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KATY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER MEETING

Date: October 27, 2015

Topic: Millennials and Generation Z in the Workplace:
Legalities to Know!

Speakers: Jane Moughon of RETAINAbility
Elizabeth Pratt of Elizabeth Pratt, PLLC

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: Willow Fork Country Club, 21055 Westheimer Parkway,
Katy, TX 77450

Menu: Delicious salad, entrée and dessert, assorted beverages

Cost: \$25 for members
\$30 for non-members or walk-in members

CLE: 1 hour participatory

RSVP by Friday, October 23, 2015 at 4:00 PM. You may RSVP by contacting Christy Theander at christy@gtkatylaw.com (If you RSVP and do not attend or cancel, you must still pay for your meal).

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND CLE

On September 22, 2015, Stu Levin of Levin & Atwood, and Mitchell Williams, James Connolly, Jennifer Barker, Brian King, and Shawn Ford of Chase Small Business Banking gave a great presentation about SBA Lending.



Featured October Speaker
Jane Moughon of RETAINAbility



(L) John Kelly, Christy Theander, Kerri Graham, and Elizabeth Pratt; (R) Stu Levin, Mitch Williams, and others

RENEWING OUR ATTORNEY OATH

The Texas Supreme Court has invited all attorneys to recite the newly revised Oath of Office for New Attorneys. The oath was revised in the most recent 84th Legislature in order to stress civility and professionalism amongst lawyers and judges, and will be used by newly admitted attorneys starting in November. KBA President Sarah Springer has requested for all members attending the next KBA meeting to join her in reciting the new oath. The oath is as follows:

I, [state your name], do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States, and of this State; that I will honestly demean myself in the practice of law; that I will discharge my duties to my clients to the best of my ability; and, that I will conduct myself with integrity and civility in dealing and communicating with the court and all parties. So help me God.

The alternative oath is as follows:

I, [state your name], do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitutions of the United States, and of this State; that I will honestly demean myself in the practice of law; that I will discharge my duties to my clients to the best of my ability; and, that I will conduct myself with integrity and civility in dealing and communicating with the court and all parties.

HYLA'S EVENING WITH THE JUDICIARY

All members of the KBA have been cordially invited to attend the Houston Young Lawyer's Association's signature event Evening with the Judiciary on **Thursday, October 22, at The Grove from 6:30-9PM**. Judges from local county courts (including civil, criminal, and probate), state district courts, appellate courts, and federal courts will be in attendance. Please purchase your tickets by **October 15**: \$30 for HYLAs members and \$60 for everyone else. More information can be found here: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebjgoquq7fa09cba>

HOLIDAY PARTY

Save the date for the holiday party on **December 12, 2015**! KBA Vice President Kerri Graham has graciously agreed to host the annual KBA Holiday Party in her home and it will be catered by 26 Daisies. More details to follow. Volunteers are welcome to assist with preparations. If you are interested in assisting Kerri, please contact kerri@gtkatylaw.com.

SILVER JUBILEE BANQUET

KBA is planning to celebrate the Association's 25th anniversary with a banquet to be held in the Spring. More details to follow.

ANNUAL CLE, PANEL DISCUSSION, AND SOCIAL

KBA is planning to hold an all-day CLE in **February 2016** (topic: Family Law 101), followed by a practitioners' panel, judges' panel, and happy hour. More details to follow.

BYLAW COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

On October 7, 2015, the Bylaw Committee finished its work and its chair Elizabeth Pratt submitted to President Sarah Springer the proposed modifications to the Association's Bylaws and a Committee report. President Sarah Springer has submitted the proposed modifications and report to the Board of Directors for consideration. If approved by the Board, the proposed modifications will be presented, with advance notice, to the full membership of the Association for a vote of approval.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Katy Bar Association, as of now, has five standing committees, being the Programs, Education, Audit, Judicial Candidate, and Public Information Committees. Kerri Graham, as 2nd Vice President of the KBA, is the chair of the Programs Committee, Elizabeth Pratt, as 3rd Vice President of the KBA, is the chair of the Education Committee, David Frishman is the appointed chair of the Public Information Committee, and Michael W. Cramer is the appointed chair of the Judicial Candidate Committee. The Audit Committee chair is currently vacant. As noted above, there is currently an ad-hoc Bylaws Committee (chaired by Elizabeth Pratt), a Holiday-Party Committee (chaired by Kerri Graham), a Scholarship Committee (chaired by Elizabeth Pratt), and a Katy Young Lawyers Committee (chaired by Kevin Koel). Additionally, an ad-hoc Socials Committee has been proposed to plan our future evening gatherings. If you would like to volunteer to be a chair and/or member of any of the standing and/or ad-hoc committees (or propose your own ad-hoc committee), please contact either KBA President Sarah Springer at sarah@sarahspringerlaw.com or KBA 1st Vice President Kevin Koel at kevin.koel@hotmail.com.

FEATURED LAWYER

Congratulations to **Kathleen LeFevre** for winning the October 2015 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 remainder of the bar year, please pay \$40 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 \$40, 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 November 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.

HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION'S MOILP SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Do you or your law firm need extra help for the Summer of 2016? Are you looking for opportunities to mentor the next generation of lawyers? The Houston Bar Association is putting together a list of prospective employers for 1L minority students to work as interns during the Summer of 2016. More information can be found here: <http://www.hba.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/MOILP-Employer-Packet-2016-.pdf>

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

SPONSORSHIPS

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a Katy Bar Association meeting or event, please contact Kevin Koel at kevin.koel@hotmail.com.

NEWS!

Send your news and events to Kevin Koel at kevin.koel@hotmail.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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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
October 27, 2015	Jane Moughon of RETAINAbility Elizabeth Pratt of Elizabeth Pratt, PLLC Millennials and Generation Z in the Workplace: Legalities to Know!
November 24, 2015	Hon. Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney Topic TBD
December 2015	NO MEETING
January 26, 2016	Teresa Lechner-Fish, Gardere Trademarks
February 23, 2016	Gerard Harrison, Attorney at Law Texas Citizen's Participation Act
March 22, 2016	Andrew Weisblatt, The Weisblatt Law Firm, PLLC Business Law
April 26, 2016	Georgia Barker, Attorney at Law Family Law
May 24, 2016	Rehan Alimohammad, Alimohammad & Zafar, PLLC Immigration Law Collides with Family Law
June 28, 2016	TBD
July 2016	NO MEETING

It is never too early to start planning and we are 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 and beyond, please contact Kerri Graham at kerri@gtkatylaw.com.

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.

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