



TAPS 2025 Seminar Schedule

Westin San Antonio North — September 24-26, 2025

Wednesday, September 24				
Registration Bolo Private Dining Room				
Ballroom D 100 persons	La Joya Ballroom 100 persons	Ballroom C 60 persons	Conference Center A 50 persons	Conference Center B 60 persons
9:00 am – 10:00 am Trey Wilson Remaining Relevant and Excelling in the Age of Commoditization, Deregulation and AI All Areas of Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Charles E. Hardy Billing Practices All TBLS Areas of Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Nadeen Abou-Hossa Error Preservation and the Appellate Record: Best Practices for Paralegals Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Danielle Rushing Behrends Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and Alternatives Bankruptcy	9:00 am – 10:00 am Dominique A. Douglas Navigating the Generations: Promoting Partnership and Providing Insight Ethics
10:15 am – 11:15 am Judge Marialyn Barnard Texas Business Court: What the Heck is it All About? Civil Trial Law and Business Law	10:15 am – 11:15 am Megan Gherle Pros and Cons of Protective Orders Under the Family Code vs. Criminal Code Family Law and Criminal Law	10:15 am – 11:15 am Robert Rapp Gender in the Law: Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation Employment Law and Civil Trial Law	10:15 am – 11:15 am Karen R. Andersen When Guardianship Intersects (or Collides) with Family Law Probates & Estates, Guardianship and Family Law	10:15 am – 11:15 am Kristen Malachar Branch TOPIC TBD Family Law
Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 11:15 am – 11:30am	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 11:15 am – 11:30am	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 11:15 am – 11:30am	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 11:15 am – 11:30am	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 11:15 am – 11:30am

