TAPS 2024 Seminar Schedule
Denton Embassy Suites and Convention Center –– October 2-4, 2024

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| Wednesday, October 2  |  |  |  |  |
| **Pioneer 1/2****100 persons** | **Pioneer ¾****100 persons** | **Quarter****60 persons** | **Palomino****50 persons** | **Appaloosa****60 persons** |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Michelle O’Neil****Handling Your First Appeal – Software, Research & Getting all the Technical Issue Right**Family Law  | 9:00 am – 10:00 amAndy JonesWho’s Coming to the Rescue? 10 Things you Must Know About Emergency Medical Services Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law  | 9:00 am – 10:00 amJoshua D. RossNavigating the Treacherous Intersection of Civil and Criminal Liability Criminal Law and Civil Trial Law | 9:00 am – 10:00 amRoger Yale Fiduciary DutyCivil Trial Law, Family Law and Probates and Estates  | 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Clara Luna Buckland, CP, AWI-CH** **Title VII, Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code, Workplace Discrimination and the Paralegal’s Role** Employment Law  |
| 10:15 am – 11:15 amRobert EpsteinDallas McKeeKatie ZuverinkWith a Little Help From My Friends: Collaborative Professional Techniques (Panel Discussion)Family Law  | 10:15 am – 11:15 am**Alan Dabdoub** **Trial Preparation to Handle any Situation** ALL TBLS Areas of Law   | 10:15 am – 11:15 am**Jason Wietjes** **Hot Topics and Trends in Intellectual Property** Civil Trial Law and Intellectual Property  | 10:15 am – 11:15 amChristian S. KelsoTractor, Teenagers and Testaments: Reviewing the Time-Honored Traditions and Embracing the New Formalities of Estate Planning Estate Planning and Probate | 10:15 am – 11:15 am**Martin Valko** **Overview of Employment-Based Immigration**Employment Law and Immigration Law  |
| BreakUniversities Grand Foyer11:15 am – 11:30am | BreakUniversities Grand Foyer11:15 am – 11:30am | BreakUniversities Grand Foyer11:15 am – 11:30am | BreakUniversities Grand Foyer11:15 am – 11:30am | BreakUniversities Grand Foyer11:15 am – 11:30am |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**Scott Alagood****“Characterization of Real Estate in Divorce** Family Law and Real Estate | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**Justice Mike Wallach (Second Court of Appeals)****Keith Brown****Fentanyl Task Force Update** Personal Injury Trial Law | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**Alison Grinter****Preparing a Grand Jury Package** Criminal Law | 11:30 am – 12:30 pmSean HoranAll About Entity FormationCorporate Law | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**Javan Johnson and Panel** TBLS Helpful Hints Live  |
| 12:30 pm – 1:30 pmLunch – On Your Own | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pmLunch – On Your Own | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pmLunch – On Your Own | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pmLunch – On Your Own | 12:30 pm – 1:30 pmLunch – On Your Own |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Jenny L. Womack** **What You Need to Know About Family Formation Law** Family Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Charles W. Fillmore****H. Dustin Fillmore** **The Unauthorized Practice of Public Insurance Adjusting** Civil Trial Law  | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Jonathan Wharton** **Grabbing Assets: Taking Back Stolen Property**Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pmHonorable Robert RamirezDiffering Jurisdictions in Texas CourtsCivil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pmDeborah LawsonAna Maria SchwartzA New Immigration World for LGBTQ+ FamiliesFamily Law and Immigration Law   |
| 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Chandni Patel****Helpful Tips to Complete an Inventory and Appraisement**Family Law | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Andrew J. Upton****Best Practices/Everything you Need to Know about Appeals** Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Appellate Law   | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Honorable Kimberly McCary****If you Know a Juvenile, You Need to Know This!**Civil Trial Law, Criminal Law, Juvenile Law  | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Trey Monsour** **The Paralegal Role in Bankruptcy Cases – The Real Life Line** Bankruptcy Law  | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pmJill E. JesterBreaking Down Real Estate Transactions**Corporate Law and Real Estate Law**  |
| BreakUniversities Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | Break Universities Grand Foyer3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | Break Universities Grand Foyer3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | Break Universities Grand Foyer3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | Break Universities Grand Foyer3:45 pm – 4:00 pm |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Rhonda Cates****Prenups are not Just for the Rich** Family Law  |  4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Henson Adams****The Pros and Cons of AI**All TBLS Areas of Law | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pmMarvina N. RobinsonProtective Orders 101: Stuff You Realy Want to KnowFamily Law | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pmJennifer LovelaceEstate Creditors and Permissive NoticeBankruptcy Law | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pmHonorable Crystal LevoniusAiming to be the MVP (Most Valuable Paralegal) – A Judicial PerpectiveAll Areas of Law  |
| **Social - On-Site** **Triangle Ballroom and Yard – 200** **(5:15 pm – 6:45 pm)** | Social  | Social  | Social  | Social  |
