



31st Annual

# Juvenile Law Conference

Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Institute

February 25-28, 2018

Horseshoe Bay Resort | Horseshoe Bay, Texas





## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY 10

Last day to receive the discount hotel rate at La Quinta.

### FEBRUARY 12

Last day to receive the discount hotel rate at Horseshoe Bay Resort.

### FEBRUARY 16

Last day to register and pay to receive the early-bird discount. If you register or pay after this date, the onsite fee will apply.

### FEBRUARY 16

Last day to cancel and receive a partial refund.

## CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND SOCIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration
11:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Nuts and Bolts Mini Course – Bring Your Own Lunch (Salon E; space is limited)
3:00 p.m.	David Hazlewood Memorial Miniature Golf Tournament Fundraiser   Juvenile Law Foundation

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration
8:25 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Conference
4:45 p.m.	Social Events

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Conference
4:30 p.m.	Raffle Drawing and Section's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
7:00 p.m.	Juvenile Law Section Reception with Live Music Provided by Dysfunkshun Junkshun (Conference Pavilion)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Conference





## ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Juvenile Law Section is offering scholarships for the conference registration fee to deserving attorneys actively engaged in the field of juvenile justice who demonstrate a financial need. To be considered for a scholarship, an applicant must submit a written request with the following information:

- Verification that the applicant is a licensed attorney;
- Verification that the applicant is a member of the Juvenile Law Section;
- Verification that the applicant did not receive a scholarship to the conference in the previous two years;
- An explanation of the applicant's involvement in the field of juvenile justice and how attendance at the conference will be beneficial to the applicant; and
- Demonstration of financial need.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded, in the order received, to qualified applicants meeting all considerations above. The deadline to submit a request is Friday, February 2. Submit requests to Jana Jones at [jjones@sputexas.org](mailto:jjones@sputexas.org). Incomplete or late requests will not be considered. Granting of scholarship requests is not guaranteed. Notification regarding whether a scholarship has been awarded will be made to applicants by February 9.

These scholarships are limited to the conference registration fee only. Scholarship recipients are required to pay for their own travel arrangements and all other expenses related to participation in and attendance at the conference. Questions regarding the scholarships may be directed to Jana Jones at 940.626.3798.

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the conference and are in need of auxiliary aids or services should contact Monique Mendoza at 512.490.7913 at least seven (7) working days prior to the conference so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Juvenile Law Section has requested continuing education credits from the following agencies, organizations, or associations for 16 hours (including 3 hours of ethics), State Bar of Texas, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Texas Association of Counties, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. An additional 3 hours has been requested for the Nuts & Bolts Mini-Course.

As the conference approaches, you may contact Monique Mendoza at 512.490.7913 or check online at [www.juvenilelaw.org](http://www.juvenilelaw.org) to see how many hours have been approved.

## ONLINE VIDEO ACCESS FREE TO ATTENDEES

Online videos of the presentations will be available to registrants 6-8 weeks after the conference on TexasBarCLE. **A VALID email address must be included when registering so the Bar may alert you when these benefits are available and provide information on how to access them.** (Note: presentation lengths may vary from times that were advertised.)

## CONFERENCE QUESTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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## SOCIAL EVENTS



### DAVID HAZLEWOOD MEMORIAL MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by the Juvenile Law Foundation | Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m.

The Texas juvenile justice community lost a dear friend this year with the passing of David Hazlewood. David was an avid supporter of juveniles and the work of the members of this section in providing scholarships to help them pursue their education. In his honor, the Juvenile Law Foundation is hosting the David Hazlewood Memorial Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for scholarships provided by the Foundation to juveniles involved in the Texas juvenile justice system. There will be live music by Texas Tide (a Jimmy Buffett tribute band), food, and a cash bar. The tournament will be held at the unique Whitewater Putting Course, an 18-hole putting course designed like a regulation golf course, complete with

fairways, bunkers, water hazards, and fully landscaped Bermuda grass. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the Juvenile Law Foundation at [juvenilelawfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:juvenilelawfoundation@gmail.com).

