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WHEN:

Thursday, February 15, 2024
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m

WHERE:

AMARILLO CLUB – 30TH FLR
First Bank Southwest Tower
600 S. Tyler Street
Amarillo, Texas 79101

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Morgan Howard joined Tisdell's Dumas office in 2023 after a career in the 69th Judicial District Attorney's Office and private practice. Morgan brings valuable experience working with clients on various legal matters, including civil asset forfeiture and criminal defense. Her guiding principle is to always work with compassion and integrity as she finds the best solution and outcome for each client's unique case.

Morgan received her J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 2015. While at OCU Law, she spent time studying abroad in the Cayman Islands with a focus on offshore trusts and assets. Before law school, she earned a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University, concentrating on families in crisis and addiction and recovery.

Morgan began her legal career in Dumas as an Assistant District Attorney in the 69th Judicial District Attorney's Office and Assistant County Attorney in the Moore County Attorney's Office. Here she gained experience from handling a variety of cases ranging from misdemeanors to murder as well as CPS cases. Following her work as an assistant DA, Morgan was a partner at Elliott and Howard Law Office, where she gained additional experience representing clients in various matters,

including real estate, wills and trusts, divorce, child custody, adoption, and other civil law proceedings. In 2021, Morgan returned to the 69th Judicial District Attorney's Office, where she handled particularly high-profile and sensitive cases as the Assistant DA. During this time, she developed a passion for cases involving the possession of controlled substances and domestic violence.

Morgan is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar College, and Rotary. In her free time, she loves spending time with her daughter, Sloan, as well as her three dogs, Knox, Tucker, and Sully. She also enjoys a good book and watching Texas Tech sports.

Charles Vallhonrat joined Tisdell Law Firm in 2022. Charles brings his knowledge and experience as a former prosecutor to passionately defend the rights of the accused. Charles, his wife, and two dogs moved to Amarillo in 2020 after Charles graduated from Baylor Law School.

TOPIC:

The Basics and Challenges associated with Domestic Violence in Criminal Law

1. Basics of Domestic Violence Charges;
2. What is a "finding of Family Violence"; and
3. Ethical and Trial considerations for cases involving Domestic Violence.

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March Luncheon: March 21, 2024
March Board Meeting: March 28, 2024

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