



# LAW LIBRARY NEWS

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## Bard and Bar Program

The Law Library will be hosting its 3rd Annual **Bard and Bar Program** on Thursday, **April 13th** at **10 am**. We will be having a book discussion on this year's author. We will have coffee and snacks as well for those in attendance. We will also give tours of the library and database training classes. This year's author is **Richard Balson**, author of **"Once We Were Brothers."** For more information, please contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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## New & Updated Resources

### ***Texas Administrative Code***

- 2017 Edition

### ***O'Connor's Oil and Gas Statutes and Regulations***

- 2016-2017 Edition

### ***Texas Criminal Jury Charges***

- Revision 17
- 2017 Update

### ***Texas Transaction Guide***

- Release 120
- February 2017 Update

### ***Texas Practice Series***

- *Methods of Practice*
- *Jury Charge in Civil Litigation*
- 2017 Update

### ***Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated***

- *Government Code Vols. 4C & 5*
- 2017 Update

### ***O'Connor's Federal Rules \* Civil Trial***

- 2016-2017 Edition

### ***Accommodating Disabilities***

- No. 286
- March 2017 Update

### ***Texas Limited Liability Companies***

- February 2017 Update

### ***Federal Tax Practice and Procedure***

- Release 15
- 2017 Update



## FBC Bar News

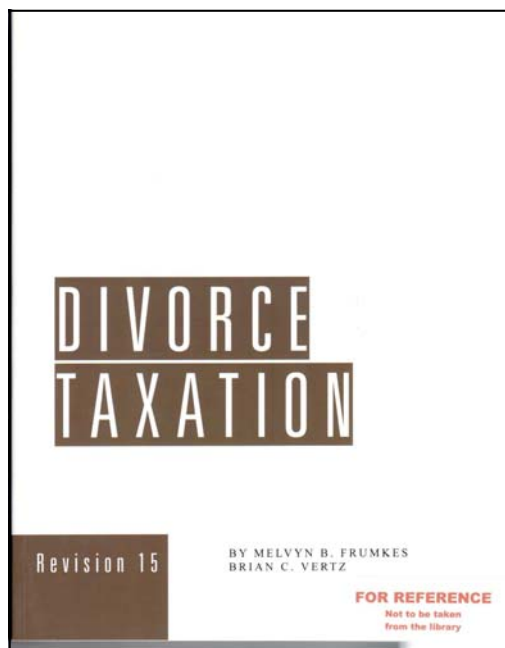
The **March luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **March 30th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is **Information of Things: Wielding Information and Defending Against Information Attacks**. The Speaker will be the **Aaron Hughes**. 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, **March 23rd** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

### **Member Resources**

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

## Featured Resource: *Divorce Taxation*



The Law Library has acquired a new title for our Family Law collection entitled *Divorce Taxation*. This one-volume guide covers many different topics involved in divorce including distribution of assets and tax issues including valuation, net income, and tax filings. In addition, this guide covers what tax problems may occur in unmarried cohabitation, same-sex couples and dependencies, retirement benefits, and veterans plans. The guide also includes many commonly used forms in regards to the IRS, checklist, and treasury regulations charts. As with any James Publishing guide, there are practice tips and annotations throughout. The book is written by Melvyn B. Frumkes and Brian C. Vertz. Both authors have more than 20 years experience in the field. The library has a digital copy of this title on the libraries computers so that printing of forms is easy. The forms can also be downloaded in Word format for easy editing. Copies can be made for \$.10 a page. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

## Technology Corner

*By Andrew Bennett*

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

### **This Month's Featured Technology:** *Importing a PDF into Lexis for Microsoft Word*

Importing a PDF into Microsoft Word is easy. Simply click on the Microsoft Word icon on the desktop which is located in the upper right corner of the screen. Then select the Lexis Nexis tab on the ribbon at the top. Then select the "Import PDF" icon to the right of the center of the tab. It will open a dialog box. Simply find the appropriate PDF you wish to import either from the computer, a flash drive, or a download from Lexis Advance. Once clicked, it will automatically import and convert the PDF into Word for easy editing. This can be done with any type of PDF including forms, briefs, letters, or any other type of documents. This feature is available on computers 1 & 2 at the Law Library. Need a demonstration? Contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718 and take an Express Class!



