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A Letter from the President

Nick Pesina

As we say goodbye to the long days of summer, the arrival of fall brings with it a sense of change and renewal. The changing of the season from summer to fall always seems to offer a chance for reflection and refocus. It's a good time for us all to reset and recharge, both personally and professionally.

With the return of school routines and the end of summer vacations, many of us are returning to busier schedules and new challenges. I know this season is often a time when we're doubling down on efforts for our clients and cases. I appreciate the hard work and dedication that I see from our members.

In the coming months, we have several events and programs planned to bring us together, sharpen our skills, and give back to the community. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities. Whether you're attending a CLE, joining a networking event, or participating in our community outreach efforts, your involvement strengthens our association and helps us all grow as professionals.

Let's approach this season of change with energy, collaboration, and commitment. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and working together to continue building a strong, supportive Smith County Bar Association.

Sincerely,

P.S. – Football is back!

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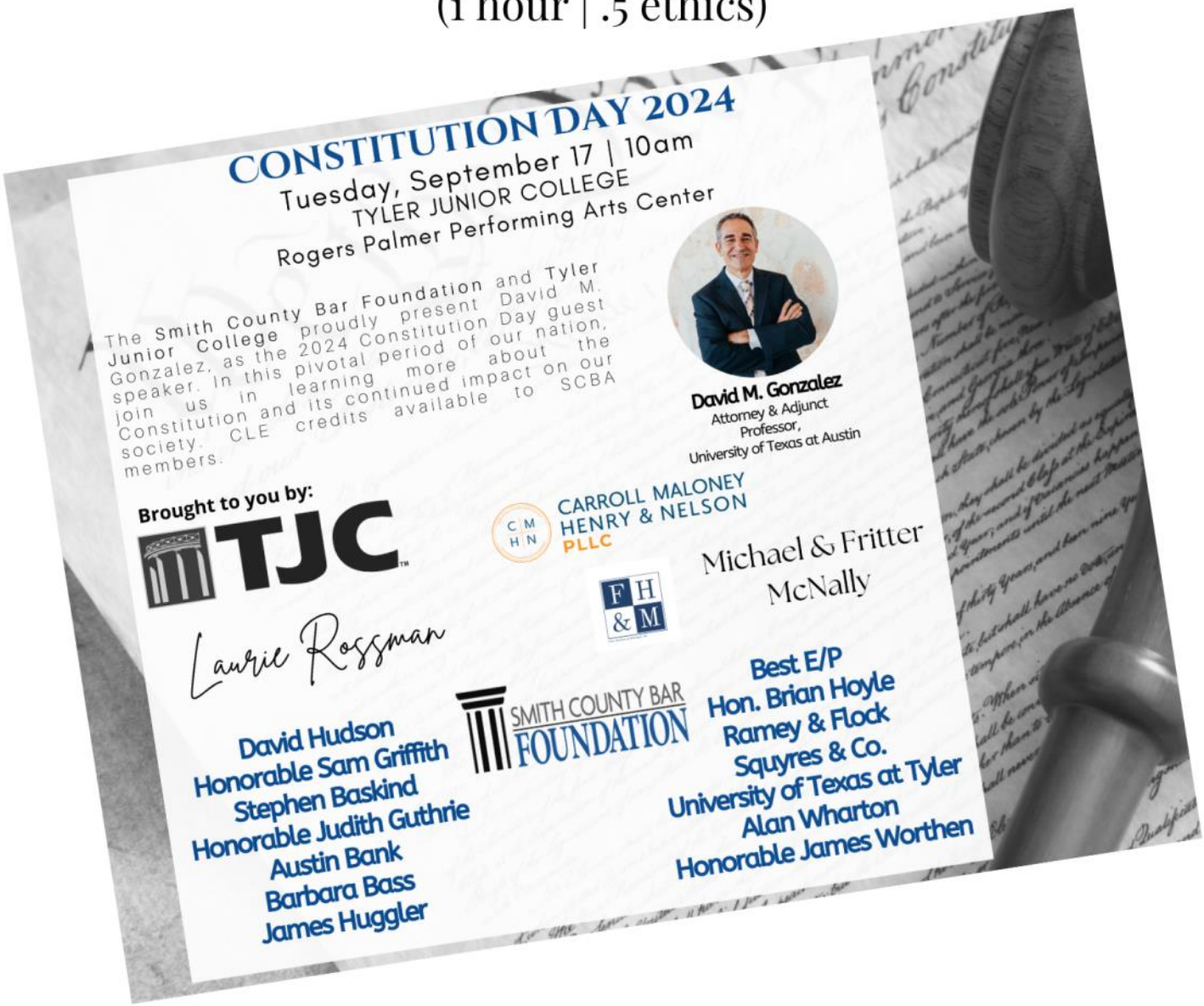

