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**31ST ANNUAL
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CONFERENCE**



**Texas Association for Court
Administration**

October 9 - 12, 2007

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Conference Participant:



On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Texas Association for Court Administration, it is my honor to welcome you to the 31st Annual Education Conference. We find ourselves in the heart of San Antonio – Home to the Alamo, Riverwalk and the World Champion San Antonio Spurs! What other city captures the essence and spirit of Texas!

We have a quality program planned for this week and I hope that this year's conference meets your expectations. We are honored to have many of our Judicial Advisory Board members speaking and attending the conference. Please help me in making them feel that their time and efforts are appreciated by attending our reception, in their honor, this evening.

Our week is full of dynamic speakers from across the state – many are Judges who realize the importance of building our relationship with the judiciary. They are committed to this task and have demonstrated their loyalty by offering to lend their knowledge and expertise to our membership over the course of the week. We are appreciative and excited about their commitment to our organization.

I would like to thank all of those responsible for helping to create a conference that we will be proud of. Special thanks go to Cynthia DeJean, and Sharon Jaquess, our Conference Co Chairs, who have put in countless hours to bring us this quality program. Accolades go out to Cathy Burnett, our vendor coordinator, for her relentless pursuit of vendors and physical perseverance over the past year. Vanessa Farmer, our Secretariat, is my lifeline she works miracles for our organization and we are proud to have her as part of our team.








I would like the opportunity to commend Bob Wessels, Ed Wells, Linda Kellum, Gracie Herrera, Brandi Loya and Randy Walker, Aurora Zamora, Jerome Coleman, Christie Loveless who honor each of us when they serve. Be sure to take the time to thank each of them for their time and dedication to our organization. Finally, I thank the membership for the opportunity to serve each of you over the past year, as Chair.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristy Smith". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Kristy Smith, Chair

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Agenda

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

11:30 a.m – 1:30 p.m	Registration		
1:30 – 1:45 p.m	Welcome		
1:45 – 3:30 p.m	PLENARY: Working Smarter, Not Harder	Nancy Baird	Grand Ballroom ABCD
3:30 – 3:45 p.m	Break		
3:45 – 5:00 p.m	PLENARY: Court Administration & Education	TACA Judicial Advisory Board	Grand Ballroom ABCD
5:30 – 6:15 p.m	New Members/First Time Attendees Reception		Colonnade
6:15 – 7:30 p.m	Reception (open to all members) Reception Honoring TACA's Judicial Advisory Board	Sponsors: MAXIMUS and SmartStart	

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

8:30 – 10:00 a.m	PLENARY: Engaged Leadership	Clint Swindall	Grand Ballroom ABCD
10:00 – 10:15 a.m	Break		
10:15 – 11:45 a.m	PLENARY: Engaged Leadership (Cont'd)	Clint Swindall	Grand Ballroom ABCD
11:45 a.m – 1:30 p.m	<i>Luncheon</i> <i>Presentation of PDP Certificates</i> <i>Introduction of Candidates</i>		Grand Ballroom EFG
1:30 – 2:45 p.m	PLENARY: Security	Matt Bingham, D.A.	Grand Ballroom ABCD
2:45 – 3:00 p.m	Break		
3:00 – 4:00 p.m	PLENARY: Handling the Media	Hon. Steve Smith	Grand Ballroom ABCD

Buses to Riverwalk!

Thursday, October 11, 2007











8:30 – 10:00 a.m	PLENARY: Court Community Communications	Tom Hodson	Grand Ballroom ABCD
10:00 – 10:15 a.m	Break		
10:15 – 11:45 a.m	<u>Workshops Round I</u> Civil Criminal Juvenile Family	Hon. Peter Sakai Hon. Mark Atkinson Hon. Laura Weiser Hon. Michael Sinha Christie Loveless	Grand Ballroom C Grand Ballroom D Grand Ballroom A Grand Ballroom B
11:45 a.m – 1:00 p.m	<i>Awards Luncheon</i> <i>Introduction of Board</i> <i>Committee Awards</i>		Grand Ballroom EFG
1:00 – 2:30 p.m	<u>Workshops Round II</u> DWI Courts Faculty Development Training (By Invitation Only) Rapport with Clerk General Jurisdiction/Rural	Hon. David Hodges Bob Wessels John Warren Hon. Laura Weiser	Grand Ballroom C Grand Ballroom B Grand Ballroom A Grand Ballroom D
2:30 – 2:45 p.m	Break		
2:45 – 4:15 p.m	<u>Workshops Round III</u> Excel Intermediate Focus on TACA's Future Rapport with Clerk (repeated) General Jurisdiction/Rural (repeated)	Jeannette McGowen Ed Wells John Warren Hon. Laura Weiser	Grand Ballroom C Grand Ballroom B Grand Ballroom A Grand Ballroom D
4:15 – 5:30 p.m	TACA Business Meeting		Colonnade

Night on Your Own!

Friday, October 12, 2007

8:30 – 9:15 a.m	PLENARY: Legislative Updates Highlights – OCA Court Services Program	Carl Reynolds Eva Walla	Grand Ballroom ABCD
9:15 – 10:30 a.m	PLENARY: Professional Life Management: It's Not Just For Work Anymore	Dave Murray	Grand Ballroom ABCD
10:30 – 11:15 a.m	PLENARY: Disaster Recovery	Greg Cowan	Grand Ballroom ABCD
11:15 – 11:30 a.m	Closing Remarks		

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Speaker Biographies

Judge Mark Atkinson



Judge Atkinson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Texas at Austin, and he earned his Juris Doctorate at South Texas College of Law.

Judge Mark Atkinson was elected as presiding judge for Harris County Criminal Court at Law Number 13 in November, 1986. Prior to this election, Judge Atkinson practiced law from 1980 through 1986, handling trials of Family, Civil and Criminal Law cases, as well as Criminal Appeals.

Judge Atkinson currently presides over one of fifteen county criminal courts at law with countywide jurisdiction over serious misdemeanor cases such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, illegal possession of drugs, criminal pollution, and theft.

Nancy Baird



Nancy H. Baird, a native Houstonian, is the president of Training Strategies, Inc., a consulting company that specializes in management training and organizational development. Prior to this, she was the president of a management consulting company for ten years and a Harris County Juvenile Probation Officer for thirteen years. Ms. Baird, a licensed chemical dependency counselor, attended the University of New Mexico and received her undergraduate degree in Anthropology and a Master of Education Degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Houston.

Ms. Baird specializes in change management, technical writing management training and strategic planning. She is an expert in designing creative training programs that change the way people think and in guiding companies and agencies to develop empowered managers and vital, realistic strategic plans. Her humor and energy invite participants to learn and work in a relaxed, positive atmosphere. People do not forget Nancy Baird and her unique training and facilitating abilities.

Matt Bingham



Matt Bingham has served as the elected Criminal District Attorney of Smith County, Texas since 2004. He came to Smith County in 1995 as an Assistant District Attorney under then Criminal District Attorney Jack Skeen, Jr. Since that time he has prosecuted all types of criminal cases, but currently he focuses on crimes against children, murder and capital murder cases. Originally from Austin, he is married to Anne Bingham and has one daughter, Haylie.

