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Babyproofing Your Marriage: How to Laugh More, Argue Less and Communicate Better as Your Family Grows, by Stacie Cockrell, Cathy O'Neill and Julia Stone

A groundbreaking, no-holds barred book about the impact parenthood has on marriage has been written by three Austin women, one of whom is a former TCWLA board member (Cathy O'Neill).

No one wants to say it, but everyone knows it's true: having babies and parenting small children can be pretty tough on a marriage. Written by three girlfriends, wives and mothers and fueled by conversations with hundreds of men and women across the country, *Babyproofing Your Marriage* explores both sides of the post-baby relationship divide and offers simple but effective ways husbands and wives can bridge the gap and reconnect with one another — so that having children doesn't mean sacrificing being a couple.

The book takes on the most contentious issues: the tit-for-tat arguments over the division of labor (scorekeeping), managing the demands of the in-laws and outlaws, the oxymoron of the family vacation, and perhaps that most combustible of all post-baby squabbles — the dwindling sex life (otherwise known as the Hound Dog/Ice Queen Vortex).

With its down-to-earth humor and balanced perspective, this book will show couples of small kids that despite disagreements about who's getting up in the middle of the night (a.k.a. Midnight Chicken), or who's doing (or not doing) what to whom in the bedroom, it is indeed possible to create the kind of happy family life we all want.

Babyproofing Your Marriage is published by Harper Collins and is available in stores now. To read excerpts from the book and/or order online go to www.babyproofingyourmarriage.com.

Babyproofing Your Marriage

With Cathy O'Neill

**Date: February 22, 2007
(This is a Thursday!)**

Time: 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.

**Location: Austin Bar Association, 816 Congress
No CLE**

Menu: Lime Chicken with
Mango Salsa, Black Beans,
Rice, Green Salad and
Brownies

Spring is for Safe Place!
See page 3 for details.

**You must RSVP by Friday,
February 16th at noon for a
catered lunch. If we don't
you are coming, we
cannot order you lunch. No
shows will be billed.
Brown bag lunches are
welcome.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT **February 2007**

Well, 2007 has gotten off to an amazing start for TCWLA and we are keeping the ball rolling this month. February promises to be an exciting month.

We are hosting a big party for the members of our local judiciary, enjoying each other's company, and meeting influential members of our community. We are hearing from a TCWLA member and new author at our monthly meeting, commiserating about our struggles at home and at work, and laughing about our commonalities. We are accepting nominations for attorney awards and application for grants to non-profits — celebrating our fellow achievers, and supporting equal access to justice for women, children and families in our community.

Throughout all of those special events this month, we continue to welcome new and renewing members to the organization from our ongoing membership drive, making new friends and establishing future business connections. We are also continuing to gather volunteers for our special initiative to provide pro bono legal services to breast cancer patients. On the Foundation front, we are shifting into high gear in planning our annual awards and grants luncheon which is set for June 13th.

Whew! We are one busy group of women. ...so many opportunities to thrive among so many dynamic people.... I hope you can join us and take advantage of our collective energy and momentum. See you in February!

Warmest Regards,

Joëlle Boehle
TCWLA President

TCWLA Membership has its privileges!

It is that time of year again – Travis County Women Lawyers Association annual membership drive. Please renew or join today by filling out and mailing in the attached membership form with your \$40 annual dues, or see www.tcwla.org for payment by PayPal/credit card.

TCWLA is a diverse group of women lawyers who practice in Travis County. The benefits of membership, to name a few, are:

