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A New Legislative Year

It's hard to believe we are gearing up for the 86th Legislative Session! Legislators began filing bills November 12, 2018 and in the first two weeks over 600 bills were filed. Your Legislative Committee will be busy tracking bills of interest over the next several months. Instead of bombarding you with weekly emails, we will post a link to the most current information on the TCCA website. Our goal is to update the list at least every two weeks. If you see bills that we may have missed or have any you would like us to track, please let me know.

You may contact me @830-401-2327

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Landra Solansky

2019 Legislative Committee Chair

WHO RECEIVES THE LORNA NELSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?



Named after our founder of the organization Lorna Nelson who founded TCCA in 1972 while working for the City of Deer Park. Her idea behind the organization was that clerks would have a place to exchange thoughts and information with one another to better themselves in their respective positions. Although Ms. Lorna, as we so affectionately called her, is no longer with us we would not exist as an organization without her. I think this has become an organization that she would be just as proud of today.

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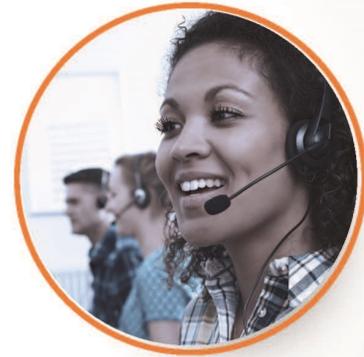
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Conference Planning Committee Message

We had an amazing time in Plano and hope you did, as well. We wanted to send a quick thank you for all of the great connections made, memories created, and laughs shared during our short time together. Thank you to all of the delegates who were able to attend as well as our wonderful exhibitors whose participation make it all possible. We'd also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Frisco Color Guard for conducting our opening ceremony on such short notice.



We have begun reviewing conference survey results and appreciate your participation. On behalf of the conference committee, we truly value your input and will utilize the results to enhance your conference experience. Please make plans to join us in San Marcos for the 2019 TCCA Conference.

74%
of attendees will attend
2019's conference

77%
Accessed educational materials
on the App

88%
of attendees liked the awards
luncheon vs. an
evening banquet

TCCA
CONFERENCE 2019

San Marcos, Embassy Suites
Sunday, September 29, 2019 – Wednesday, October 2, 2019
www.texascourtclerks.org



Election Results

TCCA has a changing Board with 2019 Election Results

December 2018 completes the terms of office for the positions of President, Secretary, and 4 Director's at Large (one position was vacated). Local Chapters also held elections. Earlier this year TCCA members had an opportunity to nominate candidates and vote for their choice, electronically. The results of the State election were announced at the Annual Business Meeting during conference and Local Chapter results are listed below.

Survey Title	Completed	Invited
2018 Voting Ballot Central Texas Chapter	23	135
2018 Voting Ballot Freedom Trail Texas Chapter	17	132
2018 Voting Ballot Gulf Coast Texas Chapter	37	195
2018 Voting Ballot North Texas Chapter	111	413
2018 Voting Ballot Northeast Texas Chapter	6	26
2018 Voting Ballot South Texas Chapter	3	53
Total	197	954
Percentage Completed	21%	

Local Chapters

Central Texas: **President**– April Christiansen, Cedar Park; **Secretary**– Chad Eixmann, Bryan; **Director-at-Large**– Mara Dudley, Llano

Freedom Trail: **President**– Viviana Farnsworth, Terrell Hills; **Secretary**– Claudia Carrera, Windcrest

Gulf Coast: **President**– Christina Dahse, Willis; **Secretary**– Gerri Alfaro, Texas City

North Texas: **President**– Jennifer Bozorgnia, Irving; **Secretary**– Melissa Rodriguez, Haltom City **Director-at-Large**– Leah Huff, and Juan Paredes, Fort Worth

Northeast Texas: **President**– Lona Maxted; **Secretary**– Cindy Beall, Longview

South Texas: **President**– Laura Garza, Corpus Christi; **Secretary**– Tiffany Totah, Victoria

West Texas/Panhandle: No nominations



Survey Title	Completed	Invited
2018 TCCA Statewide Voting Ballot	182	979
Percentage Completed	19%	

