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Law Library Book Discussion

The Law Library will be hosting its first **Law Library Book Discussion** on Friday, **September 22nd** at **1 pm** in the Law Library. The book club will be a brief introduction of the book followed by a discussion to be led by the moderator. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The book for the book discussion will be **“The Graffiti I Didn't Do, The Prison Time I Did,”** by Betty Baer, the ex-con wife of local attorney Fred Krasney. For more information, contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718.

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New & Updated Resources

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| <i>Texas Litigation Guide</i> | <i>Elder Law Portfolio</i> |
| • Release 126 | • Release #54 |
| • August 2017 Update | • Summer 2017 Update |
| <i>Texas Forms Pleading & Practice</i> | <i>Technology Tips for Lawyers and Other Business Professionals</i> |
| • Volume 11A | • 2016 Edition  |
| • Religious Organizations to Ships and Shipping | |
| <i>Texas Practice Series</i> | <i>International Family Law Deskbook</i> |
| • Methods of Practice | • 2016 Edition  |
| • 2017 Edition | |
| <i>Texas Practice Guide</i> | <i>O'Connor's Texas Property Code Plus</i> |
| • Civil Trial | • 2017-2018 Edition |
| • Civil Pretrial | |
| • 2017 Editions | |

FBC Bar News

The **September luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be held at **12:00 pm** on Thursday, **September 28th** at the [Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club](#) located at 3000 Plantation Drive, Richmond, Texas. The program topic is ***Business Valuations for Attorney's, Beyond the Basics.*** The Speaker will be J. Richard Claywell. 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, **September 21st** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#) page.

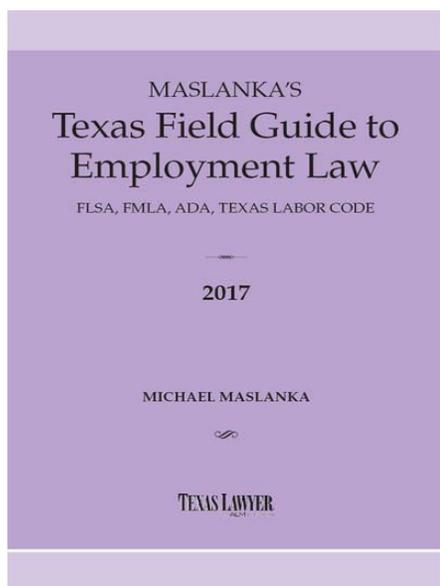
Editor's Note

Please welcome Jonathan Briggs, Assistant Law Librarian, and Ashley Schmidt, Library Assistant. Jonathan is an attorney with 18 years experience. Ashley comes to us from Library Administration recently serving as Staff Trainer. She also has been a Librarian in the system for the last 9 years. Please introduce yourself to them soon.

Member Resources

[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: Maslanka's Texas Field Guide to Employment Law



The Law Library has recently acquired the current edition of *Maslanka's Texas Field Guide to Employment Law* from Texas Lawyer/ALM Publishing. Michael Maslanka practiced employment law for over 34 years during which time he was also a frequent lecturer to attorneys practicing in the field. He is now a law professor at UNT-Dallas College of Law. This book gives a detailed and user-friendly overview on key topics relevant to both attorneys and laypersons, including: The Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) concerning such topics as leave from work following the birth of a child; The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) covering such topics as minimum wage and overtime pay; The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that addresses such topics accommodation in employment for people with disabilities; and sections from the Texas Labor Code concerning unemployment and wages. 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 Employment Law section. Copies of pages of the book can be made for \$.10 a page. Stop by the Law Library and ask us about this book or other legal resources.

Technology Corner

By Jonathan Briggs

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

This Month's Featured Technology: *O'Connor's Online*

In last January's Technology Corner column we discussed *O'Connor's Online* in the specific context of accessing *Davis' Texas Estate Planning Forms*. We wanted to revisit and expand our discussion of *O'Connor's*, a resource familiar to and long used by every attorney in Texas, but also relevant to laypersons on a wide variety of legal topics providing both practical information and forms in such areas as Family Law, Estate Planning, and Civil Litigation...to name a few. *O'Connor's* is available in the Law Library both online via computer terminals 6 and 7 or in our extensive collection of *O'Connor's* paperbound publications. Copies of *O'Connor's* forms may be downloaded and printed for \$.10 a page. Coming in October, forms and information from the Federal Guides will also be on the database. Stop by the Law Library, and ask us for assistance.

Community News

- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is holding a **Legal Line** every Friday from **10 am to 12 pm**. **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 Criminal Defense Attorney's Association** will host a one-hour CLE at **noon** on Thursday, **September 21st** 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** is also hosting its **Annual Golf Tournament** on **October 12th**. For more information and registration information visit the Fort Bend County Bar Association [website](#).
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** is hosting a **Holiday Party and Lexis Training** on Thursday, **November 9th** at **10 am**.



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.

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.

To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

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Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- Ahmadi v. Moss, No. 14-16-00942-CV, (August 17, 2017): rev'd & remanded. (CCL 2)
- Human Biostar v. Celltex Therapeutics, No. 17-0289, (August 25, 2017): motion for rehearing denied. (434th Dist.)
- Grant v. Grant, No. 01-16-00581-CV, (September 7, 2017): aff'd TC judgment. (387th Dist.)
- Jones v. Anderson, No. 14-16-00727-CV, (September 7, 2017): dismissed. (CCL 2)
- Milton v. Nguyen, No. 14-16-00883-CV, (September 12, 2017): aff'd. (CCL # 4)

Criminal Law

- Queeman v. State, 520 S.W.3d 616 (Tex. Crim App. 2017): it was determined that it was not criminally negligent homicide even though that the driver failed to maintain a safe speed and a proper distance.
- Hopper v. State, 520 S.W.3d 915 (Tex. Crim App 2017): since the defendant having not exercised his right under the Interstate Agreement on Detainers was one of the reasons for the pretrial delay of more than 18 years, thus it weighed against him in speedy trial analysis.
- Moore v. State, 520 S.W.3d 906 (Tex. Crim App. 2017): in DWI prosecution, the automobile found to be deadly weapon was supported by evidence.

Education—Crimes

- State v. Rodriguez, 521 S.W.3d 1 (Tex. Crim App. 2017): defendant retained reasonable expectation of privacy when her dorm room was inspected by university officials.

Litigation—Discovery

- In Re State Farm Lloyds, 520 S.W.3d 595 (Tex. 2017): when electronic data is held in a reasonably usable form and is readily available, the trial court must find a balance between the burdens and benefits of having a different form.

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

