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Law Library Book Club

The Law Library will be hosting its first **Law Library Book Club** on Friday, **September 22nd** at **1 pm** in the Law Library. The book club will be a brief introduction of the book followed by a brief discussion to be led by the moderator. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The book for the book club will be **"The Graffiti I Didn't Do, The Prison Time I Did,"** by Betty Baer. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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New & Updated Resources

Sampson & Tindall's TX Texas Practice Guide Family Code Annotated

- 2017 Edition
- *Employment Practice*
- 2017 Edition

Guardianship Alternatives

- 2016 Edition
- State Bar of Texas



O'Connor's Texas Family Code Plus

- 2017 Edition

International Family Law Deskbook

- 2017 Edition
- American Bar Association



Accommodating Disabilities

- Release 302
- July 2017 Update

Texas Perspectives on E-Discovery

- 2013 Edition
- State Bar of Texas



Ten Great American Trials: Lessons in Advocacy

- 2017 Edition
- American Bar Association



Rough Road to Justice: Women Lawyers in Texas



Technology Tips for Lawyers and Other Business Professionals

- 2017 Edition



FBC Bar News

The **August luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **August 31st** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is ***Business Valuations for Attorney's, Beyond the Basics.*** The Speaker will be J. Richard Claywell. The program is approved for 1 hour CLE credit and .25 hours ethics credit. The luncheon cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. [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 24th** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: *Guardianship Alternatives*

The Law Library has acquired one of the newest titles from the State Bar of Texas entitled *Guardianship Alternatives*. It is an update to the previous book from the State Bar entitled *A Road Map to Guardianship Alternatives*. This book gives an overview of guardianship, forms during these proceedings, and resources that can assist the reader from falling into some of the pitfalls over guardianship. This book provides the legislative updates prior to the 2017 session. The forms in the back of the book are formatted exactly like any other form manuals or books provided by the State Bar. The book was written by a committee of Judges and attorneys who are experts in the field and headed by Sarah Patel Pacheco, chair of the committee. Copies of the book can be made for \$0.10 a page. A PDF copy of the book will be available on all library computers in the near future. For more information, please contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.



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: *Texas Law Help's New Website* (www.texaslawhelp.org)



Texas Law Help has updated their website. All of the same great resources are still there but they have made their website easier to use. Simply, select the type of service you need, either “Legal Information and Forms” or “Legal Help,” then select a topic or type of help from the menus below or use the search feature and drop down menus. Topics range from court basics, family issues, domestic violence, name change, and more. For more information, 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 17th** at **County Court at Law # 4** in the Justice Center. It is approved for 1 hour CLE credit. For more information, visit the [FBCCDAA Events webpage](#).
- The **Fort Bend Bar Association** is hosting its **Fall Bench Bar Social** at the Sweetwater County Club on Thursday, **August 24th** at **5:30 pm**. For registration and sponsorship information, visit the Fort Bend Bar Association's [website](#).
- The **Fort Bend County Bar Association** is also hosting its **Annual Golf Tournament** on **October 12th**. For more information and registration information visit the Fort Bend County Bar Association [website](#).
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** is hosting a **Holiday Party and Lexis Training** on Thursday, **November 9th** at **10 am**.



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

Do you need a brush up on the Microsoft Office Programs? We are here to help! **Sign up now for Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint EXPRESS CLASSES!** Classes are **15-minutes each**, on **Thursday** mornings from **10 am – 12 pm**. **We teach you the basics of each program.** You can choose from additional classes such as Hein Online, Westlaw, Lexis Advance, and O'Connor's Online. Registration is required. Call **281-341-3718** to register.

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Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- [Crotts v. State](#), No. 01-15-01108-CR (July 18, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (CCL # 3)
- [In the Matter of Marriage of Adamski](#), No. 14-16-00099-CV (July 25, 2017): aff'd. (328th Dist.)
- [Pate, Megan](#), No. PD-0412-17 (July 26, 2017): review refused. (CCL # 2)
- [Rodriguez v. State](#), No. 01-14-00774-CR (July 27, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (240th Dist.)
- [IFS2I Consulting vs. Goldvein, S.A.](#), No. 14-15-00407-CV (July 27, 2017): dismissed. (240th Dist.)
- [Diogu v. McCloud](#), No. 14-16-00324-CV (July 27, 2017): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Estrella v. State](#), No. 01-17-00135-CR (August 3, 2017): appeal dismissed. (240th Dist.)
- [Compton v. Jue](#), No. 01-16-00412-CV (August 8, 2017): aff'd TC judgment (268th Dist.)
- [Michalac v. State](#), No. 01-15-00721-CR (August 8, 2017): aff'd TC judgment (CCL # 2)
- [Williams v. Chan](#), No. 14-17-00592-CV (August 8, 2017): dismissed. (CCL #3)

Family Law

- *Ex Parte Arango*, 518 S.W.3d 916 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2017): it was determined that the pretrial writ of habeas corpus was warranted since it was found the transfer order from juvenile court to criminal district court was invalid.
- *Matter of A.A.R.*, 518 S.W.3d 645 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2017): the trial court did not abuse its discretion when it denied the juvenile's motion to withdraw plea since the plea was given intelligently, knowingly, and voluntarily.

Criminal Law

- *State v. Arizmendi*, 519 S.W.3d 143 (Tex. Crim. App. 2017): since the defendant pled guilty before the co-defendant's motion to suppress was granted the defendant's motion for new trial was denied based on the new evidence.
- *Davis v. State*, 519 S.W.3d 251 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2017): the defendant's juvenile adjudication could be used to enhance sentence for aggravated assault.

Labor and Employment—Unemployment Compensation

- *Harris County v. Workforce Commission*, 519 S.W.3d 113 (Tex. 2017): since the members of the county appraisal review board were employed by the county appraisal district therefore are under the unemployment compensation act.

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