



### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4/27 at 8am  
[David Hockema Civil Trial Conference](#)  
[Rio Bank](#) in McAllen
- ◆ 4/27 at 6pm  
[RGV ABOTA Annual Dinner](#)  
[Bodega Tavern & Kitchen](#) in McAllen
- ◆ 6/15 to 6/17  
[TEX-ABOTA Santa Fe CLE Round Up](#)
- ◆ 6/18 8am to 10am  
[TEX-ABOTA Board Meeting](#)  
Santa Fe
- ◆ 8/18 to 8/19  
[ABOTA National Board Meeting](#)  
Whistler, BC, Canada
- ◆ 9/21 to 9/23  
["Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition](#)  
Dallas

### "Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition

Last year's "Best in Texas" Voir Dire Competition was a great success. Click [here](#) to read an article from the April 2023 Edition of the Texas Bar Journal about the competition.

Plans are underway for this year's competition which will be held September 21st through September 23rd in Dallas.

### Don't Forget — Coming Soon!

The Annual David Hockema Civil Trial Conference and our Annual Dinner honoring our local judiciary are scheduled for **April 27th**. You can register for the CLE [here](#).

The Annual Dinner will be held at [Bodega Tavern & Kitchen](#) in McAllen.

### SAVE THE DATE

TEX-ABOTA's Santa Fe CLE Round Up  
**June 15th to 18th**

More information can be found [here](#).

The room block at the El Dorado Hotel & Spa is booked. Below are additional hotels in the area.

[Inn & Spa at Loretto](#)  
[Hotel St Francis](#)

### Small Chapter of the Year Finalist

The RGV Chapter has been named as a Finalist for ABOTA's Small Chapter of the Year Award!

The winner will be announced at the ABOTA National Meeting Awards Dinner in Whistler, BC, Canada on **August 19th**. It would be great to have a big RGV turnout!

Book your room now at the Four Seasons Whistler (1-888-935-2460) using the codes **230816ABO** or "**ABOTA National Board Meeting Aug 2023**" More information about the National Meeting can be found [here](#).

### Recent Events

Earlier this year, members of our RGV Chapter attended and participated in TEX-ABOTA's CLE and Board meeting in New Orleans and ABOTA's National Board Meeting, Leadership Conference and Idea Exchange in Santa Barbara.



Santa Barbara



New Orleans

Special thanks to Bobby Ramirez and Jaime Saenz for presenting ABOTA's Civility Matters Program in March.



### RGV Chapter Scholarship

Once again, we are proud to announce that our RGV Chapter of ABOTA will award a monetary scholarship of \$2,500 to a UTRGV student graduating Spring/Summer 2023 who has been accepted to law school and will enroll as a 1st year law student in the Summer/Fall 2023. The application deadline is **April 15th**. We have already begun receiving applications and will present the scholarship to the lucky recipient at the annual dinner on April 27th. If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying, please contact [Susan](#).

### A Note from our President

Dear ABOTA RGV members,



Spring is in the air and your ABOTA RGV Chapter is busier than ever! We started out the year welcoming Lino Ochoa as our newest member. Cary Toland was one of the founding members of our Chapter, and we are honored that he has decided to come back to ABOTA. Thanks to Jaime Saenz and Bobby Ramirez for agreeing to present the ABOTA "Civility Matters" program to the HCBA Civil Trial Law Section. We had a great turn out and hope to host a similar presentation in Starr County.

Mark your calendars for April 27, 2023! We start the day with the Hockema Civil Trial CLE. Once again, we have amazing speakers from the RGV and across Texas. Following the CLE, we will be hosting our Annual Dinner honoring the judiciary where we will award our RGV Chapter Scholarship to a UTRGV student attending law school next year. Watch your email for the formal invitations. Last year we had a great turnout and expect this year to be even more fun!! Please check out the newsletter and calendar above for information on the annual Santa Fe CLE and the "Best in Texas" Voir Dire competition which will be held in Dallas this year.

Last, but definitely NOT least, congratulations to the RGV Chapter for being selected as one of the finalists for the National ABOTA Small Chapter of the Year Award!!!!!! Please check out the hotel information above and make plans to beat the South Texas heat by joining us in Whistler, BC for the party!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in April,

~Susan