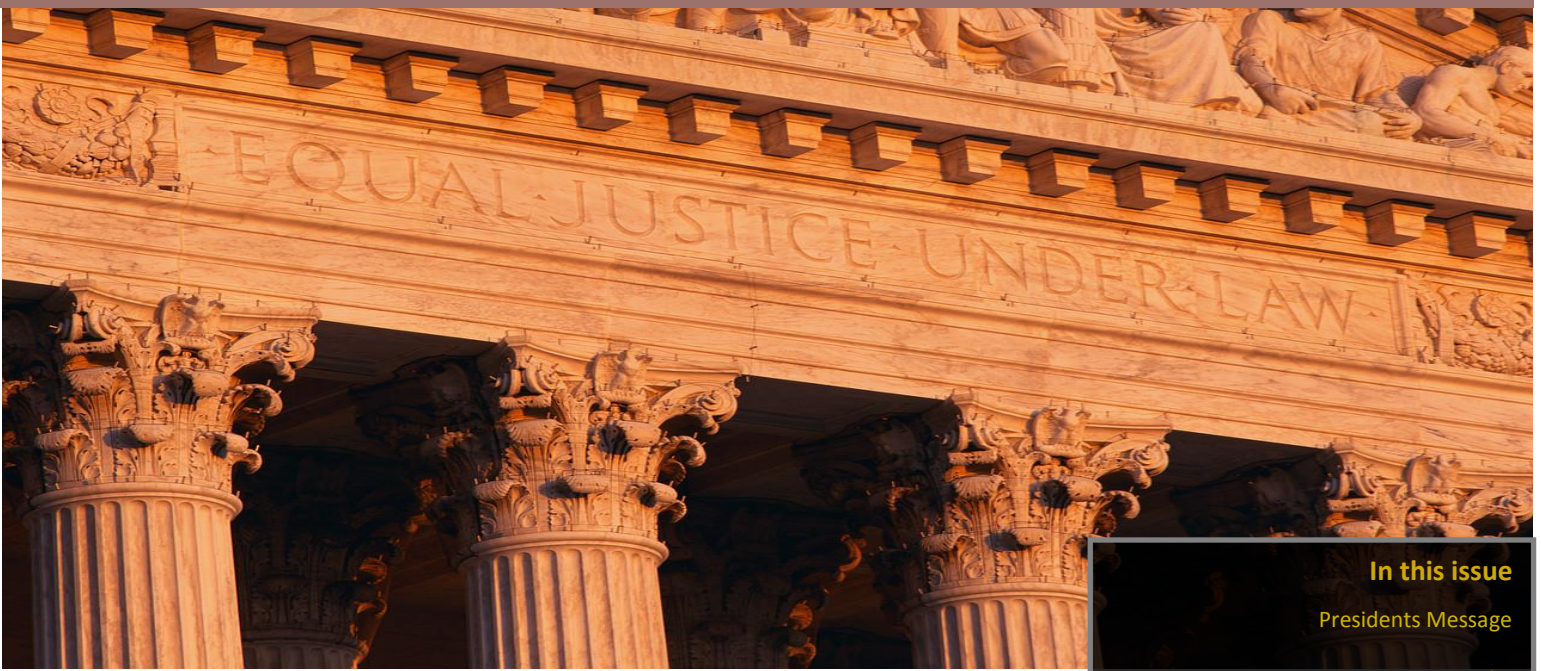


Houston Northwest Bar Association

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November Message

It is that time of year again when we pause and give thanks for all that we have, whether it be thanks for good health, a loving family, a job, wonderful co-workers, or whatever the bequest may be. This month with the holiday celebrations beginning, our November meeting will focus on laws affecting DWI drivers.

Two of our very own members, Sarah and Derek Mueller, will be discussing criminal law as it relates to driving under the influence. They both bring a wealth of experience in this discipline and will share how to navigate the DWI maze.

Also this month we would like to celebrate and give thanks to our veterans. Those individuals who risked their lives for our country. "Thank a vet" for your freedom! If you are a member or a former member of the military, I would like to personally like to thank you for your service to our country!

Remember there will be no official December meeting. So see you in January!



November Monthly Meeting

Come join the Houston Northwest Bar Association for DINNER and a great CLE

SPEAKER & TOPIC

Derek and Sarah Mueller will be the keynote speakers at the November Meeting and will be speaking about DWI's. This is always an interesting topic!!

