

TAPS 2025 Speaker Line Up

This list will be updated as confirmations and topic information is available.

The final matrix will be posted as soon as possible.

Justice Adrian Spears - Keynote Speaker – Friday Luncheon

Additional TAPS Speakers

NADEEN ABOU-HOSSA – Appellate Issues – Preserving Error and What Paralegals Can Do During Trial and Post Verdict to Help

KAREN ANDERSON – When Guardianship Fails

BOBBY BARRERA - Criminal

JUSTICE MARALYN BARNARD and JUDGE STACY SHARP – Texas Business Court What the Heck is it all About

CRISTINA BAUMBARDNER – Forensic Accounting

DR. RAHELL BENGALI - How Spinal Issues Affect Personal Injury Cases

ELIZABETH CONARY DAVIDSON – Things to Know Just in Case There is an Appeal to Prepare

JUDGE CYNTHIA CHAPA – Light, Labels, Action: Stealing the Show with Seamless Exhibits

JIM CRAMP – Military Divorce and QDROS

ELIZABETH DAVIDSON – Civil Appellate Law

RAYEN DENNIS – Easing Client Anxiety: A Litigator's Guide to Empathetic Communication

ADAM DIETRICH – Pepto Bismol Moments, What Now?

ALICIA FREEMAN – Thriving in the Legal World, Tips for Self-Care

AMY GEISTWEIDT, AMBER ALWAIS & JULIAN SWARTZ – Collaborative Law
The New Divorce

JUDGE ROSE GONZALES – Ethics and Civility

NICK GUINN – Due Diligence: The Paralegal's Critical Role in M&A Transactions

SHEKINAH HAMMONDS DAVIS – Probate/Estate

CHELSEA HAWKINS – Texas Water Law 101

BRI HOLCOMBE and MELISSA TUBBS – The Paperless Paralegal

LAUREN C. HOWELL – The Paralegal's Power: Management Side Strategies in Employment Law

MICHAEL IRELAND and SARA CASAS – Grandparents rights

ANN JAMIESON – HIPAA

ALEX KATZMAN – Employment Law Primer

LESLIE LUTTRELL – From LLCs to Litigation: The Paralegal's Guide to Corporate Crossroads

CRISTA MARICHALAR – How to Prepare for Custody Case

KAREN MARVEL – Child Support Remedies – No More Singing the Blues

COLETON MAYO – Special Needs Trusts – Trusts to Protect Benefits in Settlement

JUDGE VICTOR NEGRON – Mediation/Arbitration Getting your Attorney Ready

ALISON PEEVY – FBI Threats and Investigations

JUDGE JASON PULLIAM – Federal Court Practice

JUDGE RON RANGEL – Recusals and Disqualifications

BOB RAPP – Employment Law

JUDGE BEN ROBERTSON – Oil and Gas

LESLIE RODRIGUEZ – How Paralegals Can Build a Successful Personal Injury Case in the Pre-Suit Stage

VALERIA SARTORIO – State Bar of Texas UPL – How to Step Up

AARON SAXON – Evictions in Texas – Recovering Possession of Real Property

CELESTE SCALISE QUBROSI – Does Your Client Qualify for Social Security Benefits and What You Need to Know

JUDGE JOHN SPECIA – Mental Health

MELISSA TUBBS – Technology / Law Office Management

DEANNA WHITLEY – The Interaction of Criminal and Family Law

TREY WILSON – Staying Relevant in the Age of Commoditization, Deregulation and AI