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## *Farwell Message from the President....*

Yes I feel like Ms. America saying this but as my rein as CCYLA President comes to an end, I will remember all of the great accomplishments CCYLA has made this year. We have been able to provide members with free CLEs, free lunches and of course free mixers. We donated clothes, toiletry items and most importantly our time to very worthy charities and organizations. And yes of course we won so many awards!!

Our goal for the year was to foster fellowship among the members and I do feel that our goal was accomplished. I truly hope everyone felt CCYLA was their organization.

I want to take this opportunity to thank this year's wonderful officers and board of directors. Thank you all so much for helping me not only this year but last year as well. I also want to thank all of the members who volunteered for events and presentations - I could not have done it alone.

I encourage everyone to continue to support CCYLA, no matter what your age or location, please keep the momentum going. On a personal note, good luck to Patricia and Rene. I wish you both the best of luck, if you need anything at all, I'm just a phone call away.

- Noemi Garcia





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**THANK YOU  
FOR A  
GREAT YEAR!**







## Remote Access and Your Law Practice

By Juan Valerio Antonio



Most practitioners have a couple of computing devices at their disposal. A recurring issue is how to retrieve files located on a remote computer. Your client data files might be back at the office computer, but you'd like to view them from your laptop while traveling. By use of *remote access*, you can use one computer to access a second computer.

First, a couple of terms: there is a *client* and a *host*. The client computer requests the data and the host computer serves up the data. The client might be your laptop, your Ipad, or your smart phone. The host might be your office computer. Both the client and host computers will require their respective pieces of software to facilitate the remote access. Often, the client software is a standard web browser.

A given computer will often switch roles. For example, if you are at your home and need to access WordPerfect — a program installed only on your office computer — then your office computer acts as the host. Later, after you arrive at your office, you realize you need to update a Quicken file on your home computer. This time, your office computer acts as the client.

The simplest technique for making a file available to yourself from a second computer is to email it to yourself from the first computer. A few of the more complex techniques (with higher functionality) are presented below.

### **Dropbox** ([www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com))

Cost: Free for 2 gigabytes of storage

Complexity of Setup: Simple

Functionality: Basic

Remarks: Dropbox installs onto your client computer(s). A file 'dropped' into the Dropbox folder on your computer is simultaneously uploaded to Dropbox's internet server. Modifications to that file, made from any of your client computers, are automatically propagated back to the original file on the internet server. Dropbox is only a place to store files. It doesn't offer software functionality (like word processing).



## *Remote Access and Your Law Practice cont.*

### **Google Docs ([docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com))**

Cost: Free for individual use; \$50 yearly for business use

Complexity of Setup: Simple

Functionality: Moderate

Remarks: Google Docs is a comparatively rich productivity suite. It offers a word processor, spreadsheet application, and presentations package. The storage and functionality reside entirely on the web, so any web browser serves as the client. The business user package offers much more functionality than the individual user package—well beyond the aims of remote access.

### **Microsoft Windows ‘Remote Desktop’**

Cost: included in the price of the Windows operating system

Complexity of Setup: High

Functionality: High

Remarks: Any version of Windows beyond the “home” edition will automatically include the host software. If you have multiple home computers that are connected to a wifi access point, you’ll need to configure your router to ‘point to’ the intended host computer. Once you’ve completed the admittedly onerous setup, you’ll have complete access to your host computer — just as if you were sitting in front of it.

### **LogMeIn Ignition ([www.logmein.com](http://www.logmein.com))**

Cost: \$30 from Apple’s Ipad Store

Complexity of Setup: Simple

Functionality: High

Remarks: LogMeIn ‘Ignition’ is the variant of LogMeIn designed for the Ipad. Download the client software from the Apple App Store and the host software from the above link. The client software faithfully mimics your host computer’s functionality. There’s a bit of a learning curve associated with the swipe-gesture navigation of the Ipad and its correlation to the point-and-click navigation of a desktop computer.

A couple of caveats: One recurring issue is to make the mistake of overwriting a later version of a file with a prior version. You’ll have to figure out your own mnemonic to guard against this (e.g., “my source file is always on my home computer”, “I start my day by emailing my latest file from my home computer”). Also, you’ll probably have to disregard some of the above techniques, given the constraint of what you are allowed to install on your office computer.

**About the author:** Val is an Cameron County Assistant District Attorney and former computer programmer. He is the co-creator of [www.RGVLawConnect.com](http://www.RGVLawConnect.com), a knowledge-sharing website for legal practitioners.



## On the Move...



It is with great pleasure that I formally announce the opening of my law practice: Molina Law Group. My goal is to offer quality, honest and compassionate immigration representation. I have over ten years of experience in the field of immigration and I have been a licensed attorney since November 2010. I am licensed in Texas.

I look forward to working closely with all of you as we serve the Rio Grande Valley together. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of service to you or to your clients.

