

# KATY BAR ASSOCIATION



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## KATY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### **AUGUST MEETING –AFTERNOON CLE**

**Date:** August 25, 2015  
**Topic:** HIPAA Compliance and HB 300 and How it affects You!  
**Speaker:** Heather Hughes, US Legal Support  
**Time:** 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
**Place:** Braman Winery: 3333 FM 359, Richmond, TX 77406  
**Cost:** \$25 for members  
\$50 for non-attorneys  
\$75 for non-member attorneys (includes \$50 KBA annual membership for 2015-2016)

**CLE:** 1 hour participatory

**Sponsor:**



*Please note that this meeting will take place at 4PM at the Braman Winery instead of our usual time of 11:30 AM at Willow Fork.*

RSVP by Friday, August 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM. You may RSVP by contacting Christy Theander at [christy@gtkatylaw.com](mailto:christy@gtkatylaw.com) (If you RSVP and do not attend or cancel, you must still pay for your meal).

### **BAR LEADERS' CONFERENCE**

On July 24, 2015, KBA members Sarah Springer, Kevin Koel, Kerri Graham, Rehan Alimohammad, Sherri Haussner Travers, and Mack Travers attended the Texas Bar Leaders Conference in Houston, Texas. They learned many new ideas to implement as they prepare for the KBA Silver Jubilee Year.

### **KBA SOCIAL**

Our next social, sponsored by Cadence Trust, is set for Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the **Braman Winery, 3333 FM 359, Richmond, TX 77406**, and will occur immediately following the monthly KBA meeting and CLE presentation starting at 4:00 PM. The presentation will be given by Heather Hughes of US Legal Support regarding HIPAA Federal and State Compliance, and all members of the Katy Bar Association and



*Bar Leaders' Conference*

*Pictured from Left to Right: Kevin Koel, Kerri Graham, Sarah Springer, Mack Travers (back), Sherri Haussner Travers*

other area attorneys, including their staff, are invited to attend in order to receive their mandatory compliance training. The social is anticipated to begin around **5 PM** and will continue until **8 PM**. A special thanks to KBA members Georgia Barker and Kerri Graham for making all of the arrangements. If you are not attending the CLE before the social, the cost is \$25 for the social.

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### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

KBA Vice President Kerri Graham has graciously agreed to host the annual KBA Holiday Party in her home. Don't miss it!! More details to come.

### **KATY FREE LEGAL CLINIC**

The (Looney & Conrad) Free Legal Clinic is every Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at Taco Cabana located on South Mason in Katy. The idea is to have an informal meeting place where members of the Bar can meet, have breakfast, and give out free legal advice to anyone who needs it or wants it. The participants would be asked to sign waivers of confidentiality as the venue is not private and there may be eavesdroppers. It is a good place for members of our Bar to get to know each other better and to shed positive light on our Bar and on the legal profession. If you are interested in doing this AS A BAR, we can change it from the Looney & Conrad Free Legal Clinic and call it the Katy Bar Association Free Legal Clinic. Our members would not have to go each and every Saturday, but if at least two or three people can commit to breakfast at Taco Cabana on any given Saturday, that should be enough. We will bring this matter up for discussion at our next meeting, and we can discuss sign-up sheets or something to ensure that our bar is committed and participatory, and I think we can make this into something wonderful for Katy people and for the Katy Bar. For now, don't wait to sign up—just go down to Taco Cabana on Saturday for breakfast, and start the KBA participation. I'm sure with time it will be something we all won't want to miss.

### **FEATURED LAWYER**

Take a look at our web site--the Featured Lawyer is everywhere! The website is optimized and comes up when people are looking for a lawyer in Katy, so it's a great opportunity. To be in the drawings for the entire year, please pay \$50 to the Katy Bar Association and send your payment to Christy Theander at 21559 Provincial Blvd., Suite A, Katy, TX 77450. If you come to the meeting, want to be in the drawing and you haven't paid the \$50, the "on-the-spot" entry will be \$10 for that month's drawing. We will be drawing at the upcoming meeting will be for the September 2015 Featured Lawyer. Thus the lucky winner will have 1 month as Featured Lawyer, so please send your money in. The proceeds from the ads and the Featured Lawyer drawings help support the continued viability and optimization of our website, so please consider participating and supporting our Bar.