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| Thursday, October 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Exhibit Hall Open7:00 am – 1:30 pm | Exhibit Hall Open7:00 am – 1:30 pm | Exhibit Hall Open7:00 am – 1:30 pm | Exhibit Hall Open7:00 am – 1:30 pm | Exhibit Hall Open7:00 am – 1:30 pm |
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| 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Stephanie R. Holan, Esq, M.Ed.** **Family Code Updates and Supporting Paralegals in the Profession** Family Law  | 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Stolle Voigt Rastoka****Daniel Steppick****Dram Shop Cases** Personal Injury Trial Law | 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Paul Wingo****Knowing Your File – The Art of Receiving / Communicating Details and Following up on Tasks Until Complete**Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law | 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Rachel Seshan** **Practicing Before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)** Corporate Law, Energy Law, Public Utility Law, Water Law | 9:00 am – 10:00 am**Bill Slagle** **The Interplay of Surface Use Agreements and Oil and Gas Operations**Real Estate and Oil Gas and Mineral Law |
| Break (Exhibit Hall) | Break (Exhibit Hall) | Break (Exhibit Hall) | Break (Exhibit Hall) | Break (Exhibit Hall) |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**Ryan R. Bauerle****Enforcement and Contempt** Family Law  | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**Ty Stimpson****Benson Varghese****Trucking Accident Litigation** Personal Injury Trial Law  | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**Kandace Walter** **IP Fundamentals and the Paralegal’s Role**Intellectual Property Law | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**Honorable David W. Jahn****Addressing Probate Issues**Probate and Estates Law | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**Fontaine Doster** **Doing the Deed: Deed Selection and Preparation** Real Estate Law |
| 12:00 noon – 1:30 pmCash ConcessionExhibit Hall Open | 12:00 noon – 1:30 pmCash ConcessionExhibit Hall Open | 12:00 noon – 1:30 pmCash Concession Exhibit Hall Open | 12:00 noon – 1:30 pmCash ConcessionExhibit Hall Open | 12:00 noon – 1:30 pmCash ConcessionExhibit Hall Open |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Karri L. Bertrand****LGBTQ+ Issues for Families**Family Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Quentin Brogdon** **Non-Economic Damages in PI Cases, Post Gregory V. Chohan** Personal Injury Trial Law  | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**S. Shakira Ali Kelly** **Litigating a First Party Property Insurance Case – Top to Dos!**Civil Trial Law and Real Estate Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**Max Bishop****The Trust is Signed – Now to Fund It!** Probate and Estates Law | 1:30 pm – 2:30 pmJennifer L. Falk **Drains and Fountains: Taking Care of Clients in IPV Cases While Taking Care of Yourself**Criminal Law |
| 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Donna Bloom** **Trauma Informed Lawyering**Family Law | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Jas S. Braich****The Age of Nuclear Verdicts** Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Bri Holcombe****Melissa Tubbs****The Perfect Pair: Achieving Efficiency Through the Attorney Paralegal Relationship**All TBLS Areas of Law  | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Charles W. “Bill” Gameros, Jr.** **What Paralegals Should Know About the Unauthorized Practice of Law**Ethics | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm**Sandy Mercer****Probate Nuts and Bolts with Updates on Recent Code Changes**Probate and Estates Law  |
| 3:45 pm – 4:00 pmUniversities Grand Foyer Refreshment Break | 3:45 pm – 4:00 pmUniversities Grand Foyer Refreshment Break | 3:45 pm – 4:00 pmUniversities Grand Foyer Refreshment Break | 3:45 pm – 4:00 pmUniversities Grand Foyer Refreshment Break | 3:45 pm – 4:00 pmUniversities Grand Foyer Refreshment Break |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Honorable Derbha Jones** **Child Welfare Law** Family Law  | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Kathy Owen Brown****Jennifer Dontos** **E-Discovery and Ethics** All TBLS Areas of LawAnd Ethics  | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Jeff Springer** **Personal Injury Litigation Update** Personal Injury Trial Law | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**Jessica Junek** **Billing Bootcamp**All Areas of Law  | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pmLucas HollNavigating a Real Purchase and SaleReal Estate |
| **Social - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm –**  | **Social** | **Social** | **Social** | **Social** |
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| Friday, October 4  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:45 am – 8:45 amContinental BreakfastUniversities Grand Foyer  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8:15 – 9:00 am **SPECIAL SESSION****Panel Discussion****PD FAQ’s Be Your Own Star – Things You Must Know to Be in the Know**All Areas of Law  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:15 am – 10:15 am**Cindy Tisdale****Professionalism What Would Ted Lasso Do?**Ethics  | 9:15 am – 10:15 am**Peter S. Vogel****AI Cybersecurity and Legal Risks** All TBLS Areas of Law |  |  |  |
| 10:30 am - 11:30 am **Kathryne M. Morris****Code and Conduct: Legal Ethics in the Age of AI**Ethics | 10:30 am – 11:30 am**Thomas Trahan****Deep Dive into Legal Writing for Attorneys**All TBLS Areas of Law |  |  |  |