TEXAS ADVANCED PARALEGAL SEMINAR
A Three-Day Multi-Track CLE Seminar Sponsored by The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas

October 14-16, 2009
South Shore Harbour Resort
League City, Texas

CHART YOUR COURSE-
SHARPEN YOUR MIND-
TAPS CLE 2009!

Join us for three days of CLE, networking and entertainment!
WHY ATTEND TAPS?

Earn up to 15 CLE hours

Career Advancement through Education

Your Three-Day Registration Includes

- Admission to all CLE programs (ticketed events require additional payment)
- Seminar speaker materials on FLASH DRIVE
- Admission Thursday to the Exhibit Hall featuring products and services from all of our great vendors
- Complimentary Continental Breakfast on Thursday and Friday
- Complimentary ticket to the Friday Luncheon/CLE Event “Back to Shore for the Final Course!” for three-day attendees
- Option to purchase tickets for the Wednesday Night Welcome Social at the hotel “Lounge by the Bay - Come Network and Play!” and the Thursday Night Social “Anchors Aweigh – We’re Cruisin’ the Bay!” aboard the FantaSea Luxury Yacht
- Tote bag to carry your seminar materials, purchases, and souvenirs
- Custom notepad to record notes during the seminar presentations

Former TAPS Speakers & Attendees Speak Out

Craig Ball, Attorney and Forensic Technologist, Certified Computer Forensic Examiner, Austin, TX (TAPS 2008 Speaker). TAPS is TOPS...in breadth of coverage, practical relevance and, above all, educational value. Every hour is jam-packed with useful tips from thoughtful leaders, helpful advice from peers and valuable takeaways. How do they deliver so much top-notch content and fun at such low cost?

J. Todd Hedgepeth, Chief, Air Force Regional Labor & Employment Law Office, San Antonio, TX (TAPS 2008 Speaker). Wow, I’ve both attended and spoke at numerous “attorney” continuing legal education courses, but the TAPS course goes to the head of the class! Never before have I seen the overwhelming majority of the participants paying such close, keen attention to the lectures and engaging in such substantive Q &A’s with the presenters during and after each presentation. I, too, was in awe of the quality of my fellow guest speakers: judges, managing partners, etc. Lastly, the interchange between the attendees makes it clear that not only was this course a great learning experience for them, but an awesome networking opportunity as well. I would encourage all paralegals to make an effort to attend the next course.

IMPORTANT

NAME badges issued at registration admit you to TAPS presentations & the Friday attendees’ luncheon. Tickets to socials can be purchased using the registration form. Only TAPS Registrants and their guests may attend TAPS events. Your registration name badge serves as your ticket to most events. Don’t forget to wear your name badge at all times.

CASUAL and COMFY is our philosophy for the entire seminar! For the “cold natured,” it is strongly recommended that you bring a sweater or jacket for the seminar rooms. The hotel is in control of the meeting room temperatures, NOT the PD. Come comfy to the socials, ready to have fun. RESERVE guest rooms at the South Shore Harbour Resort in League City no later than September 23. You must reserve your guest room by calling the hotel. See Accommodations for more information.

www.txpd.org
Register Online

DOOR PRIZES TO BE DRAWN DURING SOCIALS AND FRIDAY ATTENDEE LUNCHEON
Must be present to win!
TAPS Speaker Materials

Each attendee will receive a FLASH DRIVE that includes all of the speaker papers from the entire seminar. Each attendee will receive access to a website on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 to access online speaker papers in PDF format for the purpose of printing the speaker papers if you would like to bring them to the seminar. Speaker paper notebooks will not be available for the 2009 TAPS Seminar.

Pricing Options

Three-day registration price includes three days of CLE, a FLASH DRIVE of speaker materials, and the Friday attendees’ luncheon (socials at additional fee). As a three-day registered attendee you can attend any session during the three days of the seminar. Pick and choose the CLE topics you want to attend.

One-day registration price includes one day of CLE (limited to 5 CLE topics) and FLASH DRIVE seminar materials (socials and Friday luncheon at an additional fee). As a one-day attendee, you may attend any TAPS session(s) during only one specified day of your registration.

Register Early and Save!

NEW THIS YEAR -- All registrations are available Online Only — NO MAIL IN REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED. Earn a discount by submitting your Registration Form to the Paralegal Division early -- Deadline for early registration is Friday, September 11, 2009. All online registrations received on or after September 12, 2009 are subject to an additional $35 fee.”

Registration Packets

After receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation (by email) along with your special event selections. The confirmation notice does not gain you access to the seminar events. You must check in on-site and wear your name badge. Registration packets will be distributed to registered attendees only. An attendee is not considered registered without full payment.

