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Our 15th Annual
CLE Conference***





HPA's Advanced CLE Paralegal Conference 2018

**Friday, April 27, 2018
Galveston Island Convention Center**

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TBLS has approved the following CLE credit: Bankruptcy Law (4.0), Civil Trial Law (6.0),
Family Law (3.0), and Personal Injury Trial Law (4.0).**



Hotel Accommodations, Parking and Directions

A block of rooms has been reserved for our event at Hilton Galveston Island Resort, which is adjacent to the Convention Center. The room rate is \$144 on Thursday and Friday night for a single/double room, **if booked by April 5, 2018**. Hilton Galveston Island Resort **will not honor these rates after that date**. Complimentary Wi-Fi in your room is included. A charge will appear on the room invoice, but it will be credited upon check-out. Your stay is eligible for Hilton Honor Points. Complimentary parking is located behind the hotel. To reserve a room, please call the hotel at 877-425-4753 or reserve on-line using the code below.

For directions and reservations, please visit www.galvestonhilton.com. The group code is HPA



Welcome to Galveston Island



Mixing business with pleasure is easy on Galveston Island where state-of-the-art meeting facilities are surrounded by a tropical paradise complete with 32 miles of sparkling Gulf Coast beaches, adventure attractions, rich history, unique shopping and culture. Galveston is home to one of the largest collections of well-preserved Victorian architecture in the country and is Texas' premier cruise port. Located just 50 miles south of Houston, this small island possesses all the charm of a historic beach town while offering modern amenities. For more information on Galveston Island contact the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau at 866-505-4456 or visit www.meetgalveston.com.

CONFERENCE AGENDA



- 7:30 - 8:30** **Registration** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)
- 7:30 – 3:30** **Exhibitors Hall Open** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)
- 8:00 - 10:00** **Continental Breakfast** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)
- 8:20 – 8:45** **Welcome from NALA President Cassandra Oliver, ACP and General Announcements**
- 8:45 – 9:45** **Case Law Updates on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, #metoo**
Barbara Gardner, Esq., Houston, TX
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Mid-Morning Break** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)
- 10:00 - 11:00** **Ethical and Evidentiary Issues Relating to the Recovery of Attorney's Fees**
Tanya Garrison, Esq., Weycer, Kaplan Pulaski & Zuber, PC, Houston, TX

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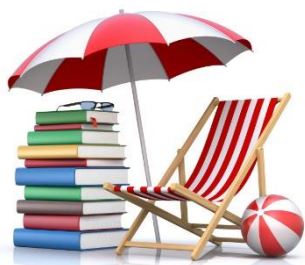
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| <p>11:00 – Noon Avoiding the Unauthorized Practice of Law in Litigation Management
<i>H. Gray Burks, IV, Esq.</i>
<i>Shapiro Schwartz LLP</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> | <p>Family Law Property Issues: Big Budget to Small Budget including Tracing, Characterization and Valuation
<i>Aaron Reimer, Esq.</i>
<i>Jenkins & Kamin LLP</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> |
| <p>12:00 – 1:15 Luncheon (<i>Pre-function Area - 2nd Floor</i>)</p> | |
| <p>1:15 – 2:15 ABCs of U.S. Patent Litigation
<i>Sumita Ghosh, Esq.</i>
<i>Hirsch & Westheimer PC</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> | <p>Bankruptcy Update
<i>H. Gray Burks, IV, Esq.</i>
<i>Shapiro Schwartz LLP</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> |
| <p>2:15 – 3:15 Litigation Case Law Update
<i>Mia Breaux Lorick, Esq.</i>
<i>Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> | <p>In-House Counsel: Duties and Expectations
<i>George Mesrey, Esq.</i>
<i>The Dow Chemical Company</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> |
| <p>3:15 – 3:30 Mid-Afternoon Break (<i>Pre-function Area - 1st Floor</i>)</p> | |
| <p>3:30 – 4:30 The Opioid Crisis
<i>John R. Shepperd, Esq.</i>
<i>Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP</i>
<i>Houston, TX</i></p> | <p><u>Special Session for Students</u>
Improve Your Job Prospects with a Stellar Online Profile</p> |
| <p>4:30 - 5:30 Bingo Grand Prize Winners Announced and Seaside Social (must be present to win)</p> | |

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This advanced full-day conference is taught by attorneys and professionals in the legal industry, is specifically designed for paralegals and other legal professionals, and includes time for your questions. Fees include a continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and course materials. Wi-Fi in the Conference Center is complimentary.

