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Westlaw Training and CLE

The Law Library is hosting a **Westlaw Training and CLE** at the **George Memorial Library**. The training will be on Friday, **July 22nd** at **noon**. This training will cover the basics of the database as well as any specific questions you may have in using the database. Those in attendance will receive one-hour CLE credit. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. For more information, including directions to George Memorial, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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New & Updated Resources

Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated

- *Utilities Vols. 1 & 1A*
- *Local Gov't Vols. 2 & 3*

Texas Cases

- *481 (725) to 483 (742)*
- *2 Volumes*

O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms

- *2016 Edition*

Dorsaneo, Texas Litigation Guide

- *Release 121*
- *July 2016 Update*

Texas Practice Guide

- *Business Transactions*
- *2016 Edition*

United States Code Annotated

- *Title 49*
- *2016 Update*

Defense of Drunk Driving Cases

- *Release 104*
- *July 2016 Update*

Federal Jury Practice & Procedure

- *Criminal Companion Handbook*
- *2016 Edition*

O'Connor's Federal Civil Forms

- *2016 Edition*

Criminal Law Advocacy

- *Release 64*
- *July 2016 Update*

FBC Bar News

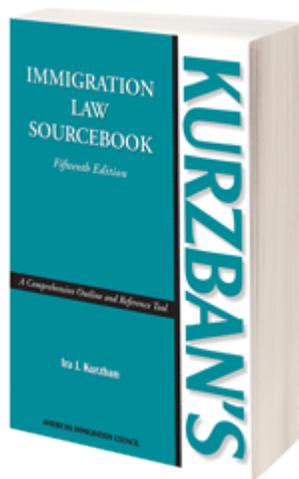
The **July luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12 pm** on Thursday, **July 28th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **“What Should (and Should Not) Be in Your Client Representation Agreement.”** Program is presented by Scott Rothenberg. 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, **July 21st** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook*



First time dealing with an immigration case? Look no further than the Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook from the American Immigration Council of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. This book is a quick reference guide for dealing with federal and administrative cases, statutes and regulations, and any other important rulings in the field. This edition, in particular, includes updates on the new USCIS Policy manual which will replace the Adjudicator's Field Manual, the USCIS Immigration website, and other policies. The book begins with the history of immigration law, introducing the authorities that regulate immigration, and then the different forms of immigration, the agencies that review immigration, actions against immigration, and finally naturalization and citizenship process. Each chapter is annotated with current court cases, statutes, and administrative rules.

The book also offers extensive table of contents, appendices, and tables of authorities. The book is written by Ira J. Kurzban who has over 30 years experience in the field and has been writing this title since it's inception. Copies of this book can be made for \$.10 cents 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: *Westlaw App*

The Fort Bend County Law Library has added some new features to its Westlaw subscription. One of those new features is the new Westlaw app. This app, which is downloadable on Apple and Android, allows you to access the Law Library's subscription anywhere in the Justice Center through the buildings' Wi-Fi. Simply open your Apple or Google Play store. From there, search for "Westlaw." Download the free app and you will be automatically authenticated for use of the database through the Justice Center Wi-Fi. The app does allow you to email documents but does not have print function. Printing of documents can be done at the Law Library. For more information, please contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.



Community News

- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on **Thursday, July 21st** 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** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. They are also hosting a **Low Income Legal Aid Clinic** on Saturday, **July 16th** from **10 am to 2 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 on FBLC's website and by email at Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org.
- The **Fort Bend County Bar Association** is hosting a **FREE Interactive CLE on Drug Testing and Interpretation of Results**. The CLE is on Friday, **August 12th** from **noon to 5 pm**. It will be at the Swining Door in Richmond. **Space is limited and registration is required**. For more information, contact Susan Spann at susan.spann@fortbendbar.org.
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** will be hosting a **FREE Lexis Advance Training and CLE** on Friday, **September 16th** at **noon** at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. A representative from Lexis Nexis will give a training on the basics of Lexis Advance and any specific research questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided. **Registration will open in late August**. For questions, call the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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

- [Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District v. City of Richmond](#), No. 16-0087, (June 17, 2016): petition for review denied. (268th Dist.)
- [Patterson v. State](#), No. 01-15-00167-CR, (June 21, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (240th Dist.)
- [Paske v. Fitzgerald](#), No. 01-15-00631-CV, (June 23, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (240th Dist.)
- [Garcia v. Garcia](#), No. 14-15-00459-CV, (June 23, 2016): dismissed. (328th Dist.)
- [Green v. AS Odysseus LLC](#), No. 14-15-01057-CV, (June 28, 2016): dismissed. (CCL2)
- [Ward v. Thomas & Lewin Assoc.](#), No. 01-15-00502-CV, (July 12, 2016): dismissed appeal. (268th Dist.)

Family Law

- In Re Abney, 486 S.W.3d 135 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2016): the writ of mandamus filed by the mother to invalidate temporary orders which determined that father had right to decide child's primary residence was considered unwarranted.
- In Re E.K.C., 486 S.W.3d 614 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2016): it was held that the report and order filed by the associate judge was a final and appealable order.

Criminal Law

- Strehl v. State, 486 S.W.3d 110 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2016): the modification of the defendant's DWI conviction, third or more, to a conviction of a lesser offense of Class A misdemeanor DWI was warranted.
- McLean v. Livingston, 486 S.W.3d 561 (Tex. 2016): it was determined by the Supreme Court that any inmate must be given the opportunity before the dismissal of appeal to fix any defects in filings under the inmate litigation statute.
- Rivas v. State, 486 S.W.3d 640 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2016): the paragraph in the self-defense application for murder that attempted to show the self-defense law was erroneous.

Estate Planning and Probate—Wills

- Stephens v. Beard, 485 S.W.3d 914 (Tex. 2016): it was held by the Supreme Court that testators did not die in "common disaster" so the provision in the will that allowed for cash deposits to beneficiaries because of a common disaster were not conveyed.

Government—Municipalities

- TCI West End, Inc. v. City of Dallas, 486 S.W.3d 692 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016): the ordinance provision that says that a building may not be torn down within a historic district before gaining approval of commission is not a condition of the notice requirement of the city development code.

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