

Training / Seminar Approval Form

Department Name: 413th DISTRICT COURT

Seminar Name: 2023 TCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Purpose: CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Place: PLANO, TEXAS

Date: SEPTEMBER 7 - 9, 2023

Who Will Be Attending:
PAMELA WAITS

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: JUN 12 2023

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

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

Name: PAMELA WAITS	CSR #: 4991	NCRA #:
Nickname for Badge:	Court/Firm: 413TH DISTRICT COURT	
Address: 204 S. BUFFALO AVE	T-Shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XX-Large <input type="checkbox"/> XXX-Large	
City, State, ZIP: CLEBURNE TX 76033	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: 817 996 6922	Email: WAITS.PAMELA@VAHCO.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		<input type="checkbox"/> \$360
Student Requesting Sponsorship (MUST meet criteria and submit Student Sponsorship Request Form)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180

SINGLE EVENT / ADD-ONS		
Student Attendee Sponsorship Contribution (see pg. 8 for more info)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	x _____ students
Contests (Realltime and Speed Cup)	Realtime <input type="checkbox"/> \$60	Speed Cup <input type="checkbox"/> \$60

*Guest Event Tickets: If you have purchased a Full Registration, your admission to the events below is included in your registration fee. If you are purchasing anything less than a Full Registration, you must purchase a ticket to attend the event.

Friday Breakfast Guest Ticket*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 x ____	Guest Name(s):
Saturday President's Luncheon Guest Ticket*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 x ____	Guest Name(s):
Saturday Night Party Guest Ticket*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 x ____	Guest Name(s):

RSVP NEEDED FOR EVERY ATTENDEE:		
Will you be attending CE sessions on Thursday, September 7th? (Full Registration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE	
Will you be attending Breakfast on Fri., September 8th? (Full and Fri-Only Reg.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE	
Do you plan to attend the "Trivia" session on Fri., September 8th? (Full and Fri-Only Reg.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE	
Will you be attending the President's Luncheon on Saturday, September 9th? (Full and Sat. Only Registration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE	
Will you be attending the Saturday Night Party on Sat., September 10th? (Full and Sat. Only Registration)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNSURE	
Total: \$ <u>425.00</u>		

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: <u>JOHNSON</u>	
Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa			
Card Number _____		Expiration Date _____	
Name on Card _____		Billing Zip Code _____	

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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, Tania 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

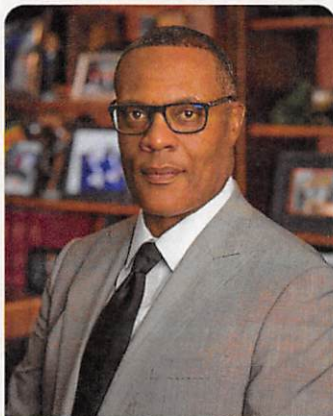
Objection, Relevance

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.



Tony Coleman

OKLAHOMA TRIAL LAWYER

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.



Important Registration Information:

EARN A TOTAL MAXIMUM OF 15.5 CE HOURS:

3.5 CE hours possible on Thursday

6.5 CE hours possible on Friday

5.5 CE hours possible on Saturday

NEW REGISTRATION WINDOWS:

You may notice that we have switched from Early Bird and On-Site registration windows to Early Bird, Regular, and Late Registration windows.

We have a lot of planning to do, supplies to order, and want to put on the best event possible FOR YOU, so we hope that this will encourage you to make your decision to attend early and take advantage of the lower registration fees.

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: JULY 1

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 2 - AUGUST 1

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 31

**After registration closes on 8/31, you must contact TCRA via phone to inquire about registration availability.*

TO QUALIFY FOR THE SPECIFIC RATE WINDOW:

We must receive your registration and full payment by the deadline

OR

Your registration form AND proof that you've submitted your registration for payment through your county by the deadline. If we do not have confirmation that your county will be sending payment, we will be required to increase your registration fee to the current fee schedule.

THE EARLIER THAT WE KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND,
THE BETTER PLANNING DECISIONS WE CAN MAKE TO ENSURE A GREAT EVENT!



OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS:

It is required that you email a copy of your registration form to TCRA (TCRAHQ@EMBARQMAIL.COM) with a copy of the PO or request form that you have submitted to your county for payment so that we can have you on our registration list as early as possible. Most often the county does not send anything on to us until the payment is sent, which may take several weeks/months, and we will need to know in advance that you will be attending in order to honor the registration fee you signed up for.

Please do not rely on your county to notify us of your registration details.

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

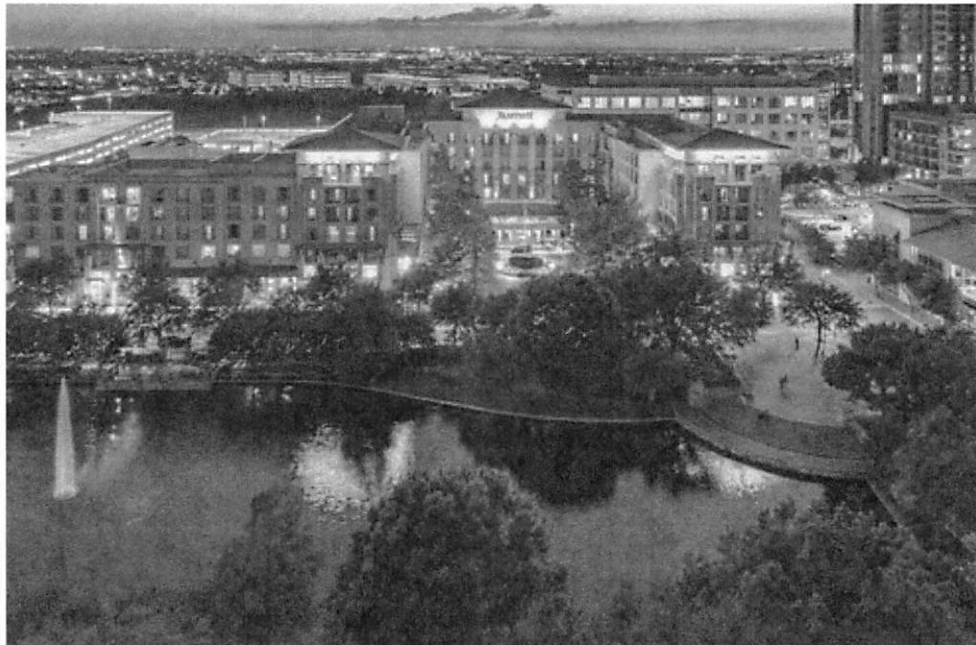
**The cut-off date for room reservations is August 14th
or earlier if the room block sells out.**

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](#)





Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center

7121 Bishop Road, Plano, Texas, USA, 75024,
+19724734218

Confirmation #85686908

Your reservation is guaranteed to your Visa card.

Stay Details

STAY DATES

Thu, Sep 7, 2023 - Sat, Sep 9, 2023

TOTAL FOR STAY

323.64 USD

ROOM TYPE

Guest room, 1 King

ROOMS

1

ADULTS

1

ROOM PREFERENCES

GUARANTEED: Non-smoking room.

RATE

TEXAS COURT REPORTER

Summary of Charges

1 room for 2 night(s)

Thursday, September 7, 2023

142.00 USD

Friday, September 8, 2023	142.00 USD
Total Cash Rate	284.00 USD
Estimated government taxes and fees	37.23 USD
State Cost Recovery Fee	2.41 USD
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Total for Stay	323.64 USD
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