- Our annual **Judicial Reception on February 15, 2006**, honoring our local judiciary at Green Pastures Restaurant in South Austin.
- *Free Monthly Meetings and FREE CLE* – In **March**, we will have a CLE on a criminal law topic and on **February 22, 2006**, our speaker will be Cathy O'Neill, a former TCWLA board member and author of a terrific new book called *Babyproofing Your Marriage: How to Laugh More, Argue Less, and Communicate Better as Your Family Grows*.
- Our annual **TCWLA Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2007**, where we recognize our 2007 scholarship recipients, award grants to non-profit organizations in Travis County that provide direct legal services to women and children in need, and present awards to female attorneys practicing in Travis County who have achieved professional milestones during the past year.
- *MORE CLE – upcoming events: a spring* CLE seminar for attorneys representing children and parents in **Child Protective Services** cases and continued rental of our DVD CLE program entitled “**A Day in Federal Court: An Introduction to Federal Court Practice**.”
- *Fellowship, business referrals, networking, support systems, pro bono opportunities, giving back to the community, general camaraderie...*

For more information about TCWLA, log onto our website at www.tcwla.org or feel free to contact a boardmember. We are looking forward to seeing you in 2007!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for TCWLA's Annual Judicial Reception.

When: Thursday, February 15, 2007

Beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Green Pastures Restaurant

811 West Live Oak St

Austin, Texas 78704

What: An opportunity to meet, greet and mingle with members of the Travis County judiciary while enjoying great food and drinks and live music at one of Austin's best venues.

Cost: Free to all TCWLA members, \$15 for non-members

LAWYERS FOR WOMEN FIGHTING BREAST CANCER

TCWLA would like to thank the following members for volunteering for the Lawyers for Women fighting Breast Cancer Project:

Katy M. Andre* Julia G. Benkoski* Elizabeth Branch* Patricia Cofty* Molly Mayhall* George Noelke* Christina Rumore* Jan Soifer* Ellen Stewart* Erin Thrash

If you would like to join these lawyers in the fight against breast cancer by providing pro bono legal services, please contact Portia Bosse at portiabosse@yahoo.com or Trish McAllister at tmcallister@vlsoc.org for more information or fill out the volunteer form at the end of this newsletter.

Since spring is right around the corner, we will be collecting cleaning supplies for SafePlace as our spring community service project. Please donate cleaning supplies, such as bathroom and kitchen cleaners, paper towels, sponges, or cleaning equipment at our February, March and April membership meetings. All donations will be delivered to SafePlace.



Meet Your Board Member: Paige Ingram Castañeda

Practice Area: Corporate Transactional Attorney; Insurance and Regulatory

Employer: Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C.

Education: I was born and raised in Austin. I graduated from Westlake High School in 1994, Baylor University in 1998 with a B.B.A. in Finance (minor in Spanish), and Baylor Law School in 2003 (with a concentration in Estate Planning).

Family: I met my husband, Salvador Castañeda, my freshman year at Baylor, but we didn't start dating until our senior year. We got married my first year in law school. His mom said she would plan it for us if we got married in his hometown of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and being a high strung, type-A law student, who really did not want to deal with planning a wedding – during law school or ever – I agreed. I picked out my dress and my shoes and she did EVERYTHING else. It was a blast! We celebrated our 5th anniversary 2 weeks after the birth of our son, Salvador Daniel IV. My father in law, and his father before him, were also named Salvador. Big name for my sweet baby boy. He is now 6 months old and the joy of my life. My dad, Dick Ingram, was from Amarillo, also attended Baylor Law School and was a lobbyist for many years in Austin until his death in 1999. My mother, Beth Glenn, also from Amarillo, now lives in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is an elementary school librarian. My brother, Barrett, lives in Lubbock and is expecting his first child in March. My sister, Brittany, is a freshman at the University of Texas. I have two other sisters, Andrea and Cristina. Andie is a freshman at Westlake, and Cristie is in 7th grade at Hill Country Middle School.

Loves to do: I used to love to run; I was training for a marathon when I got pregnant. In fact, I was supposed to run a half marathon when I was one week pregnant, but I called it off (I was always looking for excuses not to work out and that was a good one!). I also used to love to dance salsa and merengue, but that was before I started dating my husband. He's not really into dancing so I have to teach my son. Now that we have our son, I love to spend time with him, especially outdoors.