Hotel Accommodations

South Shore Harbour Resort reservation deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00 pm. If you will not be staying at the event hotel, there is a place on the Online Registration Form for you to give us emergency contact information. Hotel reservations must be received and canceled through the South Shore Harbour Resort. Guest room rate is $120 single/double/triple, and is under Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar. To reserve a guest room, please call 1/800-442-5005. It is recommended that reservations be made between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm M-F. Room rate is approved for two days before and after event.

South Shore Harbour Resort
2500 South Shore Blvd.
League City, TX
281-334-1000 ext. 550 1/800-442-5005

Check-in: 4:00 p.m.  Check-out: 12:00 noon

Deadline for hotel guest rooms:
Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Guest Room Rates:
$120.00 Single/Double/Triple
SOCIALS

(Using the registration form, you may select the socials you would like to attend.)

WELCOME to 2009 TAPS! TAPS will officially set sail
Wednesday evening at the LOUNGE BY THE BAY – COME NETWORK AND PLAY! Welcome Social. Grab your comfy PJ’s and slippers (tasteful please), and join us for a “pajama party” at the hotel – sponsored by CENTER FOR ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES. It will be a casual evening full of fun and games guaranteed to make you laugh. Come see old friends and meet new ones! It’s going to be “yachts” of fun overlooking the beautiful South Shore Marina!!

And on Thursday evening, it is ANCHORS AWEIGH – WE’RE CRUISIN’ THE BAY! You’ll come aboard the FantaSea Luxury Yacht and enjoy a dinner cruise in the beautiful South Shore Harbour Bay thanks to our sponsors HG LITIGATION SERVICES, HOLLERBACH & ASSOCIATES, INNOVATIVE LEGAL SOLUTIONS and NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. We will set sail from the hotel for a memorable evening on the water.

Space is limited on the yacht, so make your decision early to join us for the one-of-a-kind evening. Put on your favorite casual cruise wear and shoes (we want you comfy and safe walking the plank to the yacht!) and we’ll float through the evening! If you want to check it out go to www.thebigwhiteboat.com.

The socials are always a good time, and if you have never joined us, let this be your year to experience FUN!!!!

“BACK TO SHORE FOR THE FINAL COURSE!” – Friday
Attendees’ Luncheon
The Paralegal Division presents as Keynote Speaker

JUDGE KEN WISE
LAW FIRM OF FRIDGE, RESENDEZ & WISE LLC
ORDER IN THE COURT...OR NOT

Judge Wise is currently a partner in the law firm of Fridge, Resendez & Wise LLC. Judge Wise specializes in civil trials and appeals, mediation and arbitration, and government relations. Judge Wise was appointed Judge of the 152nd District Court by Governor Rick Perry in 2002. He presided over that court through 2008. During his judicial career, Judge Wise chaired many committees and served as the Civil Administrative Judge for Harris County. Judge Wise is currently chairing the State Bar of Texas Task Force on Court Organization which is undertaking a top-to-bottom assessment of the organization of the Texas court system. Judge Wise served three years on the Harris County Juvenile Probation Board. He was also chairman of the Harris County District Judges Facilities Committee which oversaw the completion of the new Harris County Civil Courthouse.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.TXPD.ORG BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2009
Wednesday, October 14
11:00 am – 12:00 noon
► Advantages of Diversity for Legal Prospective - Corporate Law
Elizabeth A. Campbell, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Scope of Discovery - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Paul N. Gold, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Do Grandparents Have Rights? - Family Law
Imogen (Immy) Papadopoulos, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► The Paralegals Role In Complex Multi-Party Litigation - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Jerry Kenneth Johnson, II, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Proofs of Claim: Things You Need to Know - Bankruptcy Law
Tony Draper, Attorney at Law, Houston

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
► Choosing and Courting a Jury in a Family Law Case - Family Law
Wendy S. Burgower, Attorney at Law, Houston,
Debbie Harrington, Paralegal, Houston
► Bankruptcy Decoded - Tools Paralegals Need to Navigate in Today’s World - Bankruptcy Law
Marcia Ellen (Marcy) Kurtz, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Medical Malpractice "Waiting and Wondering: The Defense Perspective The First 120 Days" - Personal Injury Law
Richard M. Law, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Conducting Investigations in the 21st Century Workplace - Corporate Law
Charles Wilson, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Labor & Employment Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Patenable Subject Matter After In Re Bilski - Intellectual Property Law
Daniel Nguyen, Attorney at Law, Houston

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm
► Trial Preparation: The Last 120 Days Before Trial – Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Brent Carpenter, Attorney at Law, Sugar Land
► Legislative Updates in Family Law - Family Law
Joan Jenkins, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Nuts and Bolts of Court/Practitioner Interface - Bankruptcy Law
Judge Wesley W. Steen, Chief Judge, Houston
► Scope of the Trade Secret Privilege - Intellectual Property Law
Raphael (Rafe) Charles Taylor, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Paralegal Ethics in the Digital Age – All areas of law
Ellen Lockwood, ACP, RP, Paralegal, San Antonio

