



President's Column

There's No Better Time to Get Back to the DBA

BY BILL MATEJA

In this month's column, I asked our Executive Director Alicia Hernandez to highlight some special programs happening at the Dallas Bar Association for the remainder of this year.

Alicia:

September always feels like a second new year to me. Summer winds down. The weather cools (a bit!), and we have new beginnings—the start of school, Fall, and football season. After time away over the summer (hopefully) to recharge our batteries and spend time with family and friends, I find most of us meet the season of Fall with new energy and outlook on life and sometimes new resolutions to carry us through December.

September is no different at the Dallas Bar Association. Things typically start slowing down in July and certainly in August. But, come September, members are back and refocused on the months ahead, and the calendar fills with informative and entertaining programming.

This year is no different, and the Dallas Bar Association has a lot in store for you. So, break out your calendars and start filling them up with what appeals to you. As our President Bill Mateja would say "there is no better time to 'get back' to the DBA." I have outlined some of our Fall highlights, but if you were thinking this is an exhaustive list, it is not. See page 2 of *Headnotes* for a full list of Section and Committee activities for September and check back future *Headnotes* or our online calendar for more. There is something for everyone.

Baseball Fans – September 11

Join the DBA for Baseball and Barristers on Wednesday, September 11, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Arts District Mansion. This in-person only program includes Texas Rangers Hall of Famer Tom Grieve and six-time Gold Glove Winner Jim Sundberg who will be interviewed by John Blake, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs for the Texas Rangers. RSVP online at dallasbar.org. Thank you to our sponsor Sheppard Mullin!

Privilege & Perspective – September 12

AT&T Executive VP, Chief Strategy and Growth Officer Amber Sims will lead a discussion on implicit bias, allyship, and creating attractive and welcoming opportunities for all lawyers. This event will be held at the law firm of Carrington Coleman on September 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP online at dallasbar.org. Thank you to Carrington Coleman for hosting us!

2024 Bench Bar Conference – September 19-20

Register now for the 2024 Bench Bar Conference at the lake! That is, we will meet at the Hilton Rockwall. We have made special efforts this year to expand the program for both civil and criminal practitioners and judges, and it is close to home on the cool waters of Lake Ray Hubbard. Please join us! For more information, an agenda, sponsorships, and registration information, visit our website at www.dallasbar.org.

"The Pursuit of Happiness" with Author Jeffrey Rosen – October 2

Interviewed by Talmage Boston, Jeffrey Rosen, President, National Constitution Center, will discuss his book "The Pursuit of Happiness – How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America." RSVP online at dallasbar.org

DBF Honors the Honorable Harlin D. Hale – October 17

On October 17, at noon, at the Arts District Mansion, the Dallas Bar Foundation will honor the Honorable Harlin

D. Hale with its 2024 Fellows Justinian Award. Tickets will be available soon at dallasbarfoundation.org.

Need Ethics? – Fall Ethics Program – October 22

The DBA's annual online Fall Evening Ethics program will be on October 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The program offers three hours of ethics CLE free to DBA members. RSVP will be available soon at dallasbar.org.

AI Symposium – October 23

The DBA will host an Artificial Intelligence Symposium on October 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The five-hour program is free to DBA members. The agenda includes presentations from UNT Dallas College of Law professor Dr. Korin Munsterman, Russ Pearlman, Kate Morris, Peter Vogel, Hilda Galvan, Carla Reyes, Jay Johnson, Danny Tobey, Tim Newman, Kelli Hinson, Jeanne Huey, and Max Metzler. RSVP at dallasbar.org.

DVAP Pro Bono Awards Luncheon – October 25

Our Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP) will host its annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon on October 25 at noon at the Arts District Mansion. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful DBA members and DVAP volunteers who give back to our community through pro bono service.

Equality Committee Movie Night – November 12

The Allied Dallas Bars Equality Committee is hosting a movie night on November 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Arts District Mansion. We will view the documentary *Black Uniform*, which tells the story of 12 Black men and women who served in the United States military during major conflicts dating back to World War II. Bob Darwell, a lawyer, and the film's Director, will attend the movie night. On November 19, the Committee will host a virtual CLE panel discussion about the documentary, and Mr. Darwell will serve as a panelist.

DBA Family Holiday Party – December 9

Mark your calendars! Santa will be in the house (our house – the ADM) on December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Meet with Santa and let us entertain you with games, fun, and food at the DBA's annual family holiday party. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your family out for a fun-filled night of holiday spirit!

Membership Matters

Every September, the Dallas Bar Association sends its September *Headnotes* to all attorneys in the area regardless of whether they are members. We hope non-member attorneys will better understand all that the DBA has to offer and join our organization.

To all our members, thank you for being a part of the DBA. Your contributions to our organization, however great or small, are meaningful, and we appreciate you.

If you are not a member of the DBA, join today using our September membership special! I hope to see you soon at the DBA!

W. B. Mateja

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