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Westlaw Training and CLE

The Law Library is hosting a **FREE Westlaw Training and CLE** on Monday, **August 7th** at **10 am** in **County Court At Law #1**. A representative from Thomson Reuters will be on hand to show you the basics of Westlaw and answer any questions you might have. Those in attendance will receive **1 hour of CLE** credit. We will also have coffee and donuts upstairs in the Law Library. **Registration is required**. For more information or to register, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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New & Updated Resources

Texas Real Estate Forms Manual ***O'Connor's Federal Civil Forms***

- 3rd Edition
- 2017 Update
- 2017 Edition

O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms ***LSAT Prep Tests Unlocked***

- 2017 Edition
- 2017 Edition



Texas Practice Guide ***Federal Jury Practice and Instructions***

- Civil Appeals
- Business Transactions
- 2017 Editions
- Criminal Companion Handbook
- 2017 Edition

Texas Transaction Guide ***Texas Law of Oil and Gas***

- Release 121
- June 2017 Update
- Release 19
- 2017 Update

Texas Litigation Guide ***Defense of Drunk Driving Cases***

- Release 125
- June 2017 Update
- Release 107
- 2017 Update

FBC Bar News

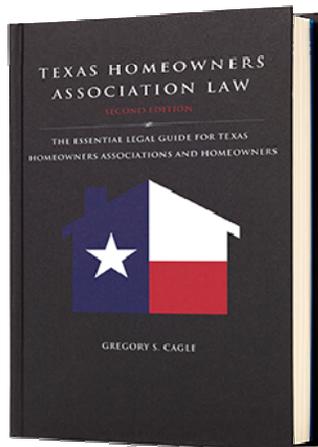
The **July luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **July 27th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **State Bar of Texas Update**. The Speaker will be **G. Thomas Vick**. 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 20th** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: *Texas Homeowners Association Law*



In need of a treatise on dealing with Homeowners Associations? Look no further than the *Texas Homeowners Association Law* handbook. This title delves into all Texas and Federal Laws dealing with Homeowners Associations. The guide is organized by topic and allows you to easily find the resource you need. It details the rights, duties, and obligations of the Homeowners Associations and the homeowners themselves so that you are aware of where each party stands. The book includes over 2,500 annotations and case citations, a table of authorities, and a full index for easy searching and understanding the elements of the law. This book also has twenty-five sample forms so that you can begin your litigation on the right track. Now in its third edition, this title includes updates from the 2015 Legislative Session. The book is written

by Gregory S. Cagle, an attorney who has been practicing since 1998. He has been practicing in civil and complex litigation in real estate, non-profit and for profit corporations, business disputes, construction defects, and dealing with residential and commercial community associations. He also has represented property owners in these disputes. Copies of this 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: *Fort Bend County Law Library Resources Page (Website)*

Take a look at our new Law Library Resources page on our website. Simply go to www.fortbend.lib.tx.us and select the "Law Library Resources" link from the Departments drop down menu. From here, you can access our Resource Guides, Newsletters, Databases, Legal Assistance Resources, and a listing of our print and digital resources. You can also find our contact information. All Resource Guides and Newsletters download in PDF. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

Law Library Resources

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The Fort Bend County Law Library is the only public Law Library in Fort Bend County, and it is a great place to begin your legal research. Located on the 3rd Floor of the Fort Bend County Justice Center in Richmond, Texas, the Law Library provides resources for attorneys, judges, county officials, and the general public.

The library's main focus is on Texas and Federal Law. Selected collections include Texas Civil Practice, Texas Family Law, Texas Criminal Practice, Texas Probate and Estates, and Federal Practice.

Print Resources Databases & Digital Resources Resource Guides
Legal Databases & Links Legal Assistance Resources Law Library News

Community News

- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on **Thursday, July 20th** 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](#).
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. They are also hosting a **Veterans Walk-In Legal Clinic** on Saturday, **July 29th** in Richmond and a **Family Law Workshop** on Wednesday, **August 2nd** from **6:30 to 8:30 pm** at the Calvary Episcopal Church. **Volunteer attorneys are needed!** FBLC needs volunteer attorneys to assist with Real Estate and Probate issues. 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 Law Library** is hosting its first Book Club on Friday, **September 22nd** at **2 pm** at the Law Library. Book Titles can still be submitted. We will announce the book title in the next issue. Submit them by email to abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us.



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.

To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

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Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- [Gonzales v. State](#), No. 14-16-00337-CR. (June 22, 2017): aff'd. (268th Dist.)
- [Chesloff v. Yeh](#), No. 16-0217, (June 23, 2017): review denied. (268th Dist.)
- [Harrison v. State](#), No. 01-17-00071-CV, (June 27, 2017): appeal dismissed. (434th Dist.)
- [Triafigura Pte. Ltd. v. CNA Metals](#), No. 14-16-00530-CV. (June 27, 2017): rev'd and remanded. (434th Dist.)
- [Chife v. Van Duren](#), No. 01-17-00100-CV, (June 29, 2017): appeal dismissed. (268th Dist.)
- [Galbraith v. Williams Companies](#), No. 01-15-01084-CV, (July 6, 2017): appeal dismissed. (268th Dist.)
- [Rosenberg Development Corp. v. Imperial Performing Arts](#), No. 14-16-00978-CV, (July 6, 2017): aff'd. (434th Dist.)
- [Human Biostar v. Celltex Therapeutics](#), No. 17-0289, (July 7, 2017): review denied. (434th Dist.)

Family Law

- *Hudson v. Aceves*, 516 S.W.3d 529 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2016): since the order was in place that precluded husband from seeking any order against wife while she is in Mexico did warrant mandamus relief.
- *In Interest of J.I.M.*, 516 S.W.3d 674 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2017): the County Court at Law did not have jurisdiction and therefore could not enter an order terminating the mother's parental rights.

Criminal Law

- *Hartfield v. State*, 516 S.W.3d 57 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2017): since it had been a delay of 30 years from the conviction and sentence were vacated to the time of the hearing on the motion to dismiss for speedy trial, it was found that the state had violated the defendants right to a speedy trial.
- *Gutierrez v. State*, 516 S.W.3d 593 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2017): defendant's rights under the Confrontation Clause were violated when the testimonial hearsay statements were admitted.
- *Hayes v. State*, 516 S.W.3d. 649 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2017): it was determined to not be harmful error when defendant was excluded from co-defendant's presentence investigation hearing.

Government—Elections

- *City of Houston v. Bryant* (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2017): the statute that governs return of unserved citations in election contests was not jurisdictional, it did not prohibit the reissuance of the citation.

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