### Community News

- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on Thursday, **March 16th** 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 **Family Law Workshop** on Wednesday, **March 15th** from **6:30 to 8:30 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](mailto:Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org).
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is hosting its **Justice for All Luncheon** on **April 20th** at **11 am** at the Sweetwater Country Club. The Keynote Speaker will be Pete Olson, United States Representative from the 22nd District of Texas. For more information, contact Tasha Hernandez by email at [Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org](mailto:Tasha@fortbendlawyerscare.org).
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** will be having a **FREE Lexis Advance CLE** on **June 19th** at **1 pm** in **County Court at Law # 1** in the Justice Center. A representative from Lexis Nexis will be on hand to show you the basics of using Lexis Advance as well as any of the new features or questions you may have. The training has been approved for 1 hour CLE credit. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

### 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](mailto:abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us) with "Newsletter" as the subject.

### Express Class

Have you tried all the new features on Lexis Advance or Westlaw? Lexis has the new keyword mapping and Westlaw has Practical Law. **Sign up now for Lexis Advance or Westlaw EXPRESS CLASSES!** Classes are **15-minutes each**, on **Thursday** mornings from **10 am – 12 pm**. You can choose from additional classes such as Hein Online, and O'Connor's Online. Registration is required. Call **281-341-3718** to register.

#### To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

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## Texas Case Law Update

### Local Cases

- [Lawton v. Lawton](#), No. 16-0124, (February 17, 2017): petition for review denied. (CCL 1)
- [First Colony Community Services Assoc. v. Valentz](#), No. 01-16-00060-CV, (February 23, 2017): Rev'd TC judgment and remand to TC. (268th Dist.)
- [Arceneaux v. Pinnacle Entertainment](#), No. 14-15-00894-CV, (February 23, 2017): aff'd (268th Dist.)
- [De Los Santos v. Estate of Kidder](#), No. 14-16-00782-CV, (February 23, 2017): dismissed (CCL #4)
- [Cox v. State](#), No. 14-15-00684-CR, (February 23, 2017): aff'd (434th Dist.)
- [Tran v. Tran](#), No. 01-16-00248-CV, (March 2, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (400th Dist.)
- [Kroger v. Bamonte](#), No. 14-16-00896-CV, (March 2, 2017): dismissed. (400th Dist.)
- [Rodriguez v. State](#), No. 01-14-00774-CR, (March 7, 2017): aff'd TC judgment (240th Dist.)
- [Reagins v. Walker](#), No. 14-15-00764-CV, (March 7, 2017): aff'd in part, rev'd in part, remand in part. (387th Dist.)
- [Bonner v. State](#), No. 01-15-01093-CR, (March 9, 2017): aff'd TC judgment (434th Dist.)

### Family Law

- *C.S.F. v. Texas Dept. of Family Services*, 505 S.W.3d 618 (Tex. 2016): it was held that the a pro se indigent parent has the right to appointed counsel in pursuing a petition for review in the Supreme Court.

### Criminal Law

- *Guthie-Nail v. State*, 506 S.W.3d 1 (Tex. Crim. App. 2015): since judgment nunc pro tunc to make deadly weapon finding was made without notice to defendant, which violated due process, warranted the remand.
- *Newkirk v. State*, 506 S.W.3d 188 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2016): it was found that the defendant was not prejudiced due to trial counsel's inability to request a sudden passion instruction during the punishment phase.
- *Ex Parte Davis*, 506 S.W.3d 150 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2016): even though due to the allegations applicant's insurance riced increased and standing in the community decreased it does not entitle applicant to habeas relief.

### Real Property

- *Crosstex North v. Gardiner*, 505 S.W.3d 580 (Tex. 2016): the term "nuisance" did not refer to the act or damages, but only applied to the legal injury when "determining the interference of plaintiff's use and enjoyment of property."

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