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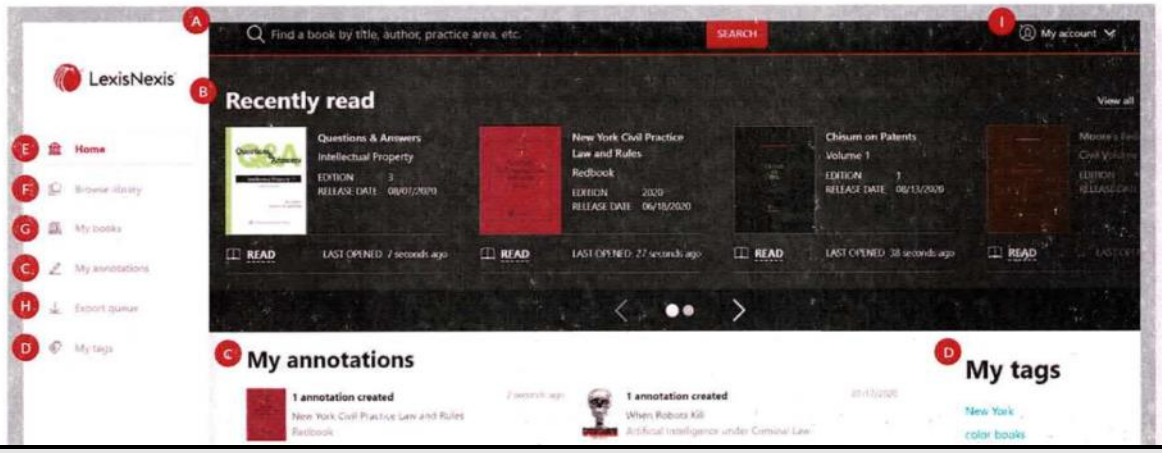

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THEN JOIN OUR OWN KEN HAWK AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PARALEGAL EDUCATION FOR AN ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEBINAR!

Date: September 20th, 2024
Time: 12:00 PM ET **/ 11:00 AM CT**

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/97052964969?pwd=QnJMUzRRMFcwdVg4MWh3dUxPNjA3dz09

Learn more about:

- The pivotal role of legal services in expungement initiatives.
- The complex relationship between District Attorneys and Public Defenders alongside legal service providers.
- The broader consequences of criminal convictions.
- Challenges affecting the efficacy of the DA and PD's offices.
- The urgent need for criminal justice policy reforms to protect citizens' rights.
- Ways paralegals and students can actively contribute to organizations providing access to criminal justice.

Featured Panelists:
Kenneth Hawk, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas
Erica Briant, Esq., Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
Bernie Zadrowski, Chief Litigator, Clark County, DA's Office in Las Vegas

This webinar presents a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the current legal landscape and to engage with leaders at the forefront of criminal justice reform. Your participation will be invaluable as we discuss the complexities and challenges within our justice system and explore actionable solutions.

