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*Happy New Year
from TCWLA: Renew Membership Today for
2007*

January 2007

2007 Pathfinders



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Sheryl Cole, Cole & Powell, P.C., Austin City Council, Place 6
Karin Crump, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., President of TYLA
Martha Dickie, Akin and Almanza, L.L.P., President of the State Bar of Texas

Pathfinders are role models and trailblazers — local women with law degrees who are using, and have used, their degrees in a variety of ways. Every year, TCWLA makes an effort to select and honor a panel of Pathfinders who represent a diversity of life and work experiences and this results in a highly thought-provoking and often inspirational program. The program format is a panel discussion/Q&A with the Pathfinders. See pages 3 & 4 for detailed biographies of this year's Pathfinders.

Pathfinders Luncheon

Date: January 24, 2007
Time: 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Austin Bar
Association, 816 Congress
Suite 700
(please bring \$1 for parking)

Pathfinders:
M'Lou Patton Bell
Sheryl Cole
Karin Crump
Martha Dickie

Menu: Vegetable lasagna,
green salad, bread, iced tea
and cookies

Lunch cost:
Members \$15
Non-Members \$15
No CLE Credit

**You must RSVP by Friday,
January 19th at noon. If I
don't you are are coming, I
cannot order you lunch. No
shows will be billed.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT **January 2007**

Happy New Year!

I am not usually a huge fan of New Year's resolutions. They often seem so short-lived and ultimately depressing in my hands. This is of course probably due to the fact that "exercise more" and "lose weight" make perennial appearances at the top of my list.

This year, I am going to reduce my list of resolutions to one item: "MAKE TIME." Make time for things that are important to me — getting home from work when I say I will, playing one more game of hide and seek with the kids instead of catching up with the news online, prioritizing the most productive and satisfying work projects, resisting the urge to bite off more than I can chew in general. Heck, maybe I'll even make time to get to the gym.

One thing that is essential to me is to make time to see my circles of women friends — whether through TCWLA, at my book club, or over coffee and a good breakfast taco. Making time for TCWLA in particular has often helped rejuvenate me for other efforts in my professional and personal life.

I hope you can make time in your busy lives to join us as a member, a full-fledged active participant or even as an occasional visitor to our monthly lunch meetings, seminars or special events. Please join us this month as we honor our 2007 Pathfinders and get inspiration to travel our own paths. One of the most popular programs of our year, our Pathfinders Lunch is definitely worth an hour of your time. I look forward to seeing you this year and wish you a fulfilling 2007.

Warmest Regards,

Joelle Boehle
TCWLA President

Membership has its privileges!

It is time to renew your TCWLA Membership for 2007

- **FREE** CLE
- Networking with other lawyers
- Monthly meetings and luncheons
- Judicial Reception
- Holiday Party
- **Law Caucus with UT**
- Online access to the member directory (find those connections)
- Access to *Legal Matters*, an award winning newsletter
- Opportunity to spotlight your business/practice area
- Privilege of **community service**

New membership forms on page 11

Membership costs only \$40 per calendar year

\$20 per year for students

\$400 lifetime membership!!!

2007 PATHFINDERS



M'Lou Patton Bell

M'Lou is a shareholder with Munsch, Hardt, Kopf & Harr, P.C. She routinely represents both buyers and sellers in all types of real estate and corporate transactions, and has considerable experience in business organization, lending and alternative financing, asset and stock transactions, acquisition, development and disposition of income-producing properties, and commercial leasing. Her experience in development matters ranges from subdivision and shopping center development to acquisition and development in ski resort communities. In addition to corporate and real estate matters, M'Lou also represents clients in connection with government contracting and legislation, as well as software licensing, service and teaming agreements. She is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, and Midwestern State University. She is Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law. She is a board member of Greater Austin First Tee and the Girl Scouts Lone Star Council, a member of CREWAustin and St. Matthews Episcopal Church.