State Board

Directors At Large



Rhonda Kuehn, Brenham
President



Jennifer Dorsett, Wautauga
Secretary



Jennifer Billings,
Dayton



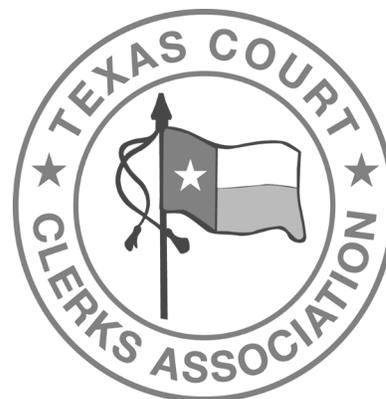
Tiffany Totah,
Victoria



Angie DeJesus,
West Lake Hills



Jenny Garcia,
Mont Belvieu



Greetings TCCA members,

Typically, this time of year finds me somewhat sad at the thought that another year is ending and a new one beginning. The year always seems to fly by way too fast and I wish that time would just slow down so that I can spend time and enjoy my family and friends a bit more. This year; however, I find myself hopeful and looking forward to the new year as I transition into the role of TCCA President. I am very excited and anxious to serve you all in this capacity. I pray that my leadership will benefit TCCA and all of its members in a positive way. Please know that I am very grateful for this opportunity and the trust you all have placed in me. On behalf of the Association, I want to thank President Lisa Howard for her service and dedication to TCCA over the past four years. Personally, I am extremely grateful to her for mentoring me over the past few months to ensure a smooth transition for TCCA. Lastly, I encourage each of you to become active within the organization. There are many ways for you to do this no matter where you are located in the State. You can:



- Serve in a State or Chapter board position or on a committee;
- Volunteer to help with conference tasks;
- Apply for a scholarship to attend conference;
- Write an article for the Scribe;
- Volunteer to help keep the website up to date;
- Host a chapter meeting or education session in your area;
- Share your knowledge by teaching a class for TCCA;
- Share your thoughts and ideas to help make TCCA a better organization

These are just a few ways you can become more involved in TCCA. Most importantly, don't forget that as a TCCA member this is **YOUR** organization and it benefits **YOUR** profession. It is only as good as we want to make it!

I pray you all have a safe and happy holidays. Enjoy your friends and loved ones...

Sincerely,
Rhonda Kuehn



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes a service, program, task or endeavor performed by an individual in a court profession, serving in a non-judicial capacity, which benefits the entire membership in a distinctive way by showing dedication and commitment.

Winner, Nastacia Rhodes, Texas City Court Clerk

“Our first clerk to receive an award this afternoon is someone you like as soon as you meet her. She is smart, eager to learn and always willing to help in any way she can. Not only does this clerk have a great attitude, she is always looking for ways to improve the efficiency of the court processes. Her co-workers know that they can count on her and they value her opinion. This clerk is more than a great co-worker, she is also a friend and a mother of 3 very handsome little boys. I am not sure how she juggles it all, but she does it with dignity and grace.”

Winner, Janis Fletcher, City of Sherman Municipal Court Coordinator & Chrissy Dahse, City of Willis Administrator

“Our next award is two part- these clerks are member of the Education Committee’s “book club”. This year, we decided we needed a fairly comprehensive overhaul which included reading numerous books, discussing those books at 2 weekend meetings with other committee members and creating study questions on the reading material – just to list a few of our tasks. This project required a huge time commitment. These ladies were committed to the project and truly believe in the integrity of the Certification Program, it was our pleasure to work with them.”

Winner, Angelina DeJesus, West Lake Hills Deputy Court Clerk

“This clerk took on projects and made them her own. She has an easy going attitude and is always willing to lend us her amazing design skills. She has used her skills to work on the website committee and assisted with the Scribe to give it a new, pleasing visual appearance and making it an interactive experience for the readers. It is always a pleasure to work on any project with her. This clerk is a huge asset to TCCA and its membership.”

Winner, Irma Day-Flores, City of Hurst Juvenile Case Manager

“This individual started with the Court as a part-time deputy court clerk 10 years ago and was promoted to a full-time position as a Juvenile Case Manager shortly thereafter. Although it was a learn as you go experience, she has shown great enthusiasm and continues to excel above and beyond. She works very closely with our Teen Court program and truly cares about the kids she works with. In addition, she also works the court window and is usually the first person our customers see. She greets everyone with a friendly hello and works hard to make sure they understand their options. This clerk is a team player and an asset to her court.”