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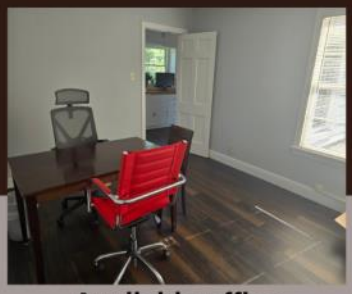
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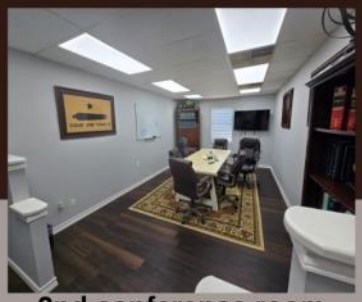
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903.425.4304 david@chileklaw.com

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 6 P.M.
423 SOUTH BROADWAY

All members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, and their families are cordially invited to the Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in Paris in 1245 to inaugurate the judicial year and to call on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in judicial and legislative matters. The Red Mass has been celebrated throughout the US since 1877, to mark the opening session of the US Supreme Court.

A reception celebrating our legal community will be held after the Mass in the Cathedral Center, sponsored by Carroll Maloney Henry & Nelson.

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October 8 - 15, 2024
Register by September 6

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February 24 - March 5, 2025
Register by January 20

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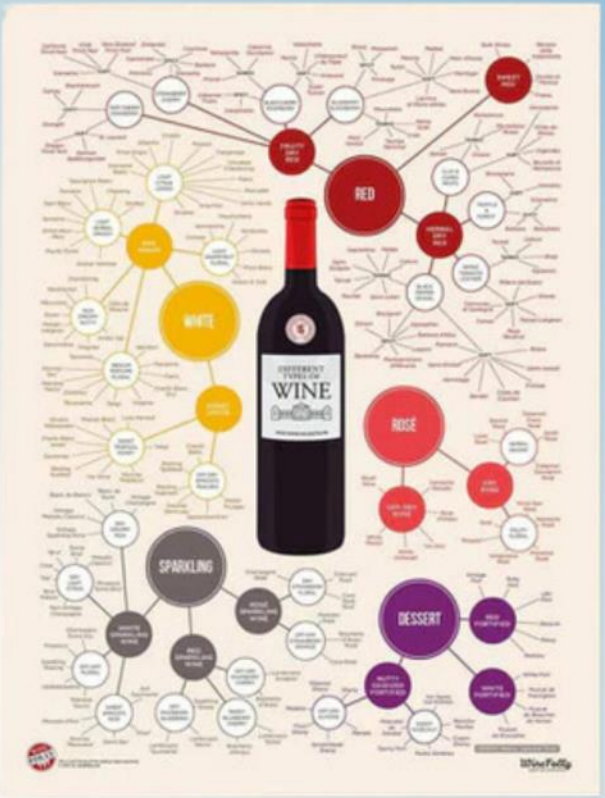

There is more to drinking wine than twisting off the top to a bottle of Boone's Farm! There are thousands of types of grapes and almost as many types of wine.

A *sommelier* is a trained wine professional who specializes in all aspects of wine service as well as wine and food pairing.

To earn that title, a person has to go through training (on types of grapes, harvesting of grapes, how wines compliment foods, and more) and pass rigorous tests. There are 4 levels, each becoming progressively more difficult.

Thankfully for us, we have a Level 1 Sommelier in our Bar Association! The next time you see **Shannon Dacus**, be sure to ask her about proper pairings and what types of grapes are used in your favorite Chardonnay! In the meantime, join the SCBA for an upcoming happy hour or the Women's Section in October at Pop's Wine Bar to learn more!

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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 now have auto renew!

Important SCB Dates

SCBF Board Meeting
September 11, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

Constitution Day celebration & CLE
September 17, *Tyler Junior College, 11:30-1p*

SCYLA Board Meeting
September 19, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

Leadership Live
September 24, *CrossWalk Center, 11:30-1p*

Women's Section Trunk Show
September 25, *Bridgette's, 5-7p*

SCBA Board Meeting
September 26, *Genecov Room, 12-1p*

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

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