Tidbits: I played rugby at Baylor. Most of my college girlfriends that I keep in touch with were my rugby teammates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February		Time to Renew your TCWLA Membership (application included in this newsletter)
February 15th		Judicial Reception at Green Pastures
February 22nd	11:45-1:00pm	Babyproofing Your Marriage with TCWLA's Cathy O'Neill
February 12th-March 21st		Accepting Nominations for Attorney Awards and Applications for Grants
March 28th	11:45-1:00 pm	Criminal Law CLE
June 13th	11:45 am	Annual Awards and Grant Luncheon at the Hilton

Because of the construction at the State Bar Building, we will continue to meet at the Austin Bar Association. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming months' new general meeting dates which are NOT on our usual Wednesday of the month!

Thursday, February 22

Thursday, March 28

Monday, April 16

Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 21



TCWLA's Pathfinders Luncheon 2007 was a huge success. Thank you to all of you who attended and participated in the panel and Q&A discussion with our honorees (pictured L to R: Karin Crump, Joelle Boehle (President), Sheryl Cole, M'Lou Patton Bell).

Lawyers and Depression

The serious issue of depression is everywhere and cannot be ignored.

Locally, Judge Mack Kidd, a well-respected Judge and Attorney who suffered from depression, committed suicide over two years ago.

The reaction of the Austin legal community was to find a way to help attorneys in Central Texas address and fight depression.

Therefore, the Justice Mack Kidd Fund ("Fund") was formed and has raised over \$20,000.00 to help attorneys receive treatment, including medication. The program was formed to provide short-term treatment and grant a limited amount of funds to attorneys who have no other resources. This amount raised to assist attorneys is attributed in part to Justice Bee Ann Smith, a colleague and close friend of Justice Mack Kidd.

Applicants will be anonymous because only the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) will have the information identifying the applicant. The Trustees of the Fund will not receive any information identifying the applicant but will review the funding request. The funds will never be paid directly to the approved applicant but will be paid directly to the provider who is rendering the treatment.

Austin does not need to lose another attorney to the disease of depression. Many prominent people have had chronic depression, been able to conquer the dark times and accomplish amazing things, including Einstein, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln and Mike Wallace. The most important thing to communicate is that there are resources available; no attorneys should feel that their situation is hopeless.

For general information, individuals should contact TLAP, the State Bar of Texas Program at 1-800-343-8527 or 512-463-1453. Any contributions should be sent to Austin Bar Foundation c/o Justice Mack Kidd Fund, 816 Congress Ave., Suite 700, Austin, TX 78701.

Announcements

Have something you want to share with membership? Let us know!

Member Book Recommendations:

Little Earthquakes, by Jennifer Weiner. This book tells the story of four women in Philadelphia who meet at prenatal yoga and then share the ups and downs of parenting and marriage through their children's first year. The experiences they share were very realistic and made a new mom cry, laugh out loud, and ultimately feel normal.

I Don't Know How She Does It, by Alison Pearson. This is a funny and resonant novel about a London woman who is the manager of a hedge fund and mother of two small children, married to a lower-earning architect husband. It has been said that this book is "in the tradition of Bridget Jones" but "cuts deeper" and that's pretty accurate.

Women of Wine: The Rise of Women in the Global Wine Industry, by Ann Matasar. In line with our December wine tasting theme of women-made wines, this book describes the historical barriers to women's participation in the industry, tracks the changes that created new opportunities for women and discusses the women associated with some of the most prestigious wineries and institutions. The author also considers issues of importance to women throughout the business world including mentors, networking, marriage, family, education, self-employment versus the corporate life, and risk taking.

The Austin Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation is seeking office space. If you have space you can donate or offer at a reduced rate to this Austin nonprofit, please contact George Noelke at 468-1980 or noelke@noelke.org.

Want to be admitted to the Western District? Rent the DVD from TCWLA.

Email tcwlaorg@gmail.com for details.

Campos & Cunningham, L.L.P. has joined forces with Henslee, Fowler, Hepworth & Schwartz, LLP to provide the clients of both firms with a comprehensive package of individual, family, business and commercial litigation, civil appeals, alternative dispute resolution, and other innovative legal service options.

