

Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: County Court at Law #1

Seminar Name: 2023 Texas College of Probate Judges

Purpose: Continuing Education

Place: Austin, Texas

Date: March 8-10

Who Will Be Attending:

Judge John E. Neill

COMMISSIONERS COURT

This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required continuing education | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve work performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Required certification |

Approved

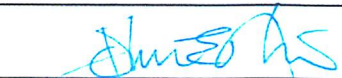
Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:


Amount of registration \$ 395.00 Date registration is due Feb. 24, 2023

- Return check to department head
- Request Treasurer to mail check with registration

If an advance is requested, attach a completed Johnson County Travel Form.

Department Head Signature:





SEND FORM TO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: _____ DATE: _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND GENERAL INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Texas College of Probate Judges, Austin, March 9-10, 2023

With 1.5-hour Add-On Session, March 8, 2023

Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown

6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752

Please type or print clearly and answer all questions.

You can also register online at www.tcpj.org/conferences



A separate page 1 of this registration form must be filled out by each person attending the conference. If you are sending one check to cover multiple registrations, you may send in only one page 2 of the registration form.

Name Judge John E. Neill Phone (817) 556-4353
County Johnson Title Judge
Mailing Address 204 S. Buffalo Ave. Cleburne TX. 76033
Email address jneill@johnsoncountytexas.org

I am registering for the following:

- 2-day workshop, March 9 & 10--Please note this workshop is not approved for attorney MCLE credit.
- Optional Add-On Session on Wednesday, March 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m.*

*Note that even if you don't sign up for the Wednesday session, you may attend it if you are registered for the conference. But please check if you know you are coming so we can get a rough count.

Is this your first Texas College of Probate Judges Conference attended? Yes No

Please check appropriate boxes:

- I am admitted to practice law
- I am not a lawyer
- I am Judge of a Constitutional County Court
- I am Judge of a County Court at Law exercising probate jurisdiction
- I am Judge of a Statutory Probate Court
- I am Judge of a _____ Court
- I am a County Clerk or District Clerk (or both)
- I am a Deputy Clerk
- I am a Probate Assistant/Court Staff

- For lunch, I would like the vegetarian option
- For lunch, I would like the gluten-free option

*25 total (District = Appellate)
1 month CCL*

Please indicate years of service in your position: I have 1 month CCL years of service on the bench, as a County or District Clerk, in the Clerk's Office, or as Court staff.

- I have read and agree with the cancellation policy stated on page 2.

Registration form continues on page 2.

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Cost for 2-day workshop:

\$395.00 per person if the registration form is received by Friday, February 24.

\$420.00 per person if the registration form is received after Friday, February 24.

Cancellation policies:

- Cancellations made on or before Wednesday, February 22, can get a full refund of the registration fee.
- Cancellations made after Wednesday, February 22, but before Saturday, March 4, are subject to a \$100 administration fee, but the rest of the registration fee will be refunded.
- If a cancellation is made on or after Saturday, March 3, the registration fee will be forfeited (although you will still receive the conference materials).

1. Payment amount; mark the appropriate box and fill in the amount of the check:

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the registrations indicated below.

I have requested that our auditor send TCPJ a check in the amount of \$ 395.00 to cover the registrations indicated below. *Note: If you are sending a registration form to your auditor with your request for a check, you may want to also fax or email us a copy of the registration form to ensure we receive your registration by the deadline, even if the check will arrive after the deadline. Fax to 512-854-4418 or scan and email to TCPJconference@gmail.com.*

Make check payable to "Texas College of Probate Judges." TCPJ does not accept credit cards at this time.

2. This payment covers 1 (#) registrations. (Please indicate the total number of registrations.)

3. Be sure to enclose a separate page 1 of the registration form for each person registering.

Signature _____

Date _____

Printed name _____

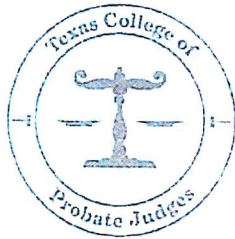
Questions? For the quickest response, email TCPJconference@gmail.com. You may also call us at 512-480-0600. The fax number is 512-854-4418.

