

Webinar Instructions

TMCEC is changing the way we do webinars. Webinars will now be hosted at TMCEC's Online Learning Center (OLC). Instructions for how to access the OLC, including your username and password, have been mailed separately. This change will make it easier on you (the participants) to watch webinars and allow for more creativity in the methods of presentation. Gone are the days of viewing on your computer and tying up a telephone line; with the new Adobe Connect program, you can watch and listen through your computer (provided you have speakers and the sound turned up). The biggest change with this move – there will be no preregistration for webinars. Simply log in and watch on that day. There still is no registration fee!

To view a TMCEC webinar, you must first log into the OLC at <http://online.tmcec.com>:

1. Type <http://online.tmcec.com> into your browser's address bar or use the link provided on the TMCEC website.
2. On the OLC home page, find the login box in the upper left corner of the page.
3. Enter your username and password and click **Login**.

To enroll in an upcoming webinar, please follow these instructions:

1. Look for the list of **Course Categories** in the middle of the page just below the welcome message.
2. Click **Upcoming Webinars** to view a full schedule. The name of the presenter, the date, and the time will be provided to the right of the title.
3. Click the **title** of the webinar you would like to attend.
4. You will see a message that says "You are about to enroll yourself as a member of this course. Are you sure you wish to do this?" and two options: Yes and No. There is no preregistration for our upcoming webinars, but you must be enrolled to view the webinar link, course materials, and most importantly, to receive credit for the webinar. Click **Yes** to enroll.
5. You are now considered enrolled in the webinar. You will see the webinar title and below the title, links for Webinar, Course Materials (there may be more than one), Evaluation, CLE Credit (if available), and Certificate of Completion.

To view the webinar, no more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, please follow these instructions:

1. Click **Webinar**.
2. The link will open a new window in your web browser. You should see the title of the webinar and two options for logging in. Choose **Enter as a Guest** and type your first and last name - exactly as you want it to appear on your certificate - into the space provided. Click **Enter Room**.
3. You will experience a short delay as the software to display the webinar is automatically installed and configured on your system. You should not be asked to download or confirm anything. When the software is configured, you should be able to view the webinar.
4. Make sure you have the sound turned up on your computer speakers as you will not be calling in on the telephone.

Look in the Webinar FAQ book on the Upcoming Webinars page of the OLC for more instructions on webinars or contact TMCEC at 800.252.3718.

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• SCHEDULE •

Navigating the OLC and Webinars

January 3 (Monday) and January 4 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Jameson Crain, Multimedia Specialist, TMCEC

Join us either day to learn about TMCEC's new Online Learning Center (OLC) and how to access and participate in upcoming webinars through the OLC.

Bicycle Laws*

January 5 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Mark Goodner, Program Attorney and Deputy Counsel, TMCEC

Rising fuel costs, economic distress, and an increased focus on health and the environment have all played a part in the dramatic increase of bicycle commuters and recreational cyclists. Cyclists deserve the same consideration for safety as do drivers, but they also have the same obligation to follow the law. This webinar will look at traffic laws that pertain to bicyclists.

Cruelly-Treated Animal Hearings*

January 12 (Wednesday) @ 11:00 a.m. (Note the different time!)

Presented by David Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, City of Arlington

Cruelly-treated animals may be seized under warrant from municipal court, and municipal judges preside over hearings to determine if these animals have been or are being cruelly-treated. In some cases, these animals may be ordered destroyed. Fortunately, the law gives some guidance in dealing with cruelly-treated animal determinations, and this webinar will examine those laws, as well as discuss issues not spoken to under Chapter 821, Subchapter B, of the Health and Safety Code.

Upcoming Revisions to the OCA Monthly Report

January 20 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presenter TBD, Office of Court Administration

The Texas Judicial Council requires municipal courts to report monthly case activity on the Official Municipal Court Monthly Report form. In December 2009, the Judicial Council approved the revised monthly case activity report forms and instructions for justice and municipal courts. In addition, amendments to the reporting rules, adding new reporting requirements, were adopted. This webinar will address these changes, which take effect September 1st of this year, and answer some of the frequently asked questions related to the monthly report.

A Closer Look at Recent U.S. Supreme Court Decisions*

January 26 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel and Director of Education, TMCEC

Featuring case law drawn from the AY 11 Case Law and AG Opinion Update, featured in the December 2010 issue of *The Recorder*, join us for a more in depth discussion of important decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court.

