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Westlaw Training and CLE

The Law Library will be hosting a live **Westlaw training and CLE** on Friday, **September 13th** in Conference Room C in the Law Library at **11 am**. This one hour training will focus on the basics of the Westlaw databases as well as answer any specific questions you may need. A representative from Thomson Reuters will be giving the training. One hour of CLE will be given to those attorneys in attendance. For more information and registration, visit our website at www.fortbend.lib.tx.us.

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New & Updated Resources

Texas Practice Guide

- *Employment Practice*
- *Business Transactions*
- *2019 Editions*

Texas Practice Series

- *Methods of Practice*
- *2019 Edition*

Texas Criminal and Traffic Law Field Guide

- *2019-20 Edition*

Sampson and Tindall's Texas Family Code Annotated

- *2019 Edition*

O'Connor's Texas Series

- *Family Code Plus*
- *2019 Edition*

Divorce Taxation

- *2019 Edition*

Federal Criminal Practice

- *2019 Edition*

Qualifying and Attacking Expert Witnesses

- *2019 Edition*

Texas Criminal Practice Guide

- *Release 106*
- *2019 Update*

Elder Law Portfolio

- *Release 60*
- *2019 Update*

FBC Bar News

The **August luncheon and meeting** of the Fort Bend County Bar Association will be on **August 29th** at the Sugar Creek Country Club located at 420 Sugar Creek Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas. The program topic is "**Fort Bend County District Attorney Office.**" The speaker will be Ibrahim Elias Khawaja, First Assistant District Attorney. 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 Monday, **August 26th** by using the form on the [Next CLE Luncheon](#)

Member Resources

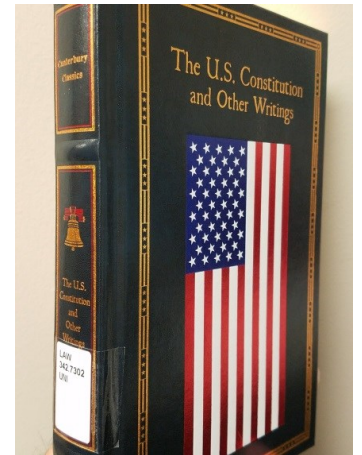
[Click here for Member Resources](#)

Featured Resource: *The U.S. Constitution and Other Writings*

By Jonathan Briggs

This column usually highlights a new or updated publication that our attorney and *pro se* patrons may utilize in dealing with a specific legal matter or issue. However, we have a small collection of books with a legal subject matter that are historical, informational, biographical, and simply interesting and enriching. A recent edition to this collection is *The U.S. Constitution and Other Writings*, published in 2017 from Canterbury Classics. This single-volume book is made up of almost 70 documents and writings on varied subjects spanning the history of our country, its government, and its people, both well-known and not-so well-known, such as: the Treaty of Paris; George Washington's First Inaugural Address; the Louisiana Purchase Treaty; Sojourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman" Speech from 1851; the Emancipation Proclamation; Act Establishing Yellowstone National Park; Franklin D. Roosevelt's Speech on Signing the G.I. Bill of Rights; Dwight D. Eisenhower's Farewell Address; Ronald Reagan's 1987 Remarks at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin; and Barack Obama's First Inaugural Address in 2009.

Anyone interested in the history of our country and the events and documents that influenced and made it will find something worth reading in this book. (A law library staff-member obtained this book while attending the 2019 convention of the American Association of Law Libraries in Washington D.C., a yearly event where law librarians from all over the U.S. go to learn from each other how to more effectively serve their patrons.) Other books in the Law Library's collection are: *Ten Great American Trials: Lessons In Advocacy*; *Historic Texas Courthouses*; *The New Yorker Book of Lawyer Cartoons*; and *The Texas Supreme Court: A Narrative History, 1836-1886*. So, come on by the Law Library when you have a little time, pull up a chair, and enjoy some good books.



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: *Resources through Wifi at the Justice Center*

We have free WiFi access here at the Justice Center.

You may know that already, but do you know what resources you have access to while you are in court or waiting for your docket call? We have multiple databases you can get access to through our WiFi. Databases include



include HeinOnline, Lexis Nexis Digital Library, and Gale Legal Forms Library. To access, you will need to join our WiFi network, FBCGuest. This network does not require a password, but you will need to accept the policy page. HeinOnline only requires you download the app and authenticate, or if using a computer, go to their website. Lexis Nexis Digital Library and Gale Legal Forms Li-

brary do require you to login with a library card. You can get this at any Fort Bend County public library. The process takes about 5 minutes. Specific resources you can get to include case law (through HeinOnline Fastcase search), Matthew Bender products (through Lexis Nexis Digital Library), and Gale Legal Forms including Texas specific forms in civil cases (through Gale Legal Forms Library). If you need help, come visit us down the hall at the Law Library!



