



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 7/12 12:00pm
Talk Tuesday
hosted by Fort Worth Chapter (Zoom)
- ◆ 8/2 12:00pm
Talk Tuesday
hosted by RGV Chapter (Zoom)
- ◆ 8/5—8/6
ABOTA National Meeting
(Montreal, QC, Canada)
- ◆ 8/23 12:00pm
RGV Chapter Lunch Presentation by
Judge Ricardo Adobbati (Zoom)
- ◆ 9/6 12:00pm
Talk Tuesday
hosted by Lubbock Chapter (Zoom)
- ◆ 9/15 9:00am—11:00am
James Otis Lecture (Zoom)
- ◆ 9/22—9/24
Best in Texas Voir Dire Competition
(San Antonio)



Our Annual Meeting and Dinner in April was a success! TEX-ABOTA President Jennifer Doan joined us as we welcomed new members Michael Rodriguez, Bill Garza and Javier Gonzalez (Rex Leach not pictured) and we announced the recipients of our first RGV Scholarship, Jay Salinas and Samantha Lara. This Fall Jay will attend Baylor University and Samantha will attend Oklahoma City University.

Special thanks to Chef Adam and everyone at Bodega for a great night.

Coming up

In September, TEX-ABOTA is sponsoring the "Best in Texas Voir Dire Competition" which will take place in-person in San Antonio. It is a first-of-its-kind advocacy simulation, focusing on the under-taught skills of jury selection. All 10 law schools in Texas will participate and students will have an opportunity to practice their skills. Be on the lookout for more information about the competition and how you can help.

A Note from our President

Where does the time go? It is hard to believe we are half way through the year. Your RGV Chapter had a busy and successful quarter. In April, along with the HCBA, we were able to finally bring back the David H. Hockema Civil Trial Conference which featured amazing speakers from across Texas and saw our biggest crowd ever. Thanks to Joe Escobedo, Frank Sabo and Bobby Ramirez for serving with me on the planning committee and to RGV ABOTA members Alison Kennamer and Michael Cowen for speaking. Following the CLE, we were able to get together in person for our annual dinner and to honor our local Judges. We had a full house and seemed to have more Judges than members! If you were able to attend the dinner, you met our Scholarship recipients, Samantha Lara and Jay Salinas. It was great to see our members and local Judges connect with these amazing young lawyers-in-the-making! Thank you to all our members who became Fellows of the ABOTA Foundation which works to protect the 7th Amendment on a national level.

As far as upcoming events, be on the lookout for more information regarding our August 23rd lunch time Zoom presentation by ABOTA member Judge Ricardo Adobbati where he will give us an update on what is going on in Cameron County. The RGV will be presenting our Talk Tuesday CLE on August 2nd. Be sure to mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Finally, we need new members! Part of your annual dues come back to the RGV Chapter, so the more members, the more money we have available to fund scholarships and other programs. If you would like to suggest new members, send me your suggestions (ssullivan@atlashall.com). Keep in mind that any potential new members will need to have 75 percent of the existing members vote for them. So, when it's time to vote, remember you can vote for multiple lawyers. Vote early and often!!

Wishing everyone a great summer full of sun, sand, family and friends!!!

~Susan Sullivan