Portia Bosse and Brenda Collier have become board members for Jane's Due Process.

State Bar Building is still under construction, so we can't use their space until that's done. Meetings are at the Austin Bar Association in the meantime. (816 Congress)

Find your 2007 membership applications at the back of the newsletter!! Time to renew.

If you have a statewide practice or would like to develop one, this is a great networking opportunity:

Texas Women Lawyers Association CLE

Friday February 23, 2007

Knowledge is Power: Linking the Practice of Law with

Social and Political Issues

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

The Woodlands, Texas

Keynote speakers include Dr. Sarah Weddington and TBA President Martha Dickie

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AYLA-TCWLA-VLS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

Would you like to make a lasting difference and help someone in need start building a new life? AYLA and the Travis County Women Lawyers' Association is partnering with Volunteer Legal Services for the fourth year of the Domestic Violence Project. Volunteers are needed to handle 2 domestic violence divorce cases on an emergency basis over 2007. "Emergency basis" means a case that needs a response within two weeks, and VLS will attempt to work around your schedule as requested. Participants will be trained by VLS domestic violence experts, and will be given a list of family law mentors that they can call with questions. We need at least 10 volunteer attorneys for this project. Please contact Laurie Higginbotham at lhigginbotham@govtclaim.com if you are interested in participating.

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Travis County Women Lawyers' Association 2007 CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewing Member: _____
Firm/Company/School Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
Office Phone: _____ Office Fax: _____
E-mail: _____ _ (For newsletters and notices)

Practice Areas

Please indicate your practice areas for publication in the online directory:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Regulatory | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/School | <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADR | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Estate Planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (Other) | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Committee Information

I am interested in the following committees:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court Seminar/Other Seminars | <input type="checkbox"/> Take Our Daughters to Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Website/Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> "Color of Justice" Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan G. Komen/TCWLA Project |

Feedback/Suggestions

What I hope to get out of TCWLA membership:

What I can give to get the most out of TCWLA membership:

Things I would like TCWLA to do:

Speakers/topics I recommend for TCWLA membership programs:

Holiday Gift Memberships: Give TCWLA membership as a gift to your friends and colleagues by duplicating and completing this form for each recipient. Please submit the form and the appropriate amount for dues. Please specify if the gift is anonymous.

Have questions? Call (512) 370-WLAW (9529) or send an e-mail to tcwlaorg@gmail.com if you have questions about membership. TCWLA membership is on a calendar year basis (January 1 - December 31).

Dues: \$40.00 per year; \$20.00 per half-year Lifetime Membership: \$400.00; Law Student: \$20.00
 Additional Voluntary Contribution: \$_____

*****Please renew your membership January 1, 2007*****

Send completed application and check to: TCWLA, P.O. Box 684683, Austin, TX 78768-4683.

**LAWYERS FOR WOMEN FIGHTING BREAST CANCER
ATTORNEY VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FORM**

**A Project of Travis County Women Lawyers' Association in Partnership with Volunteer Legal Services and the
William Wayne Justice Public Policy Center at the University of Texas School of Law**

Volunteer Attorney: _____ *Bar No.* _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **e-mail** _____

_____ **I am a member of Travis County Women Lawyers Association**

Note: Our Case Referral Coordinator will call to discuss individual referrals with you.

I will accept pro bono cases in the following areas of law:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| _____ Bankruptcy | _____ General Litigation | _____ Probate |
| _____ Consumer | _____ Guardianships | _____ Real Estate |
| _____ Debt Collection Defense | _____ Housing | _____ Social Security Benefits |
| _____ Education | _____ Insurance | _____ Tax |
| _____ Employment Problems | _____ Landlord/Tenant | _____ Torts Defense |
| _____ Family Law | _____ License Revocation | _____ Wills |
| | | _____ Wills, Homebound |

_____ I am willing to mentor a UT Law Student assigned to help with a case.

_____ I am willing to keep pro bono cases on my personal docket routinely. When I close a case or a case is inactive, you may call me to take another.

_____ **I speak Spanish fluently.**

Comments: _____

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