

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERKS' LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Includes Open Records, Open Meetings, Fraudulent Filings and Registry of the Court



May 3-5, 2006
Hyatt Regency on Town Lake
Austin, Texas

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—MAY 3, 2006

Presiding Officer: Hon. Beth Ann Rothermel,
County Clerk, Washington County, Brenham
President, CDCAT

11:30 a.m. **Registration Opens**
12:30 p.m. **Call to Order**
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation
 Welcome

Hon. Margaret (Polly) Gilbert, County Clerk,
Fannin County, Bonham

Hon. Beverly Hanson, County and District Clerk,
Loving County, Mentone

1:00 p.m. **1.50 hr**

Clerks' Boot Camp

The Clerks' Boot Camp has been established to offer foundations and fundamentals covering a variety of subjects including Writs of Habeas Corpus, TROs, Grand Jury, Abstract and Title Companies, Juries, and Vital Statistics.

CDCAT Education Committee:

Chair: Hon. Becky Groneman, County and
District Clerk, Oldham County, Vega

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Cameron County, Brownsville

Hon. Diane Hoefling, District Clerk,
Moore County, Dumas

Hon. Pat Payne, District Clerk,
Cooke County, Gainesville

Hon. Sandra K. Sanders, County Clerk,
Wharton County, Wharton

2:30 p.m. **Break**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:00 p.m. **1.50 hr**

Interactive Professional Exchange—or— Get the Most from an IPE

DISTRICT CLERKS

Coordinator: Hon. Barbara Meyer,
District Clerk, Gillespie County, Fredericksburg

Hon. Diane Hoefling, District Clerk,
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Hon. Sandra Laws, District Clerk,
Lynn County, Tahoka

Hon. Kay McDaniel, District Clerk,
Rockwall County, Rockwall

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Hon. Allison Harbison, County Clerk,
Shelby County, Center

Hon. James D. Patton, County Clerk,
Walker County, Huntsville

Hon. Debbie Shirley, County Clerk,
Hopkins County, Sulphur Springs

COMBINATION CLERKS

Coordinator: Hon. Martha Allen, County and
District Clerk, Terrell County, Sanderson

Hon. Judy Crawford, County and District Clerk,
Crane County, Crane

Hon. Debbi Puckett-Moore, County and
District Clerk, Crockett County, Ozona

Hon. Dora E. Sandoval, County and
District Clerk, Kinney County, Brackettville

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

THURSDAY MORNING—MAY 4, 2006

Presiding Officer: Hon. Brenda Hudson,
County and District Clerk, Swisher County, Tulia
Vice President, CDCAT

9:00 a.m. **1.00 hr**

Registry of the Court

This presentation gives clerks information on statutes governing the various types of funds that may be held in the registry of the court. It also discusses how to safeguard those assets.

Paul S. Lyon, Bexar County Auditor's Office,
San Marcos

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **1.00 hr**

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Title Industry...and More

A seasoned title department manager and examiner, joined by a long-time title plant maintainer, will discuss what the title industry does and why they do it. Hopefully we'll learn why title companies are so anxious to get copies of our records and what they do with them. Joining the speakers will be a seasoned county clerk to discuss how there is economic value in maintaining a spirit of cooperation between the clerks and the title industry.

Larry Couch, Stewart Title Guaranty
Company, Houston

James "Jay" P. Sibley, Title Data, Inc., Houston

Hon. Dianne Wilson, Ph.D., County Clerk,
Fort Bend County, Richmond

11:15 a.m. **.50 hr**

Indigent Warnings/Indigent Defense

How has the law changed regarding Article 1.051—Right to Representative by Counsel? This presentation will review requirements to ensure compliance.

Hon. Jo Carter, District Clerk, Randall County,
Canyon

LUNCH PRESENTATION

11:45 a.m. **Pick Up Box Lunch**

Included in registration

12:00 p.m. **1.00 hr**

For the Life You Love

Join us for a motivational presentation fashioned to entertain and enlighten. Introduction by Gale Bates, Executive Sales Manager, Weekenders USA, Inc.

Kathy Leighton, Weekenders USA, Inc., Bastrop

1:15 p.m. **1.00 hr**

Examining the Future of Court Collections

This presentation will explore the evolution of fine enforcement and the court collections process, along with its increasing potential to impact county revenues. This class will also examine the changes and challenges facing counties with the passage of SB 1863, the Collections Improvement Bill.

Russ Duncan, Office of Court Administration,
Austin

Jim Lehman, Office of Court Administration,
Austin

2:15 p.m. **Break**

Airwalls Closed for Concurrent Sessions

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

COUNTY CLERKS

Presiding Officer: Hon. Becky Groneman,
County and District Clerk,
Oldham County, Vega
Education Committee Chair, CDCAT

2:45 p.m. **.75 hr**

Probate: A Clerk's Perspective

An overview of the responsibilities of clerks for probate courts, including ways to serve the clerk's customers.

David B. Ferris, Travis County Clerks Office,
Austin

3:30 p.m. .75 hr

Unraveling the Forms Conundrum

A look at forms used in your office. *Thank you to Tyler Technologies, Inc. for providing CDs.*

Hon. David Ruland, County Clerk,
Deaf Smith County, Hereford

4:15 p.m. .75 hr

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Review of the recent elections—the first election with full HAVA implementation. Did we do well? What can we do to make it better? What's in our control? What's not?

Melinda Nickless, Office of the Secretary
of State, Austin

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

DISTRICT CLERKS

Presiding Officer: Hon. Janice Gray,
District Clerk, Coryell County, Gatesville
Treasurer, CDCAT

2:45 p.m. .75 hr

Judicial By-Pass Proceedings

A refresher of parental consent law and clerk's compliance.

Hon. Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, District Clerk,
Travis County, Austin

3:30 p.m. .75 hr

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Hon. Sheri Woodfin, District Clerk,
Tom Green County, San Angelo

4:15 p.m. .50 hr

Foreign Judgments

What is a foreign judgment and what do you do when you get one?

Hon. Caroline Woodburn, District Clerk,
Potter County, Amarillo

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING—MAY 5, 2006

Presiding Officer: Hon. Karen McQueen,
County Clerk, Brazos County, Bryan
Secretary, CDCAT

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Fraudulent Filings

Current issues related to the problem of fraudulent filing in public records.

Demetri Anastasiadis, Assistant Attorney General,
Office of the Attorney General, Austin
Peter B. Haskel, Assistant City Attorney,
City of Dallas, Dallas

9:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Open Records

Learn the general background of the legal requirements for open records and public information, including the procedures, requirements, penalties, and other consequences. How does the Public Information Act apply to governmental bodies?

Zindia Thomas, Office of the Attorney
General, Austin

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr

Open Meetings

Learn the general background of the legal requirements for open meetings, including the procedures, requirements, penalties, and other consequences. How does the Open Meetings Act apply to governmental bodies?

Zindia Thomas, Office of the Attorney
General, Austin

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

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☐ Early Registration Fee due by Wed. April 26, 2006..... \$210.00

☐ Registration Fee after Wed. April 26, 2006 \$260.00

ALSO AVAILABLE – Allow 2–4 weeks from conference date for delivery.

☐ Course Binder \$50.00

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CONFERENCE LOCATION



Hyatt Regency on Town Lake

208 Barton Springs
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512-477-1234
or 1-800-233-1234

Parking: \$5 self-parking
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Nearby Accommodations:

Embassy Suites Hotel
Austin-Downtown /Town Lake
512-469-9000
Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin
800-333-3333

KEY DATES

Registration & Cancellation

April 26, 2006-5 p.m.
last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

April 28, 2006-5 p.m.
last day for full refund

May 1, 2006-5 p.m.
last day for partial refunds
\$50 processing fee applied

May 3, 2006-12:30 p.m.
conference begins

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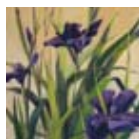
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