

Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: County Court at Law No.1

Seminar Name: 2023 TCRA Annual Convention

Purpose: Continuing Education

Place: Plano, Texas

Date: September 7-9

Who Will Be Attending:

Janet McConathy

This Training/ Seminar is necessary for the following reasons:

- Required continuing education
- Job training
- Improve work performance
- Required certification

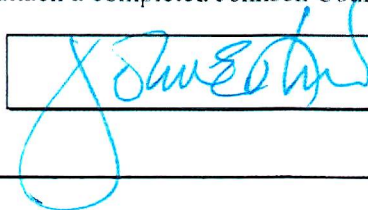
Attach Registration Form and Complete the following information:

Amount of registration \$ 425.00 Date registration is due July 1, 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

COMMISSIONERS COURT

RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____ DATE: MAY 22 2023

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT: _____ DATE: **Approved**

2023 TCRA Annual Convention Registration Form - [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

Name: JANET MCCONATHY	CSR #: 5703	NCRA #:
Nickname for Badge:	Court/Firm: JOHNSON CCL #1	
Address: 2648 CR 310	T-Shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XX-Large <input type="checkbox"/> XXX-Large	
City, State, ZIP: CLEBURNE, TX 76031	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> CART/Captioner <input type="checkbox"/> Freelance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/> Student	
Cell Phone: 817-908-8719	Email: JANETMCCONATHY@GMAIL.COM	
Dietary Restrictions:	Special Accessibility Needs:	

Full CSR/ASSOCIATE Convention Registration Rates	Member	Non-Member
Early Bird - ends July 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$425	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Regular - July 2 - August 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$455	<input type="checkbox"/> \$530
Late - August 1 - August 31 (registration closes 8/31)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$485	<input type="checkbox"/> \$560
1-Day CSR/ASSOCIATE Registration Rates	Member	Non-Member
Friday Only - Early Bird	<input type="checkbox"/> \$305	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380
Saturday Only - Early Bird	<input type="checkbox"/> \$305	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380
Friday Only - Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345	<input type="checkbox"/> \$420
Saturday Only - Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345	<input type="checkbox"/> \$420
Friday Only - Late	<input type="checkbox"/> \$385	<input type="checkbox"/> \$460
Saturday Only - Late	<input type="checkbox"/> \$385	<input type="checkbox"/> \$460

Student Registration - Includes TCRA Student Membership through 12/31/2024 if you earn 10.0 CE hours and submit punch card at the end of the event showing your attendance.

Full Student Registration	\$360
Student Requesting Sponsorship (MUST meet criteria and submit Student Sponsorship Request Form)	\$180

SINGLE EVENT / ADD-ONS

Student Attendee Sponsorship Contribution (see pg. 8 for more info)	\$180	x _____ students
Contests (Realtime and Speed Cup)	Realtime \$60	Speed Cup \$60

***Guest Event Tickets:** If you have purchased a Full Registration, your admission to the events below is included in your registration fee.

Friday Breakfast Guest Ticket*	\$75 x _____	Guest Name(s):
Saturday President's Luncheon Guest Ticket*	\$75 x _____	Guest Name(s):
Saturday Night Party Guest Ticket*	\$40 x _____	Guest Name(s):

RSVP NEEDED FOR EVERY ATTENDEE:

Will you be attending CE sessions on Thursday, September 7th? (Full Registration)	YES	NO	UNSURE
Will you be attending Breakfast on Fri., September 8th? (Full and Fri-Only Reg.)	YES	NO	UNSURE
Do you plan to attend the "Trivia" session on Fri., September 8th? (Full and Fri-Only Reg.)	YES	NO	UNSURE
Will you be attending the President's Luncheon on Saturday, September 9th? (Full and Sat. Only Registration)	YES	NO	UNSURE
Will you be attending the Saturday Night Party on Sat., September 10th? (Full and Sat. Only Registration)	YES	NO	UNSURE

Total: \$ 425.00 _____

Please consider paying with cash or check to save TCRA on credit card fees. Items or funds paid to TCRA are not deductible as charitable contributions.

