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DAYL Generation Generosity Volunteer Opportunity
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6:30 p.m., The Rustic

July 28 (Thursday)

DAYL Sister Bar Social
The Foundry, 6:00 p.m.

Sister Bar Social at The Foundry!

Join DAYL and its sister bars on **Thursday, July 28th** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for a Social at the **Foundry Bar**. The Foundry Bar is located at 2303 Pittman Street in Dallas. Enjoy food, drinks and live music compliments of **O'Neil Wysocki, P.C.**

O'Neil Wysocki is a local Dallas family law firm with the attorneys, staff and resources to resolve most family law matters. Swag bags will be handed out to the first 300 attendees.

Participating sister bar organizations include **Dallas Asian American Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association, Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, Dallas Women Lawyers Association, J.L. Turner Legal Association, Dallas LGBT Bar Association,** and the **Dallas Bar Association**. The cost to attend is \$3.00 for members of any participating bar and \$5.00 for non-members and guests. This will be a great opportunity to cross-network with other members of our local bar associations!

Civil Litigation Skills: Discovery to Pretrial Motion Practice

Attention civil litigators! Join DAYL at noon on **Wednesday, July 13th** for a dynamic panel discussion on transitioning from discovery practice into an effective pretrial conference in civil litigation. The panel will cover a variety of issues that arise during the crucial shift from discovery to trial. Find out how you can persuasively and efficiently convince judges to compel the production of documents and then admit or exclude evidence at trial, and learn about judges' pet peeves in this process.

Panelists include the **Honorable Eric V. Moyé**, Judge of the 14th Judicial District Court; the **Honorable Monica McCoy Purdy**, Associate Judge for numerous Dallas County District Courts; and **Jonathan Childers**, Partner with Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst. The panel will be moderated by **Alex More**, with Carrington, Coleman, Sloman, & Blumenthal LLP. This one-hour CLE will take place at the Belo Mansion. Lunch will be available for purchase. RSVP to **Cherie Harris** (cherieh@dayl.com).

Dallas to Houston High Speed Rail Discussion

Texas may soon have access to a high-speed rail line between Dallas and Houston that will make the trip between our state's two largest economic centers less than 90 minutes. To learn more about the proposed plan for the rail line, please join us on Thursday, July 7th at noon at the Belo Mansion when Travis Kelly, VP of External Affairs for Texas Central Partners, will be on hand to discuss issues related to the proposed rail line, including construction costs, pro-

posed route and stations, the environmental impact, and travel costs. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. RSVP at <http://dayl.com/high-speed-rail-discussion/>.

DAYL ONE TO WATCH

Janet Landry Smith has been selected as the July 2016 DAYL One to Watch! To find out why, visit www.dayl.com.

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From the President

What's New in 2016?

The first half of 2016 has gone by quickly! On average, DAYL hosts more than 150 events each year and this year will be no exception. To date, DAYL's more than twenty committees have hosted around 70 events and approximately 28 new programs for Dallas' young lawyers this year. Here's a brief overview of some of the new programs offered to DAYL members and a peek at what's ahead for the remainder of 2016.

DAYL continues to offer unique experiential learning opportunities for its members. A new addition to programming this year is Lawyer on Loan - a program which seeks to help young lawyers gain valuable courtroom and trial experience through work with city prosecutors. Selected participants for the pilot program reviewed case files set for trial, selected juries, gave opening statements, examined witnesses, and made closing arguments, all under the supervision of city prosecutors in Royse City and the City of Carrollton. The initial idea for the program came from Judge Bonnie Goldstein, a fantastic supporter of DAYL, and we thank her for her leadership on this great opportunity for DAYL members.

Another of DAYL's new offerings this year is "Special Interest Groups" - gathering our members based on a specific area of interest. So far, Beyond the Book, a book club for our young lawyer bookworms, and Moms in Law, a special interest group designed for DAYL members who are working mothers, or soon-to-be working mothers, have been a resounding success. Approximately 60 DAYL members have signed up to participate in these fun new groups. Email dayl@dayl.com if you'd like to get involved in either group or to start your own.

Looking ahead, DAYL Committee Co-



Stephanie K. Gause

Chairs Dennis Siaw-Latthey and Josh Sandler are working on rolling out "Side Bar with the Judges," a new program to provide guidance on common litigation issues facing young lawyers in the courtroom. Side Bar will feature short videos of Dallas County Judges providing advice on various topics including motion drafting and hearings. These videos will then be hosted on DAYL's website as a resource for attorneys. Stay tuned for more details!

