

Dear MABAH Members & Friends,

MABAH is pleased to announce the selection of its **2023-2024 Board of Directors and Officers!**

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On behalf of the Board, we look forward to serving you this year and having a great and productive year!

Calendar Dates & Announcements:

March 24, 2023: Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield Portrait Ceremony - You are invited to attend the portrait ceremony for the Honorable Debra Ibarra Mayfield held on Friday, March 24th at the Ceremonial Courtroom, 17th floor, Harris County Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77002. Reception immediately following.

March 28, 2023: MABAH Scholarship Applications - MABAH will be awarding a total of nine (9) scholarships to deserving law students already enrolled in a law school in Houston. One 1L, one 2L and one 3L from each law school in Houston will be awarded with scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. The deadline to apply is 11:59PM on March 28th! Download the application at: <https://www.mabah.com/scholarships>

March 29, 2023: Ramadan CLE & Iftar Celebration - Judges Rabeea Collier, Judge Brittanye Morris, Judge Shannon Baldwin, and Judge Gloria Lopez invite you for the annual tradition to host an Iftar for the legal community. The CLE and Iftar will take place on Wednesday, March 29th 4P-8:30P at the Harris County Civil Courthouse, 201 Caroline. Seating is limited and you must RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-ramadan-cle-and-iftar-tickets-570299189227>

March 31, 2023: Hispanic/Latinx Law Student Associations Annual Gala - The Hispanic/Latinx Law Student Associations from the three Houston-Area law schools are hosting their scholarship gala on Friday, March 31st at the Petroleum Club of Houston (1201 Louisiana Street, Floor 35, Houston, TX 77002).

*If you or someone you know is a member of the Petroleum Club, please consider reaching out to mabahouston@gmail.com

April 6, 2023: Consejos Legales - 1st Thursday of each month: Contact Judge Joe Villarreal for more information villawyer@hotmail.com

April 10, 2023: MABAH Monthly Meeting & CLE. CLE presented by Cesar Tavares on “Overcoming Jury Bias and your Spanish-Speaking Client”. MABAH meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month at Lupe Tortilla (1511 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007).

April 14, 2023: Leadership for Tomorrow - Students from a local school in the East End are taking a field trip to Jones Day (717 Texas, Suite 3300, Houston, TX 77002). Looking for volunteer attorneys who can attend the field trip with the students. As part of this field trip, students hope to visit a local Courtroom – if you are a judge and interested in opening your Courtroom to the students, please reach out to Carolina Ortuzar at Cortuzar-Diaz@montyramirezlaw.com

May 11, 2023: MABAH Golf Tournament - MABAH will be hosting our annual golf tournament on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the Cypresswood Golf Club (21602 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77373). If you have any questions regarding sponsorships and/or are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact our MABAH Golf Classic Committee Chair, James Rodriguez at jrodriguez@pandrlaw.com

August 16th to 19th, 2023: Night Court - Night Court announces its return to the stage from August 16th to the 19th at the Hobby Center. Auditions are open and being held as early as June 26th, 2023. If you are interested in joining the stars this year, reach out to Judge Joe Villarreal for more information villawyer@hotmail.com

Membership

Please complete the application and pay your dues at <https://www.mabah.com/become-a-member>. The membership process includes two steps: (1) making a payment and (2) completing the application form. As a reminder, membership runs from January 1st - December 31st, and only active, paid members may vote in MABAH initiatives. Membership dues paid after October 1st cover dues through 2023. If you have any questions about whether your membership is current, please send an email to mabahouston@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Cristina Gonzalez

MABAH President, 2023-2024