Winner, Dominique Garrick, City of Missouri Court Clerk

“Our next deserving clerk has become a shining representative for court clerks in the profession. This clerk has focused on communication, customer service and learning various management duties all adding to her professional growth and development in our field. She takes pride in her work and displays remarkable integrity. She has put the needs of her City and the citizens she serves before her own. Not only does her commitment to the job touch her court, she represents our profession, her City and her Chapter in such a manner that makes us very proud to call her one of our own.”

Winner, Sheli Masterson, City of Irving Court Operations Manager

“Our final Distinguished Service Award goes to a Clerk that is always willing to go above and beyond. During last year’s Conference, this Clerk was stuck in the “war room” on her free time all day Saturday and Sunday, working on last minute projects that needed to be done. She didn’t ask why or how... she just made things happen. She never complains about any task – she just does it and does it well. This year, she has been invaluable to the Conference Planning Committee, she assisted with hotel arrangements and many other duties. I love her get it done attitude!”



EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes an individual in the court profession, serving in a non-judicial capacity, who has continually demonstrated through commitment, extraordinary performance in the development of a program, task performed, involvement and action on behalf of the association that benefits the entire membership on an ongoing basis. Recipients of this award must have earned the Distinguished Service Award previously. This award may be received only once.

Winner, Brittany Wright, City of Sugar Land Compliance/Collections Manager

“Our first extraordinary clerk stepped up at time when her court was short staffed. In addition to her own duties, she assisted in a supervisory position by managing people and assignments. She was given extra tasks and responsibilities that she was able to complete with excellence. This clerk always puts others first and is willing to step in and help in any way she can. She is truly someone you can depend on and is an excellent coworker and supervisor. She was recently promoted to a new position and is spearheading a new compliance/collections program.”

Winner, Jennifer Bozorgnia, City of Irving Court Services Coordinator

“Our next deserving extraordinary clerk has taken on several special projects for the TCCA Board. As Membership Chair, she reviewed membership categories and made recommendations for those changes to the Bylaws Committee. She then went a step further and rewrote some of the bylaws for the membership categories and prepared it for the voting ballots. She was not responsible for that portion, but took on the challenge with professionalism and dedication. She is the President of the North Texas Chapter, another huge job that she handles with respect, honesty and dignity. She works diligently to ensure continuing education and business meetings are available for the entire Chapter. She is definitely someone everyone wants on their team.”



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AWARD

Each year, the TCCA Certification & Education Committee also recognizes an outstanding individual in the court profession, serving in a non-judicial capacity with the Outstanding Achievement in Education Award. The recipient of this award has continually demonstrated through commitment, extraordinary contributions to outstanding achievement in education through the development of a program or curriculum, task performed, and/or involvement or action in providing outstanding education that benefits the entire membership on behalf of the Texas Court Clerks Association. This award may be received more than one time.

Winner, Jennifer Bozorgnia, City of Irving Court Services Coordinator

“This year’s award goes to an individual who has taught many classes and prep sessions as well as helps to schedule many hours of training for her chapter. This year’s award goes to North Texas Chapter President and Irving Court Services Coordinator”

EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Excellence Award is one of the highest honor awarded by the Texas Court Clerk’s Association. It recognizes the exemplary performance of an individual in the court profession, serving in a non-judicial capacity, who brings honor, public awareness or enhances the image of the Association, and whose actions through major achievements, benefit the entire membership by consistently demonstrating professionalism and the pursuit of excellence. The recipient of this award must have previously received the Distinguished Service and Extraordinary Achievement awards. This award may be received only once in a lifetime.

Winner, Brittany Rychlik City of Missouri City Court Administrator



“This year our recipient of the Excellence award is a member of TCCA and serves a very important role on our Board. I want to share with you the words this court clerk’s coworkers used to described this individual: *organized and efficient; displays and ensures proper ethics are used in every aspect of the Court; stresses the importance of the pursuit of education; encourages others to achieve the highest level of Certification; passionate about the profession*

As a Board Member, this person has taken TCCA to a new level with technology. As a Court Administrator of a very busy court, duties for TCCA are taken care of on nights and weekends... many of us know that because we receive texts and calls at all hours of the day and night. This individual is happy to work long hours behind the scenes with little to no recognition and somehow always manages to “make it happen”, whatever the challenge may be. On a personal note, if you ever have the opportunity to go shopping with this person, I highly recommend you go.... I promise you it will be a trip you will never forget!”