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS: It is **REQUIRED** that you email a copy of this form along with a copy of the PO or request form that you have submitted TCRAHQ@EMBARQMAIL.COM **BEFORE** you submit it to your county letting us know they will be sending payment so that we have you on our registration list as early as possible. Counties may take several weeks/months to process requests and we must know in advance that you will be attending.

Payment Method: Payment **must** accompany registration form. Government agencies must attach a purchase order.

Check Number: _____	Purchase Order Number: _____	County: _____
Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa		
Card Number _____		Expiration Date _____
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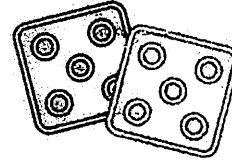
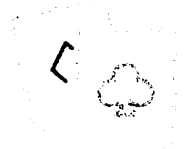


WELCOME

**TO 2023 TCRA
ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

**september 7-9
marriott legacy town center
plano, tx**

2023 TCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Realtime Contest
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Speed Cup Contest
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Choose one to attend:
I'm Retiring. Don't take a chance and gamble away a good thing!

Presenter: Melinda Walker

1.0 CE hour

Melinda is retired from the House of Representatives and is now working as a freelance/substitute court reporter in Texas. Not willing to gamble on her future retirement, she took several steps to ensure that the roll of the dice she was taking with her career would end up landing her on solid ground financially, while also being able to take on risky opportunities as a retiree. Come hear her speak on a list of dos and don'ts to ensure that you're a high roller when it comes to retirement.

An Insider Look at a Freelance Firm

Presenters: Terri Hill, Tanla Guajardo, Kimberly Morales, Anica Diaz, Nancy Villarreal

1.0 CE hour

Hear from a partner, operations manager, scheduling and production manager, and independent contractors about what it takes to run your own firm - big or small. They will explain the process from recruiting, scheduling, production and everything in between.

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Choose one to attend:

Cybersecurity: Current Threats and Practical Best Practices

Presenter: Casey Kennedy

1.0 CE hour (Ethics/Rules)

With work and home becoming more and more dependent on technology, the threat for a cyber incident at work or at home continues to increase. This session will review the current threats seen out in the wild along with best practices that you can do to better your cyber hygiene.

When Tragedy Hits Your County

Presenters: Erleigh Wiley and Linda Maddox

1.0 CE hour

As county employees, we tend to get in our comfort zone. Come listen to how two Kaufman County employees' lives were upended after the murders of ADA Mark Hasse and DA Michael McLelland and his wife, Cynthia. They will give you insight on how their personal and work lives were changed by the murders and how it still affects them on this 10-year anniversary.

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

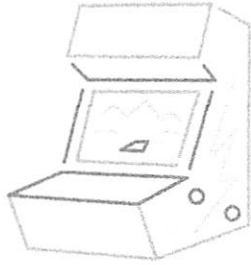
Security Considerations for Court Reporters

Presenter: Nick Barsetti

1.5 CE hours

Texas court reporters face unique security challenges in the court environment. This class discusses past incidents at courthouses, security best practices for court reporters, and guidelines for both preventing and reacting to violence in the courts.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Exhibitors Open

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

TCRA Members may attend the Business Meeting.

8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Breakfast Served

9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

Objection, Relevance

Presenter:

Tony Coleman

1.5 CE hours

How to stay "RELEVANT" during changing times. Accepting, embracing, and applying technology while rejecting others at the same time.



10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Choose one to attend:

The Essential Court Reporter in Capital Murder and Other Complex Criminal Litigation

Presenter: Kerye Ashmore

1.0 CE hour Ethics/Rules

While capital murder litigation is exhausting on attorneys, it is more so on the court reporter. Essential to the trial and all post-conviction proceedings, is the court reporter who must not only be accurate but faces long and tedious voir dire, sometimes novel scientific testimony, and daily transcripts to name a few. This session will prepare you for what a court reporter faces and how there can be no substitute for the reporter in the courtroom.

