



TEXAS ADVANCED PARALEGAL SEMINAR

A Three Day Multi-Track CLE Seminar sponsored by the Paralegal Division, State Bar of Texas

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SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1

DoubleTree Hotel

Austin, TX

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am - 10:30 am

TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION SESSION

Learn more about the paralegal board certification examinations administered by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) by attending this session that will be presented by current TBLS board certified paralegals and TBLS Staff.

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

- ▶ **Splendid Search (In E-Discovery)** - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Family Law, Criminal Law
Craig Ball, Attorney at Law, Austin
Forensic Technologist
TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law
- ▶ **Discovery Responses and Objections in Family Law Cases: Keeping a Proper Focus** - Family Law (includes Personal Injury Trial Law, Civil Trial Law)
Mary Evelyn McNamara, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law
- ▶ **Subrogations and Liens in Personal Injury Cases** - Personal Injury Trial Law
Judy Kostura, Attorney at Law, Austin
- ▶ **Beneficiary Designations for IRAs - Rules and Forms** - Estate Planning & Probate Law
David Clafin, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Estate Planning and Probate Law
- ▶ **Finding The Story: Jury Trial Preparation in Criminal Cases** - Criminal Law
Carlos Garcia, Attorney at Law, Austin

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

- ▶ **Legal Writing: Behave like a Professional Writer** - All Areas of Law
Professor Wayne Schiess, Attorney at Law, Austin
- ▶ **The Last 100 Hours: Preparing for a Temporary Orders Hearing in a Family Law Case** - Family Law
Janet McCullar Vavra, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law
Sarah Whyte, Paralegal, Austin
- ▶ **Post Judgment Remedies** - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law
Donna Brown, Attorney at Law, Austin
- ▶ **Unforeseen Consequences of Criminal Convictions** - Criminal Law
Randy T. Leavitt, Attorney at Law, Austin
- ▶ **The Nuts and Bolts of Public Information Requests: There's No Need to Freak Out (Open Records)** - All Areas of Law
Hadassah Schloss, Administrator, Office of Attorney General, Austin

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm

- ▶ **Spy Wars - Electronic Surveillance in the Digital Age (Coverage and Limits of Federal and State Laws Protecting Electronic Information)** - Family Law, Civil Trial Law, Criminal Law
Richel Rivers, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law, Civil Trial Law, Civil Appellate Law
- ▶ **An Introduction to Health Care Fraud & Abuse Investigations** - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Criminal Law
Michael R. Crowe, Attorney at Law, Austin

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm

► **Complexities of Client Communications - Corporate Law**

Marc Vockell, Attorney at Law, Round Rock

► **Transactional Real Estate - Staying Out of the Courthouse - Real Estate Law, Transactional Law, Estate Planning & Probate Law, and Civil Trial Law**

Russ Ham, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Residential and Commercial Real Estate Law

Kim Lowe, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Residential and Commercial Real Estate Law

► **Ethics in Client Relations - Ethics, Criminal Law**

Betty Blackwell, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Criminal Law

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

► **Designating Responsible Third Parties - Substantive & Procedural Issues & Ambiguities (Chapter 33 Provisions Regarding Designation) - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law**

Alifya V. Curtain, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Insulation & Facilitation – The Paralegal and the Client (Surviving with Ethics Unsullied) - Ethics, Family Law**

Martin H. Boozer, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

► **An Overview of Special Education Law in Texas - Administrative Law, Civil Trial Law**

Steve Elliot, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Venue in the Fifth Circuit: An Empirical and Theoretical Analysis - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Intellectual Property Law**

Aaron Fountain, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Court-Created And Special Needs Trusts §§ 867, 142, 1396, and Common Law Special Needs Trusts - When and How to Use Them - Estate Planning & Probate Law**

Deborah Anne Green, Attorney at Law, Austin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 am – 9:00 am

► **Medicare Changes: What MMSEA §111 Means to You (Medicare, Medicaid & SCHIP Extension Act) - Personal Injury Trial Law**

Ranelle M. Meroney, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law

8:00 am – 9:00 am

► **Witness Preparation - Family Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, and Civil Trial Law**

Karl E. Hays, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Family Law, Civil Trial Law, Civil Appellate Law

► **New Green Pitfalls in Old Construction Contracts (LEED) - Civil Trial Law, Real Estate Law**

Jason C. Spencer, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Selected Current Topics in Probate**

Administration - Estate Planning & Probate Law

Claiborne L. Cowan, J.D., CPA, Attorney at Law, Austin, TBLS Board Certified - Estate Planning and Probate Law

► **Trial Strategies for the Retaliation Case - Employment Law, Civil Trial Law**

Patrick Richter, Attorney at Law, Austin

9:10 am – 10:10 am

► **Social Networking - Litigation and Discovery Implications - Civil Trial Law, Family Law, Personal Injury Trial Law**

Mary Ellen King, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **The Ten Rules of Handling Family Law Cases - Family Law**

Claude E. Ducloux, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Civil Appellate Law

► **Bankruptcy: A General Overview and its “Real World” Applications To Your Clients - Bankruptcy Law**

Lynn Hamilton Butler, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Business Bankruptcy Law

► **Water Law And Regulation - Why it Matters to Clients - Environmental Law, Real Estate Law**

Russell (Russ) S. Johnson, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Effective Preparation for Administrative Hearings - Administrative Law**

