

October 13, 2017

Dear Judges, Clerks, and Court and Clerk Staff:

The Texas College of Probate Judges' 2017 workshops and meetings were a great success, even with some last-minute modifications caused by Hurricane Harvey. The Texas College of Probate Judges is a private nonprofit educational organization dedicated to providing high-quality, reliable continuing education available in all aspects of Texas probate law. Our seminars are designed to benefit both new and longtime judges, clerks, and staff.

We have three programs planned in 2018, as outlined below. We will send letters with detailed information approximately 8 weeks before each program. One preview: the outstanding Wednesday bonus sessions at this year's annual meeting were so popular that we've scheduled late-afternoon Wednesday bonus sessions for all three 2018 conferences at no additional cost for registrants.

We've included hotel information here so you can make plans and reserve your room early. The hotels where our conferences are held are popular, and the locations draw tourists throughout the year. If you wish to attend a particular program or programs, please call soon and make your **hotel** reservations.

You'll need to wait for **conference** registration, however. We don't take conference registrations until the letters are sent out about 8 weeks before each conference. Each letter will include a registration form as well as an agenda for the upcoming conference. **Registration is open for only one conference at a time.**

◆ **March 8-9 – AUSTIN, TEXAS;** check-in beginning March 7

Optional bonus session from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7: In-depth Legislative Update. *All TCPJ presentations include legislative updates, but 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 have an impact on judges, clerks, and court staff who work with guardianship, probate, mental health, and trust cases.*

- **2-DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP** covers practical aspects of probate, guardianship, and mental health law.
- Conference Rate: \$375.00 per person (includes Wednesday bonus session).
- Hotel: Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown (6000 Middle Fiskville Road).
- **Hotel Reservations: (888) 300-6273** – indicate group name when making reservations (Texas College of Probate Judges).
- **Reservations must be made by February 21, 2018.** You will need a credit card to guarantee arrival. Reservations may be cancelled with no charge if cancelled by 4pm, 72 hours before the first night of the stay.
- Room rates: \$124.00 per night, plus customary tax. There are a **limited number** of rooms available at the group rate.

- ◆ **May 3-4 – GALVESTON, TEXAS;** check-in beginning May 2
 - **2-DAY REGIONAL WORKSHOP** covering practical aspects of probate, guardianship, and mental health law.
 - **OPTIONAL BONUS SESSION LATE-AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2:** No cost for registrants. Conference mailing will have details.
 - Conference Rate: \$375.00 per person.
 - Hotel: Hotel Galvez, www.galveston.com/galvez/.
 - **Hotel Reservations: 1-800-996-3426 or 1-409-765-7721** – indicate group name when making the reservations (Texas College of Probate Judges).
 - **Reservations must be made by 12:01 a.m. April 13, 2018.**
 - **All reservations require a one-night’s deposit by guest check, money order, or valid credit card by the reservation cut-off date (above).** The deposit is refundable if timely notice of cancellation is given (more than **72 hours** before arrival) and a cancellation number obtained.
 - Room rates: \$119.00 per night single or double, plus customary tax. There are a **limited number** of rooms available at the group rate.

- ◆ **August 23-25 – SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;** check-in beginning August 22.
 - **2½-DAY ANNUAL MEETING.** In addition to covering topics similar to those covered in the regional meetings, the annual meeting includes a Legislative update as well as break-out sessions in smaller groups on Saturday morning.
 - **OPTIONAL BONUS SESSION LATE-AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22:** No cost for registrants. Conference mailing will have details.
 - Conference Rate: \$450.00 per person.
 - Hotel: The St. Anthony Riverwalk, Wyndham Hotel (completely renovated!), 300 East Travis St., San Antonio (www.thestanthonyhotel.com)
 - **Hotel Reservations: 1-855-811-0218** – indicate group name when making the reservations (Texas College of Probate Judges)
 - **Reservations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018**
 - Room rates: \$129.00 per night single or double, plus customary tax. There are a **limited number** of rooms available at the group rate.

I encourage you to attend as many of these programs as possible. You may also wish to have your staff members attend as well. We have chosen the locations of the meetings with “after hours” fun in mind, whether you come alone or with family or friends.

Sincerely,



Judge Guy Herman, President
Texas College of Probate Judges