



If You Brew It, They Will Come

Ask **Michael Peticolas** about beer and he'll give you a short history lesson. More than simply learning about the difference between an ale and a lager, you'll also quickly learn that the Dallas trial attorney (and fifth-generation Texas attorney) has quite a passion for craft beers.

Peticolas was first introduced to home brewing by his mother, a chef who brewed her own Mexican ale with a hint of apricot. The experience set something off in Peticolas. "I took a sense of pride in enjoying something that was made by my mom," he says. It wasn't until a friend offered Peticolas home brewing equipment that he caught the brewing bug.

Peticolas soon jumped into the brewing game. He took a course with the American Brewers Guild, apprenticed with a brewer-friend in Colorado, and taste tested his ales. Now, Peticolas is operating the 4,200-square-foot, 15-barrel brew house that is the Peticolas Brewing Company with his wife, Melissa. Peticolas has a hand in every detail — even making deliveries to restaurants and bars himself — so Peticolas plans to brew only two beers at a time. "The response has been great," he says. "Dallas is such an untapped market and the response to this gives me such a sense of satisfaction. It's what has really kept me going."

Being an attorney has its advantages in the craft beer business, Peticolas says. When he was looking for a place to open his brewery, he found that Dallas law was restrictive for breweries. Through a little research, Peticolas found that the area the city had suggested as a location to build on was off-limits to breweries. "The city didn't even know," he says. "I had to rally to get the law changed. I got past all of these hurdles and now it is legal to have a brewery in the area. A brewery can do so much — it can bring tourists here and help give Dallas a different identity."

While Peticolas is not leaving the legal game, he says it was still a huge risk to open his own brewery. "I'm a big believer in doing what you enjoy," he says. "If you don't like what you are doing, don't do it. Life's too short."

For more information, visit peticolasbrewing.com. — PG



Dallas attorney Michael Peticolas is quite the multitasker these days. In addition to practicing law, Peticolas owns and operates the Peticolas Brewing Company with his wife, Melissa.





Win a “Date” with a Professor

On Dec. 2, Baylor Law School professors were in high demand. At the second annual Phi Alpha Delta Baylor Law Chapter Professor Auction to benefit the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), students had the chance to bid on 25 of their professors. The “date night”-styled packages donated by the professors ran the gamut from lunch with Baylor University President **Ken Starr** to a Tae Kwan Do lesson — with a professor as the target.

Last year’s inaugural auction raised more than \$2,800 for CASA. This year’s auction raised \$4,800. CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children and help them navigate the complicated legal and social service system. For many abused or neglected Texas children, their CASA volunteer is the only consistent adult presence in their lives. Themis, Barbri, Westlaw, LexisNexis, and Kaplan co-sponsored the auction.

“This auction has been a great experience for everyone involved,” Cameron Redding, Phi Alpha Delta’s chapter president, says. “The past two years, everyone who has worked on

the event has been overwhelmed by the generosity of both the professors and the students. I felt privileged to have the opportunity to guide this event as it grew this year, and due to its overwhelming success once again this year, to hopefully cement its place as an anticipated and beloved Baylor Law School tradition.”

Among the event packages were “Food Truck Frenzy,” a visit to Austin to sample the cuisine from the city’s famous food trucks led by Professor **Laura Hernandez**; “Field Trip to Ferrell,” a behind-the-scenes pass to a practice of the top-ranked Lady Bears basketball team donated by Professor **Michael Rogers**; “The Other BOC (Baking or Cooking),” a tamale-cooking class with Professor **Elizabeth Miller**; and “Waco as the Rest of the World Knows It,” a tour of the city with Judge **Ed Kinkeade**.

“Probably the most enjoyable part of the entire event is the enthusiasm of the professors who

are so creative in planning the amazing events that make the auction so very successful,” Redding says. “The professors who participated this year are exceedingly generous — and a little brave — opening their homes and their lives to the students who buy the events.” — *EC*



Baylor Law School students bid on “date night” packages at the second annual Professor Auction to benefit CASA.

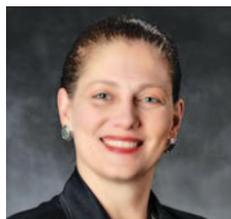
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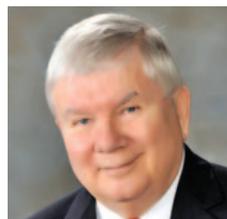
Received the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary’s 2012 Leon Jaworski Award, which honors an outstanding Houston lawyer for their service to the city and its citizens.



Patricia B. Cole

Shareholder in Decker, Jones, McMackin, McClane, Hall & Bates, P.C., Fort Worth

Received the 19th annual Legacy of Women Award from SafeHaven, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence.



Eugene Cook

Former Texas Supreme Court Justice, College Station

Received the George Washington Medal, the highest award given by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge National Awards Program, for his commitment to community service.



Carroll G. Robinson

Associate Professor, Texas Southern University, Houston

Elected a Trustee of the Houston Community College System. He is a former member of the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association.