

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION

Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference

“The Building Blocks of Change in Texas Courts”

Omni South Park Hotel, Austin, TX
September 30 – October 3, 2003

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 30

1:00 – 2:45 **Registration in Foyer Area**

2:45 – 3:00 **Welcoming Remarks** - Sylvia Noriega, TACA Chair, 51st District Court, San Angelo
Presentation of Colors – Reagan High School ROTC, Austin
National Anthem - Marisol Loya, 404th District Court, Brownsville
Location: Ballroom

3:15 - 4:00 **“Office of Court Administration: Where Is It Going, What Can We Expect and How Does It Affect The Courts?”**
This session will tell the members of TACA where Court Administration is headed and what we have to look forward to.
Presenter: Alicia Key, Executive Director,
Office of Court Administration, Austin
Location: Ballroom

4:00 – 5:00 **“Electronic Court Filing”**
The wonderful world of e-filing. This presentation will include a video and live a demonstration.
Presenters:
Mike Griffith, Judicial Committee on Information Technology, OCA, Austin
Dianne Wilson, Ft. Bend County Clerk, Richmond
Ted Wood, Special Counsel for Trial Courts, OCA, Austin
Nicole Creed, Senior Manager, TexasOnLine and BearingPoint, Austin
Location: Ballroom

6:00 – 6:45 **First Time Attendees Reception hosted by TACA Board and Membership Committee**
Location: Oaks Room

7:00 – 9:00 **Opening Reception**
Introduction of Board Candidates: Martin Allen, Nominations Chair, New Braunfels
Vendor Presentation: Deanna Ortega, Vendor Coordinator, 210th District Court, El Paso
Location: Oaks Room

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 1

8:30 – 10:15 “The ABC’s of Change”

Session will challenge participants to complete a self-analysis by examining common behavior patterns and traits and how those impact their current situation as well the future.

Presenter: Kenneth Johnson, Motivational Speaker, Dallas

Location: Ballroom

10:15 – 10:30 Break – Foyer Area

10:30 – 12:00 “By Your Jurisdiction.... Case Flow Management and Beyond”

Back by popular demand! Bring your forms and any questions you might have.

District:

Criminal: Linda Kellum, 88th District Court,

Rita Peterson, 356th District Court, Koontz

Location: Oak Room

Civil: John Warren, 193rd District Court, Dallas

Cynthia DeJean, 133rd District Court, Houston

Location: Conference Center

Family: Valerie Olivas, Family Law Court, 65th District

Sara Garcia, 383rd Family Court, El Paso

Location: Omni A

County:

Criminal/Civil: Cathy Burnet, County Court at Law, Dumas,

Mikah Mitchell, County Criminal Court Manager, Dallas

Location: Omni B

Probate/Mental Health: Jerome Coleman, Probate Court, Denton,

Jo Anne Bradley, Probate Court, McKinney

Location: Room 104

12:00 – 1:45 LUNCH

Presentation of PDP Certificates: Mari Kay Bickett, Executive Director,
Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., Austin

Awards presented by Scholarship Committee, Deanna Ortega, Chair, El Paso

Election of TACA Board: Membership Committee,

Myrna Salcido, Chair, 109th District Court, Andrews

Presentation of TACA Future Goals: Professional Development Chair,

Bob Wessels, County Court Manager, Houston

Location: Ballrooms D,E,F

1:45 – 5:00 “Jungle Rules – Building a Safe and Protective Workplace”

Many work-related issues will be affected by the 78th legislative session. Our goal is to keep the coordinators and administrators current on what’s out there and how it affects the court.

Presenter: Robert Williams, ASTEP Seminars, Inc., Austin

Location: Ballroom

2:45 – 3:00 Break- Foyer Area

~~ A Night To Enjoy Austin on Your Own ~~

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 2

8:30 – 10:15 “Ethics: Fact and Fiction”

Can we accept gifts from attorneys, bonding companies? “My attorney friend wants to take me to lunch” or “the judge wants me to help campaign for his friend” – these are some of the ethics questions we ask ourselves. Bring your questions and let’s learn more about ethics

Presenters: Judge Barbara Walther, 51st District Court, San Angelo and Judge Laura Weiser, County Court # 1, Victoria

Location: Ballroom

10:15 – 10:30 Break – Foyer Area

10:30 – 12:00 “What??! No Visiting Judges????”

This session will deal with visiting judge issues and roles of the region. How these issues impact our courts and what we can expect.

Presenters: Texas Regional Judges

Location: Ballroom

12:00 – 2:00 LUNCH

Business Meeting:

Announcement of New Board Members:

Sylvia Noriega, TACA Chair

Presentation from National Association for Court Management :

Collins E. Ijoma, Chair-elect,

National Association for Court Management, Newark, New Jersey

Location: Ballrooms D, E and F

2:00 - 2:45 “Retirement – Is it in Your Future?”

Many of our members are reaching that “magic age” and are wondering if it possible to survive once you leave the county. This session will tell us how to plan ahead and what we have to look forward to.

Presenter: Tom Harrison,

Texas County & District Retirement System, Austin

Location: Ballroom

2:45 – 3:30 BREAK – Foyer Area

3:30 – 4:15 “Embracing Change – What Do We Do Now?”

(Choose one – will repeat at 4:15)

Fair Defense Act

Presenter: Bryan Wilson, Grants Administrator,

Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense, Austin

Location: Oaks Room

Rural Courts

Presenter: Joyce Strauss, 2nd 25th District Court, Hallettsville

Location: Conference Center

Urban Counties (does not repeat)

Presenter: Donald Lee, Executive Director,
Texas Conference of Urban Counties

Location: Room 104

TX Rules of Civil Procedure 735 & 736

Presenter: James A. Baker, Court of Appeals Justice (retired)

Location: Omni A

Competency (Chapter 46)

Presenter: Dee Kifowit, Director,
Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with
Medical and Mental Impairment

Location: Omni B

Spanish Speaking Survival Kit

Presenters: Sara Garcia, 383rd Family Court, El Paso
Sylvia Noriega, 51st District Court, San Angelo

Location: Omni C

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8:00 - ESTER’S FOLLIES – OPTIONAL (PRE-PAID ONLY - \$16.00)

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FRIDAY– OCTOBER 3

8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

Location: Ballroom

9:00 – 10:00 Legislative Updates:

Many changes will take affect this legislative session. What are they and how will it affect the Courts.

“and On the Criminal Side

Presenter: Marshall Shelsy, Staff Attorney,
Harris County Criminal Courts at Law, Houston

“ and On the Civil Side

Presenter: Deborah Selden, Staff Attorney,
Harris County District Courts Trying Counsel,

Location: Ballroom

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10:00 – 10:15 Stretch Break

10:15 – 12:00 “Lessons We Can Learn - From the Best”

We take a look at the best run organizations America has to offer, and see what makes them great. We apply those best practices and policies to your workday in the Texas Court System. And, in the process, we have some fun!

Presenters: David Phares, Presiding Judge,
Gilbert, Arizona Municipal Court,
Ryan Reinhold, Presiding Judge,
Show Low and Pinetop/Lakeside Municipal Courts.

Location: Ballroom