

Regional B Conference

May 22 to 23, 2023 | Irving Convention Center

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The 2023 Regional B Conference is a continuing judicial education program designed especially for Texas judges by the Texas Center for the Judiciary's Curriculum Committee and funded by a grant from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. For their attendance, participants will earn 9 hours of continuing education credits and up to 2 FV and 1.5 ethics.

The voluntary registration fee for this conference is \$75.

** The registration fee, though voluntary, pays for expenses not legislatively covered by the allotment to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals grant.*

Monday, May 22

8:30am - 9:30am

U.S. Supreme Court Update

Review the latest decisions and trends from the Supreme Court's O intellectual property, civil rights, and more. Constitutional law expert implications for Texas.

Professor Erin Busby

9:45am - 10:45am

Judicial Trivial Pursuit: Test Your Knowledge on Important Top

Most judges that take the bench are immersed in a weeklong Colleg so much more. However, these topics, while vital, are often not part judge. This session will use an engaging and interactive format to re

Judge Cliff Brown, Judge Tina Clinton

11am - 12pm

Judicial Security In and Out of the Courtroom

The courts can sometimes be at the forefront of tensions in commur means they can occur at any time. To be prepared, judges should b Gomez and Nick Barsetti, from the Court Security Division of OCA, practical self-defense maneuvers and self-awareness tips.

Nick Barsetti, Hector Gomez

12pm - 1pm

Lunch

1pm - 2pm
Breakout Option 1

Indigency Issues in Impaired Driving Cases

Judge Mark Hocker

1pm - 2pm
Breakout Option 2

Using Trauma-Informed Practices to Improve Outcomes for People with Trauma
Discuss the importance of incorporating trauma-informed practices in various ways to create a trauma-informed court, including steps to increasing and enhancing trauma-informed practices.

Judge Carole Clark

1pm - 2pm
Breakout Option 3

Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll: Authenticity and Admissibility of Evidence
Judges are facing new challenges in determining the authenticity and admissibility of evidence – those remain the same. But today's judges must be on top of the latest considerations related to forensic scans of cell phones, and more. Don't miss this in court.

Cindy Tisdale

1pm - 2pm
Breakout Option 4

What Do I Do Now? Handling 11.07 Actual Innocence Writs

Get expert answers and gain practice pointers to ensure you are fully prepared for all applications.

Judge Andrew Smith, Mike Ware

2:15pm - 3:15pm
Breakout Option 1

Expert Testimony: The Confrontation Clause, Crawford and DWI

TBD

2:15pm - 3:15pm
Breakout Option 2

DIY Divorce: Getting Unrepresented Litigants to Final Resolution

Judge Amy Clark Meachum, Judge Paul Rotenberry

2:15pm - 3:15pm
Breakout Option 3

Walking the Tightrope... Applying "Least Restrictive Conditions" to Gun Rights
Senate Bill 6 brought renewed attention and focus to community safety. How can we consider other factors prior to setting bail, SB6 specifically mandates that magistrates walk a wobbling tightrope between that of community safety and individual rights? How can we weave SB6 requirements into an effective safety net without infringing on constitutional gun rights? Come one, come all...

Judge Robin Ramsay

2:15pm - 3:15pm
Breakout Option 4

Can You Hear Me Now? Jurisdictional Changes in Civil Cases

From the basics to recent opinions issued by the Supreme Court of Texas, this session will provide means for future litigation.

Annie McAdams

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Breakout Option 1

Driver's License Suspensions and ODLs

Judge Lori Rickert, Judge Deb Wigington

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Breakout Option 2

Civil Case Law Update

Rob Ford

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Breakout Option 3

I Can See Clearly Now: Creative Strategies for Clearing the Backlog

Join an in-depth discussion about effective case management. Part I will cover case data and statistics, and how to use this information to increase court efficiency. Part II will discuss being used around the state to address backlog, providing judges with practical tips.

Judge Alfonso Charles, Dean Stanzione

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Breakout Option 4

Setting-Up Options for Competency Restoration

Many jurisdictions are facing the difficult reality that inpatient competency restoration programs are costly, outpatient and jail-based restoration programs are limited, and Lubbock County has limited resources. Learn about Lubbock County's program structure and funding, as well as the pros and drawbacks, and more.

Judge Mark Hocker, Judge Drue Farmer

4:30pm - 5pm

Regional Meetings

5pm - 6pm

Reception

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 - 9:30am

Criminal Case Law Update

Review and analyze recent opinions from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. This session will provide judges with a deeper understanding of the court's recent decisions and how they may impact their own cases.

Judge David Newell

9:45 - 10:45am

Family Case Law Update

Claudia Canales

11:00 - 12:00pm

Finding Your Voice: The Use and Misuse of Social Media 1 Ethics Update

Using social media can be like navigating a minefield, but there is a way to do it safely. This session will provide judges with practice pointers for judges on positive uses of social networking platforms and how to avoid such pitfalls. Judges will leave with a stronger understanding of the ethical considerations involved in using social media.

Judge Angela Tucker, Judge Victor Villarreal