A Step Beyond the Norm: Arbitrations and other Freelance Jobs

Presenter: Lorrie Schnoor

1.0 CE hour

Join Lorrie as she details jobs that she covers that are outside the normal freelance realm of depositions. You will leave with knowledge of what these assignments entail and require of you so that you will have the courage to try them for yourselves!

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Friday, September 8th (cont'd)

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Lunch On Your Own
Enjoy lunch at one of The Shops at Legacy's many restaurants!

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Know When to Hold Them, Know When to Fold Them, and Know When to Walk Away

Presenters: Gale Fiasco, Mellony Ariail, Destiny Moses, Amy and Steve Bresnen

1.0 CE hour (Ethics/Rules)

With the close of the 88th Legislative Session, President Gale Fiasco and members of the legislative team will discuss H.B. 2383 and H.B. 3473 and what it means for the court reporting profession. You'll learn about the process taken in developing a bill and the many hours spent battling for and against the various bills presented this legislative year. The battle is never over and the next adverse legislation is just around the corner. We will discuss what we anticipate for the 89th Legislative Session and the importance of FAIR-PAC and your involvement for another successful year.

2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

How Not to be a Victim

Presenter: Brad Oliver

1.0 CE hour

Sharing his experience in responding to and investigating both justified and non-justified Use of Force incidents as a Texas Ranger, Brad Oliver will help you understand how things you do today could later come to haunt you even though you were correct in every regard. You'll learn how to protect yourself from someone seeking to harm you, what precautionary steps you should take, and what to do in the unfortunate event you find yourself having to use force to protect your life or the life of your loved ones.

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Snack Break with Exhibitors



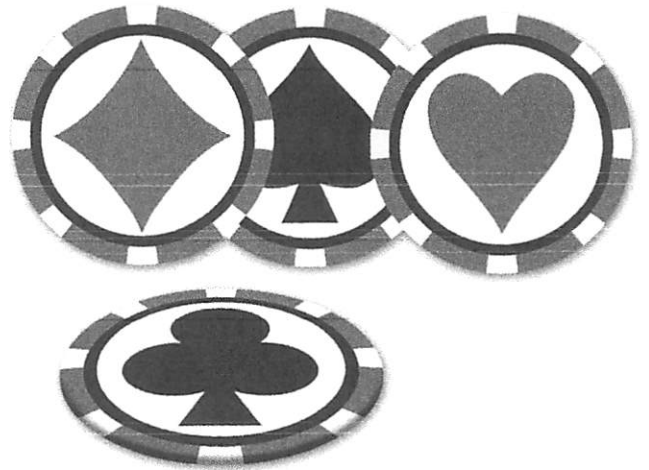
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Trivia or Trivial? How Well Do You Know Your Ethics?

Presenter: Jackie VanZant

2.0 CE hours (Ethics/Rules)

Who says ethics sessions have to be boring? This session is brought to you by the renowned attorney and DJ, Jackie Wayne VanZant. Jackie will present this fast-paced, interactive session in an informative yet competitive way. You'll want to study up on the Court Reporter Code of Ethics, along with Texas rules and statutes, because Jackie will put your knowledge to the test! After attending this session, you'll never want to learn ethics any other way!



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Registration Desk Open
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Exhibitors Open

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Mindset Is Key To Success

Presenter: Brandi Ray

1.0 CE hour

Have you ever wondered what was necessary for you to achieve success? Success is the goal in our homes, in our careers, in our finances, and in every aspect of our lives. In her talk, Brandi gives you a key component to unlocking the success you desire and deserve. Though circumstances dictated failure, Brandi found the key that unlocked possibility, and she has used it to continue to open doors of hope and opportunity. Brandi wants to give you a copy of that key so that you will confidently unlock and walk through every door that is awaiting you!

