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Welcome to the "New" Newsletter

We cannot thank the long time Juvenile Law Section Newsletter editor and author, Pat Garza, enough. The Juvenile Law Section Council and members are forever grateful for the time and effort that Pat put into this newsletter over the last fifteen years. When he announced that he was going to embrace retirement and pass the baton of the newsletter, we knew that it would be the end of an extraordinary era.

After discussing who, what, and where the newsletter would go with Pat and the Council, it was decided that we will continue the enewsletter with articles, updates, and information on resources for the practice of Juvenile Law. The case law updates will be moved to the Juvenile Law Section website, juvenilelaw.org, so that they can be updated more frequently. We will be happy to share as soon as the case law updates page is up and running.

One of the other main initiatives for 2021 is collecting forms to help Juvenile Law Section members in Texas. If you did not already know, the Juvenile Law Section's website has a whole page of forms for your use relating to Ch. 55 hearings, Determinate Sentence and Certification, Sex Offender cases, and sealing records.

If you know that you have a helpful form or script that can be shared with the Section, especially relating to adjudication, dispositions, motions to modify dispositions, or appeals, please submit them to txjuvenilelawsection@gmail.com so they may be posted on the Juvenile Law Section website. Please make sure to remove any confidential information before sharing. You can also send questions or suggestions for types of forms to the above email. We appreciate your generosity ahead of time.

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www.juvenilelaw.org

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Meet the New Case Law Update attorney:

Brian Fischer

Former Juvenile Law
Chair and current
Juvenile Law Foundation
Board Member Brian
Fischer has graciously
offered to take over the
duty of the Juvenile Law
Section Case Law
Update.

The case law updates will be shared on the Juvenile Law Section Website. If there is a significant case, the newsletter may highlight the impact of the case.

Find the case law updates at the link below:

https://juvenilelaw.org/resources/case-summaries/

We did it! We survived the First Virtual

Juvenile Law Conference

Highlights from the Conference's Coordinator:

Kaci Singer

Assistant General Counsel

Texas Juvenile Justice Department

After spending the prior week in a historic weather event cold, many without electricity or water, over 550 members of the juvenile law community were able to join together virtually from February 22-24, 2021, for the 34th Annual Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Institute.

Like everything else since March 2020, this was a conference like no other juvenile law conference. Gone were the meet ups in the hotel lobby, the social events and fundraisers, and the always exceptional afternoon snacks. But what was not gone was the excellent content from thoughtful, intelligent speakers or the engaging dialogue between members. In fact, the use of technology probably provided the best ability to communicate about topics we've ever had.

I hope we are able to continue that tradition as we return to in-person conferences, which we look forward to doing again next year. The 35th Annual Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Institute is set for February 27-March 2, 2022, at the Omni Colonnade Hotel in San Antonio.

I look forward to seeing you there!

- Kaci

Post Legislative Conference 2021

Q: When is the 87th Legislative Session Post Legislative and Budget Conference?

A: The 2021 Post Legislative Conference is going to be held August 15-17, 2021 at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls. This year the conference will be hosted by the Juvenile Justice Association of Texas and the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar.

REGISTER for the Conference at the link below:

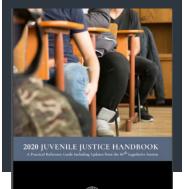
https://juvenilelaw.org/save-the-date-2021-post-legislative-conference/





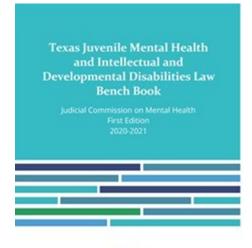
Juvenile Law Resources

- www.juvenilelaw.org
- TJJD Legal Help Desk
 - Email:
 <u>legalhelp@tjjd.texas.g</u>
- 2020 Juvenile Justice
 Handbook
 - https://www.texasattor neygeneral.gov/sites/d efault/files/files/divisio ns/juvenilejustice/JuvenileJustice Handbook.pdf



Texas Juvenile Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Law Bench Book

The Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) released the first edition of its Juvenile Bench Book in December 2020. This edition follows the Sequential Intercept Model and covers Intercepts 0 (Community Services) through 3 (Courts) and provides a baseline for procedures aimed at identifying and addressing the needs of youth with mental health diagnoses or IDD. Print copies are still available! To request a print copy of the Juvenile Bench Book, please send an email to JCMH@txcourts.gov. The Juvenile Bench Book is also available online in digital form.





Upcoming Events:

17th Annual Course

Special Education, Child Welfare, and the Juvenile Justice System

Watch from your computer or mobile device!

WEBCAST • June 11, 2021 WEBCAST REPLAY • July 12, 2021

This program is approved for credit by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The State Bar of Texas is an approved provider for LPC, LSW, and LMFT credit.

MCLE CREDIT

7.25 Hours (2.25 Ethics)
MCLE Course No: 174115199
Applies to the Texas Bar College
and the Texas Board of Legal
Specialization in Child Welfare and
Juvenile Law,

TJJD Credit

This program is approved for training hours credit with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

CEU for Non-Attorneys

The State Bar of Texas is an approved provider for LPC, LSW, and LMFT credit.

Webcast registration is offered online using a credit card at <u>TexasBarCLE.com</u>. If you have any questions or would like to register by phone, please call 800-204-2222 x1574. Mail or fax registrations are not accepted at this time. The fee is \$225 per registrant for the June webcast and \$147.50 for attorneys licensed 5 years or less (includes a live chat feature and the option to submit questions to speakers) and \$175 per registrant for the July replay and \$122.50 for attorneys licensed 5 years or less. **Juvenile Law Section Members Can Save \$25!**