

# 2-Day Regional Workshop

with optional 2-hour add-on introductory session on Wednesday

## Austin, Texas

### Wednesday, March 7, 2018

- 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM      **Registration**
- 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM      **In-depth Legislative Update** (see next page)

### Thursday, March 8, 2018      Hotel breakfast in Lobby

**Moderator – Judge Guy Herman**

- 7:15 AM TO 7:55 AM      **Registration**
- 7:55 AM TO 8:00 AM      **Welcoming Remarks**  
Guy Herman, TCPJ President
- 8:00 AM TO 8:15 AM      **Overview of Probate & Probating a Will**  
*(including Probating a Will as a Muniment of Title)*  
Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas
- 8:15 AM TO 9:05 AM      **Dependent Administration**  
9:05 AM TO 9:30 AM      **Independent Administration**  
Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas
- 9:30 AM TO 9:45 AM      **Coffee Break**
- 9:45 AM TO 10:45 AM      **Guardianship Law, Part 1: Investigation & Creation**  
Tom Ruffner, Court Investigator, Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- 10:45 AM TO 11:45 AM      **Notice and Citation in Probate Court**  
Catherine L. Horvath, Chief Deputy/Supervisor – Courts  
Guadalupe County Clerk's Office
- 11:45 AM TO NOON      **Small Estate Affidavits**  
Clint Alexander, Law Offices of Clinton Alexander, PLLC, Round Rock, Texas
- NOON TO 1:00 PM      **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM TO 1:45 PM      **Heirship Proceedings**  
Clint Alexander, Law Offices of Clinton Alexander, PLLC, Round Rock, Texas
- 1:45 PM TO 2:45 PM      **The Role of the Ad Litem**  
The Hon. Steve King, Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1
- 2:45 PM TO 3:00 PM      **Stretch Break**
- 3:00 PM TO 4:45 PM      **Mental Health Law**  
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

**Friday, March 9, 2018 Hotel breakfast in Lobby**

**Moderator – Senior Judge Gladys Burwell**

- 8:00 AM TO 8:50 AM**      **Responsibilities of the Probate Clerk**  
*(not including reporting or notice & citation)*  
Catherine L. Horvath, Chief Deputy/Supervisor – Courts  
Guadalupe County Clerk's Office
- 8:50 AM TO 9:45 AM**      **Guardianship Law, Part 2: Nuts & Bolts of  
Judicial Administration**  
The Hon. Claudia Lee Laird, County Court at Law No. 2, Montgomery County
- 9:45 AM TO 10:00 AM**      **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**      **Bonds, Inventories, and Accountings**  
The Hon. Steve King, Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1
- 11:00 TO NOON**      **Lunch**
- NOON TO 1:00 PM**      **The Judge's Role in Actions against a Probate  
Appointee**  
Howard M Reiner, Howard M Reiner & Associates, Houston & Irving
- 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM**      **Attorney's Fees in Probate Court**  
The Hon. Dan Prashner, Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- 2:00 PM TO 2:30 PM**      **Creditor Claims from a Probate Court's Perspective**  
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

**Wednesday add-on session from 5:00-7:00 PM**

**In-depth Legislative Update-including new guardianship rules and judicial bonds.**

*Every presentation during the TCPJ meeting will include updates from the 2017 Legislative session. In this add-on session, Craig Hopper, Legislative Chair of the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section, will go into more detail about 2017 legislative changes that will have an impact on judges, clerks, and court staff who work with guardianship, probate, mental health, and trust cases.*

*\*\*Also in this session, Senior Judge Gladys Burwell and Catherine Horvath will discuss the new guardianship rules stemming from the legislative changes that have gone or will go into effect this year.\*\**