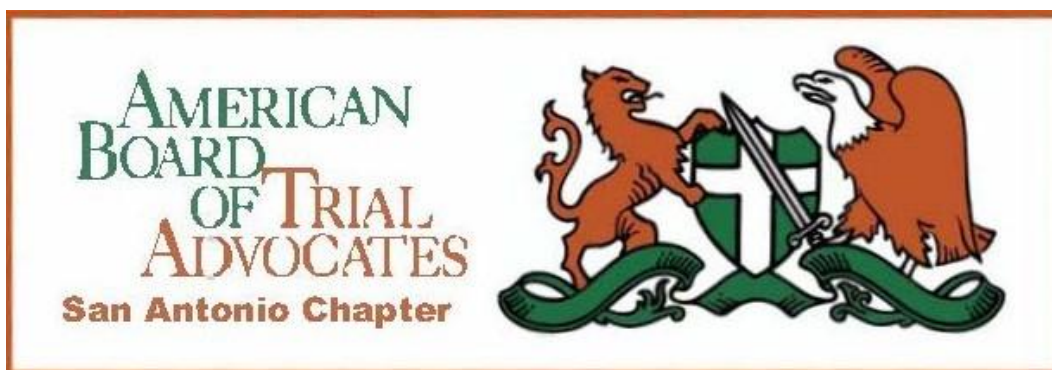


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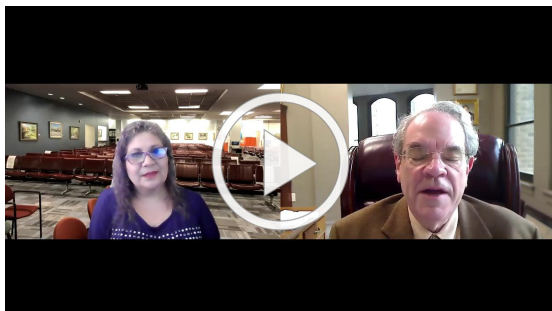
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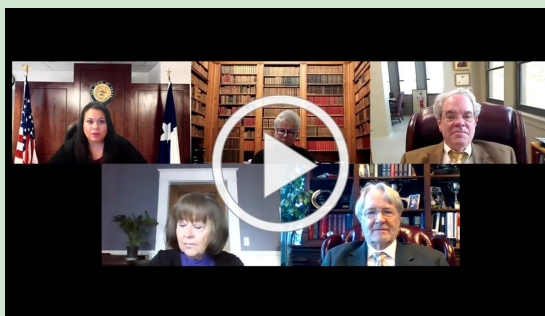
Behind the Scenes: Bexar County Jury Services Excels in Handling Zoom Trials



Richard Orsinger and the Honorable Julieta Schulze, Bexar County Central Jury Bailiff, discuss the process followed by Bexar County in the recruitment of "zoom jurors" and the feedback Ms. Schulze receives from prospective jurors on zoom trials.

Panel Discussion on Zoom Trials

Richard Orsinger led an interesting and entertaining panel discussion on zoom trials. We thank the panelists, Judge Cynthia Marie Chapa, Jeff Anderson, Sue Hall and Leslie Lutrell, for their insights and their time!



President's Corner

I trust this newsletter finds each one of you well! I have a few important announcements.

First, the voting process for membership nominees concluded with great success. The Membership Committee (Hella Scheuerman, John Howell, Kevin Young, Fidel Rodriguez, Robin Teague and Tyler Scheuerman) did an excellent job! Thank you!

We expect to submit the names of 24 qualified nominees for confirmation by National ABOTA at their August meeting. I say "expect" because it will depend on whether the nominee timely submits his/her application for membership. [Click here for a list of approved nominees.](#)

Second, Judge Nicole Garza and Judge Laura Salinas will be meeting with our ABOTA membership Thursday, May 13, at 4 p.m. via zoom. The Zoom invitation is:

Meeting ID: 843 9170 6686
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Third, the Executive Committee voted to create a "SA-Chapter Honorary Member." To qualify, the person must be a SA-Chapter past president, licensed more than fifty years and one who does not qualify for retirement or emeritus statuses under National ABOTA.

I am happy to announce that at our Christmas Party, we will honor John Hohman as our first "SA-ABOTA Honorary Member!"

Fourth, as you know we are hosting the first TEX-ABOTA Best in Texas Voir Dire

Important Dates

SA-ABOTA Events:

Conversation with the Judges:
May 13 @ 4pm via zoom

Membership Meeting (Bylaws):
TBA (probably late June)

Best in Texas Voir Dire Competition:
Sept.30-Oct.2

Legal Legends Award Dinner and Judicial Reception:
October 15, 2021

Masters in Trial Seminar
November 5, 2021

SA-ABOTA Teacher's Law School:
November 5, 2021

Christmas Party:
December 2, 2021

National ABOTA Meetings:
May 13-14, Via Zoom
Aug. 6-7, Denver
Oct. 22-23, Ashville
Dec. 1-9, Int'l Trip (Peru)
Jan. 22, 2022, Leadership Conference

TEX-ABOTA Meetings:
June 12, via zoom
Oct. 28-31, Santa Fe Annual Meeting

Competition, which will take place September 30 through October 2. Hella Scheuerman asks that you consider being a sponsor. Contact Hella for any questions and [click here to download the Sponsorship Form](#) (also at the right of this column in case you can't wait to donate!)

Fifth, the "Masters in Trial" Committee headed by Dennis Peery is scheduled for November 5. We encourage you to attend, to send your young associates and to help us market the MIT! It's our first ever!

Finally, our Teachers Law School program is scheduled for November 5 via zoom. Ian McLin and Alex Katzman, the co-chairs of that Committee, ask that you contact one of them with names of teachers you or your children (and grandchildren) would like to invite. Ian and Alex will be promoting the event statewide!

That is it for now!

Warm regards, Patricia O. Alvarez



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SA-ABOTA Chapter's Mission Statement

Section 1. Our Mission Statement

Our mission is the preservation of the right to trial by jury guaranteed by the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the independence of the judiciary, and civics education.

To accomplish our mission, we join National ABOTA in its mission to foster improvements in the ethical and technical standards of advocacy practice for more effective representation and so that the general public benefits from an efficient administration of justice.

Section 2. Specific Purposes

The specific purposes of this Association are:

(1) To elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession;

(2) To aid in further education and training of trial lawyers and the community; to work for the preservation of our jury system; to improve methods of procedure of our present trial court system; to serve as an informational center; to discuss and study matters of interest to trial lawyers and to the community; to advance the skill of its members as trial attorneys; to honor the members of the Association who have the requisite qualifications; to provide a forum for the expression of interests common to trial lawyers and to act as an agency through which trial lawyers in general, and members of the Association in particular, shall have a voice with which to speak concerning matters of common and general interest;

(3) To establish relations and cooperate with the Judiciary, other legal organizations and associations for the purposes of promoting the efficient administration of justice and constant improvement of the law; and,

(4) To cultivate a spirit of loyalty, fellowship, and professionalism among our members; to advance the interests of the members of the Association professionally and to enable trial lawyers as a group to have an active association of standing in the community and nation through which they may learn and be heard.

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