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD

This next award recognizes the accomplishments or services of an individual, group or company who has demonstrated through their actions and exceptional contributions, those attributes that benefit the entire membership and reflect the ideas and standards of the Association. The award will be presented to an individual, group or company in a court setting serving in a judicial or non-judicial capacity, or otherwise in a position related to the judicial system either by affiliation or acquaintance, be it a vendor or others qualified to conduct business with the Association. This award nomination will be determined by the Board of Directors on an earned basis and will not necessarily be awarded annually.

**Winner, Kimberly Kierce, City of Richardson
Court Administrator**

“This year’s recipient of the Board of Directors award is very dedicated to TCCA. She is detail oriented and takes the task of her duties very seriously. This person is always willing to dig a little deeper to ensure the integrity of the task at hand. She was willing to take on the responsibility of the website and trained others by working with them to ensure they understood how to accomplish the goals of the association in an efficient and effective manner. In addition to the website, she also takes the job of treasurer very seriously. She is meticulous with our records and works very hard to make sure debits and credits are coded properly when they are applied to the accounting ledger. Her responsibilities are year round and she spends much of her own personal time to get all of these things accomplished. A HUGE thank you goes to her for all she has done, she makes it look easy.”



LORNA NELSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the countless amount of time dedicated to the Association, knowledge, innovation, ideas, accomplishments or services of an individual(s) who has greatly contributed to the development and growth of the Association and the Education Program. The award will be presented to an individual(s) in a court setting serving in a judicial or non-judicial capacity, or otherwise in a position related to the judicial system by affiliation or partnership with the Association. This award nomination will be determined by the Board of Directors on an earned basis and may not be awarded annually. This award may be received only one time.

Winner, Shona Bohon

“The name Lorna has many different meanings: comforter, one with a sense of responsibility and duty, appreciative, affectionate, generous, possessing executive ability, leader, moral, balanced, honest, intellectual, provider, wise, practical, appreciates beauty, thinker, frank, methodical, and believer in the law system and order. I believe Ms. Lorna was all of these things and I believe this year’s recipient also possesses these same traits.

This person always gives 110% to every task she undertakes. Although she is now retired, she continues to serve clerks though her work with TMCA and TCCA. She is patient and dignified and is a true role model to those who have served with her. She too had a vision and was instrumental in the creation, development and success of the clerk’s certification program.

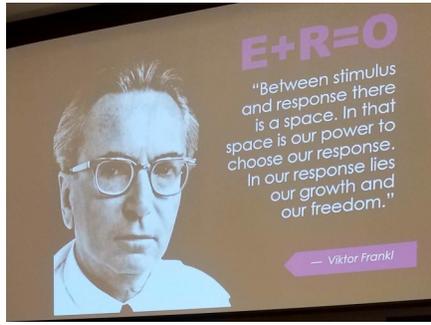
She has worked on numerous projects such as the Clerk Procedures Guide, Conference Planning Guidelines and many other complex endeavors that have benefited our profession as a whole. She has served as TCCA President, Chapter President, TCCA Secretary and has chaired and served on numerous committees.

I believe that if Ms. Lorna were here today - she would be honored to know that the recipient of the 2018 “Lorna Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence” is Mrs. Shona Bohon.”



