

AGENDA
REGIONAL JUDGES SEMINAR
 Omni Houston Hotel Westside
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Sunday, Day 1

March 24, 2013

- 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Pre-Conference: Tools for Effective Court Administration⁺ (1 hr. ethics)**
 Mark Goodner, Program Attorney & Deputy Counsel, TMCEC and
 Katie Tefft, Program Director, TMCEC
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

Monday, Day 2

March 25, 2013

- 6:45 – 7:50 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:05 a.m. **Announcements**
- 8:05 – 9:20 a.m. **Things with Wheels***
 Robert Barfield, Judge, City of El Lago
- 9:20 – 9:35 a.m. **Break**
- 9:35 – 10:30 a.m. **Judicial Demeanor⁺ (1 hr. ethics)**
 Glenn Phillips, Presiding Judge, City of Kilgore
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Case Law Update⁺ (.25 hrs. ethics)**
 Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel & Director of Education, TMCEC
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

	Track A — New & Notable	Track B— Foundations	Track C—Shared Track
1:00 – 1:55 p.m.	Scenarios & Solutions⁺ (.25 hrs. ethics) Mark Goodner, Program Attorney & Deputy Counsel, TMCEC	Magistrate’s Orders of Emergency Protection Kim Piechowiak, Domestic Violence Resource Attorney, Office of Court Administration	Foreign Language Interpreters⁺ (.5 hrs. ethics) David Garza, Presiding Judge, City of Bee Cave
2:05 – 2:55 p.m.	Taking Juvenile Statements Kameron Johnson, Juvenile Public Defender, Travis County	Court Decorum⁺ (.25 hrs. ethics) Terry Elizondo, Associate Judge, City of Southside Place	Talking to Your Town: DRSR⁺ (.25 hrs. ethics) Lindsey Mena, Juvenile Case Coordinator, City of San Marcos
3:05 – 3:55 p.m.	School Attendance Rebecca Schlosser, Presiding Judge, City of Alpine	Citations and Complaints Joseph Gorfida, Jr., Partner, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager, & Smith	Understanding 3rd Party Collections Bill Ragsdale, Presiding Judge, City of Ingram

	Track A	Track B	Track C
4:05 – 5:00 p.m.	Texas Lawyers Assistance Program+ (1hr. ethics) Cameron Vann, Attorney, Texas Lawyer’s Assistance Program, Austin & Steven Kirkland, Attorney, City of Houston Legal Department	Ordinances Overview Dana Jacobson, Presiding Judge, City of Fair Oaks Ranch	Alive @ 25 John Brady, Executive Director, Texas Alive Team and Risk & Safety Specialist, Travis County

Tuesday, Day 3

March 26, 2013

6:45 – 7:50 a.m. **Breakfast**

	Track A	Track B
8:00 – 9:05 a.m.	The Silver Tsunami: Courts and the Growing Elder Population* Mark Goodner, Program Attorney & Deputy Counsel, TMCEC	Introduction to Tablets** Jameson Crain, Multimedia Specialist, TMCEC Hope Lochridge, Executive Director, TMCEC <i>(limited to 12 participants)</i>
9:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Immunity+ (.5 hr. ethics) Katie Tefft, Program Director, TMCEC	Introduction to Tablets** Jameson Crain, Multimedia Specialist, TMCEC Hope Lochridge, Executive Director, TMCEC <i>(limited to 12 participants)</i>

10:45 - 12:00 p.m. **Fine by Me: A Judicial Primer on the Law and Social Science Relating to the Imposition of Fines in Criminal Cases+ (.25 hrs. ethics)**
Ryan Kellus Turner, General Counsel & Director of Education, TMCEC

12:00 Noon **Adjourn**

* Denotes Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives (MTSI) or Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR) curriculum funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

** This session will be limited to the first 12 judges who sign up and offered for JEC credit only, no CLE.

+ Denotes course that shall be submitted for ethics MCLE credit.

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CLE Credit:

14 hours = 1-5 Pre-Conference on Day 1, 8-5 on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3

10.5 hours = 8-5 on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3

7 hours = 8-5 on Day 2

Note on Judicial Education Credit:

16 hours = 1-5 Pre-Conference on Day 1, 8-5 on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3

12 hours = 8-5 on Day 2 and 8-12 on Day 3

8 hours = 8-5 on Day 2

Why the difference? Judicial education credits include time for breaks.

SEMINAR INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to our seminar for Municipal Judges. If you have questions that this information sheet does not answer, the Center staff will be glad to assist you. We hope you enjoy the program.

ATTENDANCE

The Board of Directors of Texas Municipal Courts Education Center has ruled that attendance records are mandatory. **In order for you to receive a certificate of attendance for this seminar, you must attend all 8 hours in Day 2.** Roll may be called at any time and failure to attend without first informing a Center staff employee prior to missing can cause you to not receive attendance credit for the program. If you are late entering any session, please inform a staff member prior to entering the room. Your badge is your proof of identification. Please wear it at all times during the seminar. The badge also serves as your ticket to enter the room where the breakfast and lunches are served.

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MEAL INFORMATION

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CLASS TIMES

Day 1	Registration: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Optional Pre-Conference: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Day 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Day 3	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

COURSE MATERIALS

In addition to being available in your course book, all course materials are available online at http://www.tmcec.com/Programs/Judges/FY13_Regional_Course_Materials.

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