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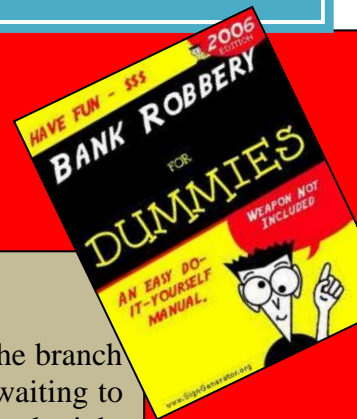
# Comic Relief

## This Iz A Stikkup!

San Francisco: A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the branch and wrote "this iz a stikkup. Put all your munny in this bag." While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller window.

So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller. She read it and concluded from his spelling errors that he was not the sharpest tool in the shed. The Wells Fargo teller told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America.

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said "OK" and left. The Wells Fargo teller then called the police who arrested the man a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at Bank of America.





**“Pre-Trial Checklist: 100 Questions  
Which You Need To  
Know The Answers To Before You  
Announce READY”**



On April 20, 2011, CCYLA hosted its fourth Trial Skills Workshop CLE with United States District Judge Andrew S. Hanen, Southern District of Texas- Brownsville Division.

Judge Hanen presentation encompassed the trial process from beginning to end. To assist with his presentation, Judge Hanen provided his very own 110 Pre-Trial Checklist Questions to all attendees. The questions were divided into several categories including pleadings, witnesses and expert categories. In each section, Judge Hanen explained why it is important to be fully prepared for trial. Judge Hanen also provided anecdotes from his days of private practice in relation to his checklist questions. It was an honor to have U.S. District Judge Hanen as a speaker. We would like to thank Judge Hanen and his wonder staff for their hospitality and hard work with the presentation.

As always, the CLE was open to all members of the bar including members of the Cameron County Bar Association and Cameron County Young Lawyers Association.

With a grant from the Texas Young Lawyers Association, attendees to the Trial Skills Workshop CLE received free lunch and one hour free MCLE credit.







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### **Dare to Dream**

“Can I become a United States citizen after graduation?” “What if I’ve lived in the U.S. since I was 5 years old?” These were just a few of the questions Elizabeth “Liz” Valdez-Garza answered during her immigration presentation to junior and senior students at Rivera High School. In a presentation organized by the Rivera High School Parent Teacher Organization, Liz gave a crash course to Rivera High School students and their parents on the DREAM Act and how a bill becomes a law.

Liz explained that the DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) is an legislative proposal first introduced in the Senate on 2001 and most recently on May 11, 2011, that would provide conditional permanent residency to certain illegal and deportable alien students who graduate from U.S. high schools, who are of good moral character, arrived in the U.S. legally or illegally as minors, and have been in the country continuously for at least five years prior to the bill's enactment.

“Not everyone can benefit from the Act,” explained Liz, “there are certain requirements that must be met. However the students who can benefit from the DREAM Act will be able to continue working to achieve their college diploma, military service and dreams in the United States.” Advocating for the passage of the Act, Liz encouraged students and their parents to write to their U.S. and State legislators to advocate in favor of the Act.





## **“Tips For Your Next Closing Argument”**

**Ronald Rodriguez  
Law Office of Ronald Rodriguez**

On March 30, 2011, CCYLA hosted its third Trial Skills Workshop CLE with the Honorable Ronald Rodriguez, from the Law Office of Ronald Rodriguez, titled “Tips For Your Next Closing Argument.”

Mr. Rodriguez demonstrated to the audience how to conduct a closing argument and present exhibits during their closing. The audience was able to ask Mr. Rodriguez questions about his past cases, tips on connecting their opening and closing arguments and conducting a voir dire. Mr. Rodriguez welcomed questions from the audience during and after his presentation.

This was by far the largest audience for a CCYLA Trial Skills Workshop CLE as a total of forty-five members from the Cameron County Bar Association and Cameron County Young Lawyers Association were in attendance.

Mr. Rodriguez also sponsored lunch for all attendees. CCYLA would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rodriguez for his time and wonderful presentation and Mrs. Erin Hernandez Garcia, Attorney at Law, our March plaque sponsor.







# CONGRATULATIONS

**Cameron County Young Lawyers Association**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Service to the Public Award**

*Dress For Success Project*

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Service to the Bar Award**

*Trial Skills Workshop*


**1<sup>st</sup> Place Newsletter Award**

*Sidebar*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Comprehensive Award**



## 2011 CCYLA Membership Application/Renewal

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	<p>CCYLA dues: Government/ Non-profit employees: <b>\$25.00</b> Solo/Private Firms: <b>\$35.00</b></p> <p>Please make your check payable to:</p> <p><b>Cameron County Young Lawyers Association</b></p> <p>Mail Payment &amp; Application to: <b>Attn: Philip Snyder Cameron County Young Lawyers Association 55 Cove Circle Brownsville, Texas 78521</b></p>