Feeling left out of all of the fun? Don't! There's a lot to look forward to this fall and still plenty of time to get involved. Two signature DAYL projects are coming up in the next few months and we need a large number of volunteers to help make them a success. DAYL's 16th annual Freedom Run will take place this year on Saturday, **September 24**, at a new location - the Continental Bridge in Trinity Groves. The Freedom Run is an opportunity to unite and honor the heroes and victims of September 11 while raising money for the Dallas Assist the Officer Foundation. Visit www.freedomrun.com to find out more and volunteer. Last, but not least, the 2016 DAYL Charity Ball will take place on **November 12** at 3015 Trinity Groves. The black tie affair will feature food, drinks, dancing and a silent auction to benefit the DAYL Foundation. Contact daylcharityball@gmail.com to find out more and volunteer today.

DAYL's Membership Committee is hosting its quarterly **Meet & Greet: DAYL Q&A** featuring Freedom Run Co-Chairs on **July 27**. Check it out if you're looking for ways to get plugged in. None of DAYL's projects and programs would be possible without committed volunteers, so get involved today!

Stephanie Gause is a Partner at Frost Brown Todd practicing in Real Estate.

In Case You Missed it - Dealing with Combative Attorneys

On June 9, the DAYL hosted a CLE on Dealing with Combative Attorneys, during which the panel discussed how to address and work with difficult opposing counsel in a variety of contexts and before a variety of audiences. Panelists included the **Honorable Tonya Parker**, Judge of the 116th Judicial District Court; **Heather Long**, with Aldous Walker LLP; and **Alan Dabdoub**, with Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst. The panel was moderated by **Jennifer Ryback**, with McGuire, Craddock & Strother, P.C. The panelists provided DAYL members in attendance with many tips, including these top 5:

(1) Start the case by calling your opposing counsel, perhaps inviting them out for coffee, to discuss the case and to get to know one another. Oftentimes, this initial

positive contact can help create a more professional and collegial tone throughout the case.

(2) When you know you have a combative attorney on the other side, let your

opposing counsel's behavior; remember to run your own race and focus on preparing your case and representing your client effectively.

(4) Document, document, document.

If you come to an oral agreement with opposing counsel, follow-up with a Rule 11 agreement for their signature.

(5) Remember to avoid creating a reputation for being a combative attorney. You never know when you may need a favor from opposing counsel, and if you decide to seek board certification or a judicial office, frequently you will need to submit names and contact information for several attorneys against whom you have litigated.

As a result of the panel's

candor and some good war stories, the young lawyers left with a better understanding of how to handle all aspects of a case when you encounter a combative attorney on the other side.



client know and prepare them that certain aspects of the case may become more costly due to your opposing counsel's behavior and tactics.

(3) Do not get side-tracked by your

#DoYouProBono

Lots of us went to law school because we wanted to make a difference. But the daily deluge of billable hours can make giving back challenging. Sometimes, it's hard to know where to get started. Pro Bono Partners was founded to make it easier to give back. With a commitment as little as 10 hours, you can get connected with organizations that need your help, meet experienced attorneys who can answer your questions, and get recognized for your contribution. Your time is valuable—how do you want to use it? Join Pro Bono Partners, a couple hours of your time can change someone's life! For additional information, visit

www.dayl.com/probonoproject.

Want to have an even bigger impact on the Dallas community? Join the Pro Bono Partners Steering Committee. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, July 7, 2016**, at 12 pm at the Belo in the Carrington Coleman Room. Email **Tiffanie Limbrick** (tlimbrick@sidley.com) for more information.



DAYL Quarterly Meet and Greet

New to DAYL or interested in learning how to get more involved? Join us **Wednesday, July 27**, at noon, at the Belo Mansion for an informal meeting to learn about DAYL's many committees and other opportunities to expand your involvement. The Membership Committee Co-Chairs will discuss DAYL's committees, and Freedom Run Co-Chairs will be present to discuss opportunities to get involved with the upcoming Freedom Run. You can ask questions about what committee involvement entails and learn how you can become involved. We hope to see you there!

RSVP to **Cherie Harris**
(cherieh@dayl.com).

DAYL's Lawyers Promoting Diversity Committee

invites you to the

11th Anniversary of

Dinner & Dialogue
Changing the Face of the Modern Workplace

"Implicit Bias - Strategies for Breaking the Cycle"

Thursday, July 21, 2016

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Belo Mansion - 2101 Ross Avenue, Dallas Texas 75201

Cost: \$10 (includes dinner and a cash bar). 1.5 hours ethics CLE credit pending.

With opening remarks by Chief District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn,
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and
closing remarks by A. Shonn Brown, Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst LLP

Register by July 19 by visiting <http://dayl.com/dayl-dinner-and-dialogue>.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DAYL's July Generation Generosity service project will have DAYL members volunteer with Community Partners of Dallas for their annual Back to School Drive. Each year, Community Partners of Dallas provides age appropriate school supplies to nearly 2,500 Dallas County children. Sometimes the only difference between an honor student and a failing student is having the basic supplies to do homework and participate in class.

Please join us on Tuesday, July 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Volunteers will assist Community Partners in sorting school supplies and preparing for Back-to-School Distribution Day. Contact Cherie Harris (cherieh@dayl.com) to RSVP or to obtain additional information.