9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Break



9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

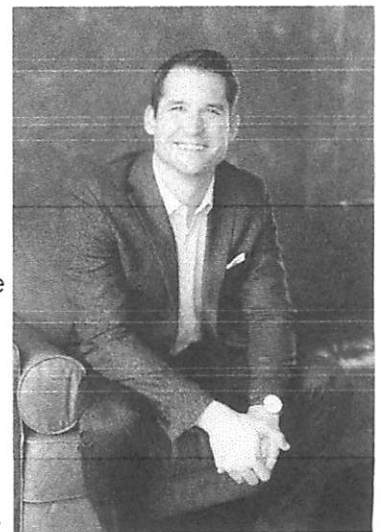
Reduce Your Conflict to Increase Your Control

Presenter:

Jefferson Fisher

1.0 CE hour

Every decision Jefferson makes is guided by his quest to become "the most authentic law firm in Texas". He'll teach us lessons from the courtroom to improve your communication skills. He explains how core values shape everything that you do and how to appear more human, and really connect with people and clients you're working with, and why everybody needs to operate like a business. Hear how he gets it done.



10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Break

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Saturday, September 9th (cont'd)

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Choose one to attend:

Toxicology for the Court Reporter

Presenter: Amanda Culbertson

1.0 CE hour

Amanda will give us an overview of toxicology testing to gain familiarity with terms and lingo commonly used by experts in cases involving alcohol and drugs.

Staying Out of Politics

Presenter: Judge David Hilburn

1.0 CE hour (Ethics/Rules)

While the world we work in may be a very political one, Judge Hilburn will discuss the pros and cons of being involved in political campaigns in the courthouse, whether for the judge you work for or any other campaign.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

President's Banquet and Luncheon

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Understanding and Mitigating the Effects of Secondary Traumatic Stress

Presenter: Dr. Celesta Harris

1.5 CE hours

Secondary traumatic stress is a commonly overlooked and poorly understood sequela that can occur when one is exposed to the trauma of others, either through visual, oral or written accounts. If left unrecognized and poorly managed, the impact of STS can impact one's mental, physical, and emotional health resulting in burnout, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, relationship difficulties, and even suicidal ideation. This session will provide an overview of STS and focus on wellness strategies that can increase resiliency, cultivate and safeguard mental wellness, and buffer the potentially insidious and wide-ranging impacts of repeated trauma exposure.

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Snack Break with Exhibitors

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Choose one to attend:

The Right Thing

Presenter: Judge Sara Kate Billingsley

1.0 CE hour (Ethics/Rules)

Judge Billingsley will take you on the ethical journey to do the right thing in every aspect of your career. She will also touch on your ability to level up your professionalism by applying ethical standards to your everyday life. You'll be inspired by her drive to not only ensure justice in the courtroom, but to ensure the community is taken care of. Hear how enriched your life can be by doing the right thing.

Gone Cold But Not Forgotten

Presenter: Vincent Strange

1.0 CE hour

Listen to Vincent Strange, the founder of *gone cold – texas true crime*, as he shares his story of how he created his podcast in 2017. Vincent began the podcast with carefully following the cold case of Carla Walker who was abducted in 1974 in Fort Worth from a bowling alley parking lot and murdered. Advanced DNA testing matched the killer's DNA to stains found on Carla's clothing and Vincent was able to attend the 2021 trial of the man who killed her. Attendees will learn terms and procedures of these types of cases as more of these cases will be coming to trial.



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Saturday, September 9th

7:00pm to 10:00pm



CASINO TABLES: BLACKJACK, ROULETTE, POKER, CRAPS

APPETIZERS

CASH BAR

DJ & DANCING

PHOTO BOOTH

CONVENTION LOCATION

Marriott Legacy Town Center

7121 Bishop Rd, Plano, TX 75024

Reservations

[Click here to reserve your room at the group rate.](#)

\$142/night + taxes and fees

**The cut-off date for room reservations is August 14th
or earlier if the room block sells out.**

Act early to ensure room and rate availability.

Parking

Complimentary self-parking based upon availability in hotel garage.
Valet is also available, prices subject to change.

[Click here for things to do in the Shops at Legacy Town Center](#)