Conference Activities

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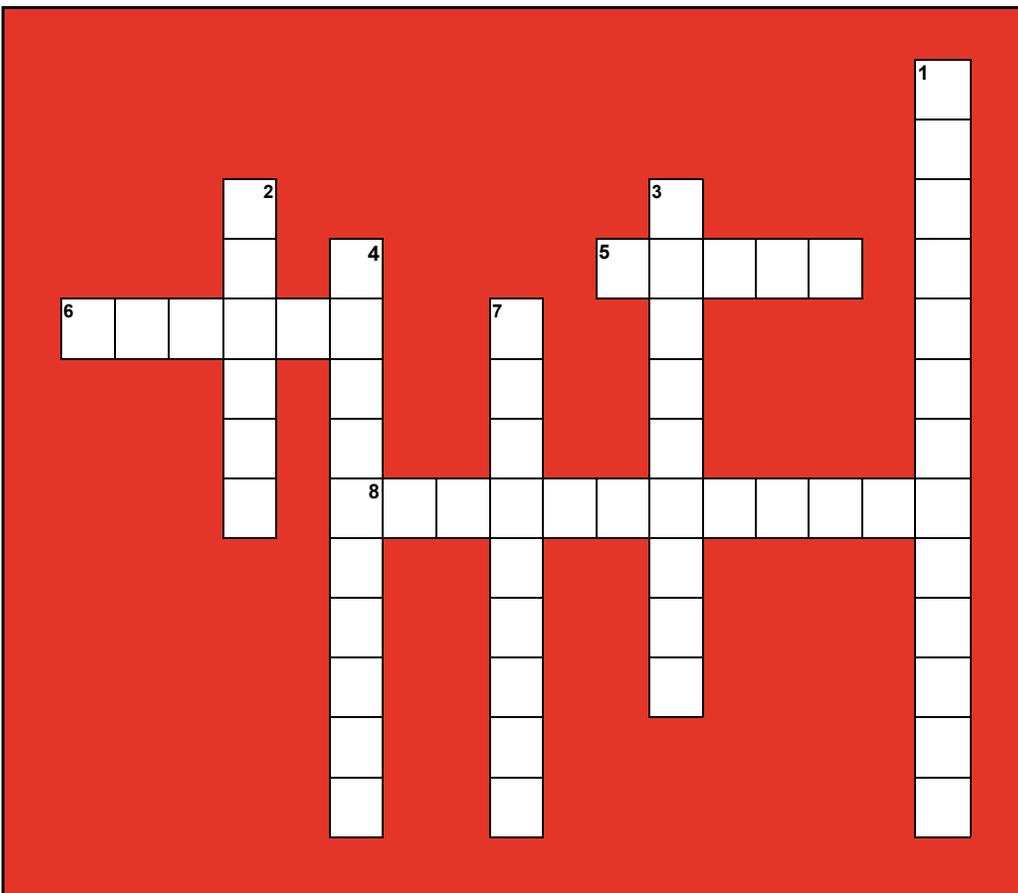
Crossword



Win \$25

There are two \$25 gift cards this edition. Ho, Ho, Ho from the Education Committee and the North Texas Chapter. Please email your answers to adejesus@westlakehills.org no later than 3pm on December 26th. The winners will be announced via TCCA's Facebook page and you will be contacted directly.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW TEXAS? Texas Cities in our Great State



Wylie Municipal Court



North Texas Chapter Luncheon



Hurst Municipal Court

ACROSS

- 5 This unincorporated community is a bonus question
- 6 They were dreaming of a white Christmas in 2004
- 8 This city has a trilateral designation

DOWN

- 1 Caddo, cotton & corn
- 2 Up through the ground came a bubblin' crude
- 3 Famed glazed sweet treats are found here
- 4 In 1838 a flag was born
- 7 Come and take it

READ ME!

ASK ROBBY

West Lake Hills Presiding Judge

“By the Power of This Document...I Have the Power?”

At this time of year, as toy catalogues appear in the big box stores, parents of a certain age cannot help but be reminded of the great toy crazes of the 1980s. One such must-have back then was the action figure He-Man. As any child of that time would tell you, He-Man could wave his sword, intone the words, “By the Power of Greyskull...I have the Power!” and transform from a mild-mannered prince into an action hero. A similar transformation is sometimes attempted in municipal court when a defendant wants a non-attorney to represent him or her. Typically, this will involve the defendant or another person asking for the individual named in a power of attorney to be his or “attorney” in the court case. Is this document something that, like a magical sword, a person may wave in order to transform any other person into an attorney? The short answer is: not in court proceedings. To understand why, it is important to understand the different meanings associated with “attorney.”

Attorney at Law vs. Attorney in Fact

When most people think of an attorney, they are likely thinking of a trained and licensed professional that can represent them in legal matters. Most municipal judges, in fact, include warnings to unrepresented defendants that advise the help an attorney could provide, including legal advice, case preparation, and appearing in court on behalf of the defendant. Such help may provide significant aid in resolving a case in court, and attorneys are required to complete both education and licensure in order to practice in court. Attorneys complete seven years of education after high school and pass a comprehensive test called the Bar Exam in order to receive this license and prepare the individual for court practice. Once licensed, the attorney is given authority by the Supreme Court of Texas to be an “**attorney at law**.” This is documented on the attorney’s law license, which states that the individual may practice in the state courts. A licensed attorney may practice law in Texas. This means that he or she may take clients, provide legal advice, and appear in court on behalf of another.

