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Lexis Advance Training

Join us for a **Lexis Advance Training** on Friday, **September 16th** at **noon** in the **main meeting room** at the **George Memorial Library**. Tamara Snell from Lexis Nexis will cover the basics of Lexis Advance including searching, document retrieval, printing and emailing a document, and shepardizing a case. Coffee and snacks will be provided. **Participants will receive 1 hour CLE credit**. Registration is required. Space is limited. Call **281-341-3718** to register.

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New & Updated Resources

Vernon's Texas Statutes & Codes Annotated

- *Pocket Parts & Supplements*
- *2016 Update*

O'Connor's Texas Series

- *Texas Family Code Plus*
- *Texas Property Code Plus*
- *2016-2017 Editions*

Sampson and Tindall's Texas Family Code

- *2016 Edition*

Texas Criminal Forms

- *2016 Edition*

Texas Forms Manual: A Guide to Texas Probate

- *2016 Update*

Texas Practice Guide

- *Employment Practice*
- *Financial Practice*
- *2016 Editions*

Alternative Dispute Resolution

- *3rd Edition*
- *2015-2016 Update*

Nichols Cyclopedia of Legal Forms Annotated

- *Articles of Incorporation*
- *Trusts*
- *2016 Update*

Qualifying and Attacking Expert Witnesses

- *2016 Edition*

Basic Manual for the Lawyer's Assistant

- *13th Edition*



FBC Bar News

The **August luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12 pm** on Thursday, **August 25th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **"State Bar of Texas President's Update"** Program is presented by Frank Stevenson, President of the State Bar of Texas. The program is approved for 1 hour CLE credit. The luncheon cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. [Membership information](#) and the [RSVP Policy for Luncheons](#) are also on the website.

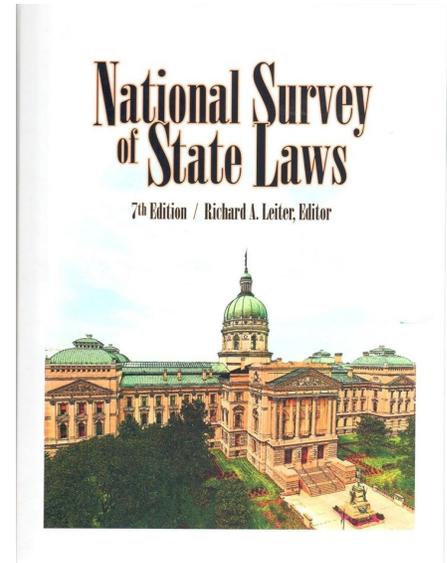
Please RSVP no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, **August 18th** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: *National Survey of State Laws, 7th Edition*

The Law Library has acquired the new 7th edition of the critically acclaimed *National Survey of State Laws* from W.S. Hein. This book compares and contrasts multiple state laws on a variety of topics. Topics include Criminal Laws such as Capital Punishment, Drunk Driving, Gun Control, Marijuana Laws, Education Laws, Employment Laws, and Tax Laws. Each topic is first defined so that the reader understands the legal definition of the topic. It is then followed by a table which lists each state alphabetically. The code number for each law in each state is then listed followed by different particular aspects of each law and are listed at the top of each column in the table. There is also an appendix which lists the Statutory Compilations used in the book which explains any abbreviations and the full name of each state code. This book can be an advantage to anyone who has to compare state codes either for their case or while in law school. Copies of this book can be made for \$0.10 a page or can be scanned for free. For more information, contact the Law Library.



Technology Corner

By Andrew Bennett

In this column, we examine technology in the Law Library that you can use in your practice.

This Month's Featured Technology: *National Survey of State Laws (Hein Online)*

In addition to the print copy, the Law Library also has access to the digital version of this book through Hein Online. It can be accessed after opening Hein Online by clicking on the “National Survey of State Laws” link on the opening page. The book can be browsed and searched by key word. The user can also view previous editions of the book. By clicking on a topic, the table used in the print edition is shown. Additional features include selecting only specific states for comparison and downloading the tables in PDF. For

more information or a demonstration, contact the Law Library.

