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A Letter from the President

Nick Pesina

Friends and colleagues,

Fall is finally here, and with it comes one of the busiest—and most fun—months for your SCBA. October means cooler weather (*fingers crossed*), Halloween decorations, and a couple of important dates we should all calendar.

First up is Pro Bono Week (October 21-27). This is a great chance for us to give back and provide much-needed legal help to those who need it most. Whether you've done pro bono work for years or you're thinking about getting involved for the first time, this week is a perfect time to jump in. Let's show our community what a difference we can make together.

Then, on October 23, we get to celebrate Paralegal Day! I can't say enough about the amazing paralegals we work with every day. They're the backbone of our law offices, and this is a perfect time to show how much we appreciate everything they do.

Important Dates:

- Pro Bono Week: October 21-27
- Paralegal Day: October 23

And, of course, Halloween is just around the corner! Whether you're planning a costume contest, decking out your office with spooky decorations, or simply sharing some treats with coworkers, I hope everyone finds a way to enjoy the season. If your office gets into the Halloween spirit, be sure to send us a few photos—we'd love to feature them in our monthly newsletter!

As always, thank you for your support and involvement with the SCBA. If you have any questions or want to get involved in these events, just reach out. Here's to a great October!

Sincerely,

THE SCBA WELCOMES YOU TO OUR OCTOBER CLE AT WILLOW BROOK COUNTRY CLUB:

2024 EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE

Hear about new developments on noncompetes, FLSA's salary exemptions, DEI, and more!

PRESENTED BY
ERIC KOLDER
KOLDER LAW FIRM, PLLC

OCTOBER 11, 2024

Willow Brook Country Club | 12 -1

Lunch included with registration fee.
[0.25 ethics hour]

October CLE

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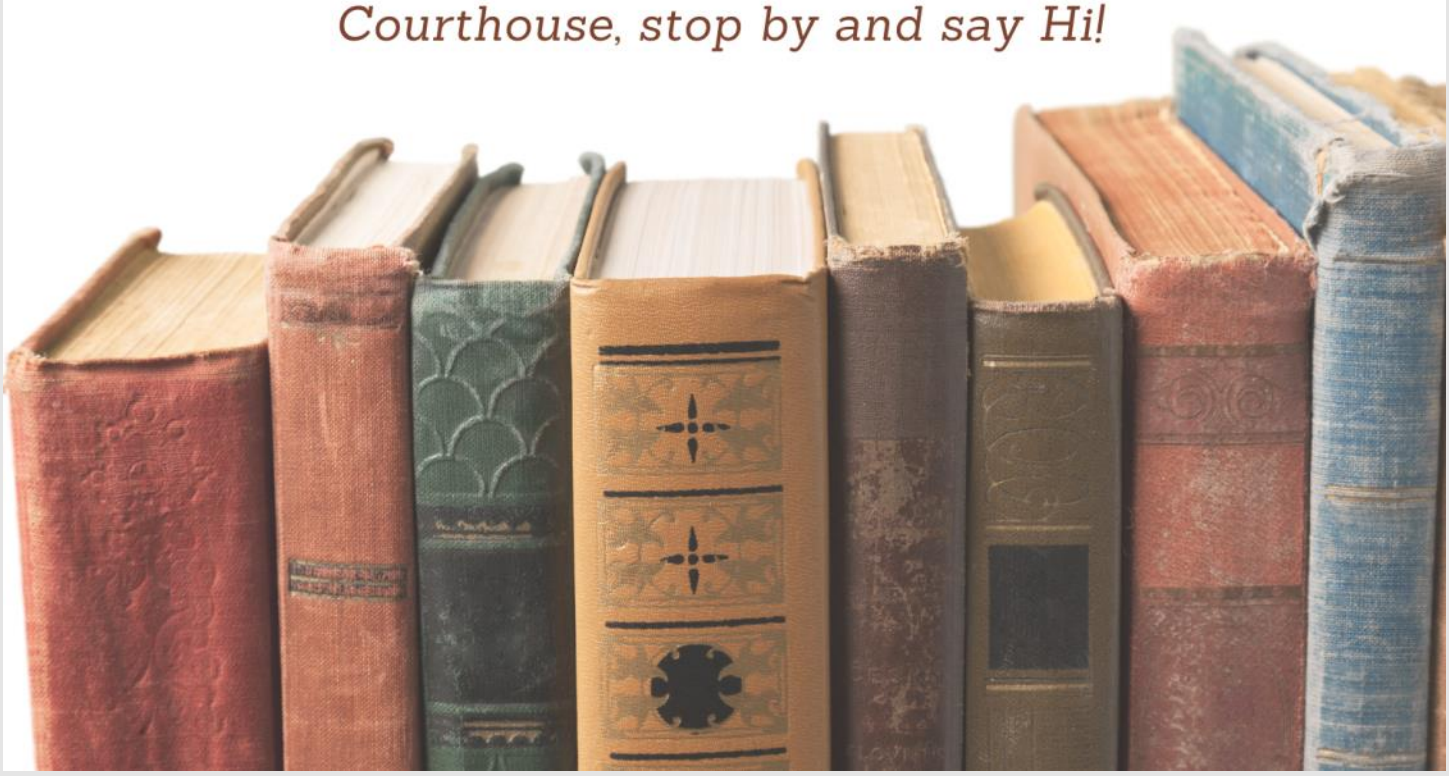
JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE NEW LAW LIBRARIAN, **CHANDELIN BARNETT**!

