



Come on Down!

When **Angela Dixon** set off for a marketing conference in Los Angeles, Calif., last fall, she had two additional goals in mind: land a spot on television game show “The Price is Right” and win a new car. “I’m obsessed with trying to win stuff,” laughs Dixon, a Houston sole practitioner and adjunct professor at Houston Community College. “For months before the conference, I had been telling my family and friends that I was going to win a car.”

Donning a red, airbrushed T-shirt that read “Drew & George, Texas’ Big Sis of the Year Wants to Come on Down!” (she received the title in January 2011), Dixon arrived at the studio ready to impress the show’s producers. “I knew I had to set myself apart from the other people in line, so I told them about my volunteer work with Big Brothers Big Sisters,” she says. It didn’t hurt that Dixon made them laugh and mentioned that she attended the taping alone. “I engaged them and they just kept asking more questions.”

After about five hours of waiting in line, Dixon was allowed in for a taping (which aired Jan. 31). She didn’t mind the wait, because “it was a big party,” and she made friends with the other contestants in line. Dixon didn’t make it onto Contestants’ Row until the second half of the show. “You hope that you are going to get called to go down, but when it happens, it’s really shocking — that’s why people act so crazy when they do get called down,” she laughs. In the months leading up to her trip, Dixon watched the show daily and researched the price of various products and vehicles. When she was on Contestants’ Row, she told herself to get a grip. “The audience was yelling and going wild and I just had to tell myself, ‘I know this. I came here for this.’ And I just refocused.”

Dixon made it onto the stage, where she got to play a Pricing Game called “Hole in One” for none other than a 2012 Toyota Tacoma truck. “I was nervous, but I had been telling everybody that I was going to win, so I couldn’t come back empty-handed.” She putted the ball just a tad too hard and it rolled over the hole — but then ricocheted into the hole and just like that Dixon had what she came



Houston sole practitioner Angela Dixon appeared on the Jan. 31 episode of “The Price is Right,” where she won more than \$50,000 in prizes.

for, a new vehicle. Dixon’s luck didn’t end there — she went on to win the Showcase Showdown (where contestants spin a large wheel) and then won her Showcase, which included diamond jewelry and trips to Amsterdam and Paris. In total, Dixon won \$51,173 in prizes.

“The Price is Right” is not Dixon’s first experience with television game shows. She appeared on an episode of *Fortune* in October 2007 (she was featured in the December 2007 issue of the *Texas Bar Journal*), where she won \$22,700. Despite her success on the two shows, Dixon says she has yet to achieve her ultimate game show challenge — “The Amazing Race,” which she has previously tried out for. “I’m going to keep trying for that one until I make it.” — P.G.

Want to try your luck on a television game show? You’ll need a strategy, Dixon says. For her top five tips to being featured on a game show, visit texasbar.com/tbj. Click on “Table of Contents,” then click on “Angela’s Tips for Getting on a Game Show.”



One Million Trees

In 2009, the American Bar Association (ABA) challenged American lawyers to plant one million trees by 2014 as part of the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' One Million Trees Project. At the University of Houston Law Center, attorneys and future attorneys are doing all they can to make One Million Trees a reality.

On Feb. 17, more than 120 University of Houston Law Center volunteers — including law students, alumni, staff, faculty, and law firm sponsors — got down to work replacing trees on the school's campus that did not survive the drought of 2011, one of the harshest and driest years on record.

The potential loss of trees in the Houston area within the next two years is estimated at approximately 66 million, according to Barry Ward, executive director of Trees for Houston, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that partnered with the University of Houston Alumni Association to make the event possible. Other sponsors included CH2M Hill, Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, P.C., Lighthouse Document Solutions, and Union Pacific.

"The Law Alumni Association wanted to do this to help improve Houston's green canopy and to begin replacing the effects of this devastating drought," said Hope Young, director of Alumni Relations at the University of Houston Law Center. Thirty-four trees were planted, including various native species like red bud, red maple, cedar elm, red oak, and water oak.

"You've got this major corridor that is visible. You want to be able to add to it. Surrounding the school with trees will



University of Houston Law Center students, alumni, and faculty plant trees on campus as part of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources One Million Trees Project.

help the law school as a whole," University of Houston Law Alumni Association President **Bill Jackson** said. "We are so thrilled at the tremendous support we have received from the community."

Now, the University of Houston Law Center can report their 34 trees to the ABA to add to the total number of trees attorneys have planted. To participate in the One Million Trees Project or report a planting of your own, visit abanet.org/envirom/projects/million_trees/home.shtml. — E.C.

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Kim Askew

Partner, K&L Gates, L.L.P., Dallas

Received the State Bar Litigation Section's Luther "Luke" Soules Award for her commitment to justice, her professionalism, and her legal contributions to the community.



Antoinette Bone

Owner, the Law Office of Antoinette Bone, Arlington

Named to the board of the Tarrant County Chapter of Communities in Schools. The nonprofit seeks to support and encourage students, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



John Kim

Founder, the Kim Law Firm, Houston

Elected 2012 Houston Chapter president of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Kim leads more than 400 attorney members in their effort to promote ethics, civility, and professionalism.



Bob Latham

Partner, Jackson Walker, L.L.P., Dallas

Became the first American elected to the 10-member Dublin-based International Rugby Board Executive Committee in the organization's 125-year history.