An “**attorney in fact**” on the other hand is an individual that may act as an agent for another, called the principal, in certain non-legal transactions. This individual receives the authority to act in these transactions in a document called a “power of attorney” and may take actions such as handle bank information, conduct real estate transactions, or make medical decisions. A specific triggering event, incapacity for example, allows the agent to use the power of attorney to act on behalf of the principal in these non-legal transactions. An attorney in fact, by the very definition, may not represent a person in court proceedings unless that person is also an attorney at law. This means that a power of attorney, regardless what it stipulates, may not permit a non-licensed person to represent another in court. As one court pointed out, “Attorneys are licensed because of their learning and ability, so that they may not only protect the rights and interests of their clients, but be able to assist the court in the trial of the cause.” (Harkins v. Murphy & Bolanz, 112 S.W. 136).

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One way to address confusion over the power of attorney is for the court to outline the documentation required in order to represent a defendant in court. This may be done in local rules or standing orders. A common practice is for the court to require attorneys to submit a written “letter of representation.” This letter should state the attorney’s name and state bar number in addition to information identifying their client’s court case. Once submitted, the letter becomes a part of the court case file, so that there is no confusion in court, on appeal, or during a records request as to whether the individual had legal representation.

Another common practice is to require the attorney to present his or her state bar card. The bar card is issued individually and includes the attorney’s name, state bar number, and date licensed on the front. On the back, the card states that the person named is enrolled as an attorney by the Supreme Court of Texas. If a bar card is required by the court, then the clerk should also make a copy and add that to the court case file.

Education & Certification

Have you logged in to check your renewal status?

Your TMCEC Personal Academic Profile has many of the answers you seek!

<http://register.tmcec.com/web/online>

It is NOT necessary for you to file a “Renewal

Application” if you are a Certified Court Clerk Level I or II AND have attended a 12-16 hour TMCEC program or the TCCA Annual Conference. These renewals are done automatically within a few weeks, given proper completion of the “Record of Attendance”.

The deadline to complete your required hours of education and renew your certification is August 31st, 2019. If you need additional education hours, do not delay.

Once logged in, click on the “Certification Renewal” tab to show the most current renewal year. For example, if you have already renewed for FY19 it will say “2018-2019 Yes”. Written renewal confirmations **will no longer** be mailed and all of your information will be available to you on your online personal profile.

Certification Testing

Membership Status Verified – To receive the \$75.00 reduced testing fee, you must be a member in good standing of the Texas Court Clerks Association (TCCA) or Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) at the time you register to test. Membership is verified and those who are not a member of either organization will be invoiced for the balance due. Testing results **will not** be released until all outstanding fees are paid. To ensure that there are no delays in obtaining certification, please ensure that you are a TCCA or TMCA member in good standing before registering to test or remit the correct fee for non-member testing.

Upcoming Chapter Sponsored Education

Please visit the TCCA website’s [Education & Meetings](#) tab for a list of upcoming chapter education opportunities.

Upcoming Prep Sessions

January 10th – Missouri City

March 1st - Hurst

March 15th– Canyon

Upcoming Testing Dates

June 28th – Hurst – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

August 9th – Friendswood – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Approved Providers for Education Credit

GCAT (Governmental Collectors Association of Texas) - TBD

TCAT (Teen Court Association of Texas) - TBD

TCCA (Texas Court Clerks Association)

20 hours approved for 2018

TMCA (Texas Municipal Courts Association) - TBD

TML (Texas Municipal League) - TBD

NCSC (National Center for State Courts)

Not all courses may be approved. Please inquire before registering/attending a NCSC course

ICM (Institute for Court Management)

NACM (National Association of Court Managers)

Not all courses may be approved. Please inquire before registering/attending a NACM course

TDLR (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

Approved Training for Court Interpreters

TSL (Texas State Library) Webinars (up to 8 hours)

TMCEC (Texas Municipal Courts Education Center)

TMCEC Live or Archived Webinars (up to 8 hours)

TJCTC (Texas Justice Court Training Center)

Up to 12 hours on the Criminal Track for Justice of the Peace Clerks only. Municipal Court Clerks may not obtain credit for this training



A Word from Tracie Glaeser TMCEC Program Coordinator

Did you know that you might NOT have to file a renewal application? How do automatic renewals work? If you...