### BIRD SHOW | CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND OTHER GAMES | MOVIE ON THE LAWN & S'MORES

Monday, February 26 beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Join us for some or all of these social events designed for fun and networking with colleagues and friends! Check the schedule for specific times and locations.

### JUVENILE LAW FOUNDATION'S RAFFLE DRAWING

Tuesday, February 27 at 4:30 p.m.

The Juvenile Law Foundation will be holding a raffle event this year. For more information, or if you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation of an item for the raffle, please contact the Juvenile Law Foundation at [juvenilelawfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:juvenilelawfoundation@gmail.com) or Susan Clevenger at 281.580.4501 or [gtclevenger@yahoo.com](mailto:gtclevenger@yahoo.com). You may donate items prior to or at the conference upon arrival.

### JUVENILE LAW SECTION LIVE MUSIC RECEPTION FEATURING DYSFUNKSHUN JUNKSHUN

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of live music, dancing, photo booth, and cash bar.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### HORSESHOE BAY RESORT

200 Hi Circle North  
Horseshoe Bay, Texas 78657  
Phone: 830.598.2511  
[hsbresort.com](http://hsbresort.com)

Check-In is at 4:00 p.m. | Check-Out is at 11:00 a.m.

### RATES AND RESERVATIONS

The hotel is offering a discounted rate of \$149 for a Standard Room. The discounted room rate will be available Sunday night through Tuesday night and, based on availability the two nights before and two nights after the conference.

The deadline to make reservations is **February 12, 2017**. Reservations made after this deadline will only be honored based on availability.

Make your reservations online at <http://bit.ly/2xhmxOh>. This is a customized website for attendees of the Juvenile Law Conference only; therefore, the rates listed should automatically be at the contracted rate. You may also contact the Horseshoe Bay Resort Line directly at 877.611.0112. If you call to make reservations, please specify that you are with the Juvenile Law Section to ensure the special conference rate.

### PARKING

The Horseshoe Bay Resort has complimentary self-parking. Valet parking is available for approximately \$16.00 per day.

### RESORT SHUTTLE

The Resort offers a complimentary on-site tram rotation to the Yacht Club, Spa, Marina, Cap Rock restaurant, and Slick Rock restaurant. Transportation is available off-site and is subject to a fee. If you are interested in obtaining a shuttle off-site, please contact the Resort's concierge desk.

### GROUP AIRPORT SERVICES/PICK UP/DROP-OFF (PER PERSON)

Horseshoe Bay Resort's fleet of vehicles will provide personalized chauffeured service to transport guests to the Resort starting at a rate of \$45 per person with four or more people, one way. Contact the front desk at 830.598.2511 for more information.

### OVERFLOW HOTEL

An overflow hotel has been set-up at the LaQuinta, located at 501 Hwy 2147 West, Marble Falls, TX 78654. The hotel is offering a discounted rate of \$99/night (King or Doubles). The deadline to make reservations is February 10, 2018. You may contact the LaQuinta Reservation Line directly at 830-798-2020. If you call to make reservations, please specify that you are with "Texas Juvenile Law Institute" to ensure the special conference rate.

# REGISTRATION FEES AND DEADLINES

	EARLY Registration AND Payment RECEIVED BY FEB 16TH	LATE/ON-SITE Registration OR Payment RECEIVED AFTER FEB 16TH
Discounted Registration Fee for members of the Juvenile Law Section, Juvenile Probation Officers, Judges, Associate Judges, Referees, and Masters	\$250	\$325
Registration Fee	\$275	\$325

- Conference fees are inclusive of attendance on any or all scheduled days. No special rate is available for partial attendance, students, or non-profit agencies.
- If you need clarification on whether or not you are a member of the Juvenile Law Section, please contact the State Bar of Texas Sections Division at 512.427.1420 or view your MyBarPage online at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com).
- Not a Juvenile Law Section member? If you are not a current member of the Juvenile Law Section, you may join here: <https://juvenilelaw.org/hjk/> or \$25 annually and get all the benefits of section membership, including the conference discount, quarterly newsletter, and legislative newsletter. Non-attorneys involved in the juvenile justice system are eligible to join the section. Law students and newly-licensed attorneys (two years or less) may join the Juvenile Law Section for free (in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules), so join today with the SBOT to receive the discounted rate.
- NOTE: You cannot register for this conference through the State Bar or Texas Bar CLE.

