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## New & Updated Resources

### *O'Connor's Texas Series*

- *Crimes & Consequences*
- *Business Organizations Code Plus*
- *Business & Commerce Code Plus*
- *2017 Editions*

### *Texas Practice Guide*

- *Evidence*
- *2017-18 Edition*

### *Lone Star Law: A Legal History of Texas*



### *Getting Away with Murder on the Texas*



### *Frontier: Notorious Killings & Celebrated Trials*

### *Defense of Drunk Driving Cases*

- *Release 108*
- *Oct 2017 Update*

### *State Bar CLE Course Guides*

- *Advanced Family Law*
- *Advanced Criminal Law*
- *Advanced Estate Planning & Probate*

### *How to Succeed as a Trial Lawyer*

- *2nd Edition*



### *Benched: ...Tales from the Life of a Federal Judge*



### *Criminal Law Advocacy*

- *Release 67*
- *Nov 2017 Update*

### *A Guide to Texas Probate*

- *Release 19*
- *2017 Update*

## FBC Bar News

**There will not be a November Luncheon or CLE.**

The **Fort Bend County Bar Association** will be holding its **Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 1 from 6 to 10 pm** at the **Briscoe Manor**. **Dinner begins at 7 pm**. Tickets are \$100 for members and guests. Contact the Bar by email at [info@fortbendbar.org](mailto:info@fortbendbar.org).

**Remember, Attorney Badge Applications must be renewed every year!**

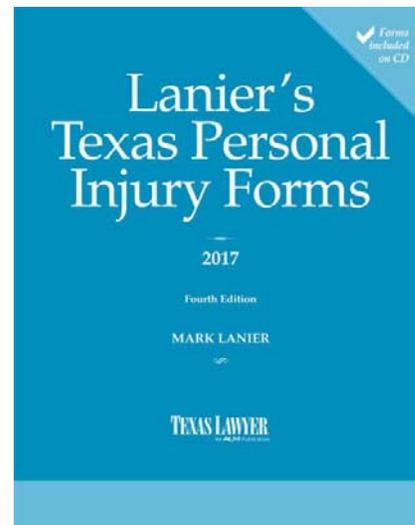
Attorney Badge application can be found [here](#).

**2018 Badge Application will be available soon on the Fort Bend County website.**



**Featured Resource: *Lanier's Texas Personal Injury Forms* by Jonathan Briggs**

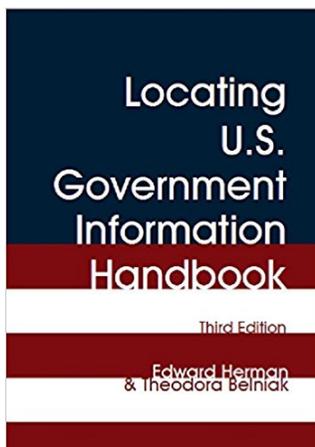
“Do you have a good form for \_\_\_\_\_?” It is a question every lawyer has heard or asked a hundred times. If you are a personal injury litigator, prominent Houston plaintiff’s attorney Mark Lanier’s answer to that question is “Yes!” Geared primarily toward the plaintiff’s side though useful to defense counsel also, Lanier’s Texas Personal Injury Forms (in its Fourth Edition from Texas Lawyer/ALM Publications, 2017) provides almost 250 forms covering personal injury cases from the moment the client walks in your door through after the trial verdict. There are letters, petitions, discovery documents, motions, and various other pleadings and documents covering a broad range of issues. In a way, by putting these documents together what Lanier has provided is essentially a roadmap for conducting a plaintiff’s personal injury case. It is available as a reference book in the library currently shelved in front of the Librarian’s office and regularly shelved in the Library’s Litigation section. Copies of pages of the book can be made for \$.10 a page. There is also an accompanying CD containing all the forms available for use in the library. Stop by the Law Library and ask us about this book or other legal resources.

**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:** *Locating U.S. Government Information Handbook*

Finding Government Information on the internet can be a time consuming and difficult task regardless of the wealth of information out there. Fortunately, this guide by Edward Herman and Thodora Belniak is here to help! This guide, now in its Third Edition, details what information you can find and how to find it. This guide starts with breaking down what Government Documents are and where they come from. Second, it briefly outlines Online Research and how you might approach the problem. Finally, it shows you all the different websites or locations where you can find Government Documents and how to use each site. These sites include USA.Gov, Data.Gov, FDSys and Government Publishing Offices Index, Technical Report Literature and more. They also go into detail on how to find Historical Documents either online or at a Depository Library. Copies of the book can be made for \$0.10 a page. Contact the Library for more Information.



### Community News

- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. They are hosting a **Family Law Workshop** on **December 13th**. **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).
- The **Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on Thursday, **November 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](#).
- The **Fort Bend County Bar Association** will be holding a CLE entitled **The Practicum** sponsored by the Family Law and Probate Sections of the Fort Bend Bar Association. It will be on Thursday, **November 16** from **3 to 5 pm** at the Swinging Door in Richmond. It is **FREE** for members of the Family and Probate sections and **\$10 for non-members**. Those in attendance will receive CLE credit. To register, contact the Bar at [info@fortbendbar.org](mailto:info@fortbendbar.org).
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** will have its **Second Book Discussion** on Thursday, **January 25th, 2018**. Check our Facebook page for Information how to Vote for our Book Selection.



### 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

Do you need a brush up on Adobe Professional? We are here to help! **Sign up now for Adobe Pro 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.

#### To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

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## Texas Case Law Update

### Local Cases

- Bradley v. State, No. 01-16-00375-CR, (October 19, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (268th Dist.)
- Ex Parte Perez, No. 01-17-00196-CR, (October 19, 2017): appeal dismissed. (434th Dist.)
- Tramontina, USA v. FP Stores, No. 17-0258, (October 20th, 2017): review denied. (400th Dist.)
- Rahmati v. AJBJK, Inc., No. 01-15-01036-CV, (October 26, 2017): aff'd in part, rev'd in part, rendered judgment. (240th Dist.)
- In the Interest of A.J.L. and V.C.L., Children, No. 14-16-00834-CV, (October 26, 2017): aff'd. (387th Dist.)
- Meyers v. JDC/Firethorne LTD, No. 17-0105, (October 27, 2017): review granted. (268th Dist.)
- Catt v. Delozier, No. 17-0553, (October 27, 2017): review denied. (268th Dist.)
- Evans v. Palacios, No. 14-17-00693-CV, (October 31, 2017): dismissed. (CCL # 1)
- State v. Norris, No. 14-16-00455-CR, (October 31, 2017): rev'd and remanded. (268th Dist.)
- Haigh v. Citibank, No. 14-17-00683-CV. (November 9, 2017): dismissed. (CCL # 5)

### Family Law

- In Re McPeak, 525 S.W.3d 310, (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017): the statute that governs modification of the right to determine primary residence of child did not apply to the wife's motion to modify the court's temporary orders.
- In the Matter of I.F.M., 525 S.W.3d 884 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017): it was determined that there was enough evidence to support the adjudication of delinquency based on the theft of property.

### Criminal Law

- Olivia v. State, 525 S.W.3d 286 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017): there was not enough evidence to support the defendant's conviction of a Class A misdemeanor DWI offense.
- Marks v. State, 525 S.W.3d 403, (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017): it was a reversible error when the trial court allowed the State to amend indictments to charge defendant with a different offense.

### Health—Experts

- Harvey v. Kindred Healthcare Operating, 525 S.W.3d 281 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017): the discovery stay superseded the conflicting docket control order.

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