

2-Day Regional Workshop Galveston, Texas

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM **Registration**
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM **Optional add-on session** (see next page)

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Moderator – Senior Judge Gladys Burwell

- 7:15 AM TO 7:55 AM **Registration: Coffee and Rolls**
- 7:55 AM TO 8:00 AM **Welcoming Remarks**
Guy Herman, TCPJ President
- 8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM **Mental Health Law**
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- 9:30 AM TO 10:00 AM **Heirship Proceedings**
10:00 AM TO 10:15 AM **Small Estate Affidavits**
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- 10:15 AM TO 10:30 AM **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 AM TO NOON **Responsibilities of the Probate Clerk**
(not including reporting or notice & citation)
Catherine L. Horvath, Chief Deputy/Supervisor – Courts
Guadalupe County Clerk's Office
- NOON TO 1:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM **Guardianship Law, Part 1: Investigation & Creation**
Tom Ruffner, Court Administrator, Travis County Probate Court No. 1
- 2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM **The Role of the Ad Litem**
The Hon. Steve King, Tarrant County Probate Court No. 1
- 3:00 PM TO 3:15 PM **Stretch Break**
- 3:15 PM TO 3:30 PM **Overview of Probate & Probating a Will**
(including Probating a Will as a Muniment of Title)
- 3:30 PM TO 4:20 PM **Dependent Administration**
4:20 PM TO 4:45 PM **Independent Administration**
Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas

Friday, May 4, 2018

Moderator – Senior Judge Gladys Burwell

7:30 AM TO 8:00 AM Coffee and Rolls

8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM Notice and Citation in Probate Court
Catherine L. Horvath, Chief Deputy/Supervisor – Courts
Guadalupe County Clerk's Office

9:00 AM TO 9:15 AM Coffee Break

**9:15 AM TO 10:00 AM Guardianship Law, Part 2: Nuts & Bolts of
Judicial Administration**
The Hon. Claudia Lee Laird, County Court at Law No. 2, Montgomery County

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 Reporting Requirements for Courts & Clerks
*(including reporting of appointments & fees,
and OCA monthly reports)*
Angela Garcia, Judicial Information Manager
Texas Office of Court Administration

Catherine L. Horvath, Chief Deputy/Supervisor – Courts
Guadalupe County Clerk's Office

**1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM The Judge's Role in Actions against a Probate
Appointee**
Howard M Reiner, Howard M Reiner & Associates, Houston & Irving

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

The 2-hour optional add-on session on Wednesday will include the basics of probate and guardianship, new guardianship rules affecting judges and clerks, and judicial bonds.

This session is designed for judges, clerks, and court staff who are either new to probate or who may have questions about the fundamental processes in probate and guardianship, the types of issues that may arise, and how to address those issues. We encourage all to attend, and *bring your questions!*

During this add-on session, Senior Judge Gladys Burwell and Catherine Horvath will also discuss new guardianship rules stemming from the legislative changes that have gone or will go into effect this year, as well as judicial bonds.