- are certified at Levels 1 or 2
- attend a 12-16 hour TMCEC seminar ***OR*** attend the TCCA Annual Conference (20 hours)
- turned in a properly completed “Record of Attendance Form” at the end of the seminar ***OR*** were recorded as present by TCCA at the annual conference
- are in good standing and are not on probation from the previous year (need only to renew your 12/20 hours)

* A paper form is required when a person using other education providers and automatic renewal procedures will not apply.

The academic year begins on September 1st each year and ends on August 31st each year. The renewal hours must be obtained within this time period each year. Hours are not allowed to be carried over or used from a previous year.

Most of your questions can be answered by taking the time to log into your personal profile to review certification records and academic status periodically. From your profile, you can see upcoming events you have been registered for, past events with the ability to print your certificates, status of your renewal, print a transcript of TMCEC education hours to attach to your renewal application, and much more.

Current Year - 2018-2019 Renewed for this year; no new hours needed until after 9/1/19

Previous Year - 2017-2018 Hours needed by 8/31/19

Probation Year - 2016-2017 Double hours needed by 8/31/19 *Auto renewal does not apply to persons on probation. Must file paper renewals with double hours attached*

Certifications from May - October 2018

LEVEL 1		
First Name	Last Name	City
Esther	Walton	Taylor
Noemi	Olivarez	Midland
Regina	Warner	Colleyville
Patricia	Rhoades	Fort Worth
Nohely	Olvera	Forest Hill
Irene	Coronado	Littlefield
Sharon	McDonald	Grapevine
Elvia	Esteves-Garza	Diboll
Ivonne	Perez	Midland
Jessica	Pepin	Austin
Savannah	Morales	Lancaster
Samantha	Hulick	College Station
Reyth	Garcia	Alvarado

Jeffrey	Burchfield	San Antonio
Guadalupe	Juarez	Pearland
Miroslava	Camarillo	Webster
Lisa	Schmitt	Madisonville
Rachel	Gomez	Burleson
Cathryn	Hughes	Duncanville
Robert	Kingham	Austin
Cara	Everts	Midland
Cristy	Reynolds	Bedford
Irma	Salinas	Port Isabel
Amy	Ashmore	Josephine
Lynnell	Day	Aurora
Tia	Hambrick	Rockwall
Charlene	Reed	Shallowater
Olivia	Cosby	Austin

Education & Certification continued

	LEVEL 1	
Alberto	Parra	Irving
Stephanie	Colson	Cleburne
Darcie	Batson	Haltom City
Heather	Burdett	Allen
Chaney	Withrow	Denison
Martha	Solis	Westlake
Yolanda	Gutierrez	Helotes
DeAnna	Arenas	Seagoville
Susan	Greenwood	Azle
Christi	King	Arlington
Maria	Chiasson	Fulshear
Sherry	Liford	Fort Worth
Guadalupe	Moreno	Harlingen
Rebecca	Nelson	Mont Belvieu
Sheila	Maya	La Marque
Jessica	Chinski	Shavano Park
Dana	Falk	Southlake
Michelle	Chiselbrook	Arlington
Barbara	Rodriguez	Boerne
Samantha	Sanchez	Royse City
Kathy	Pyle	Midland
Dylynda	Herzig	Fort Worth
Tara	Michelsen	Flower Mound
Melonie	Kelly	Frisco
Byrolyn	Hill	Fort Worth
Christine	Wallentine	Denison
Perla	Diaz	The Colony
Vanessa	Watkins	Pilot Point
Kathryn	Burgett	Fort Worth
Linda	Burks	Marble Falls
Brittni	Vestal	Dayton

Number of Clerks Certified at Each Level as of July 1, 2018:

Level I – 683

Level II – 537

Level III – 90



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Congratulations to our most recent graduates of the City of Houston Emerging Leaders Training Program - **Angelia Ivory, Yvette Lopez, Michelle Smith, Maria Thomas and Tierressias Williams**. These employees were given the opportunity to attend the leadership program, which consisted of six sessions. The sessions include an array of topics that will benefit it's attendees, both professionally and personally. A few of the subject matters discussed throughout the trainings were "Mission, Vision, Goals, and Strategies," "Problem Solving and Resolution Conflicts," and "Adapting to Change." The ladies also found the sessions were a great opportunity to network and meet new people from other City of Houston departments.