Mail registration form(s) and check(s) to:
Texas College of Probate Judges, P.O. Box 2025, Austin, Texas 78768

(Or, if check is to follow, you may scan and email registration form(s) to
TCPJconference@gmail.com or fax registration form(s) to (512) 854-4418)

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January 17, 2023

Texas College of Probate Judges

2-Day Regional Workshop: 13.25 hours
plus optional 1.5-hour add-on introductory session

March 9-10, 2023

Optional Introductory Session on March 8
Conference check-in beginning March 8, 2023

Austin, Texas
Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown

The Hon. Guy Norman
President
Probate Court No. 1
Tarrant County

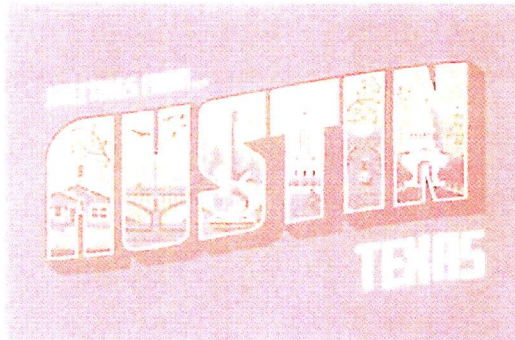
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Retired Chief Deputy Clerk



Dear Judges, Clerks, and Court and Clerk Staff:

The Texas College of Probate Judges is proud to sponsor the March 2023 Regional Workshop in Austin, Texas – a program prepared and presented by a wide range of experts who work in the trenches of probate law as judges, clerks, court staff, and probate practitioners. A copy of the agenda is enclosed for your review. Below is a brief synopsis:

The Austin Regional Workshop features a 13.25-hour educational program including Texas mental health law, citation and notice under the Estates Code, guardianship law, dependent and independent administration procedures of the Estates Code, heirship procedures, the responsibilities of the probate clerk, reporting requirements for courts and clerks, and the monitoring of administrations and guardianships.

We will also have an optional 1.5-hour Orientation for New Judges and Clerks on Wednesday that will focus on the basics of probate and guardianship law.

The Texas College of Probate Judges is a private nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the education of judges and clerks. Our seminars

provide continuing education in all aspects of probate law and are designed to benefit both new and longstanding judges, clerks, and court employees. Probate judges, probate assistants, probate clerks, court administrators, and other court and clerk personnel are all encouraged to attend our informative, reliable, and entertaining programs.

Judges, Clerks, and non-attorney Court staff can receive credit towards their annual educational requirement for each hour attended; a maximum of 13.25 hours can be obtained at this Workshop (or 14.75 hours with the optional add-on session included). This Workshop is not approved for attorney MCLE credit. All participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Please see the enclosed flyer for information about our other two programs scheduled in 2023: a 2-day workshop on May 4-5 at the Grand Galvez in Galveston and our annual meeting on August 31-September 1 at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio.

Registration for the Austin Regional Workshop

The registration fee for the Austin Regional Workshop is \$395.00 per person, which includes written materials, as well as catered breakfast and lunches on Thursday and Friday.

Return registration forms no later than Friday, February 24, 2023, to receive the early bird rate. The first page of the registration form must be completed by each person attending the Regional Workshop.

Hotel for the Austin Regional Workshop

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown:

- **Hotel** – Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown; 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin
- **Deadline:** If you intend to stay at the Holiday Inn, you must reserve a room no later than Thursday, February 16, 2023, to receive the room block rate. There are a **limited number** of rooms available in our room block.
- **Room rates:** \$129.00 per night single or double, plus customary tax. The hotel will not guarantee our group room rates after the reservation cut-off date. In addition, there are a **limited number** of rooms available at the group rate. Please contact the hotel directly to request specific accommodations.
- **Hotel Reservations:** (512) 451-5757 or (888) 300-6273 – indicate group name when making reservations (Texas College of Probate Judges).

