

2-Day Regional Workshop

with optional 2-hour add-on introductory session on Wednesday

Corpus Christi, Texas

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Registration

4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

Courts Breakout Session - Legislative Updates and Handling the Law Practice of a Deceased Attorney

The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No.1,
Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk,
Clint Alexander, Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart, PLLC, Austin

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Registration & Breakfast begins at 7:15am

7:45 AM TO 8:00 AM

Welcoming Remarks

Guy Herman, TCPJ President

8:00 AM TO 9:15 AM

Heirship Proceedings & Small Estate Affidavits

Clint Alexander, Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart, PLLC, Austin

9:15 AM TO 10:15 AM

Notice and Citation in Probate Court

Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk

10:15 AM TO 10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30 AM TO 10:45 AM

Overview of Probate & Probating a Will

Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas

10:45 AM TO NOON

Independent & Dependent Administrations

Craig Hopper, Hopper Mikeska, PLLC, Austin, Texas

NOON TO 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

Guardianship Law, Part 1: Investigation & Creation

The Hon. Jerry Simoneaux, Harris County Probate Court No. 1

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 3:05 PM

Stretch Break

3:05 PM TO 4:35 PM

Mental Health Law

The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

4:35 PM TO 5:05 PM

Judge and Clerk Q&A – ask us anything!

Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk
The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No.1

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Friday, May 24, 2024



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 Probate Court No. 1

9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

Bonds, Inventories, and Accountings

Tom Ruffner, Associate Judge, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

10:00 AM TO 10:15 AM

Coffee Break

10:15 AM TO 11:15 AM

Compliance & Show Cause

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

11:15 AM TO 12:00 PM

Attorneys' Fees

The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

**It's a Team Effort: The Intersection between the
Role of the Judge and the Role of the Clerk**

Catherine L. Horvath, Retired Chief Deputy Clerk

The Hon. Guy Herman, Travis County Probate Court No. 1

Wednesday add-on session from 4:00-6:00 PM

Judge Guy Herman and Cathy Horvath will go into detail about 2023 legislative changes that will have an impact on judges, clerks, and their staff who work with guardianship, probate, mental health, and trust cases. Austin attorney Clint Alexander will also present on what happens when an active attorney dies and the Court's role in facilitating how to close that attorney's practice.