Derek Mueller, a native Texan, Derek Mueller attended South Texas College of Law, graduating in the top 6% of his class. Finishing successful careers in corporate law and chemistry, Derek leveraged his analytical nature defending individuals against felony criminal charges ranging from aggravated assault with a deadly weapon to drug possession with intent to distribute. Derek offers a free initial legal consultation to hear your side of the incident, offering the best legal solutions leading to a favorable plea bargain agreement, trial or dismissal. Derek also assists with the misdemeanor docket. Derek is a member of the Harris County Criminal Lawyer's Association, Treasurer of the Houston Northwest Bar Association, and also Continuing Legal Education Course Instructor.

Sarah Mueller, has been practicing law since 2005, she served as a former assistant district and county attorney, overseeing several thousand criminal cases and carried numerous cases to verdict in trial. Graduating from South Texas College of Law, Sarah focuses on misdemeanor cases, ranging from driving while intoxicated, marijuana possession to assault. Leveraging her previous experience as a prosecutor, Sarah has extensive expertise in hearing your side of the incident, encouraging access to the legal system by offering the best legal solutions leading to a favorable plea bargain agreement, trial or dismissal. Additionally, Sarah assists with the felony caseload.

In addition to working with Houston criminal defendants, Sarah previously had a recurring legal advice column in Tomball Spring Times named *Call My Lawyer!* Sarah is a member of numerous organizations including: Harris County Criminal Lawyer's Association, President Elect, 2010, Houston Northwest Bar Association, Vice President 2009, Houston Northwest Bar Association, Member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Member of the Law Practice Management Section of the Texas Bar, and a Continuing Legal Education Criminal Law Instructor.

DATE/TIME:

Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 6:00pm-7:00 pm
Social hour is from 5:30pm-6:00pm

LOCATION: The County Line, a restaurant located at 13850 Cutten Road, Houston, TX 77069. The telephone number for County Line is 281-537-2454.

CLE OFFER:

1 hour CLE

COST:

\$15 for HNBA members; \$20 for non-HNBA members, guests, etc. Pay at the door.

SPONSOR:

TBA at Meeting.

BAR BITS



Value of Suspending Licenses in a DWI cases argued. (except from the State Bar Website)

In 2001, state legislators passed a law that lets police officers seize the licenses of suspected intoxicated motorists who fail or refuse to take an alcohol breath test.

But lawmakers, judges and attorneys are divided on whether confiscating licenses before a defendant's case goes to court actually prevents drunken driving.

By law, suspected drunken drivers face a 180-day suspension if they refuse an alcohol breath test and a 90-day revocation if they fail. Defendants can appeal to the state, but they do not often win.

News investigators state that some defendants then seek occupational licenses and that County judges almost always sign their requests — often with little questioning — allowing suspects to drive wherever they want in some cases.



Houston Northwest Bar Membership Information

Membership in the HNBA is open to all attorneys licensed by, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Texas.

Meetings are held in even numbered months at lunch time (11:30am-1:00pm) at a destination and date to be announced; on the **third Wednesday** of each odd numbered month from 6:00pm-7:00pm at The County Line, a restaurant located at 13850 Cutten Road, Houston, TX 77069. The telephone number for County Line is 281-537-2454.

There is a \$15 members/ \$20 non-members charge for each CLE meeting. Each meeting features an expert speaker which entitles the member to one hour of continuing legal education credit by the State Bar of Texas. Topics range from procedure and legislative changes to litigation and ethics.

If you have questions about membership please contact the current HNBA President . Membership also includes a complementary web page and online listing with the HNBA Lawyer Referral Service. If you have your own firm website, your HNBA web page will link to that website. You may also upload your Bar picture to the HNBA website free of charge.

If you have questions about your web page please contact the Webmaster for what to include.

To apply for membership please fill out a Membership Application online or at the monthly meeting, and include your check for the annual dues of \$40. Upon receipt of payment your web page and information will be added to the Houston Northwest Bar Association's *Find a Lawyer Service* and Member's pages unless you indicate otherwise.

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About the Houston Northwest Bar Association

The Houston Northwest Bar Association was formed in 1985 to promote quality legal service for the public, offer professional education for its members, and encourage collegiality and camaraderie between attorneys that practice or live in Northwest Harris County, Texas.

Since its creation, HNBA has served thousands of citizens in offering a directory of attorneys practicing in northwest Harris County and by providing information about alternative sources of legal solutions.



Counsel On Call

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Counsel On Call seeks an attorney with experience in contracting with the US government as well as litigation for a long-term contract assignment with a Houston-based multinational corporation.

Requirements:

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- A litigation background involving disputes with the US government and related entities, and general complex civil litigation

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