#### **WEBSITE ADS**

The Katy Bar Association website is a great place to get your name out there! Ad space can be purchased for \$100 and will run for a whole year. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please contact Sarah Springer at [sarah@sarahspringerlaw.com](mailto:sarah@sarahspringerlaw.com)

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a Katy Bar Association meeting or event, please contact Kevin Koel at [kkoel@jonesgill.com](mailto:kkoel@jonesgill.com).

## KBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

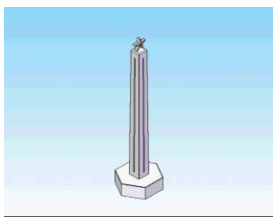
At a previous meeting, the Katy Bar Association voted to increase the amount given as a scholarship to one deserving student from each of the Katy ISD High Schools. Any donation to the KBA Scholarship Fund is tax deductible and we would appreciate your assistance in making this an established and ongoing tradition for years to come. Our thanks to those who have recently donated, including Kent Beard of Edward Jones, Rik Sehgal with Modern Lawyer, Mark Wilson, and Medical Fitness Pros.

## FUTURE MEETINGS 2015-2016

DATE	SPEAKER/TOPIC
August 25, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.	Heather Hughes, US Legal Support <b>HIPAA Compliance and HB 300 and How it affects You!</b>
September 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.	Stu Levin, Levin & Atwood Mitchell Williams, Chase Small Business Banking Jennifer Barker, Chase Small Business Banking Kris Reeder, Chase Small Business Banking <b>SBA Lending</b>
October 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.	Dawn Zell Wright, Attorney at Law <b>State Bar of Texas's Victims' Rights Program</b>
November 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.	Hon. Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney <b>Topic TBD</b>
December 2015	NO MEETING
January 26, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.	Teresa Lechner-Fish, Gardere <b>Trademarks</b>
February 23, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.	Gerard Harrison, Attorney at Law <b>Texas Citizen's Participation Act</b>
March 22, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.	Andrew Weisblatt, The Weisblatt Law Firm, PLLC <b>Business Law</b>
April 26, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.	Georgia Barker, Attorney at Law <b>Family Law</b>
May 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.	Rehan Alimohammad, Alimohammad & Zafar, PLLC <b>Immigration Law Collides with Family Law</b>
June 28, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. (Annual Meeting)	TBD
July 2016	NO MEETING

It is never too early to start planning and I am already booking presentations for next year. If you or someone you know is interested in presenting for our monthly luncheons for the 2015-2016 cycle, please contact Kerri Graham at [kerri@gtkatylaw.com](mailto:kerri@gtkatylaw.com).

## IN THE NEWS



The Freedom Park Memorial Tower will be dedicated on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10 AM at the Freedom Park Baseball Fields on the south side of Westheimer Parkway, east of Fry Road. David Frishman and Ken Burton will celebrate the dedication of the Freedom Park Memorial Tower after chairing the project. Rhonda Walls will be the Master of Ceremonies.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you have not done so already, now is the time to renew your membership with the KBA. The cost is \$50 per year and membership provides you with a \$5 discount to each of our 10 CLE luncheons throughout the year, as well as invitations to our socials and holiday party. Send your payment to Christy Theander at 21559 Provincial Blvd., Suite A, Katy, TX 77450.

## BOARD MEETING

The KBA Board of Directors and Officers met on August 11, 2015 to discuss the upcoming Silver Jubilee Bar year. Discussions included the topic of the February all-day CLE, changes to scholarships awards, revising the KBA bylaws, formation of a Katy Young Lawyers Association, increasing public outreach, and planning for the holiday party, Law Day, and a gala to commemorate the Silver Jubilee. The Board voted on, among other items, to give Christy Theander, Sarah Springer, and Kevin Koel authorization to use the KBA bank account and to increase the price of CLE luncheons to \$25 for members with a RSVP and \$30 for non-members or members without a RSVP.

**If you know someone who may be interested in joining the Katy Bar Association, please forward this PDF to them. The more we grow our local bar, the more it will be able to provide a useful service to our members, community, and potential clients.**

Send your news and events to Kevin Koel at [kkoel@jonesgill.com](mailto:kkoel@jonesgill.com) for inclusion in future newsletters. We also invite our members to write and submit short posts on recent case law updates or areas of practice.

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