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
► Attorney Client Privilege in a Criminal Law Case - Criminal Law
Dan W. Richardson, Attorney at Law, Houston
► To Plead (The Fifth) or Not To Plead: That is the Question (5th Amendment Privileges in Civil Cases) - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Paul Jacobs, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law and Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

► Protective Orders - Family Law
Kathleen M. McCumber, Attorney at Law, League City
► Patenting Health Care Inventions - Intellectual Property Law
Richard D. Fladung, Attorney at Law, Houston
► The Top Ten Issues in Drafting Purchase & Sale Agreements - Real Estate Law
Anne Newton, Attorney at Law, Houston

Thursday, October 15
8:00 am – 9:00 am
► Recuse a Texas Probate Judge? - Probate & Estate Planning Law
Esther Anderson, Attorney at Law, Dickinson
► Licensing and Technology Issues - Corporate Law
Nandita Berry, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Ethics for Real Estate Paralegals & What They Should Know About Notaries Public - Ethics; Real Estate Law
Greg Crinion, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Paid vs. Incurred - Personal Injury Law
Jim Perdue, Jr., Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Death By Deadlines (& Other Spooky Appellate Things Every Paralegal Should Know) - Civil Trial Law, Family Law, Appellate Law
Sallee Smyth, Attorney at Law, Richmond

9:10 am – 10:10 am
► Legislative Updates: Probate & Estate Planning - Probate & Estate Planning Law
Karen Mahoney, Attorney at Law, Galveston
► How to Help Your Client Make the Best Impression to the Social Study Investigator - Family Law
Sharon Middleton, Attorney at Law, Alvin
► Discovery in the Electronic Age - Civil Trial Law, Family Law, Personal Injury Law; Intellectual Property Law; Corporate Law
Randall S. Richardson, Attorney at Law, Houston
► The ABC’s of Punishment – Dollars, Days, Months or Years - Criminal Law
Mark Rubal, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Criminal Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Effective Organization and Record Keeping in Civil Litigation (Basic Level Course) - Civil Trial Law
Ikeshia (Keshia) Babin, Attorney at Law, Houston

11:00 am – 12:00 noon
► Voir Dire, Batson Challenges, and Protecting the Record for Appeal - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Mitch Ackal, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Foreclosures of Real Estate and Personal Property - Real Estate Law
Jeff Joyce, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Civil Trial Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Albert B. Kimball, Jr., Attorney at Law, Houston
► Preparing and Trying an Employment Discrimination or Retaliation Case: What a Paralegal Needs to Know - Labor & Employment Law
Robert S. Nichols, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Labor & Employment Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
11:00 am – 12:00 noon (continued)
► What Paralegals Always Wanted To Know, But Were Afraid To Ask - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law, Real Estate Litigation, Probate Litigation, Family Law
Robert D. Clements, Jr., Attorney at Law, Alvin
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law & Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
► A Focus For Any Case: Interests & Options (Collaborative) - All Areas of Law
Jennifer Broussard, Attorney at Law, Houston
Maureen Pettier, Attorney at Law, Houston,
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Green Leases: Implementing Environmentally Friendly Leases - Real Estate Law
Jeffrey Gilbert, Attorney at Law, Houston
Aaron Roffwarg, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Medical Malpractice Update - Personal Injury Law
Tommy Hastings, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Anatomy of a Criminal Case - Criminal Law
Sally Ring, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Taking the 'Babble' Out of Psychobabble (How to Question Experts) - Civil Trial, Family Law, Personal Injury Law
James R. (Jay) Flens, Ph.D ABPP Forensic Psychologist, Brandon, FL and Jonathan W. (Jon) Gould, Ph.D ABPP Forensic Psychologist, Charlotte, NC (2 hours) – begins at 1:00 pm

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm
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► The Post-Mortem Annulment of a Marriage Under the New Texas Probate Code 47A - Probate & Estate Planning Law
James C. Benson, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Merger Filings in the 21st Century - Corporate Law
Lori Fox, Attorney at Law, Dallas
► Plaintiff's Perspective of a Personal Injury Claim - Personal Injury Law
Lawrence (Larry) Tylka, Attorney at Law, Galveston
► Indemnity Provisions - Real Estate Law
Leona Mulan Hammill, Attorney at Law, Dallas

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
► Let's Go Paperless & The Legal Issues of Doing So - All Areas of Law
Wilfried Schmitz, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Church and Religious Liability in Texas - Personal Injury
Keith Fletcher, Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Personal Injury Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Due Diligence and Filing Principals - Corporate Law
Alessandra Melloni, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Prosecution of Financial Crimes – Civil Trial, Criminal Law
Donna Goode, Attorney
Chief: Special Prosecutions Bureau, Houston