Chandelin graduated from UT Tyler with a degree in Criminal Justice. After working for Smith County Juvenile Services, she joined the law library in February as the assistant. After Kristen Marquez left the County to focus on her bakery business, the law library committee and county officials felt that Chandelin was the best candidate to step in and take on the job of managing this great community resource.

Next time you are in the basement of the Smith County Courthouse, stop by and say Hi!



WOMEN'S SECTION

Join us for an evening of light bites, libations, and Mahjong! Don't know how to play? Instructions will be provided at 6pm by the Tyler Mahj Club!

$45 per person

OCTOBER 24
5 - 8 PM

POP'S WINE BAR
7268 OLD J'VILLE HWY.

Hosted by The Goodson Firm,
Sinclair Law Office,
and the Women's Section of the SCBA

Women's Section Mahjong

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Smith County Young Lawyers Association

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IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A "FOREVER YOUNG LAWYER" AND SUPPORTING OUR NEXT GENERATION OF ATTORNEYS, EMAIL BETH AT ED@SMITHCOUNTYBAR.COM TO LEARN MORE.

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TAALP JOINT LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Join us and guest speaker,
Steve Benesh, State Bar of Texas President,
as we celebrate our area judges.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

HOLLYTREE COUNTRY CLUB TYLER, TEXAS

TICKET INFORMATION COMING SOON.

KEEP CALM
and let the
PARALEGAL
handle it!

TEXAS PARALEGAL DAY
OCTOBER 23, 2024

Since 1993, October 23 has been recognized by the State of Texas as Texas Paralegal Day.

Please take some time and THANK this incredible group of professionals for all that they do for us and our legal system!

LaRhonda Hamilton, SCBF board member, and the Tyler NAACP chapter hosted an Expungement Clinic, with the help of SCBA member Jim Huggler and Smith County ADA Davis Woudwyk.

Just one example of ABCD - going "above and beyond the call of duty" - and how our members are giving back to our community!

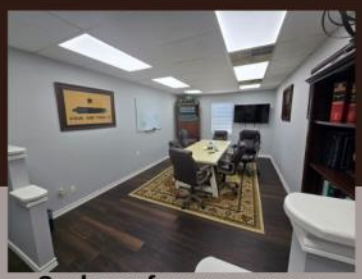
Have more stories of member service to others? Let us know! Email or call Beth (ed@smithcountybar.com; 903-526-2700)

310 SOUTH VINE

Looking for new office space?

Available office

Large conference room



2nd conference room

Premier downtown location (310 South Vine Ave.). $750 per month for 2nd floor office. Will have access to large & small conference room, ethernet and Wifi internet. Large parking lot, 24/7 security.

For additional information, contact J. David Chilek.

903.425.4304 david@chileklaw.com

Celebrate Pro Bono week at

525 S. BECKHAM AVENUE

WEDNESDAY
OCT
23

5:00 - 7:00

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS, PRO BONO WORK, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

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Mark your calendars and get your racquets ready for Smith County Bar's

PICKLEBALL TRIALS!

WEDNESDAY NOV 13

Tournament will be at Hollytree Country Club

5:30 - ???

Team and individual registration to open soon.

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Thank you for your continued participation with and support of the SCBA.

Visit www.smithcountybar.com to renew your membership or join a section!

We have auto renew!

Important SCB Dates

SCBF Board Meeting
October 9, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

SCYLA Board Meeting
October 17, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

SCBA Board Meeting
October 24, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

Women's Section Mahjong Party
October 24, *Pop's Wine Bar, 5-8p*

TAALP Joint Luncheon
November 5, *Hollytree, 11:30a-1p*

Pickleball Tournament
November 13, *Hollytree Country Club, 5:30-8p*

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Furthering justice and promoting the rule of law by providing resources and education to the community.

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