

**2026 Texas NAELA Summer Conference
July 29, 2026 • Moody Gardens • Galveston, TX**

Wednesday Morning, July 29, 2026

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10:15 am **Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens**

10:30 am **Board Meeting**

All TX NAELA members are welcome to join.

11:30 am **Pick Up Lunch**

Included in registration.

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Wednesday Afternoon, July 29, 2026

Presiding Officer:


Kelley M. Bentley, Bentley Eckelkamp, PLLC - Sugar Land, TX

11:50 am **Welcoming Remarks**

12:00 pm
0.50 hr **Property Tax Exemptions: A Guide for Elder Law Practitioners**


In assisting clients with estate plans, Medicaid eligibility plans, and trust and estate administration, elder law attorneys frequently encounter case scenarios in which the status of property tax exemptions on real property is affected. This primer summarizes the elements and application requirements of the most common property tax exemptions available to elder law clients, as well as provides tips for attorneys to ensure the plans they craft help clients maximize these valuable tax exemptions.

Benecia Flores, Petrosewicz Law Firm, P.C. - Richmond, TX

<p>12:30 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics</p>	<p>Does That Really Work? Uncommon Medicaid Strategies</p> <p>Hear Medicaid eligibility strategies that are often unknown, misunderstood, or considered “too risky.”</p> <p>John K. Ross IV, Ross & Shoalmire PLLC - Texarkana, TX</p>
<p>1:15 pm</p>	<p>15-Minute Break to Visit Exhibitors</p>
<p>1:30 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics</p>	<p>An Unconventional Solution for a Conventional Problem: How Victims of Elder Abuse Can Pursue a Protective Order Even When There is No Family Violence</p> <p>This presentation focuses on an underutilized private cause of action found in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure: the 7B Protective Order. This claim can aid elder abuse victims even if there is no violence or pending guardianship.</p> <p>Mike Day, Day Family Law, PLLC - Houston, TX</p>
<p>2:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics</p>	<p>Firearms: Planning for these Pesky Powerful Things</p> <p>How to handle firearms in a Texas estate plan when the owner has capacity and when they do not. Gain insight on how to manage firearms using a power of attorney, trust, and will, while also accounting for the NFA and the VA in the planning process.</p> <p>P. James Rainey, Rainey & Rainey, PLLC - Waco, TX</p>
<p>2:30 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>Capital Gains Freedom: Beneficiary Deemed Owner Trusts and Other Strategies</p> <p>Explore powerful techniques using Beneficiary Deemed Owner Trusts and other advanced planning tools to achieve capital gains freedom and protect your clients’ wealth from unnecessary taxation.</p> <p>Lisa Shoalmire, Ross & Shoalmire PLLC - Texarkana, TX</p>
<p>3:00 pm</p>	<p>15-Minute Break to Visit Exhibitors</p> <p>Thank You to Our Break Sponsor</p> 
<p>3:15 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>The Trials and Tribulations of Obtaining Legal IDs for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Discuss some of the ongoing issues for seniors and persons with disabilities in obtaining legal identification when they have no prior form of identification, a previously expired or lost form of identification, missing the standard documents to prove their identification, or have lost their State issued Driver’s License due to a guardianship.</p> <p>Joy Eckelkamp, Bentley Eckelkamp, PLLC - Sugar Land, TX</p>

<p>3:45 pm 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p>The Incapacitated or Deceased Attorney</p> <p>A practical guide to dealing with an incapacitated or deceased professional's estate.</p> <p>Jessica Newill, Gardner Law Firm - San Antonio, TX</p>
<p>4:15 pm 0.75 hr</p>	<p>Deeds, Disputes, and Duct Tape - How to fix Those Pesky Real Estate Problems</p> <p>Discuss how to fix various real estate problems such as errors in deeds, payment of taxes by one co-owner without other co-owners helping and other similar property issues.</p> <p>Kristen Quinney Porter, Kristen Quinney Porter, LLC - New Braunfels, TX</p>
<p>5:00 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics</p>	<p>Intersection of Elder Law and Gray Divorce</p> <p>As divorce rates among adults 50 and older continue to rise, attorneys increasingly encounter clients whose legal needs span both family law and elder law — from dividing pensions and IRAs to preserving Medicaid eligibility, updating estate plans mid-dissolution and dealing with capacity issues. This presentation brings those two disciplines into conversation, highlighting the financial, medical, and planning considerations that make the intersection of gray divorce and elder law uniquely complex.</p> <p>Patricia N. Carter, Carter Morris, LLP - Houston, TX Erin W. Peirce, Leu, Peirce, & Olson, PLLC - Plano, TX</p>
<p>5:45 pm</p>	<p>Break to Business Meeting and Reception</p>

Wednesday Evening, July 29, 2026

<p>5:45 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Evening Reception</p> <p>Thank You to Our Reception Sponsor</p> 
<p>6:15 pm</p>	<p>TX NAELA Member Meeting</p>