Sheryl Cole

Sheryl Cole is a lawyer, and the first African American woman to serve on the Austin City Council. She is a 23-year resident of Austin.

Sheryl earned her B.A. in accounting from the University of Texas and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1986, working for two years with the Big Five accounting firm Ernst & Young. In 1989, Sheryl returned to the University of Texas for law school, earning her J.D. in 1991 and joining the law firm Wright & Greenhill. In 1995, Sheryl became staff counsel at the Texas Municipal League, where she served until 2001. She currently practices law with the firm Cole & Powell.

Married to Austin attorney Kevin Cole for 14 years, Sheryl is the mother of three boys - Marcus, Nelson and Femi - and currently serves as president of the Lee Elementary School PTA. The Coles live in the Wilshire Woods neighborhood, and are members of the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association. The family belongs to David Chapel, where Sheryl teaches 2nd grade Sunday School.

Sheryl is a former Board member of Leadership Austin, the Austin Area Urban League, and Communities in Schools. Sheryl also served as Tri-Chair of the 2004 AISD Citizen Bond Committee, and was appointed by former mayor Kirk Watson to serve on the 1998 City of Austin Citizen Bond Committee.



Karin Crump

Karin is the current President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association an organization comprised of more than 20,000 young lawyers. She is an experienced civil litigator and mediator with the law firm Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. Karin has represented numerous individuals and businesses over the past eight years. She has extensive insurance experience, including third party defense representation in trucking, wrongful death and premises liability cases, as well as numerous first party bad faith claims. Karin has also mediated many diverse cases to a successful resolution, including insurance, personal injury and complex family law matters. In 2003, Karin moved her private practice from Dallas to join the Austin office of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom.

Before she moved to Austin, Karin was honored as the “Outstanding Young Lawyer of Dallas” and was named as one of the “Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40,” by D magazine. In 2005, she was selected as one of the “Rising Stars of Texas Law” by Texas Monthly Magazine. Married to Omar Samman, with one child, Isabella.



Martha Dickie

Martha S. Dickie is the current president of the State Bar of Texas. She joined the firm of Akin and Almanza, L.L.P. in January 2005, where she practices general civil and criminal law. She worked for the firm of Minton, Burton, Foster and Collins P.C. from 1982 to 2004, and for U.S. District Judge Jack Roberts from 1980 to 1982. She has served on the State Bar Board of Directors, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, as a trustee of the Texas Bar Foundation, and as chair of the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.

A former president of the Travis County Bar Association, Dickie has served on a number of Travis County and State Bar committees. She has also served as a commissioner on the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and as a board member of the Austin Child Guidance Center. She graduated with honors from the University of Texas, and earned her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Dickie is married to James Rader, in-house counsel with the Lower Colorado River Authority in Austin. They have two sons, Joey, 12, and Clark, 10.

Wine Tasting Notes, by “The Wine Guy” Chris Black

TCWLA Holiday Party

December 6, 2006

Yalumba “Y Series” Riesling (mainly Eden Valley, Australia), winemaker Louisa Rose

This was what I suggested for the first wine of the night, packaged in a tall “flute” bottle complete with screwcap (“Stelvin”) closure. It’s pretty dry for a Riesling (pronounced “reese-ling”), as most Australian Rieslings are. Dry Rieslings like this typically have floral aromas (honeysuckle?) and flavors reminiscent of pears with a hint of maybe peach or apricot. Typical retail about \$11. Usually it’s on the shelf at Grape Vine and Central Market, and most likely is at the new Spec’s as well.

Gallo of Sonoma Chardonnay (Sonoma, California), winemaker Gina Gallo

I thought this was really a terrific bottle for the money and in light of the considerable production levels and broad portfolio under the Gallo name. Yes, it’s California Chardonnay, but it’s perfectly in line with the trend away from over-oaked, excessively viscous, and cloying examples of that varietal. No doubt there’s a little bit of wood on it, but the citrusy fruitiness comes through with the oak flavors (vanilla, butterscotch, butter) in the background. Typically also about \$11, and it’s probably available at the aforementioned retailers as well as most grocery stores with a decent wine selection.

