

Country's leading women attorneys attend CLE course



The all-day Women in the Law CLE course on March 24, 2014, welcomed almost 300 registrants and featured several prominent women attorneys, such as keynote speaker Linda Addison, the U.S. managing partner of Norton Rose Fulbright, and Harriet Miers, former White House counsel and the first woman president of the State Bar who is a partner in Locke Lord. The course, which offered 5.75 hours of CLE credit, was presented by TexasBarCLE and co-sponsored by the State Bar of Texas Office of Minority Affairs, the Women in the Profession Committee, and the Women and the Law Section. Attendees enjoyed panels and lectures on a variety of career and legal topics, including the current state of women lawyers, courtroom persuasion techniques, and addressing bias. In a session on "Defining Success," panelists Gindi Vincent of ExxonMobil Corporation and Miers underscored the importance of earning trust before expecting workplace flexibility. *Above:* Harriet Miers (left) responds to questions during a panel on Defining Success at the Women in the Law CLE course in Austin on March 24, 2014.

Language Access Fund enables pro bono representation of non-English speakers

The Language Access Fund, a program of the State Bar of Texas created last fall, connects members with translation and interpretation services. Interested legal aid organizations and pro bono attorneys who are working through such groups contact the Language Access Fund to obtain a code that grants them free usage of LanguageLine Solutions, a third party interpretation provider. Alternatively, organizations can be reimbursed for using telephonic, document, on-site, and remote video translation services of their choice, as long as the fee is equal to or less than LanguageLine. For more information, contact Briana Stone at (800) 204-2222, ext. 1857 or briana.stone@texasbar.com.

Animal Law Section hosts CLE program

On April 4, 2014, the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Texas held its Animal Institute, where industry leaders discussed veterinary malpractice, trade of endangered species as a means of conservation, animal legislation in China, and importing war zone animals from foreign lands. Attendees also observed discussions on representing clients in animal law cases, concentrated animal feeding operations, and land management considerations related to animals. Participants earned eight hours of CLE, including one hour of ethics.

SBOT President Tatum receives award for promoting diversity



State Bar of Texas President Lisa M. Tatum received the Dallas Minority Attorney Program's Legacy Award on April 4, 2014, at the Belo Mansion for her outstanding commitment to diversity. Tatum, the first African-American president of the bar, shared her leadership journey with attendees during the luncheon presentation. The daylong seminar covered topics such as client development, managing and developing a practice, technology, and civil rights.

Texas Supreme Court Historical Society to host annual Hemphill Dinner



Ambassador Ron Kirk, former U.S. Trade Representative, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker during the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society's 19th Annual John Hemphill Dinner. The affair, a fundraising event for the society, will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin on Friday, June 6, 2014. The evening will also include a presentation of the Chief Justice Jack Pope Professionalism Awards, which recognize a Texas appellate lawyer and an appellate judge who demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and integrity. Proceeds from the Hemphill Dinner support the society's efforts to collect and preserve the historic papers, photographs, and artifacts of the Supreme Court of Texas, as well as the society's legal studies book series and other projects aimed at honoring the court's history. For more information, go to texascourthistory.org.

El Paso DWI Court program receives national recognition

The National Center for DWI Courts, in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, recognized the El Paso County's DWI Drug Court Intervention and Treatment Program as one of only four DWI Academy Courts in the United States. Academy Courts identify and test national best practices for DWI courts and provide technical assistance to programs interested in starting a court. The El Paso system was the first DWI drug court program in the state of Texas, created in 2004 by Judge Robert S. Anchondo. It is specialized to handle adults convicted of misdemeanor or felony DWI offenses. To date, the program has helped more than 270 individuals. **TBJ**