitewater Golf Course (miniature golf/\$15) – and more. Information and applicable charges are available at www.hsbresort.com. You may make reservations for these activities directly with the hotel.

Directions

Horseshoe Bay Resort
200 Hi Circle North, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
877.611.0112

From Fort Worth (approx. 3.5hrs.) Take Hwy 281 South to Marble Falls. Go through Marble Falls and cross over the bridge. Turn right on FM 2147 at the first light after the bridge. Go approximately 5.25 miles to the main entrance to the resort, and take a right onto Horseshoe Bay Blvd. Follow the circle drive around to the left toward the hotel main entrance. Take your second left into the hotel tower main entrance.