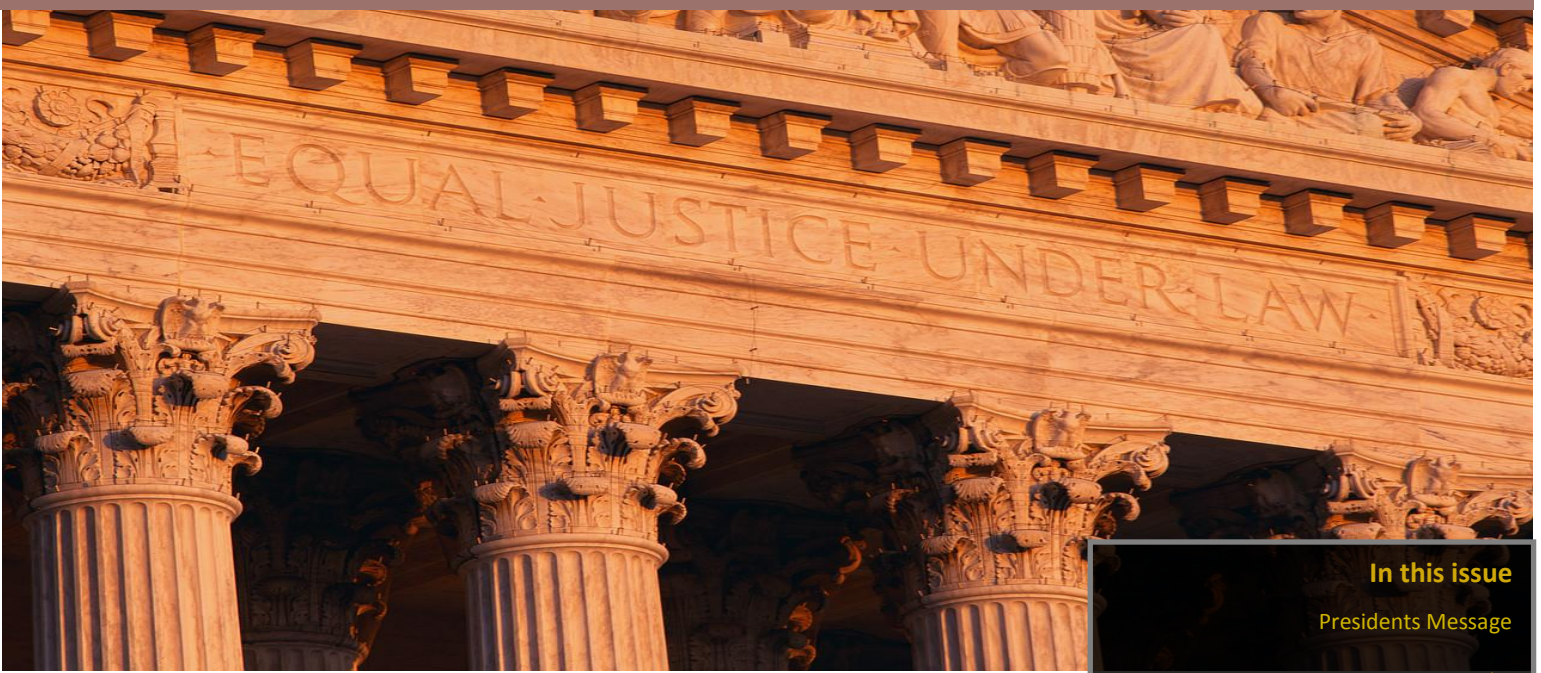


# Houston Northwest Bar Association

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## Presidents Message by Lori Noack-May

I am so thankful and excited that Jimmy Brill is speaking to us this month. Besides being just a really nice guy (and one of my personal mentors), Jimmy Brill is the ultimate expert with regard to closing a law practice. Of course this is dealt with when an attorney dies, but it can also become an issue when a serious injury is sustained by a lawyer or when a lawyer is just ready to "do" something else. It is an issue that we should all be concerned about and plan for in advance.

As a "baby" lawyer, I had to close the law practice of a great attorney I had worked for as a paralegal many years ago. I learned that there are issues from locating and notifying clients, to dealing with the State Bar of Texas, to paying taxes. Jimmy Brill, and his well-known paper "Death of a Solo and Closing a Law Practice," were my guide and my teacher.

Please join us on October 20, 2010, 11:30 am, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5440 FM 1960 Rd. West, Houston, TX 77069. We'll have great food, networking and a wonderful program. See you there! Lori

# October Monthly Meeting

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

## SPEAKER & TOPIC

Jimmy Brill will present, "Death of a Solo and Closing a Law Practice,"

Jimmy Brill is a 1957 University of Texas Law School graduate and a solo practitioner from Houston whose practice emphasizes probate, estate planning, and real estate. He currently serves as principal author and project director of the Texas Probate System first published by the State Bar in 1972 and updated five times since then and has chaired the State Bar CLE and PEER Committees.

The State Bar honored him with its Presidents' Award in 1978 as the outstanding lawyer in Texas and the Gene Cavin Award For Excellence In Continuing Legal Education in 1994.

He chaired the Law Practice Management Section of the American Bar Association and for two and one-half years wrote a monthly column for solo practitioners in the ABA Journal. He was inducted into the first class and elected as an initial trustee of the College of Law Practice Management and currently serves as its treasurer. The College of the State Bar presented him with its 1999 Professionalism Award and he received the Distinguished Service Award for 2000 from the Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Houston Bar Association. The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the American Bar Association presented him with its Donald C. Rikli Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000. He has been selected as a Texas Super Lawyer the past seven years.

He served as mentor to five women lawyers in their first year as solo practitioners and continued the group's monthly meetings for an additional four years. This group became a model for the mentor program of the State Bar. He was an organizer and continues to lead monthly meetings of a Houston group of lawyers now in its seventh year known as Solos Supporting Solos. This informal group provides solos with an opportunity to meet fellow solo practitioners in an informal setting

### DATE/TIME:

Wednesday, October 20, 2010, from 11:30am-1:00 pm

### LOCATION:

Carrabba's Italian Grill  
5440 FM 1960 Rd. West (FM 1960 @ Champion Forest)  
Houston, Texas 77069  
281-397-8255

### 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



Judge Cagle, Judge Kennedy,  
and Judge Bradshaw-Hull,

## HNBA's September "Meet the Candidates" Meeting a Huge Success!

Judge Bradshaw-Hull and Judge Cagle would like to express their gratitude to the Houston Northwest Bar Association for hosting the "Meet the Candidate" Dinner.

### Their words

"What a great event! Thank you so much for the delicious food and hospitality together with a wonderful photo to add to commemorate the evening."

Best regards,  
Judge Lynn Bradshaw-Hull  
for 280th District Court

"I second Judge Bradshaw-Hull's eloquently expressed gratitude."  
CJ Cagle



## 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.

<http://www.hnba.org>

## 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.

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## Counsel On Call

### Seeking Attorney

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:

- Hands on experience dealing with government procurement regulations and the agencies that oversee the projects and enforce the regulations
- A litigation background involving disputes with the US government and related entities, and general complex civil litigation

We also are searching for a paralegal with similar experience.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to [jay.brenner@counseloncall.com](mailto:jay.brenner@counseloncall.com).

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