Community News

- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. **Volunteer attorneys are needed!** If you would like to help low-income residents and veterans of Fort Bend County, information about volunteering is available by email at Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org.
- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on Thursday, **August 18th** at County Court at Law # 4 in the Justice Center. It is approved for 1 hour CLE and .25 hours Ethics credit. For more information, visit the [FBCCDAA Events webpage](#).
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care, the Fort Bend Bar Association, and the Houston Bar Association** are hosting a **Free Legal Advice Clinic for U.S. Veterans** on Saturday, **August 20** at **9 am** at the Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic. No appointment necessary. For more information call 713-759-1133 or 281-239-0015.



Texas Lawyers

Assistance Program

The State Bar of Texas offers confidential assistance to attorneys, judges, and law students who are facing substance abuse and mental health issues through its [Lawyers Assistance Program](#). Professional staff members are available 24/7 by phone to help with crisis counseling and referrals to local professionals and support groups. For assistance, call 1-800-343-8527.

To Include Items in the Newsletter

If you have any information on upcoming CLEs, conferences, etc. that you think would be useful to include in the newsletter, please send an email to abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us with "Newsletter" as the subject.

Express Class

Have you tried all the new features on Westlaw? The Law Library is adding Practical Law, Related Documents and the App. **Sign up now for Westlaw EXPRESS CLASS!** Classes are **15-minutes each**, on **Thursday** mornings from **10 am – 12 pm** or by **appointment**. You can choose from additional classes such as Hein Online, O'Connor's Online, and Lexis Advance. Registration is required. Call **281-341-3718** to register.

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Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- [Rabbani, Benjamin](#), No. PD-0549-16, (July 27, 2016): PDR refused. (400th Dist.)
- [Harris v. Taylor](#), No. 01-15-00925-CV, (July 28, 2016): rev'd TC judgment and remand to TC. (CCL 3)
- [Ex Parte Sanchez](#), No. 01-16-00180-CR, (July 28, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (268th Dist.)
- [Santibanez v. Diron](#), No. 01-16-00231-CV, (August 2, 2016): dismiss appeal. (434th Dist.)
- [Nunez-Marquez v. State](#), No. 01-15-00434-CR, (August 9, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (240th Dist.)
- [Diogu II v. Fort Bend County](#), No. 14-16-00359-CV, (August 9, 2016): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Rogers v. State](#), No. 01-15-00553-CR, (August 11, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (268th Dist.)
- [Ex Parte Sanchez](#), No. 01-16-00180-CR, (August 11, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (268th Dist.)

Family Law

- Matter of Marriage of McCoy and Els, 488 S.W.3d 430 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): it was proved that the trial court's opinion that the community estate made improvements to the husband's separate estate.
- Adeleye v. Driscoll, 488 S.W.3d 498 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): it was determined that since the husband only brought up his bankruptcy, which was filed before divorce on appeal, did warrant a remand.

Criminal Law

- Kirkland v. State, 488 S.W.3d 379 (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2016): evidence did not support the trial court's order against indigent defendant for attorney's fees.
- Larson v. State, 488 S.W.3d 413 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2016): it was held that defendant was not allowed post-conviction DNA testing of waistband of jeans found in defendant's house.
- Shepherd v. State, 489 S.W.3d 559 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2016): it was affirmed due to the statements given by victim being admissible under the forfeiture by wrongdoing exception to the Confrontation Clause.

Real Property—Eminent Domain

- Lenox Barbeque v. Metro. Transit Authority, 489 S.W.3d 529 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): it was held that since landowner's settlement of transit authority's condemnation petition did not require any inverse condemnation claim.

For more information on recent cases, visit the Law Library.