The classes were offered to help employees receive the tools necessary for leading and being better decision-makers. Anyone, whether in leadership or a non-supervisory role, who is seeking to develop and/or enhance their leadership skills, should attend future sessions offered for Emerging Leaders. Special thanks to **Karen Williams** and **Charlotte Booker** for participating as guest speakers in one or more of the sessions.

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NORTHEAST CHAPTER NEWS

The Northeast Chapter held its 3rd Chapter meeting in Lindale Texas at Posado's Café on September 11, 2018 and we had 8 members in attendance. We had 4 attendees at the Annual Conference in Plano in October where it was announced that our new Chapter President will be Lona Maxted of White Oak and our new Secretary will be Cindy Bealle of Longview. Congratulations Lona and Cindy!



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Holiday Luncheon



Level I & II Prep Sessions at San Antonio Municipal Court on December 6, 2018



Business Meeting, December 7th

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45 years with the City of Houston

Congratulations to Carol Jackson. She celebrated 45 years with the City of Houston September of this year.



2018 Gulf Coast Chapter Clerk of the Year

Congratulations to Shirley Murphy of League City for being recognized as the GCC Clerk of the Year!



FREE TMCEC One Day Clinic in Brenham
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(Judges, Clerks, Prosecutors, & Bailiffs are welcome to attend). Breakfast and Lunch will be provided!

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Dear North Texas Chapter Members,

I have been humbled to serve as your North Texas Chapter President for the last three years. During this time, our chapter has increased membership, offered more diverse education in location, quantity and subject matter and strengthened our current partnerships. We've had a great team working together to ensure the expectations of our members are met and exceeded. When we've missed the mark, we've acknowledged our failures and together, created solutions to prevent them from reoccurring. Our chapter is only as strong as our membership, and I've loved the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with all of you. Over the next year, we'll continue to emphasize the things that mean the most, our members! Thanks for another great year!



Sincerely,

Jennifer Bozorgnia, NTX President



2018 Business Meeting



Forest Hill Clerks



Westlake Clerks



Hudson Oaks Education



Holiday Luncheon



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From the President - Lisa Howard (Hurst)



Dear Fellow Court Clerks,

I hope your Thanksgiving was Happy, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you all during my time as your President. It has been a great experience and blessing to serve you! I would like to express my best wishes to your New President Rhonda Kuehn. I know that she will serve you well and make you proud! I will be honored to serve with her in any manner she needs in the future.

Tammy, Sheli and the Conference Planning Committee, along with Chapter Presidents, worked very hard prior to and during conference to make it such a HUGE success. I enjoyed the Plano area and Granite Park boardwalk for our evenings of free time and extend my appreciation to the conference planning committee for all their hard work!

A HUGE thank you to our Sponsors this year! They are a large part of our conference success and I appreciate all the exhibitors that chose to be Sponsors and give their support to TCCA. Please make a point to thank our sponsors whenever possible...without them it would not be possible to do what we do during conference.

I would like to welcome our new board members, elected in October, who will begin their terms of office in January 2019. Your new Directors at Large are **Jennifer Billings** of Dayton, Gulf Coast Chapter; **Tiffany Totah** of Victoria, Gulf Coast Chapter; **Angie DeJesus** of West Lake Hills, Central Texas Chapter; and **Jenny Garcia** of Mont Belieu, Gulf Coast Chapter. Additionally, your new Secretary **Jennifer Dorsett** of Watauga, North Texas Chapter, and all the Newly elected Chapter Presidents and Officers. I can't wait to see the great things ya'll will do!

Membership renewals for 2019 kicked off November 1st so don't forget to renew your TCCA membership. I encourage you to reach out to those cities close by you and encourage them to become members and maybe get involved in some way. Remember early renewal is cheaper!

I am looking forward to 2019 TCCA Annual Conference in San Marcos!! Hope to see you all there!

Many Blessings to you all until we meet again!

TCCA PRESIDENT

We would like to thank you for being a part of TCCA and say thank you to everyone who contributed to December's edition as well as our exhibitors. Remember, some links within the newsletter require that you login to TCCA. Don't forget to become a member of our [Facebook page](#) to check out more pictures as well!

The Scribe is published twice a year, June and December. If you'd like to share an article, your city's logo or anything with the membership, please email it to rmartinez@westlakehills.org and we will do our best to see that it is featured in the next issue of the newsletter. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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