A Closer Look at Recent Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Decisions*

February 2 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel and Director of Education, TMCEC

Featuring case law drawn from the AY 11 Case Law and AG Opinion Update, featured in the December 2010 issue of *The Recorder*, join us for a more in depth discussion of important decisions from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Racial Profiling: What is It? And Why Should Courts Care?*

February 15 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Katie Tefft, Program Attorney, TMCEC

The Texas Legislature prohibited peace officers from engaging in racial profiling and required law enforcement agencies to file racial profiling reports back in 2001. This webinar will define racial profiling and explain what impact, if any, these laws have on the courts.

A Closer Look at Recent Case Law: Trial, Court Administration, and Prosecution*

February 24 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel and Director of Education, TMCEC

Featuring case law drawn from the AY 11 Case Law and AG Opinion Update, featured in the December 2010 issue of *The Recorder*, join us for a more in depth discussion of issues relating to trial, court administration, and criminal prosecution.

Immigration Regulation at the Local Level: Preemption in 3 Different Flavors*

March 3 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel and Director of Education, TMCEC

Nationwide, cities have adopted ordinances intended to address illegal immigration. Critics claim that these are preempted, and thus, are illegal, local efforts fueled by frustration with the federal government. Proponents claim that such ordinances compliment federal law and merely assist in deterring illegal immigration in the United States. Using local immigration ordinances as an example, this webinar provides city attorneys and judges an opportunity to ensure that they are well versed on the legal concept of preemption and important related issues.

Dangerous Dog Hearings*

March 16 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Marian Moseley, Presiding Judge, City of Coppell

Municipal judges issue warrants to seize dangerous dogs and preside over hearings to determine if dogs are dangerous. In some cases, these dogs may be ordered destroyed. As the law unfortunately gives little instruction for conducting dangerous dog hearings, it is essential for municipal judges and court personnel to understand both the avenues through which a dangerous dog hearing may come to be heard in municipal court and the court's involvement in a dangerous dog determination. This webinar provides a "protocol" for conducting dangerous dog hearings.



Contempt*

April 7 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Peter Graham, Judge, City of Irving

Contempt is one of the inherent powers of the court intended to enable the court to enforce its lawful orders and to exercise its jurisdiction in an orderly manner. The power to punish for contempt is an essential element of judicial independence and authority, but one that should be exercised with caution. This webinar will define and outline the processes behind contempt, provide examples of direct and indirect contempt, and examine appropriate sanctions for contemptuous conduct.

Warrants: Back to the Basics*

April 28 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Katie Tefft, Program Attorney, TMCEC

Each year, more than two and a half million Class C misdemeanor writs – the arrest warrant, the capias, and the capias pro fine - are issued from municipal courts. This webinar will distinguish between and detail the processes involved in these three writs, as it is essential for judges, clerks, and warrant officers to ensure that proper legal procedures are followed in the preparation and execution of custodial writs.

Juvenile Law Update*

June 2 (Thursday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presented by Mark Goodner, Program Attorney and Deputy Counsel, TMCEC

Municipal courts see over 300,000 juveniles every year, and laws pertaining to juvenile cases see frequent changes. At the close of this legislative session, it is time to explore and examine recent and upcoming changes pertaining to juveniles and minors.

Changes to the Driver Responsibility Program*

July 6 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presenter TBD, Department of Public Safety

The Texas Public Safety Commission adopted changes to the Driver Responsibility Program last October, creating Amnesty, Indigency, and Incentive Programs for individuals with surcharges. This webinar will discuss these changes, which have been and will continue to be implemented in phases. Further changes, made by the Texas Legislature and scheduled to take effect September 1st, will also be discussed.

Upcoming Revisions to the Municipal Court Monthly Report

July 26 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presenter TBD, Office of Court Administration

If you missed this in January, here is another opportunity to learn about the revised monthly reporting forms and instructions for municipal courts, which take effect September 1st.

Implementing the Changes to the Municipal Court Monthly Report

August 24 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m.

Presenter TBD, Office of Court Administration

It's time! Changes to the Municipal Court Monthly Report, discussed for the last two years, take effect next week. This is the final webinar discussing these changes, for those unable to catch one of the first two, before implementation begins September 1st.

Webinar participation counts for one (1.0) hour of credit for the clerks' certification program, but does not count towards mandatory judicial education or TCLEOSE credit. Webinars marked with an asterisk (*) will be submitted for MCLE credit to the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.