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Lexis Advance Training and CLE

The Law Library is hosting a **FREE Lexis Advance Training and CLE** on Monday, **June 19th** at **1 pm** in **County Court At Law #1**. A representative from Lexis Nexis will be on hand to show you the basics of Lexis Advance and answer any questions you might have. Those in attendance will receive 1 hour of CLE credit. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact the Law Library at 281-341- 3718.

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New & Updated Resources

Basic Contract Law for Paralegals

- 7th Edition



O'Connor's Federal Intellectual Property Codes

- 2017 Edition

Texas Criminal Practice Guide

- Release 99
- May 2017 Update

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated

- Vols. 6—12
- Health and Safety Code
- 2017 Update

O'Connor's Texas Civil Appeals

- 2017 Edition

Texas Criminal Forms

- 2017 Edition

Texas Practice Series

- Courtroom Handbook on Texas Evidence
- Texas Worker's Compensation Law and Practice

Texas Court's Charge Reporter

- 2017 Update

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Criminal Defense Techniques

- May 2017 Update

FBC Bar News

The **June luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **June 29th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **Services and Hidden Gems of the Fort Bend County Law Library**. The Speaker will be Andrew Bennett. The program is approved for 1 hour CLE credit and .25 hours ethics credit. The luncheon cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. [Membership information](#) and the [RSVP Policy for Luncheons](#) are also on the website.

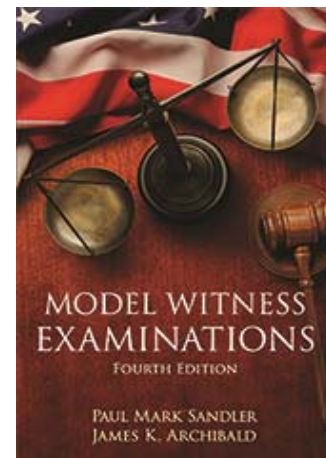
Please RSVP no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, **June 22nd** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: Model Witness Examinations

This month's featured resource is a title from the American Bar Association. Model Witness Examinations 4th edition is the most up to date version of a classic handbook that will show you how to effectively deal with practical evidentiary issues that every trial lawyer faces. The models cover a broad variety of basic issues that must be dealt with in direct, cross, and redirect, as well as in the use of interrogatories and depositions. Each model starts with a description of a fact situation and is followed by the examination in Q & A format. After each model, the authors provide an analytical commentary in which they cite and explain the key cases, rules, secondary authorities, and provide tactical and strategic guidance. This updated edition includes new materials on direct examinations and electronically stored information regarding social media, and a new chapter on cross-examination. This handbook provides litigators with a clearly defined structure for proving facts, as well as sophisticated tactics and strategies. This guide is a powerful research tool and hands on guide to use before and during trial. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.



Technology Corner

By Lisa Tafoya

In this column, we examine technology in the Law Library that you can use in your practice.



This Month's Featured Technology: Internet Legal Research on a Budget: Free and Low Cost Resources for Lawyers (Book)

This month we are looking at free and low cost internet resources for lawyers who cannot afford to depend on expensive legal research databases. The authors share the top websites, apps, blogs, Twitter feeds, and crowdsourced resources that will save you time and money. This book will help you locate and use: Legal Portals and directories, Case law databases including Casemaker and Fastcase, Cite-checking resources, Dockets, Federal Statutory research, Federal, legislative, and congressional materials. Also, starting points for state, local, territorial, and tribal law. It includes practice area research using websites, blogs, and Twitter. You can also find background information about attorneys, judges, and legal professionals. These free and low cost resources will certainly help you in your practice. For more information, visit the law library.