## HOW TO REGISTER

You may register online or offline at <http://bit.ly/2z4rjzs>. If you need assistance with registering online, you may contact Monique Mendoza at 512.490.7913 or [Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov](mailto:Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov).

## PAYMENT

Payment may be made by credit card or by check or money order made payable to JUVENILE LAW SECTION. No purchase orders or vouchers will be accepted. The Juvenile Law Section's Federal Tax ID is 74-6000148.

## REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

The registration fee includes breakfast and breaks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, lunch on Monday, access to electronic materials, and attendance at the scheduled social events (participation in the miniature golf tournament will be separate).

## CONFIRMATION

You will receive an electronic confirmation that your registration was received. Please include a copy of your confirmation or a copy of your registration form if you mail in your payment.

## MATERIALS EMAILED EARLY

Course material will be distributed in electronic format. If registration AND payment information is received by February 16, you will receive an email with a link to all materials received to date approximately one week prior to the conference. You may print the materials if you would like to bring a hard copy to the conference. No hard copies will be provided. The section will have a limited number of electrical outlets for those wishing to bring a laptop or other mobile device.

## CANCELLATION, REFUNDS, AND NO-SHOWS

Conference cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing to Monique Mendoza, Conference Coordinator, at [Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov](mailto:Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov).

Written cancellation requests must be received by February 16 for a partial refund (less a \$25 processing fee). **Verbal cancellations will not be accepted.**

Refunds will not be granted for no shows; however, course materials will be emailed the week before the conference.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

Before the conference, you may submit a substitution request. Please contact Monique Mendoza at 512.490.7913 or [Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov](mailto:Monique.Mendoza@tjtd.texas.gov) and request that the substitution be made and the existing payment be transferred.

NOTE: Substitutions cannot be made for individual sessions and/or days.

## REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

When you check-in, you may pick up your name badge and related conference information. The registration desk will be open Sunday from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm and then again on Monday morning at 7:30 am. The conference kicks off at 8:25 am on Monday morning. Checking in on Sunday is not required.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE: 16 HOURS (INCLUDING 3 HOURS OF ETHICS) | NUTS AND BOLTS MINI COURSE: 3 HOURS

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Nuts & Bolts Mini Course – Bring Your Own Lunch**  
(Juvenile Law Basics for Beginners or Those Wanting a Refresher)  
Salon E

**11:45 am Primer on Juvenile Justice: Vocabulary, Age, and Offense Jurisdiction**  
Patricia Cummings, Attorney at Law  
Round Rock, Texas

**12:30 pm Before Adjudication: Custody, Detention, Deferred Prosecution, and Other Preliminaries**  
Cyndi Porter Gore, Presiding Judge  
Allen Municipal Court

**1:15 pm Break**

**1:30 pm Adjudication, Disposition, and Modification Hearings**  
Kim Hayes, Assistant District Attorney  
Lubbock County District Attorney's Office

**2:15 pm Certifications and Determinate Sentencing**  
Brian Fischer, Attorney at Law  
Houston, Texas

**3:00 pm Adjourn**

**3:00 pm David Hazlewood Memorial Miniature Golf Tournament Fundraiser**  
Miniature golf, food, cash bar, live music  
Juvenile Law Foundation

**10:45 am Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Understanding the New Juvenile Sealing Laws [1.0 Hour]**  
Nydia Thomas, Special Counsel  
Office of General Counsel  
Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**11:45 am Working Lunch: Current Trends, Including Ethical Dilemmas (provided) [1.0 Hour, .25 Ethics]**  
Prosecutorial Caucus (Limestone) – Kim Hayes  
Defense Caucus (Granite) – Frank Adler  
Judicial Caucus (Cottonwood) – The Honorable Lisa Jarrett  
Probation/State Agency Caucus (Post Oak) – Lou Serrano

