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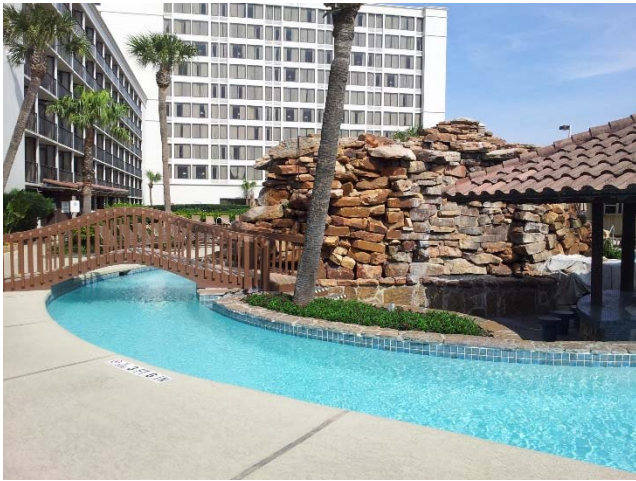
HPA's Advanced CLE Paralegal Conference 2019

**Friday, April 26, 2019
Galveston Island Convention Center**

NALA approved for 6.0 substantive CLE hours credit, including 1 hour of Ethics CLE credit.

TBLS approval for the following CLE credit: 6.00 Bankruptcy Law, 6.00 Civil Trial Law, 5.00 Criminal Law, 3.00 Estate Planning & Probate Law, 4.00 Family Law, 5.00 Personal Injury Trial Law, 3.00 Real Estate Law, and 3.00 Oil, Gas & Mineral Law

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 4, 2019**. Any reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate availability. 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 **HPA19**.

Parking Options: Valet Service and Self-Parking is available on-site.

Galveston Island Attraction Discounts



We encourage HPA Conference Attendees to take advantage of the following discounts offered by the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau:

With the **Galveston Discount Pass**, discount offers are delivered directly to your phone via text and email - no apps to download - and it's completely free! Details about the venues, their location and hours of operation make it easy for you to see what The Strand has to offer. Redeem your deals and discounts by simply presenting the digital coupon at the shop or venue - enjoy! To access the Pass, go here: <https://experience.visithouston.com/checkout/3/visit-houston/1266/galveston-discount-pass>

The **Galveston Island Pass** is valid for attendees and their guests who wish to enjoy four or more of island attractions. Simply follow the link below and it will walk you through picking the attractions you wish to see and purchasing the tickets at up to 40% off admissions. <http://www.galvestonislandpass.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*)
- 8:30 – 8:40 **Welcome from HPA President and General Announcements**

8:40 – 9:40 **How to Bill So Clients Will Pay**
Dustin Fessler, Esq., Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC, Houston, TX

9:40 – 10:00 **Mid-Morning Break** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)

TRACK 1
10:00 - 11:00 **Appellate Procedure**
*Honorable Julie Countiss
Justice, First Court of Appeals
Houston, TX*

TRACK 2
What Part of No Don't You Understand – Automatic Stay & Discharge Injunction Violations in Bankruptcy
*Chuck Newton, Esq.
Charles Newton & Associates
The Woodlands, TX*

11:00 – Noon **Top 10 Mistakes at Trial**
*Sammy Ford, IV, Esq.
Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos,
Alavi & Mensing, PC
Houston, TX*

**Drafting for Transactional Paralegals –
Tips on Creating Outstanding Work Product**
*Jess Bailey, Esq.
Bailey Law Firm, PLLC
Houston, TX*

12:00 – 1:15 **Luncheon** (*Pre-function Area - 2nd Floor*)

1:15 – 2:15 **Stowers: Ins and Outs**
*Fred Shuchart, Esq.
Cooper & Scully, P.C.
Houston, TX*

Consumer Bankruptcy Practice: Hot Topics in 2019
*Cristina Rodriguez, Esq.
Keeling Law Firm LLP
Houston, TX*

2:15 – 3:15 **Preparing Witnesses and Deposing
Individuals with PTSD**
*Rachel V. Rose, MBA, Esq.
Rachel V. Rose - Atty at Law, PLLC
Houston, TX*

