

**2006 Family Law on the Border Conference**  
**February 23-24, 2006 • • El Paso,**  
**March 9-10, 2006 • • San Antonio,**

**Thursday Morning, Feb. 23, 2006**

**Presiding Officers:**

In El Paso: **Donald L. Williams**, Law Office Of Donald L Williams - El Paso, TX

In San Antonio: **Pamela Michelle Brown**, Texas Riogrande Legal Aid Inc - Weslaco, TX

9:00 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<b>Procedural Issues on the Border; When Close Is Not Good Enough</b>  Special procedural problems encountered in practice in the border area, including service of process, discovery and depositions, witness issues, special appearances, pleas in abatement—and possible solutions.  Victor Hugo Negron Jr., Kerr & Negron PC - San Antonio, TX
10:00 am In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<b>Paternity—Jurisdiction and Remedies</b>  Paternity Establishment at the border. Legislative update, international cases, best practices and what to do when you are NOT the father!  Gary Caswell, Attorney at Law - San Antonio, TX Mariano E Nunez Arreola, Boffette Nunez Arreola Y Asociados - Monterrey, Mexico, NL Laura Katharine Strathmann, El Paso, TX
10:45 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<b>International Child Support—Registering, Enforcing and Modifying</b>  A discussion of the legal and practical aspects of establishing support orders in Texas when one party resides in a foreign jurisdiction as well as the enforcement of and ability to modify an order issued by a foreign jurisdiction. [San Antonio session will also include sending cases to Mexico].  Barry J. Brooks, Office of the Attorney General - Austin, TX Hon. Don Wayne Minton, Child Support Court - El Paso, TX Mariano E Nunez Arreola, Boffette Nunez Arreola Y Asociados - Monterrey, Mexico, NL

**Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 23, 2006**

**Presiding Officers:**

In El Paso: **Donald L. Williams**, Law Office Of Donald L Williams - El Paso, TX

In San Antonio: **Pamela Michelle Brown**, Texas Riogrande Legal Aid Inc - Weslaco, TX

1:15 pm In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<p><b>International Abduction Issues, Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Custody and Possession</b></p> <p>Interpretation and application of the Hague Convention of October 25, 1980 on the civil aspects of International Child Abduction. A quarter century of practice.</p> <p>Miriam Ackels Claerhout, Ackels &amp; Ackels LLP - Dallas, TX  Adair Dyer Jr., Law Office of Adair Dyer - Austin, TX  Leticia Martinez, Mexican Consulate - El Paso, TX  Brian L. Webb, The Webb Family Law Firm, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
3:00 pm In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p><b>Assets and Business Law</b></p> <p>A discussion of how to locate assets in the Republic of Mexico, identify ownership interests in the same, value the asset, transfer the asset and enforce a judicial division of the asset.</p> <p>Marco A. Delgado, El Paso, TX  C. Jeff Minor, Semko &amp; Minor PC - El Paso, TX</p>
3:30 pm In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<p><b>Foreign Law, Foreign Documents</b></p> <p>Establishing foreign law through judicial notice, authenticating foreign documents, using letters rogatory, obtaining foreign service of process, using translations, and using interpreters.</p> <p>Ann Crawford McClure, Eighth Court of Appeals - El Paso, TX  Richard R. Orsinger, McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson &amp; Downing - Dallas, TX</p>
4:00 pm In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<p><b>Judges Panel</b></p> <p>Kathleen C. Anderson, Family Law Courts - El Paso, TX  Hon. Robyne Bramblett, Family Law Court - El Paso, TX  Pamela Michelle Brown, Texas Riogrande Legal Aid Inc - Weslaco, TX  Hon. Oscar G. Gabaldon Jr., 65th District Court - El Paso, TX  Jose Juarez, Family Court I - El Paso, TX  Hon. Andy Mireles, 73rd District Court - San Antonio, TX  Barbara Hanson Nellermeoe, 45th District Court - San Antonio, TX  Rose Guerra Reyna, 206 Dist. Court - Edinburg, TX  Moderator:  Donald L. Williams, Law Office Of Donald L Williams - El Paso, TX</p>

## Friday Morning, Feb. 24, 2006

### Presiding Officers:

In El Paso: **Laura Katharine Strathmann**, El Paso, TX

In San Antonio: **Ricardo Loza**, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc. - San Antonio, TX

9:00 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<p><b>International Adoptions and Immigration</b></p> <p>An overview of family immigration law, the effect of divorce on non-immigrant visa holders and pending adjustment of status applicants, the mechanics of foreign adoption and immigration law, and a review of post 1996 legislation which affects immigrants.</p> <p>Albert Armendariz Jr., Dunbar, Armendariz &amp; Hegeman, PLLC - El Paso, TX  Ouisa D. Davis, El Paso County Domestic Relations Office - El Paso, TX  Daniel M. Kowalski, Reina, Bates &amp; Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Austin, TX</p>
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10:00 am In El Paso Only 0.75 hr	<b>Abuse, Neglect, Violence</b>  This presentation will uncover many of the intricacies and unique issues encountered in obtaining protective orders in a border region  Jesus Rodriguez, 383rd District Court - El Paso, TX
11:00 am In El Paso Only 0.50 hr	<b>Technology and Business in Mexico</b>  Mexico online; how to access the Internet Mexican legal databases and use them in your practice.  David J. Ferrell, David J. Ferrell, PLLC - El Paso, TX
11:30 am In El Paso Only 1.00 hr	<b>Top Ten Things You Need to Know about Mexican Family Law</b>  This is a brief introduction to aspects of Mexican law that impact the conduct of family law litigation in the Texas courts.  Jose Luis Barron, El Paso, TX Douglas C. Smith, Douglas C. Smith, PLLC - El Paso, TX