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New & Updated Resources

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| <p>O'Connor's Texas Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Business and Commerce Code Plus • Texas Forms * Real Estate | <p>Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Edition  |
| <p>Texas Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien Laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release 20 • October 2016 Update | <p>Criminal Law Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release 65 • October 2016 Update |
| <p>Texas Practice Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Pretrial • 2016 Edition | <p>Texas Criminal Lawyers Handbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision 17 • 2016 Edition |
| <p>Texas Probate Forms & Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision 7  • 2016 Edition | <p>West's Texas Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 490 (175) - 492 (31) |
| <p>Texas Practice Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder Law • 2016 Edition | <p>Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Code • Volumes 3—5 |

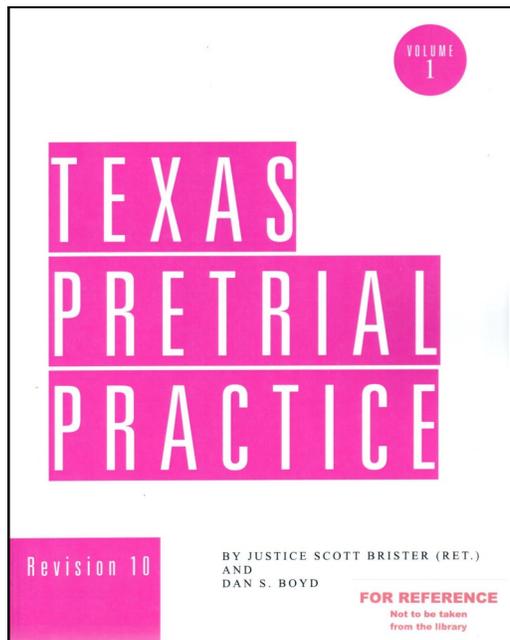
FBC Bar News

There will not be a November Luncheon or CLE.

The Fort Bend County Bar Association will be holding its **Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th** from 6 to 10 pm at the **Briscoe Manor**. Dinner begins at 7 pm. Tickets are \$100 for members and guests. Contact Susan Spann by email at info@fortbendbar.org.

Badge Day for Fort Bend County Bar Association Members is Saturday, **November 19th** from 9 am to Noon. Members will be able to have their new attorney badges for the Justice Center processed. **You must be a paid 2016 member and have the Badge application filled out.** Membership application is [here](#). The Attorney Badge application can be found [here](#). **First day for 2017 Badges is November 21st. Last day for 2016 Badges is January 6th.** For information contact Susan Spann by email at info@fortbendbar.org.

Featured Resource: *Texas Pretrial Practice*



This month's featured resource is a new title from James Publishing. *Texas Pretrial Practice* is a great place to begin when your issues arise during a civil case. This two volume guide covers issues in regards to jurisdiction, pleadings, exceptions, TRO's and Injunctions, motions, discovery, interrogatories, summary judgements, and much more. The book takes you from taking a case from the beginning to trial and any specific issues in regards to pretrial procedure. Sections begin with a quick overview, defining any terms, strategies and tactics, related topics, and the relevant statutes and codes. Tips and strategies are included throughout including practice tips, cautionary strategies, and reminders. The book is written by Justice Scott Brister and Dan S. Boyd. Judge Brister has served on both the First and Fourteenth Court of Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Boyd has been an attorney for over twenty years in

both arbitration and litigation at three national law firms. Copies of the book can be made for \$0.10 a page. For more information, contact the Law Library.

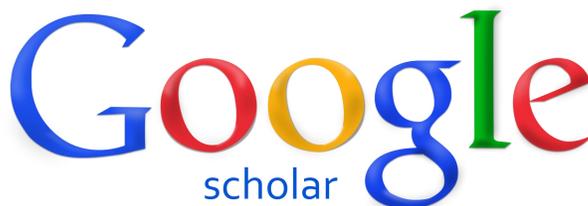
Technology Corner

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: *Google Scholar*

Need to lookup a case fast? Try Google Scholar. Searching the database is easy. Go to scholar.google.com, or search google scholar on the google search page. Once there, you can find cases by citation or by keyword. Using the advanced search, you can use Boolean operators such as "and, or, or not" or by phrase. You can also search for legal articles or patents through the search engine. Federal and State cases may be searched. Texas cases available are from the Court of Appeals, Court of Civil Appeals, Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Texas Supreme Court. Be aware that updates to articles or cases may be 6—9 months behind. 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.
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is also hosting a **Family Law and Veterans CLE** to all supporters and volunteers on Friday, **November 11th** at **9:30 am**. This course is approved for 5.5 hours CLE and 1.75 hours ethics credit. For more information and registration, contact Tasha Hernandez 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, **November 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 County Law Library** is hosting its annual **Open House** on Thursday, **February 2nd, 2017** from **10 am to noon**. This year, in conjunction with the Open House, the Library is also hosting a **FREE Westlaw Training and CLE in County Court at Law #1** at **11 am**. This training will focus on Family Law and using Westlaw for research. Specific questions on any topic can also be asked at the training. **Registration is required as space is limited.** Registration will open in January. For more information, contact 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 Lexis Advance or Hein Online? Lexis has the new keyword mapping and Hein has the National Survey of State Laws ebook. **Sign up now for Lexis Advance or Hein Online EXPRESS CLASSES!** Classes are **15-minutes each**, on **Thursday** mornings from **10 am – 12 pm**. You can choose from additional classes such as Westlaw, 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

- [Monroe v. Grayson Lakes](#), No. 01-16-00125-CV, (October 18, 2016): appeal dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Evans v. Fuller](#), No. 14-14-01019-CV, (October 18, 2016): rev'd and remanded. (240th Dist.)
- [Sam v. State](#), No. 14-13-00840-CR, (October 19, 2016): aff'd. (240th Dist.)
- [Powell v. State](#), No. 01-15-00975-CR, (October 27, 2016): aff'd TC judgment. (400th Dist.)
- [Taborda v. Tamirisa](#), No. 14-16-00545-CV, (November 1, 2016): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Burks, Antwain Maurice](#), No. PD-0992-15, (November 2, 2016): vacated COA; remand to COA. (400th Dist.)
- [Rogers, Demarquis](#), No. PD-0992-16, (November 9, 2016): discretionary review refused. (268th Dist.)
- [Morrison v. State](#), No. 14-15-00773-CR , (November 10, 2016): vacated and remanded. (240th Dist.)

Family Law

- In Interest of B.T.G., 494 S.W.3d 839 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016): according to the Family Code, the trial court cannot remove a SAPCR suit from a divorce.
- Roderick v. State, 494 S.W.3d 868 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): it was held that the testimony by detective about the defendant's request to take a polygraph test was inadmissible due to hearsay.

Criminal Law

- Sifuentes v. State, 494 S.W.3d 806 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): despite the fact that the verdict was not guilty of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon did not mean there was enough evidence to support simple robbery conviction.
- Mayer v. State, 494 S.W.3d 844 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): state must show that the defendant was aware she was in an accident but not that she knew she had caused death or injury.
- Walker v. State, 494 S.W.3d 905 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): there was enough evidence to support the probable cause for warrant to search defendant's cell phone.

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