Susan K. Durso, Attorney at Law, Austin

Betsy Boyt, Paralegal, Austin

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

► **Updates to the 2010 Edition of Vol. 1**

(Negligence) of the Texas Pattern Jury Charges - Personal Injury Trial Law

Mike Slack, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law & Civil Trial Advocate, as Certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

► **Possession with Bad Fact Parents: Problematic Possession Orders** - Family Law
David A. Kazen, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

► **When Worlds Collide: Blogging, Social Networking Websites & Professional Responsibilities** - Ethics, Personal Injury Trial Law, Civil Trial Law, Corporate Law, Employment Law
Jon Heining, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **2010 - Good Faith Estimate and Settlement Statement** - Real Estate Law
Bill Bradshaw, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Benched! How The State Commission on Judicial Conduct Oversees and Administers the Judicial Branch** - Administrative Law
Seana Willing, Executive Director, Austin
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

► **Changes in SAPCR Issues and Trends for the Future** - Family Law
Kelly Ausley-Flores, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

Thomas L. Ausley, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

► **The Making of a Medical Malpractice Case** - Personal Injury Trial Law
Jay Harvey, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Technology Isn't Just for Nerds Anymore** - Civil Trial Law, Family Law, Personal Injury Trial Law
Warren Vavra, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Two-Part Presentation** - Real Estate Law

Part I: Acknowledgments
Joseph F. Greenberg, Attorney at Law, Brenham

Part II: Material Alteration of Documents
Steven C. Haley, Attorney at Law, Brenham

► **Ongoing Royalties in Patent Cases Following EBay V. MercExchange** - Intellectual Property Law
Meredith Fitzpatrick, Attorney at Law, Austin

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm

► **Avoiding Common Closing Mistakes - Beware of the Danger** - Real Estate Law, Transactional Law
Patrick E. Hudson, JD, LLM, Attorney at Law, Austin, TBLS Board Certified - Commercial Real Estate Law

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm

► **How to Respond to a Horrible Social Study – Attacking Psychological Evaluations** - Family Law
Stephen Thorne, Ph.D, Forensic Psychologist, Austin

► **Should I Blow? What Cops won't tell you about DWI Investigation** - Criminal Law
Kiele Linroth Pace, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Basic Principles of Wills & Estate Planning** - Estate Planning & Probate Law
Kelly Kocurek, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Registering a Texas Trademark** - Intellectual Property Law
Nahdiah Hoang, Attorney at Law, Austin

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

► **The Magical Mystery Tour: Top 10 Privacy/Data Security Legal Issues** - Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Law
Erin Fonte, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Civil And Criminal Aspects of Family Violence Issues** - Criminal Law, Family Law
Samuel E. Bassett, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Criminal Law

► **Avoiding Collateral Damage when the Collateral is Real Estate** (*Issue Spotting when working on Lender-Financed Selected Documentations & Procedural Issues*) - Real Estate Law, Civil Trial Law
Rae Ann Shanley, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Personal Injury Cases - Then and Now and Lessons Learned** - Personal Injury Trial Law
Alice London, Attorney at Law, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law

Angela Aldrich Goldberg, Paralegal, Austin
TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law

► **Top Ten Investment Scams** - Securities Law
Benette Zivley, Attorney at Law, Austin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 am – 9:30 am

► **Say What?? I can do that in Adobe?** - All Areas of Law
Erica Anderson, ACP, Amarillo
NALA Advanced Certified Paralegal

► **Economic Damages in Injury, Death, and Employment Cases** - Personal Injury Trial Law, Employment Law
Dwight Steward, Ph.D., Economist and Statistician, Austin

8:30 am – 9:30 am

► **Maximizing Paralegal Effectiveness in Family Law Litigation - Focus, Temporary Orders - Family Law**

Robert B. Luther, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

► **Filings under the Business Organizations Code - Corporate Law**

Mike Powell, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Drafting Enforceable Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreements for Texas**

Employees - Employment Law, Civil Trial law

Amy Beckstead, Attorney at Law, Austin

9:40 am – 10:40 am

► **Jury Selection in Civil Cases - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law**

Price Ainsworth, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Civil Trial Law

► **Benefits & Claims Under ERISA - Personal Injury Trial Law, Civil Trial Law**

Lonnie Roach, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Personal Injury Trial Law

► **Take This House and Shove It! (*Ways to deal with the family home during a divorce*) - Family Law**

James (Jimmy) A. Vaught, Attorney at Law, Austin, TBLS Board Certified - Family Law and Civil Appellate Law

► **A Systematic Approach for Freedom-To-Operate (FTO) Analysis - Intellectual Property Law**

Christopher R. Kirby, Ph.D., Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Employment Law: Implications of Technology in the Workplace - Employment Law**

Jason Storck, Attorney at Law, Austin

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

► **Preparing for the Adverse Expert Deposition - Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law**

Dan Christensen, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Toxic Torts - Different from the Rest - Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law**

George Butts, Attorney at Law, Austin

► **Move Cases in the Modern World (*Preparation for Relocation Cases*) - Family Law**

John Barrett, Attorney at Law, Austin

TBLS Board Certified - Family Law

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

► **The Bose F-Bomb: The New Fraud Standard in Trademark Practice - Intellectual Property Law**
Matthew M. Jennings, Attorney at Law, San Antonio

► **USERRA: The Soldier's Special Employment Rights - Employment Law**

Brett Strand, Attorney at Law, Austin

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm - Luncheon

Keynote Luncheon Speaker

► **The Importance of Leadership in Your Profession and Community (Ethics and Leadership)**

Howard T. Prince II, Ph.D., Director, Center for Ethical Leadership, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin