

2009 County and District Clerks

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Wednesday Afternoon, Apr. 22, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Becky Groneman, Oldham County - Vega, TX

11:00 am	Registration Opens Includes complimentary refreshments.
12:30 pm 0.50 hr	Call to Order Hon. Karen McQueen, President, CDCAT, County Clerk, Brazos County, Bryan Pledge of Allegiance Hon. Cathy Stuart, Vice-President, CDCAT, District Clerk, Victoria County, Victoria Invocation Hon. Joyce Hudman, Treasurer, CDCAT, County Clerk, Brazoria County, Angleton Welcome Hon. Karen McQueen, President, CDCAT, County Clerk, Brazos County, Bryan
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	Resources for Clerks New online resources and other services available for clerks. Nanette Forbes, Texas Association of Counties - Austin, TX
1:30 pm 1.00 hr	Records Management Fees How to deal with fees? How can they be used? Digitizing and the legalities of the money. Includes Q&A opportunity. Moderator: Karen C. Gladney, Associate General Counsel, Texas Association of Counties - Austin, TX Panelists: Hon. Margaret G. Montemayor, Bexar County - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. James D. Patton, County Clerk, Walker County - Huntsville, TX
2:30 pm 1.00 hr	Fraudulent Filings—Current Issues Peter B. Haskel, City of Dallas - Dallas, TX Lance A. Kutnick, Assistant District Attorney, Attorney General of Texas-Criminal Prosecutions Division - Austin, TX
3:30 pm	Break Airwalls closed for Professional Networking Concurrent sessions.

Professional Networking Concurrent Sessions

3:45 pm 1.00 hr	District Clerks Professional Networking Moderator: Hon. Paige Lindsey, District Clerk, Terry County District Clerk - Brownfield, TX Panelists: Hon. Penny Anderson, District Clerk, Haskell County - Haskell, TX Panelists: Hon. Joan Carder, District Clerk, Hutchinson County - Stinnett, TX Panelists: Hon. Sherri Jones, District Clerk, Wheeler County - Wheeler, TX Panelists: Hon. Dennis Price, District Clerk, Hockley County - Levelland, TX
3:45 pm 1.00 hr	County Clerks Professional Networking Moderator: Hon. Rose Pietsch, Bastrop County - Bastrop, TX Panelists: Hon. Linda Haney, County Clerk, Ector County - Odessa, TX Panelists: Hon. Teresa Kiel, County Clerk, Guadalupe County - Seguin, TX Panelists: Hon. James D. Patton, County Clerk, Walker County - Huntsville, TX Panelists: Hon. Beth A. Rothermel, County Clerk, Washington County - Brenham, TX
3:45 pm 1.00 hr	Combination Clerks Professional Networking Moderator: Hon. Jim Plummer, County and District Clerk, Garza County - Post, TX Panelists: Hon. Barbara K. Hoffman, County and District Clerk, Concho County - Paint Rock, TX Panelists: Hon. Bella A. Rubio, County and District Clerk, Real County - Leahey, TX Panelists: Hon. Joyce M. Thomas, County and District Clerk, Castro County - Dimmitt, TX
4:45 pm	Adjourn

Thursday Morning, Apr. 23, 2009

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Hon. Karen McQueen, County Clerk, Brazos County - Bryan, TX

8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
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9:00 am 1.00 hr	<p>Boot Camp</p> <p>The Clerks' Boot Camp has been established to offer foundations and fundamentals covering a wide variety of subjects. Speakers are members of the CDCAT Education Committee.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Becky Groneman, Oldham County - Vega, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Jo Ann Chastain, Angelina County - Lufkin, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Aurora De La Garza, Cameron County - Brownsville, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Heather H. Hawthorne, Chambers County - Anahuac, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Diane Hoefling, District Clerk, Moore County - Dumas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Tracy Powers, Grayson County District Clerk - Sherman, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Beth A. Rothermel, County Clerk, Washington County - Brenham, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Sandra K Sanders, Wharton County Clerk, Wharton County - Wharton, TX</p>
10:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Bonds and Insurance for Clerks</p> <p>Includes errors and omissions.</p> <p>Karen C. Gladney, Associate General Counsel, Texas Association of Counties - Austin, TX</p>
10:30 am	<p>Break</p>
10:45 am 1.50 hrs	<p>The 4th Amendment and Searches</p> <p>Clerical tasks associated with categorizing and filing affidavits, warrants and paperwork in related proceedings. Plus clerk's search for information within the records of the clerk's office. What's needed? What's required? What can we do? What kind of bond do we need?</p> <p>C. Scott Brumley, Potter County Attorney's Office - Amarillo, TX</p>

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12:15 pm	<p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
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12:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Put LIFE in your Life! 7 Sparks to Ignite Your Aliveness</p> <p>Do you worry about things you cannot control? Do you feel that you have no power over your own life? Do you feel like you are stuck in some aspect of your life? Discover how to reclaim your own identity in the midst of institutional cultures and other demands by learning about the "7 Sparks to Aliveness". These sparks resonate with people in varied professions, ages and settings, adding energy, passion, and joy to their lives. This presentation provides a balanced view of the sparks and encourages attendees to examine the sparks that most need illumination in their lives. Participants leave with a personal plan for the first steps to ignite more aliveness in their lives.</p> <p>Lin Scheib, Lightning Life Coaching, LLC - Austin, TX</p>
1:00 pm	Break
1:15 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Evidence Preservation: What to Do with it When the Trial is Over</p> <p>The proper handling of physical evidence in the courtroom during and after trial is as important as when it is first collected at a crime scene. This session will define physical evidence, explain its proper handling and preservation with a focus on biological evidence such as blood and body fluids, personal safety considerations, chain of custody, quality assurance, and storage.</p> <p><i>This session has moved to Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.</i></p> <p>Angela Tanzillo-Swartz, Texas Department of Public Safety, Crime Lab - Austin, TX</p>
2:15 pm	<p>Break</p> <p>Close airwalls</p>
<p>County Clerks Track Presiding Officer: Hon. Joyce Hudman, County Clerk, Brazoria County - Angleton, TX</p>	
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Elections</p> <p>An update from the Office of the Secretary of State, with a discussion of the November 2008 Election Assistance Commission survey, including challenges in obtaining the data and a preliminary data analysis, and issues related to the upcoming May and November elections. Q&A follows.</p> <p>Melinda Nickless, Office of the Secretary of State - Austin, TX</p>
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Occupational Driver Licenses</p> <p>Betty Blackwell, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Juveniles</p> <p>Overview of juvenile court process and custodian of records issues.</p> <p>Hon. J. Andrew Hathcock, District Courts of Travis County - Austin, TX Norina Sanchez, Travis County Juvenile Court - Austin, TX</p>

4:00 pm 1.00 hr	Probate Gene Terry, Director of Operations , Texas Association of Counties - Austin, TX
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3:30 pm 0.50 hr	Indictments from A to Z A primer of how indictments, complaints, true bills, and rocket/missile dockets originate and are processed. Hon. Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, Travis County - Austin, TX
4:00 pm 1.00 hr	Child Support Contracts Allen Broussard, Office of the Attorney General - Austin, TX
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Apr. 24, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Heather H. Hawthorne, Chambers County - Anahuac, TX

8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
9:00 am 1.00 hr	Registry of the Court—Identifying, Calculating, and Accounting This session has moved to Thursday afternoon at 1:15 p.m. Paul S. Lyon, Bexar County Auditor's Office - San Antonio, TX
10:00 am 1.00 hr	Legislation and Lobbyist Updates Charles C. Bailey, Lobbyist, County and District Clerks Association of Texas - Austin, TX Glen Gardner Shuffler, Lobbyist, County and District Clerks Association of Texas - Austin, TX

11:00 am
1.00 hr ethics

Ethics and Professionalism in a Changing World: No Right Way to do a Wrong Thing

This program provides a look at the wave of our ethical fabric and a quality check of its integrity. This class examines the origin and definition of the word ethics and discusses it as a history lesson, but it also looks at specifics of ethical conduct for elected officials and public servants. From ancient Greek to the 1960's, to a look at three American presidents, to Will Rogers, you'll discover that some things, like a culture's "anchor values" never change. In addition, we'll take a look at our own ethical platforms on which we take an ethical stand and discuss why right is right and wrong is wrong.

Mark Warren, Texas Association of Counties - Austin, TX

12:00 pm

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