**Series LLCs – the Hot New Entity
Formation in Texas**
*Leigh Freeman, Esq.
Leigh K. Freeman, Attorney at Law PLLC
The Woodlands, TX*

3:15 – 3:40 **Mid-Afternoon Break** (*Pre-function Area - 1st Floor*)

3:40 – 4:40 **Five Star Counsel: Ethical Client Service Lessons**
John Strohmeyer, Esq., Strohmeyer, PLLC, Houston, TX

4:30 - 5:30 **Bingo Grand Prize Winners Announced and Seaside Social (must be present to win)**

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

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Mail Registration Deadline: April 19, 2019. All registration forms post-marked after April 19, 2019, will incur a \$10 late registration fee.

Registration Form



REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, April 19, 2019

REGISTRATION FEES:

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

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: deadline: April 8, 2019

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

A late fee of \$10 will be assessed on all forms post-marked after April 19, 2019. Walk-ins the morning of the Seminar will be accepted upon payment of late fees, provided 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 Rock the Dock-et Social and Friday's Sunset Social.

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CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Registrants who find that they cannot attend and would like a refund must send their request in writing **before April 19, 2019**. Tuition fee refunds (less \$45 lunch/refreshment fee) are granted, if received in writing by April 19, 2019. Please email your requests to lcarrette@mac.com.



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



When: Thursday, April 25, 2019
Place: Crystal C Ballroom
Hilton Galveston Island Resort
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Meet Our Speakers



Jess Bailey is Managing Attorney of the Bailey Law Firm and focuses her practice on general business, real estate, and transactional law as well as finance-specific compliance and transactional matters. She holds a BS in Business Administration from University of St. Louis and a dual MS from Nova Southeastern University in Coastal Zone Management and Marine Environmental Science. She earned her Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law Houston.

Julie Countiss is a 2002 University of Houston Law Center graduate and earned a B.A. in history from Southern Methodist University in 1993. In 2014, she was appointed by Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan as an Assistant County Attorney. She won election to the First District Court of Appeals in 2018.

Dustin Fessler is a shareholder at Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC in the business, real estate, and general civil litigation sections of the firm. He is Board Certified in Consumer and Commercial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He earned his JD from Ave Maria School of Law and attended South Texas College of Law as a visiting student. He is licensed in Texas, New York, and New Jersey.

Leigh Freeman is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law, Order St. Ives. Shas has been practicing commercial and business law since 2003 representing clients in a wide-variety of fields including franchising, oilfield services, medical, IT, financial services and retail energy. She now focuses her practice on transactional matters.

Sammy Ford, IV is an associate at AZA law. He earned his JD with Honors from UT School of Law, where he served as Development Editor of The Review of Litigation. He was named a 2017 and 2018 "Top 100 Texas Up & Coming" lawyer on the Texas Rising Stars list and received designation in the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers Association. He is Board Certified in Personal Injury Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Chuck Newton practices primarily in the prosecution of automatic stay and discharge injunctions. He has represented thousands of consumers in all bankruptcy courts throughout the State of Texas and is also licensed to practice in all four federal judicial districts in Texas and before the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Rachel V. Rose is a Houston-based attorney advising on federal and state compliance and areas of liability associated with a variety of healthcare, legal and regulatory issues including: HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the False Claims Act, Medicare issues, women's health as well as corporate and security regulations. She has been named in the National Women Trial Lawyers Association-Top 25, and listed in Houstonia Magazine's Top Lawyers in Healthcare Law for both 2018 and 2019.

Cristina Rodriguez is Board Certified in Consumer Bankruptcy Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Employed as an associate attorney with the Keeling Law Firm, she most recently presented for The University of Texas School of Law 14th Annual Consumer Bankruptcy Practice in 2018.

Fred L. Shuchart is a shareholder in Cooper & Scully's Houston office and has received Texas Super Lawyer distinction since 2007. He has been rated a top lawyer in Insurance Law by American Lawyer Media and Martindale Hubbell and licensed to practice law in the States of Texas, Missouri and Illinois along with all Federal District Courts in Texas and the Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

John Strohmeyer practices primarily in the areas of real estate, tax, estate planning and probate. He earned his JD from the University of Texas School of Law and his LLM from New York University School of Law. He is Board Certified in both Tax Law and Estate Planning & Probate. He was named a Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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