Cycles Gladiator Pinot Noir (Monterey, California), brand manager Austin’s Evelyn Pool

This might have been the star of the night, as it’s REALLY hard to find a good, varietally correct Pinot Noir for \$12. Evelyn’s brokering company, Crush, has long represented Hahn winery from Monterey. That part of California, being much cooler than Napa and Sonoma, is great for growing Pinot Noir. Cycles Gladiator is a new brand that Evelyn and Hahn created using many of the same fruit sources as those previously used for the extremely successful Rex Goliath (47 pound rooster) brand. And the Cycles Gladiator wines are even better. This one was light-to-medium in body (weight), with classic Pinot flavors of strawberry and cranberry and very soft texture. An easy drinker. Again, GVM and CM are your best bets.

Crios Syrah-Bonarda (Mendoza, Argentina), winemaker Susanna Balbo

If you like big reds, then Susanna Balbo’s offerings will never disappoint. This blend of Syrah (a grape variety booming in popularity) with Bonarda (a really obscure one) creates a bold, full-bodied wine with black cherry flavors and a firm backbone of tannins. Best enjoyed with beef or game, whose fatty qualities offset the tannic texture of the wine (and vice versa). Typical retail about \$15, most likely at GVM, CM, and perhaps Spec’s.

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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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January		Time to Renew your TCWLA Membership (application included in this newsletter)
January 24th	11:45-1:00pm	Pathfinders Luncheon at Austin Bar Association Offices (816 Congress)
February 15th	5:30 pm	Judicial Reception at Green Pastures
February 24th	11:45-1:00 pm	General Membership Meeting (<u>Baby Proofing Your Marriage</u> , co-authored by TCWLA's Cathy O'Neil)
February 12th-March 21st		Accepting Nominations for Attorney Awards and Applications for Grants



TCWLA 2006 Race for the Cure Team. Captain Joey Moore, Joelle Boehle, Laurie Higginbotham

Austin Under 40

On March 9, 2007, Austinites will gather at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum to honor our best and brightest at the ninth annual Austin Under 40 Awards. Hosted each year by the Young Women's Alliance and the Young Men's Business League, the Au40 Awards allow us to recognize men and women under the age of 40 who have achieved extraordinary professional success while simultaneously demonstrating outstanding community service. Past winners include Michael Dell, Lance Armstrong & Mayor Will Wynn.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Legal Category. A nominee's leadership, special skills, notable contributions, experience, community service, and overall achievements are examples of the criteria upon which nominees will be judged.

For more information on nominations and sponsorship opportunities, please go to www.austinunder40.org

All proceeds will go to the Austin Sunshine Camps and Young Women's Alliance Foundation.

Announcements

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

Liz and Justin Branch are proud and excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Marie Branch. She was born on December 20th at Seaton Hospital in Austin. She weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and is 20 tall. We're all home now and everyone is healthy and happy. I've attached a couple of photos to this email and more will be on the way soon.

The Michael Archuleta Law Firm is pleased to announce that Laurie Higginbotham and Jamal Alsaffar have become partners, and that the firm is changing its name to Archuleta, Alsaffar and Higginbotham.

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

Email tcwlaorg@gmail.com for details.

Book Recommendations:

The Shadow of the Wind, by Carlos Luis Zafon (a Spanish novel about the love of books, mystery, history and intrigue set in 1950's Barcelona — funny, tragic and romantic).

Hard Won Wisdom: More than 50 Extraordinary Women Mentor You to Find Self-Awareness, Perspective, and Balance, by Fawn Germer (this is a compilation of interviews by Germer of women leaders in a variety of fields — business, politics, athletics, science, non-profits, theater and more — the interviews are interlaced among analysis from experts in psychology, sociology, etc. to offer practical tips and insights on life).

Please contact Joelle Boehle if you are interested in becoming TCWLA Co-Chair.