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Elizabeth Provencio Dispute Resolution Strategies All Areas of Law	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Jacqueline Queen School Vouchers from the Prospective of a Family Law Attorney Family Law and School Law	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Hon. Jason Pulliam Practice in Federal Court Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Aaron Saxon Evictions in Texas – Recovering Possession of Real Property Real Estate Law	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Nick Guinn IP Due Diligence: The Paralegal’s Critical Role in M&A Transactions Intellectual Property Law
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – On Your Own	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – On Your Own	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – On Your Own	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – On Your Own	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch – On Your Own
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Chelsea Hawkins Texas Water Law Real Estate Law, Estates and Probate Law, Oil and Gas Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm James G. Cramp The Military’s Blended Retirement System and Defaulting an Active-Duty Service Member – Division of Martial Assets Family Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Hon. Rosie Speedlin Gonzalez Civility in the Courtroom All Areas of Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Rayen Dennis and Danielle Rios Easing Client Anxiety: A Litigator’s Guide to Empathetic Communication Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Hon. Judge Ron Rangel Recusals and Disqualifications Criminal Law
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Leslie Vasquez Rodriguez How Paralegals Can Build a Successful Personal Injury Case in the Pre-Suit Stage Personal Injury Trial Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Amber Liddell Alwais, Amy A. Geistweidt and Julian N. Schwartz Collaborative Law for Paralegals Family Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Dr. Raheel Bengali, MD How Spinal Cord Injuries Affect Personal Injury Cases Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Anthony Bancroft Preparing Your Non-Criminal Client for DWI Case Criminal Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Bill Sullivan You Think it is Worth How Much? A Look at Property Tax Disputes in Texas Real Estate Law
Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break Ballroom Grand Foyer 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Coleton Mayo Special Needs Trusts for Settlements Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Elder Law, Estate and Probate Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Victor H. Negrón, Jr. Mediation: Successful Strategies Family Law, Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Lauren Chlouber Howell The Paralegal’s Power: Management-Side Strategies in Employment Law Labor and Employment Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Shawn Brown What You Need to Know About DWIs Criminal Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Arthur J. Rossi, Jr. “Art” Overview of Texas Probate, Estate and Guardianship Estate Planning and Probate Law
Social - On-Site Colonnade Ballroom (5:15 pm – 6:45 pm)	Social	Social	Social	Social
Thursday, September 25				
Exhibit Hall Open 7:00 am – 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 7:00 am – 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 7:00 am – 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 7:00 am – 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 7:00 am – 1:30 pm
Ballroom D (Recording Room) 100 persons	La Joya Ballroom 100 persons	Ballroom C 60 persons	Conference Center A 50 persons	Conference Center B 60 persons
9:00 am – 10:00 am Hon. Cynthia Marie Chapa Light, Labels, Action: Stealing the Show with Seamless Exhibits Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, and Family Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Richard “Rick” Soat Forensic Accounting in Litigation: Uncovering Financial Truths Family Law, Civil Trial Law and Probates and Estates	9:00 am – 10:00 am Eunice Fernandez Moore All Things Premises Liability Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Alison H. Peevey Current State of the FBI Criminal Law	9:00 am – 10:00 am Alicia Freeman, MS, LPC, NCC TLAP Thriving in the Legal World – Tips for Selfcare All Areas of Law
Break (Exhibit Hall)	Break (Exhibit Hall)	Break (Exhibit Hall)	Break (Exhibit Hall)	Break (Exhibit Hall)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Andrew Sefzik Defects and Defenses in Product Liability Personal Injury Trial Law, Civil Trial Law and Corporate Law	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Karen L. Marvel Child Support Remedies – No More Singing the Blues Family Law	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Judge Bert Richardson (Texas Court of Criminal Appeals) Actual Innocence: Writ of Habeas Corpus: The Tale of Kerry Max Cook: Ex parte Cook, 691 S.W. 3rd 532 Criminal Law	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Claudia Hernandez Current State of Immigration Law Immigration Law	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Corey Frank Wehmeyer Oil and Gas Ownership and Rights in Texas Oil and Gas Law and Real Estate Law
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Cash Concession Exhibit Hall Open	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Cash Concession Exhibit Hall Open	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Cash Concession Exhibit Hall Open	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Cash Concession Exhibit Hall Open	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Cash Concession Exhibit Hall Open
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Adam W. Dietrich Pepto Bismal Moments Now What? (When Things Go Wrong in a Family Case) Family Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Ellen Lockwood The Ethics of Conflicts of Interest Ethics	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Bri Holcombe and Melissa Tubbs The Paperless Office All TBLS Areas of Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Bobby Barrera Criminal Law: Motions, Protective Orders, Discovery, 5th Amendment Criminal Law	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Leslie M. Luttrell From LLCs to Litigation: The Paralegal’s Guide to Corporate Crossroads Corporate Law and Civil Trial Law
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Alex Katzman Employment Law – All You Need to Know Employment Law and Civil Trial Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Sara C. Casas and C. Michael Ireland, Jr. Standing for Grandma Family Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Chris Arce The Ins and Outs of Personal Injury Personal Injury Trial Law	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Javan Johnson and Molly Galvez (TBLS) TBLS Helpful Hints Live	2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Valeria Sartorio The Unauthorized Practice of Law – Risks and Implications: Understanding the Risk to Clients and Community Ethics
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Ballroom Grand Foyer Refreshment Break	3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Ballroom Grand Foyer Refreshment Break	3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Ballroom Grand Foyer Refreshment Break	3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Ballroom Grand Foyer Refreshment Break	3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Ballroom Grand Foyer Refreshment Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Connor R. Colemere Discovery: Finding the Truth All TBLS Areas	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Melissa Araiza Elam and Christina A. Whitis (OAG Child Support Division) Why Is the OAG Involved in My Case? ABC’s of the OAG Family Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Elizabeth “Conry” Davidson Spotting the Seeds of Appeal: A Paralegal’s Guide Civil Trial Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Deanna L. Whitley The Intersection of Family Law and Criminal Law Criminal Law and Family Law	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Celeste Scalise-Qubrosi Does your Client Qualify for Social Security Benefits and What You Need to Know Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Trial Law, Family Law
Social - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Ballroom E, F, G	Social	Social	Social	Social
Friday, September 26				
7:45 am – 8:45 am Continental Breakfast Ballroom Grand Foyer				
Ballroom D 100 persons	La Joya Ballroom 100 persons			
8:15 – 9:15 am James M. “Marty” Truss and Mark I. Unger How to Train Your Attorney Dragon: 2025 AI Version – Part 1 All TBLS Areas of Law	8:15 - 9:15 am Shekinah Hammonds Davis From Paralegal to Attorney and the Tips I Learned Along the Way All Areas of Law			
9:30 - 10:30 am James “Marty” Truss and Mark I. Unger How to Train Your Attorney Dragon: 2025 AI Version – Part 2 All TBLS Areas of Law	9:30 - 10:30 am Ann Jamieson Important HIPAA Reminders and Refreshers All TBLS Areas of Law			

<p>10:45 – 11:30 am SPECIAL SESSION Justice Lori Massey Brissette Justice Todd McCray Justice Velia J. Meza Justice Irene Rios Justice Adrian A. Spears, II 4th Court of Appeals Discussion Panel with the Justices All Areas of Law</p>				
<p>Ballrooms E, F, G 250 persons</p>				
<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER Justice Adrian Spears Being the Best Paralegals in Your Role in the Judicial System All TBLs Areas of Law</p>				