► Co-Tenancy, Exclusives & Radius Clauses in Leases - Real Estate Law
Consuela (Connie) Simmons Taylor, Attorney at Law, Houston
Friday, October 16
8:30 am – 9:30 am
► Optimizing PowerPoint 2007 in the Legal Practice – From the Paralegal Perspective
Elaine Lowenkran, Dallas
Expert Training Director, Attorney Resource
9:40 am – 10:40 am
► Excel 2007 – Tips & Tricks for the Practicing Paralegal
Elaine Lowenkran, Dallas
Expert Training Director, Attorney Resource
► How to Assist Your Attorney to Effectively Try a Property Case - Family Law
Bret A Bosker, Attorney at Law, Houston
KateMcConnico, Attorney at Law, Houston,
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Answering the SOS: The Anatomy of a Distressed Commercial Real Estate Transaction - Real Estate Law
Rachel M. Jenny, Attorney at Law, Houston
► EXPERTS: Helping The “Smart People” Do Their Jobs So That You Can Do Yours (How to discredit expert witnesses) - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law, Family Law
Michael Holley, Attorney at Law, Houston
► Patents and Trademarks: The Duty of Good Faith - Intellectual Property Law
Tamsen Valoir, Attorney at Law, Houston
11:00 am – 12:00 noon
► Recent Trends in ICANN Proceedings - Intellectual Property Law
Matthew M. Jennings, Registered Patent Attorney, San Antonio
► Preparing For A Show Cause Hearing at Breakneck Speed - Family Law
John F. (Bo) Nichols, Jr., Attorney at Law, Houston
Board Certified Attorney - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Confessions of an Appellate Lawyer -- Preparation, Oral Argument and Real Life Stories to Learn By - Civil Trial Law, Appellate Law
Tina Snelling, Attorney at Law, Bryan
Board Certified Attorney - Civil Appellate Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization
► Death or Disability by Prescription - Civil Trial Law, Personal Injury Law
Ken Soh, Attorney at Law, Houston
► How Do You Plan an Estate Today When You Don't Know What the Law Will be Tomorrow? - Probate & Estate Planning Law
Ira Daniel Weizel, Attorney at Law, Houston
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Judge Ken Wise
Fridge, Resendez & Wise LLC, Houston, TX
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3 GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS- $500 PER DRAWING
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JENKINS & KAMIN, L.L.P.
To Be Eligible For Grand Prize, Visit Each Exhibit Booth on Thursday
Drawings will be held during Friday Attendee Luncheon - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!
TAPS 2009
ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
WWW.TXPD.ORG

No mail in registrations will be accepted.
(Paying either by check or credit card, using online registration is easy! Upon check-out, choose payment by credit card or check. If by check, please list all checks being submitted for payment by placing a comma following each separate check.)

REFUNDS
Refund requests must be in writing and forwarded to the Paralegal Division, P.O. Box 1375, Manchaca, Texas, 78652 or faxed to 512-291-1170 to be received no later than Tuesday, October 6, 2009. There will be a cancellation fee of $35.00 per registration (no exceptions). No refunds will be issued after October 6, 2009.

Tuition:
Three-Day Registration: PD Member Registration Fee $225.00
Three-Day Registration: Non PD Member Registration Fee $325.00
One-Day Registration: PD Member Registration Fee $99.00
One-Day Registration: Non PD Member Registration Fee $199.00
Late Registration Fee (Received after September 11): Add $35.00

Social Tickets (Optional):
Wednesday Welcome Social “Lounge by the Bay - Come Network and Play!” @ $15 per person
Add a Guest to the Wednesday Social @ $25 per person
Thursday Social “Anchors Aweigh – We’re Cruisin’ the Bay” @ $35 per person
Add a Guest to the Thursday Social @ $45 per person

Luncheon:
Three-day attendee “Back to Shore for the Final Course” Luncheon (no-charge for three-day attendees)
One day Attendee or Guest to the “Back to Shore for the Final Course” Luncheon @ $30 per person

TAPS Apparel: (deadline for apparel orders is Friday, September 25)
T-Shirt (Iris Blue) @ $15 each
Full-Zip Nylon Wind Jacket (Black/Yellow) @ $35 each
PJ Bottoms (Multi-color) @ $28 each

Speaker Materials:
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Transportation to Hotel from Houston Hobby Airport:
Please contact Clear Lake Shuttle Bus, Inc. at 1/281-334-3873 for a schedule/special pricing. 24-hour advanced reservation (required). Complimentary shuttle is provided at designated times; all other shuttle transportation times are $12 (one way) per person. This service is provided on October 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, 2009.