Mail Registration Deadline: April 20, 2018. All registration forms post-marked after April 20, 2018, will incur a \$10 late registration fee.

Registration Form



REGISTRATION DEADLINE Is Friday, April 20, 2018

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$100 for HPA members
\$135 for non-members
\$ 60 for students

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: deadline: April 5, 2018

\$85 for HPA members
\$120 -for non-members

A late fee of \$10 will be assessed on all forms post-marked after April 20, 2018. Walk-ins the morning of the Seminar will be accepted upon payment of late fees, providing space and materials are available. Your registration fee includes course materials in electronic format (including speaker biographies and hand-outs), continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and entry to Thursday's Welcome Social and Friday's Sunset Social.

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I plan to attend _____ Thursday's Rock the Dock-et Social

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For questions, contact HPA at admin@hpatx.us. Or, pay online via PayPal or by credit card, at www.hpatx.us

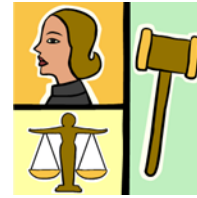
CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Registrants who find that they cannot attend and would like a refund must send their request in writing **before April 20, 2018**. Tuition fee refunds (less \$45 lunch/refreshment fee) are granted, if received in writing by April 20, 2018. Please email your requests to admin@hpatx.us.



Join us on Thursday at our "Rock the Dock-et" Welcome Social

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018
Place: Crystal C Ballroom
Hilton Galveston Island Resort
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Meet Our Speakers



H. Gray Burks IV is managing senior litigation attorney at Shapiro Schwartz LLP. He is board certified in Business Bankruptcy and Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and the American Board of Certification in Business Bankruptcy & Consumer Bankruptcy Law. He holds memberships in the American Bankruptcy Institute, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, Texas Inns of Court, Fifth Circuit Bar Association, and the College of the State Bar of Texas.

Barbara Gardner is a solo practitioner specializing in employment law. She is board certified in Labor & Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She earned undergraduate degrees at the University of Houston and the University of Colorado and earned her Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law Houston, where she graduated #1 in her class. She has been named as a “Best Lawyer in America” in Employment Law from 2007–2016.

Tanya Garrison practices civil appellate law and business litigation at Weycer Kaplan Pulaski & Zuber PC. She is board certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She completed her undergraduate studies at Oklahoma State University and earned her Juris Doctor at University of Houston Law Center. She is a past President of Houston Young Lawyers Association and a three-time recipient of the President’s Award for Outstanding Service to the Bar.

Sumita Ghosh is Of Counsel with the firm of Hirsch & Westheimer, PC where she specializes in patent law.

Mia Lorick is an associate at Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC in their trial and appellate section. She completed her undergraduate studies at North Carolina School of the Arts and earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center. At law school, she served as a Notes and Comments Editor on the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal and was President of the Black Law Students Association.

George Mesrey is a senior attorney at The Dow Chemical Company.

Aaron Reimer is an associate at Jenkins Kamin LLP. He earned his undergraduate degree from Dallas Christian College *cum laude*, with a double major in Theology and Psychology. He earned his Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law Houston and while in school clerked for the Honorable Justice George C. Hanks, Jr., in Houston’s First Court of Appeals. He continued his education at the University of Houston Law Center, earning a Masters of Law degree in Taxation.

John R. Shepperd focuses his practice on general tort liability defense, commercial liability and professional liability defense of health care providers, lawyers, and other professionals at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP. He is board certified in Personal Injury Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and his Juris Doctor from University of Texas School of Law.

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