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, contact by email at Simmons@fortbendlawyerscare.org.
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** has its **Pro Se Basics Classes** on **Tuesday's at 10 am**. These classes focus on Procedural Information and Legal Resources for Pro Se's in Court. Contact the Library for dates and classes. Registration is required. Contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718 or online.
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** has its **Express Classes** on **Thursday's at 10 am**. These classes focus on Technology Software you can use in your practice. Contact the Library for dates and classes. Registration is required. Contact the Law Library at 281-341-3718 or online.
- **Fort Bend Lawyers Care** is hosting a **Guardianship Law CLE** on Tuesday, **September 20th at 10:30 am** at **George Memorial Library** in Richmond. **RSVP** by email at Dunbar@FortBendLawyersCare.org. It is approved for 4.5 hours CLE credit and satisfies the State requirement.
- The **Fort Bend County Law Library** is hosting a **Lexis Advance Training & CLE** on **October 18th at 10 am** in the Law Library. For information and registration, visit our website in September.
- The **Harris County Law Library** offers the **Legal Tech Institute** where you can learn new technology skills for your practice. Many of these courses offer 1 hour of **FREE CLE Credit**. Please visit their website at <http://www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/legal-tech-institute-events>. There you can find dates and times of classes. Registration is required.
- The **Wharton County Junior College Paralegal Program** will be offering two new classes. The new classes that the Studies Program will offer begin **Fall 2019**. They are offering a **Torts/Personal Inquiry Course** during fall 2019 and an **Immigration Law Course** during spring 2020. Both courses will initially be offered in a face to face format at the Richmond Campus. For more information on the program, visit their website at <https://www.wcjc.edu/Programs/technology-and-business/paralegal-studies/>.

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.

To Unsubscribe from the Newsletter

If you do not want to receive the Law Library newsletter, please send an email to abennett@fortbend.lib.tx.us with "Unsubscribe" as the subject and include the email address to be removed.

Texas Case Law Update

Local Cases

- [McDonald Oilfield Operations, LLC v. 3B Inspections, LLC, et al.](#), No. 01-18-00118-CV (July 25, 2019): Rev. TC Judgment. & Remand to TC for further proceedings. (268th)
- [Mahasin A. Hawdi v. Atheel Mutammara, et al.](#), No. 01-18-00024-CV (July 30, 2019): Aff'd. TC Judgment. (240th)
- [Stuart N. Wilson & Assoc. v. Silvia Trevino, et al.](#), No. 01-19-00441-CV (August 1, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (387th)
- [In Re Keith Wilson](#), No. 01-19-00381-CV (June 27, 2019): Pet. Writ. Mand. Denied. (458th)
- [Christian S. Williams v. The State of Texas](#), No. 01-17-00945-CR (August 1, 2019): Aff'd. TC Judgment. (434th)
- [Steven Chang v. Shu Zhu Chen](#), No. 01-19-00159-CV (August 8, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (328th)
- [Monica Hardaway, et al. v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. et al.](#), No. 01-17-00677-CV (August 13, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (CCL#4)
- [Cameron Keith Erskin v. Alexis Lee and Attorney General for the State of Texas](#), No. 01-18-00535-CV (August 15, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (505th)
- [Leurel Renee Thibeaux v. Chi Size](#), No. 01-19-00303-CV (August 15, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (CCL#5)
- [Christopher Branch v. Fort Bend County](#), No. 14-19-00477-CV (July 18, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (434th)
- [Burney Road M.U.D. v. City of Sugar Land](#), No. 14-18-01099-CV (July 23, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (458th)
- [Joy Chinenye Love v. GEICO](#), No. 14-19-00400-CV (July 23, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (240th)
- [In the Matter of the Marriage of Frank R. Love & Mary F. Love](#), No. 14-19-00451-CV (July 30, 2019): Appeal Dismissed.(387th)
- [Altech Controls Corp., et al. v. Paul Malone](#), No. 14-17-00737-CV (August 6, 2019): Aff'd. TC Judgment. (240th)
- [Diana Gordon Offord, et al. v. Purple Martin Land Co., LLC](#), No. 14-19-00243-CV (August 13, 2019): Appeal Dismissed.(268th)
- [Advanced Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Group, et al. v. Fort Bend County, et al.](#), No. 14-19-00201-CV (August 15, 2019): Appeal Dismissed. (268th)

Criminal Law

Ex Parte Patricio Estrada, 573 S.W.3d 884 (Tex.App.-Houston [1st Dist.] 2019, no pet. h.): Case from the 268th in Fort Bend County. Defendant pled guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child under 14, a first degree felony. A deferred adjudication order was signed placing Defendant under community supervision for 6 years and also requiring registration as a sex offender and in-patient substance abuse treatment. State filed a motion to adjudicate based on Defendant leaving the treatment facility without approval. He was thus found guilty of the above offense and sentenced to 12 years in the TDCJ. On direct appeal the 14th Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction and the Court of Criminal Appeals refused his petition for discretionary review. He was then indicted for failure to register as a sex offender. He filed a pre-trial habeas corpus application claiming violation of the double jeopardy and due process clauses of the 5th Amendment, violation of the ineffective assistance of counsel and speedy trial clauses in the 6th Amendment, and vindictive prosecution. The trial court denied his habeas writ. Defendant appealed the denial to the First Court of Appeals which held that the habeas court did not abuse its discretion in denying the application and thus affirmed its order.

Family Law

In the Interest of O.E.R. and L.F.J., Children, 573 S.W.3d 896 (Tex.App.-El Paso, 2019, no pet. h.): Texas Department of Family and Protective Services sought and was granted termination parental right of mother of two children and their respective fathers. Mother and one of the fathers appealed. In applying the *Holley* factors on the best interests of the children, the Court of Appeals upheld the termination of rights as to both parents who appealed due to violence against the children and their mother, illegal drug use, and more. Affirmed.

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