

# DVAP'S Finest

## Christina McCracken



Christina L. McCracken is a litigation attorney with Gordon & Rees, L.L.P. She is a native of Dallas and practiced law for several years with her late father, Howard C. McCracken, Jr. Christina states, "My father was an honorable attorney. After he died, I heard many stories from judges, attorneys and former clients of his just and fair handling of cases and how cared for the legal needs of those in poverty." During law school, Christina volunteered with Legal Aid and had success in obtaining social security benefits withheld for years from a client. Unfortunately, the day the favorable decision came granting the benefits, she was notified that her client had died from the medical condition. This

event impacted Christina's motivation for immediate redress for those in poverty. When her law career brought her practice to downtown, she became involved with DVAP. According to Christina, "DVAP is an exceptional organization with the most talented and dedicated attorneys and staff." In the spring of 2008, Christina spoke about the range of services offered to the poor through DVAP to a group of international lawyers during an International Visitor Leadership Program. Christina is the 2009-2010 Vice-Chair of the DBA Pro Bono Activities Committee and has served on the Equal Access to Justice Campaign Committee. "Volunteering with DVAP has brought me some of the most exciting and memorable experiences in my practice of law. In fact, I understand I am the first DVAP volunteer attorney to deliver a baby during a DVAP client's mediation: Gregory (5 lbs. 7.1 oz.) born in November 2008." Thank you, Christina!

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