Community News

- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on **Thursday, June 15th** at **County Court at Law # 4** in the Justice Center. It is approved for 1 hour CLE credit. For more information, visit the [FBCCDAA Events webpage](#).
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. They are also hosting a **Low-Income Legal Aid Clinic** on Saturday, **June 24th** from **1 to 3 pm** at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Richmond. **Volunteer attorneys are needed!** If you would like to help low-income residents and veterans of Fort Bend County, information about volunteering is available by email at Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org.
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** will be having a **FREE Westlaw Training and CLE** on **August 7th** at **10 am** in **County Court at Law # 1** in the Justice Center. A representative from Thomson Reuters will be on hand to show you the basics of using Westlaw as well as any of the new features or questions you may have. This training will focus on Criminal Law. The training has been approved for **1 hour CLE credit**. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.
- The **Harris County Law Library** will be hosting two **FREE CLE** Classes this summer with their **Legal Tech Institute**. The first is on **June 22nd** entitled **The Robot Lawyer**. The second is on **July 13** and is on **Excel Essentials**. For more information visit their [Harris County Law Library website](#).

Express Class

Do you need a brush up on the Microsoft Office Programs? We are here to help! **Sign up now for Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint EXPRESS CLASSES!** Classes are **15-minutes each**, on **Thursday** mornings from **10 am – 12 pm**. **We teach you the basics of each program.** You can choose from additional classes such as Hein Online, Westlaw, Lexis Advance, and O'Connor's Online. Registration is required. Call **281-341-3718** to register.

Texas Lawyers

Assistance Program

The State Bar of Texas offers confidential assistance to attorneys, judges, and law students who are facing substance abuse and mental health issues through its [Lawyers Assistance Program](#). Professional staff members are available 24/7 by phone to help with crisis counseling and referrals to local professionals and support groups. For assistance, call 1-800-343-8527.

To Include Items in the Newsletter

If you have any information on upcoming CLEs, conferences, etc. that you think would be useful to include in the newsletter, please send an email to abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us with "Newsletter" as the subject.

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Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- [Mattias v. Gilbert](#), No. 14-16-00640-CV, (May 16, 2017): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Cox, Quentin](#), No. PD-0329-17, (May 17, 2017): PDR refused. (434th Dist.)
- [Williamson v. State](#), No. 01-16-00001-CR, (June 1, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (268th Dist.)
- [Catt v. Dolozier & et al](#), No. 14-16-00524-CV, (June 1, 2017): aff'd. (268th Dist.)
- [State v. Barahona](#), No. 14-17-00135-CR, (June 1, 2017): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Texas Education Agency v. S.E.H.](#), No. 01-16-00420-CV, (June 6, 2017): rev'd TC judgment and render judgment. (268th Dist.)
- [Coleman v. Catalyst Property Solutions](#), No. 01-17-00119-CV, (June 8, 2017): appeal dismissed. (CCL #1)
- [Smith v. Citibank](#), No. 01-16-00955-CV, (June 13, 2017): dismiss appeal. (CCL # 2)

Family Law

- Matter of V.G., 513 S.W.3d 815 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2017): it was affirmed that there was justification for officer to pat down juvenile for weapons.
- In Re Guardianship of Tonner, 514 S.W.3d 242 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2014): it was within the discretion of the court to not to dispense with or modify guardianship.

Criminal Law

- Williams v. State, 513 S.W.3d 619 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2016): since the defendant voluntarily went to the police station with officers for an interview after the death of her husband was determined to not be in custody.
- Knott v. State, 513 S.W.3d 779 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2017): the identification of the victim was sufficiently reliable even though the one-person show up procedure was suggestive.
- Barnett v. State, 513 S.W.3d 596 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016): it was determined that the defendant's right to trial was not violated due to the finding that the trial court door was closed even though it was testified that the door had been locked.

Estate Planning and Probate—Wills

- Byerley v. McCulley, 514 S.W.3d 426 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2017): The savings clause which allowed notice by posting for a probate of will of person who died prior to a specific date was repealed.

Torts—Experts

- Hospadales v. McCoy, 513 S.W.3d 724 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist] 2017): the orthopedic surgeon was qualified to give testimony as an expert on injuries in a car accident.

For more information on recent cases, visit the Law Library.