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**2015 Texas Estate and Trust
Legislative Update**

(Including Probate, Guardianships, Trusts,
Powers of Attorney, and Other Related Matters)

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Read the Paper!

- Or at least the main part of the paper (pp. 6 – 23).
- Due to time constraints, we can't cover every change described in the paper.
- Some of the ones we'll skip may be of interest to you.

The 2015 REPTL “Big” Bills

- Decedents’ Estates
 - Disclaimers
- Guardianships
- Trusts
- Financial and Medical Powers of Attorney

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The 2015 REPTL “Small” Bills

- “One Continuous Statute” (Probate vs. Estates Code)
 - Exempt Property
 - TUTMA
 - Anatomical Gifts
 - Disposition of Remains
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- General Code Update – SB 1296

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But First, a REPTL “Disclaimer”...

- REPTL bills are introduced with proposals that have received State Bar Board of Directors’ approval.
- Once introduced, they’re no longer “REPTL bills.”
- REPTL bills end up with provisions that were not originally REPTL proposals.
- Non-REPTL provisions added to REPTL bills are noted in the paper. In this presentation, they are highlighted in **burnt orange**.

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Speaking of Disclaimers....

- The Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
- New **Property** Code Ch. 240. (Sorry.)
- There’s no 9-month deadline for disclaimers **for state law purposes**.
 - De-coupled from tax law.
 - Focus on acceptance, not the calendar. If property is accepted, it cannot be disclaimed.
- See Glenn Karisch’s paper for more detailed discussion.
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