

The Gavel Series: Community Based Legal Education
Saturday – February 1st, 2014
CLASS SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Paternity, Support & Responsibility

Definitely Momma's Baby, but Poppa's? Maybe....Maybe Not! This interactive presentation is designed to provide an overview of how Texas law determines who the father of a child is (hint...it's not just based on biology) and what the law does when it determines that a person has fathered a child. The presentation also covers Texas child custody and child support laws. Audience members will leave with a basic understanding of these family law issues and, hopefully, will walk away knowing that sometimes, the law isn't what we assume it to be.

Instructor - Yolanda Bevill is the Director of the Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention Program at Prairie View A&M University where she provides advocacy services to victims of dating abuse, sexual assault and stalking. Previously she served as the Vice President of Outreach and Community Affairs at the Houston Area Women's Center where she was responsible for overseeing program development, communications, marketing and volunteer services for the agency. In addition, Ms. Bevill is a licensed attorney with the State Bar of Texas. She has worked for the Harris County District Attorney's Office in the Family Law Criminal Division and had success working as a solo practitioner in the areas of family and criminal law. Ms. Bevill holds a B.A. from Syracuse University and a Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law. Ms. Bevill has given numerous presentations and workshops on a variety of topics including: family law; sexual assault; domestic abuse; teen dating violence; the new sex culture and power-based victimization through a multicultural prism.

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Entertainment Law

The instructor will provide an excellent introduction to how Entertainment lawyers work and the activities that might be a part of an Entertainment lawyer's job description. You may be wondering: What does an Entertainment lawyer do? What areas of specialization are available? How does someone become this type of lawyer? And, if you are in the music, TV or film industry, how do you select the right Entertainment lawyer for your needs? This class will also cover the role of an Entertainment lawyer as general counsel for established artists; helping with marketing and merchandising deals as well as helping artists secure the rights to use music that other artists have written and complying with copyright laws.

Instructor – Ricky Anderson, Anderson & Smith, P.C., Attorneys at Law – Attorney Anderson received a Bachelor's in Business Administration from PVAMU before earning a Juris Doctorate from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1992. He is the managing partner of Houston-based law firm Anderson & Smith PC since 1994 as well as a professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law since 1998. He has a variety of experience in Entertainment Law, music industry contracts and trial preparation. His law firm represents a host of celebrities, including comedian-actor Steve Harvey, Academy Award winner Mo'Nique, actor Isaiah Washington, four-time Grammy Award winner Yolanda Adams, gospel duo Mary Mary and a host of others. He has held positions as the National Bar Association's Entertainment Attorney of the year and he is a recipient of the National Bar Association's Presidential Award in 2009 and 2012. He is currently the chairman of the National Bar Association's Entertainment, Sports & Arts Law Section and is President-Elect of the Houston Bar Association's Entertainment & Sports Law Section.

11:00 – Noon Social Media Safety

The use of the internet to facilitate crimes against children has exploded. Child sexual abuse represents the second most expensive victim crime behind murder, costing the U.S. an approximately \$35 Billion annually. This class will explore the impacts of social media both positive and negative along with identifying the types of social media and social networking. The "Big Five" will be discussed in depth and the instructor will offer tips for safe online social networking. This will be an interactive class!

Instructor – Louis Ngamassi, Ph.D. has a diverse educational background complemented by extended professional experience. He has a Ph.D. in Information Sciences and Technology from Penn State; Master of Science in Information Systems from Pace University, New York with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Yaounde', Cameroon. His professional experience includes working for private companies as a Software developer; in the University setting in IT Administration and teaching; USAID with IT projects development and management; the United Nations as an IT Program Staffer; Visiting Assistant Professor at CALU and currently Assistant Professor of MIS at Prairie View A&M University.

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