The Texas College of Probate Judges strives to present informative seminars offering practical tools for all attendees to take back to their home county. We hope to see you in Austin at the Regional Workshop.

Sincerely,



Guy Herman, President, Texas College of Probate Judges

2-Day Regional Workshop

with optional 1.5-hour add-on introductory session on Wednesday

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

- 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM **Registration**
- 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM **Optional add-on session (see next page)**

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Moderator –Judge Guy Herman

- Starting at 7:15 AM **Registration & Breakfast**
- 7:45 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 8:40 AM **Independent Administration**
Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas
- 8:40 AM TO 9:30 AM **Dependent Administration**
Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas
- 9:30 AM TO 9:45 AM **Coffee Break**
- 9:45 AM TO 10:45 AM **Notice and Citation in Probate Court**
Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk
- 10:45 AM TO 11:00 AM **Stretch Break**
- 11:00 AM TO NOON **Guardianship Law, Part 1: Investigation & Creation**
The Hon. Jerry Simoneaux, Harris County Probate Court No. 1
- NOON TO 1:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM **Heirship Proceedings & Small Estate Affidavits**
Clint Alexander, Of Counsel, Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart, PLLC, Austin
- 2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM **The Role of the Ad Litem**
The Hon. Jason Cox, Harris County Probate Court No. 3
- 3:00 PM TO 3:15 PM **Stretch Break**
- 3:15 PM TO 5:15 PM **Mental Health Law**
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

Thank you to our breakfast sponsor!

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Friday, March 10, 2023

Moderator – Senior Judge Gladys Burwell

7:30 AM TO 8:00 AM

**Breakfast in
Meeting Room**

8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM

**Guardianship Law, Part 2: Nuts & Bolts of
Judicial Administration**

The Hon. Claudia Laird, Montgomery County Court at Law No. 2

9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

Bonds, Inventories, and Accountings

The Hon. Steve King, Senior Judge - Tarrant County

10:00 AM TO 10:15 AM

Coffee Break

10:15 AM TO 11:00 AM

Guardianships During a Divorce

Jason S. Scott, Osborne, Helman, Scott, Knisely & Stanton, LLP, Austin

11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

Responsibilities of the Probate Clerk

(not including notice & citation)

Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk

2:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

Compliance & Show Cause

Howard M. Reiner, Howard M. Reiner & Associates, Houston & Irving

*Thank you to our breakfast
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Wednesday add-on session from 5:00-6:30 PM

Orientation for New Judges and Clerks

With the election this past November, we had several newly elected judges and clerks begin their terms in January. This add-on session will focus on the basics of probate and guardianship and is designed to assist newly elected judges and clerks, and their staff, to become immersed in these areas of law. This session is also open to all continuing judges, clerks, and court staff 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!*

Amy Findley

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Holiday Inn Austin Midtown

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Austin, TX United States 78752

Hotel Front Desk: 15124515757
Email: guestservice@hiausmid.com

Guest Name: John Neill

Check In:	Check Out:	Rooms:	Adults:
08 Mar 2023	— 10 Mar 2023	1	1
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Rate Description: ANYONE CAN BOOK RESERVATIONS

Hotel Information:

Don't forget to take a look at the latest [Travel Advisories](#) before embarking on your trip.

Payment Card Authorization Form: If this room is booked on behalf of another person, [please follow these instructions](#) to authorize payment.

Pet Policy: Guided dogs and service animals are pets that our hotel allows, the state defines a service animal as a dog or miniature horse. There is an area outside the hotel set aside for walking the dogs. Unauthorized pets will result in a cleaning fee.

* Additional taxes and charges may apply. Other hotel-specific service charges may also apply.

Things to do

Make the most of your stay, check out local information and nearby attractions.

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Places to Dine

Explore Austin dining and restaurants in the nearby area.

[See What's on the menu](#)

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