Joelle@KinneyRecruiting.com

State Bar Building is under construction from November through most of January, 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.

Women's Legislative Days

Uniting women for fairness and equality

Monday & Tuesday, January 29-30, 2007 State Rep. Senfronia Thompson, Honorary Chair
Wyndham Garden Hotel & Conference Center, Austin, TX

To educate & encourage women to become informed about & actively involved in the legislative process.

Schedule

Sunday, January 28: Reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel (Cash Bar)

Monday, January 29

8:30 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. - **Workshops I**

Global Warming – Luke Metzger, Environment Texas; Tom "Smitty" Smith, Public Citizen
Improving Public Education – Donna New Haschke, Texas State Teachers Association; State Rep. Donna Howard; Annette LoVoi, Austin ISD; Craig Tounget, Coalition for Public Schools.
What You Need to Know About a State Income Tax – Fred Lewis, formerly of the Citizens Commission on Education Excellence; Former State Rep. Vilma Luna, Hillco Partners; F. Scott McCown, Center for Public Policy Priorities.

10:45 a.m. - **Workshops II**

The Right-wing Extremist Attack on Science – Kathy Miller, Texas Freedom Network.
Immigration – TBA

Women's Health & Reproductive Rights – Samantha Evans, Austin Reproductive Services; Heather Paffe, Texas Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates; Sarah Wheat, Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch** (included) Rooms available for caucuses.

1:30 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner, Soapbox: Speakers Who Speak Out, Inc. and authors of *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future*

2:30 p.m. **Recognition** - Steering Committee, Financial Underwriters & Co-Sponsoring Organizations

3:15 p.m. **Workshops III**

Ending Violence Against Women – Torie Camp, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault; Kate Rocke, Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Kick-starting Stem Cell Research in Texas – Ellen Arnold, Jim Arnold & Associates; Beckie McCleery, Texans for the Advancement of Medical Research; Peggy Romberg, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Strategic Speaking Out: the How-To's of Advocacy and Lobbying – Julia Marsden, League of Women Voters of Texas; Sarah Wheat, Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region.

6:00 p.m. Texas Women's Political Caucus Roast - Wyndham Garden Hotel
(Separate ticket required.)

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. **Advocacy and Lobbying** – Sherri Greenberg, UT Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs.

9:15 a.m. **Importance of the Women's Vote in Texas** – Deece Eckstein, People for the American Way – Texas.

9:30 a.m. **Texas Women Elected Officials** – *Moderator:* Lulu Flores, National Women's Political Caucus. *Panelists:* Chief Justice Alma Lopez, 4th Court of Appeals; State Rep. Dawnna Dukes (Austin); State Rep. Valinda Bolton (Austin); State Rep. Ellen Cohen (Houston).

11:00 a.m. **Buses to the Capitol**

12:00 noon **Lunch at the Capitol**

1:00 p.m. **Group Lobbying** (Appointments will be arranged with Senators and Representatives.)

Contact: **Carol Miller - Telephone 512-474-1454; Fax 512-474-1454; Email** cmiller@naswtx.org

Cost: **Pre-registration is \$35.00 made payable to "Women's Legislative Days"; Onsite Registration is \$50.00. Event attendance is free to Students (Lunch \$15) who will volunteer to help.**

Sponsor a Sister: **For another \$35.00 you can sponsor another woman to attend. Please let us know if you need financial assistance with the registration fee. Scholarships are available on a limited basis.**

Lodging: Wyndham Garden Hotel & Conference Center, 3401 South I.H. 35, \$72 (Single/Double) and \$109 (Suites) subject to availability. Call 1-800-966-3927 and request a room under Women's Legislative Days.

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TCWLA

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: _____
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| <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:

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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.

Or, you can pay with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) or PayPal account online at: <http://www.tcwla.org/joinus.html>

**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:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| _____ Consumer | _____ Guardianships | _____ Real Estate |
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| _____ 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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