



# LAW LIBRARY NEWS

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## Anniversary Open House & CLE

The Fort Bend County Law Library will be hosting its annual **Open House** Thursday, **February 2nd** from **10 am to 12 pm**. Library staff will be giving tours and Express classes focusing on the libraries digital resources. Refreshments will be provided. We will also be having a raffle for a door prize. In addition at 11 am, we will have a **FREE Westlaw Training and CLE in County Court at Law # 1 at 11 am**. Please join us and learn a little more about your local Law Library.

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## New & Updated Resources

### *West's Texas Cases*

- 494 (868) - 496 (345)
- 2 Vols.

### *Trial Objections*

- Revision 21 
- 2016 Update

### *Vernon's Texas Rules Annotated*

- Volumes 7—12
- 2016 Update

### *Blue's Guide to Jury Selection*

- 2016-2017 Update

### *Divorce Taxation*

- Revision 15 
- 2016 Update

### *Guidebook to Texas Taxes*

- 2017 Edition

### *Texas Small-Firm Practice Tools*

- Revision 10
- 2017 Edition

### *Maslanka's Field Guide to Texas Employment Law*

- 2017 Edition

### *Texas Practice Series*

- Texas Law of Wills
- Handbook of Texas Discovery Practice
- Texas Rules of Evidence

### *Texas Practice Guide*

- Wills, Trusts, and Estates
- Family Law
- 2017 Editions

## FBC Bar News

The **January luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **January 26th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **"The Admissibility of Evidence."** The Speaker will be Pierre Grosdidier. 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.

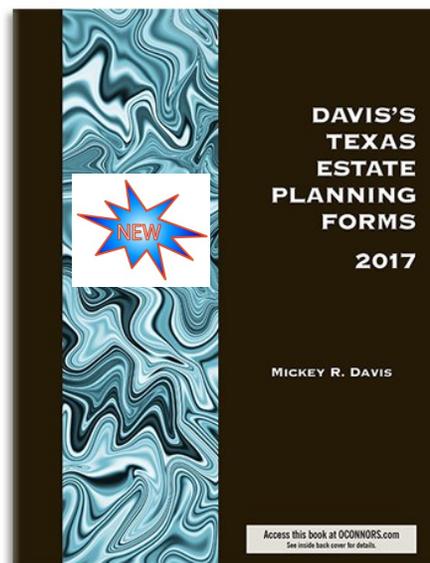
**Please RSVP** no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, **January 19th** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

### **Member Resources**

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

## Featured Resource: *Davis's Texas Estate Planning Forms*

The Law Library has acquired the first edition of this title from O'Connor's. It's the companion to the *Texas Estates Code Plus*. These forms make developing an Estate Plan for your client easy. Created by author and attorney Mickey R. Davis, this title offers Estate Planning forms on a variety of topics including client-intake, fee agreements, powers of attorney, and impaired judgment. In addition, there are forms on creating wills and trusts. As with any forms from O'Connor's, these are easy to use drafting guides that make the process of creating forms easier. Each form is also listed in the back in an easy to use index and forms are given a citation number. Mr. Davis is a partner at Davis & Willms in Houston and has been in Estate Planning for many years. He also is an adjunct professor at the University of Houston. Copies of the book can be made for \$0.10 a page. For more information, 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:** *O'Connor's Online*

Need to access the digital forms from Davis's Texas Estate Planning Forms? Look no further than O'Connor's Online! The forms can be downloaded in Word format for easy editing. The



Library has two portals on computer's 6 and 7. From there, double click on the O'Connor's icon on the desktop. Searching can be done by keyword or by title. Browsing can be done by topic and selections can be sorted by topic, and format. Simultaneous searching of Davis's Estate Planning Forms and it's companion,

O'Connor's Estates Code Plus can also be done. Sections of any of the Code books can be printed or downloaded in PDF. Printing of the documents are \$0.10 a page. For a demonstration, visit the Law Library or call to setup an Express Class at 281-341-3718.

### Community News

- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. They also are hosting a **Veterans Legal Aid Clinic** on Saturday, **January 21st** from **9 am to noon** at the Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic. **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](mailto:Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org).
- Frequent Visitors and Attorneys can have a badge to enter the Justice Center. The Attorney Badge application can be found [here](#). **Last day for 2016 Badges was January 6th.** You will need a 2017 badge for this year.
- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on Thursday, **January 19th** 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 **Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association** is also hosting a CLE on Friday, **January 20th** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land entitled "**Beating the Drum for Justice.**" For more information and registration, check out [www.tcdla.com](http://www.tcdla.com).



### 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](mailto:abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us) with "Newsletter" as the subject.

### Express Class

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

#### To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

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## Texas Case Law Update

### Local Cases

- [Meyers v. JDC/Firethorne LTD](#), No. 14-15-00860-CV, (December 22, 2016): aff'd. (268th Dist.)
- [FP Stores v. Tramontina US](#), No. 01-16-00031-CV, (December 29, 2016): rev'd TC judgment and remand to TC. (400th Dist.)
- [In the Estate of Rodriguez](#), No. 14-16-00507-CV, (January 5, 2017): dismissed. (CCL 3)
- [CVS Pharmacy v. Holmes](#), No. 14-16-00917-CV, (January 5, 2017): dismissed. (268th Dist.)
- [Nunez-Marquez, Elmer](#), No. PD-1205-16, (January 11, 2017): review refused. (240th Dist.)
- [Felix Auto Tech v. Maeberry](#), No. 01-16-00526-CV, (January 12, 2017): appeal dismissed. (CCL 2)
- [Rogers v. Rogers](#), No. 01-16-00791-CV, (January 12, 2017): appeal dismissed. (434th Dist.)
- [Ferguson v. Ferguson](#), No. 14-16-00778-CV, (January 12, 2017): dismissed. (CCL 1)
- [In re Braden](#), No. 14-16-00940-CV, (January 12, 2017): motion denied. (328th Dist.)
- [Jaffer v. Slaughter](#), No. 14-16-01006-CV, (January 12, 2017): dismissed. (400th Dist.)

### Family Law

- In Interest of J.R.G., 499 S.W.3d 922 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2016): the order which fell under RURESA did not overrule or change the support order from Alaska.
- Gonzales v. Maggio, 500 S.W.3d 656 (Tex. App.—Austin 2016): the trial court's division of property in a divorce case dealing with former law partners was proper when dealing with cases that are settled but not cases that are pending.

### Criminal Law

- State v. Hill, 499 S.W.3d 843 (Tex. Crim. App. 2016): it was determined the trial court acted within its power when it decided to hold a hearing on evidence because of defendant's motion due to the rule governing pre-trial hearings.
- V.E. vs Travis County Dist. Atty., 500 S.W.3d 652 (Tex. App.—Austin 2016): it was held that since the arrest ended up in a conviction that the expunction of arrest record was not allowed.

### Education—Standards and Competency

- Texas A&M University v. Starks, 500 S.W.3d 560 (Tex. App. Waco – 2016): the department head who had given negative reviews to professor was deemed to have official immunity from a retaliation claim.

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