**1:15 pm Culture Counts: The Intersection of Pimp Culture, Pornography, Prostitution & Human Trafficking [1.0 Hour]**  
Kirsta Melton, Deputy Criminal Chief  
Human Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime  
Office of Attorney General

**2:15 pm Statutory Interpretation: Why “It Doesn’t Say I Can’t” Isn’t Enough [.75 Hour]**  
Ronald L. Beal, Professor  
Professor of Law  
Baylor Law School

**3:00 pm Break**

**3:15 pm Ethical Considerations in Determinate Sentence and Certification Cases [.75 Hour, .75 Ethics]**  
Kameron Johnson, Chief Juvenile Public Defender  
Travis County Juvenile Public Defender's Office  
Riley Shaw, Deputy Chief  
Criminal Division  
Tarrant County District Attorney's Office

**4:00 pm I'll Take Juvenile Justice Potpourri for \$1000, Alex: Answers to Legal and Ethical Questions Posed to the TJJD Legal Help Desk [.75 Hour, .25 Ethics]**  
Jenna Reblin, Staff Attorney  
Office of General Counsel  
Texas Juvenile Justice Department

**4:45 pm Bird Show**  
Palm D'Or Pavilion

**7:00 pm Cornhole Tournament and Other Games**  
Conference Pavilion

**8:00 pm Movie on the Lawn & S'mores**  
Live Oak Lawn

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**7:45 am Breakfast Buffet (provided)**

**8:25 am Welcoming Remarks**  
Kaci Singer, Chair-Elect  
Juvenile Law Section

**8:30 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS [1.25 Hour]  
Implicit Bias: Impact on Decision Making**  
Dr. Rita Cameron-Wedding, Ph.D.  
Women's Studies Department, Chair  
Sacramento State University

**9:45 am Screening Tools: How to Use Them and Why They Matter [.75 Hour]**  
Dr. Gina Vincent, Associate Professor  
University of Massachusetts Medical School

**10:30 am Break**



# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:45 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> (provided)
8:30 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS [1.5 Hour]</b> <b>The Adolescent Brain: Future Planning and Decision Making</b>  Michael Nerney Consultant on Substance Abuse and Education Long Lake, New York
10:00 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 am	<b>Juvenile Justice is Not Child’s Play: Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls [.75 Hours, .75 Ethics]</b>  Jill Mata, General Counsel Texas Juvenile Justice Department
11:00 am	<b>Lunch</b> (on your own)
1:00 pm	<b>This is How We Do It Here: Evidentiary Rules in Juvenile Court [.75 Hour]</b>  Sharon Pruitt Assistant Attorney General Juvenile Crime Intervention Office of Attorney General
1:45 pm	<b>Beyond To Register or Not to Register: Practical and Ethical Issues in Juvenile Sex Offense Cases [.75 Hours, .75 Ethics]</b>  Laura Peterson, Attorney at Law Garland, Texas
2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm	<b>Youth in Crisis: Practical Steps when Mental Health Issues Arise [.75 Hour]</b>  Lynn Kessel Williamson County Juvenile Services  JR Hancock, Attorney at Law Georgetown, Texas

3:30 pm	<b>Seeing is Believing: Using Visual, Emotion-Based Storytelling in Closing Arguments [1.0 Hour]</b>  Tyrone Monciffe, Attorney at Law Houston, Texas
4:30 pm	<b>Raffle Drawing and Section’s Annual Meeting and Election of Officers</b>
7:00 pm	<b>Juvenile Law Section Reception</b> Conference Pavilion

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:45 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b> (provided)
8:30 am	<b>Brady and the Michael Morton Act [1.0 Hour]</b>  David Gonzalez, Attorney at Law Austin, Texas
9:30 am	<b>Don’t You (Forget About Me): Keeping Appeals in Mind When Trying a Case [.75 Hour, .25 Ethics]</b>  April E. Smith, Attorney at Law Mesquite, Texas
10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 am	<b>Military Access to Juvenile Records [.50 Hour]</b>  Betty Rodriguez, Attorney at Law Austin, Texas
11:15 am	<b>Case Law Update [1.00 Hour]</b>  The Honorable Pat Garza Associate Judge, 386th District Court San Antonio, Texas
12:15 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

