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2024 CLE Conference



Friday, May 17, 2024

**Moody Gardens Conference Center
Galveston, Texas**

*NALA approval for 6.0 CLE hours, including .5 of Ethics. TBLS approval as follows:
6.0 CLE hours for Civil Litigation, Personal Injury Law, & Bankruptcy Law; 4.0 CLE
hours for Criminal Law, Family Law, Oil & Gas Law, and Real Estate Law.*

Houston Paralegal Association's 2024 CLE Conference

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 – 8:30	Registration (<i>Conference Center Lobby</i>)	
7:30 – 3:20	Exhibitors Hall Open (<i>Conference Center Lobby</i>)	
7:30 – 9:00	Continental Breakfast	
8:20 - 8:30	Welcome from HPA President and General Announcements	
8:40 – 9:40	Texas Supreme Court Update <i>Brian S. Humphrey, II, Humphrey Law PC</i>	Understanding Current Issues in Immigration <i>Kenneth Harder, Jackson Lewis PC</i>
9:40 – 10:00	Mid-Morning Break	
10:00 - 11:00	Stowers and Coverage? Tool or Trap <i>Donna Thomisee, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard</i>	Understanding Bankruptcy – a NALA CP Knowledge Exam Presentation <i>Sandra-Lee Jordan, ACP and Mary Shiloh, TBLS-BCP in Bankruptcy Law</i>
11:00 – Noon	Texas Business Courts <i>Wesley Lotz, Lotz Law Firm PLLC</i>	Bankruptcy Violations & Discharge Injunction Issues <i>Charles Newton, Charles Newton & Associates</i>
Noon – 1:00	Luncheon	
1:00 – 2:00	Recent Texas Arbitration Decisions <i>Chris Dove, Locke Lord, LLP</i>	Introduction to Civil Rights Litigation <i>Michael Harrison, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Ethics that Every Paralegal Should Know <i>Chris Dove, Locke Lord, LLP</i>	
2:30 – 3:00	Mid-Afternoon Break	
3:00 – 4:30	The Pros and Cons of Chat GPT for Legal Drafting <i>Chase Hardy, Griffin Purnell LLC</i>	
4:30 - 4:45	Bingo Grand Prize Winners Announced (must be present to win) - \$500 cash Grand Prize	
4:45 – 6:00	After-Conference Social (Moody Gardens Bar, Light appetizers provided)	
5:30 – 8:00	Casino Night Social (Garden Cay Room - extra charge to attend)	

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY - Hotel Accommodations



Hotel rooms are blocked for our event at **Moody Gardens Hotel**, which is attached to the Conference Center. The room rate is **\$175 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday** nights for a room with Two Queen beds or King bed, **if booked by April 25, 2024**. After that date, room rates will be at the hotel's prevailing Best Available Rate. Complimentary wireless internet access throughout the property is included.

Link to book online hotel room:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1722&skipfirstpage=true&page=163364>

Parking: Complimentary self-parking is available on all surface lots across the street and adjacent to the hotel. Valet parking in the underground garage is available for \$22 per day. Hotel garage self-parking is \$10.

Networking Opportunities



Meet-n-Greet

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 P.M.
Where: Moody Gardens Hotel Bar

This is an informal event. Network with exhibitors and conference registrants. Door Prize giveaways.

Let's Get SOCIAL!

Post Conference Social

Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 4:45 P.M.
Where: Moody Gardens Hotel Bar

Light appetizers provided. Network with exhibitors and other conference attendees.



Casino Night Social

Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 5:30 P.M.
Where: Garden Cay Room

(\$45 Extra Charge)
Dinner buffet, cash bar, and Casino games.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Houston Paralegal Association sincerely thanks the outstanding legal support companies for sponsoring and exhibiting at our conference. We invite you to visit with our High Roller and Platinum Sponsors and other exhibitors in our exhibit hall for a chance to win door prizes.

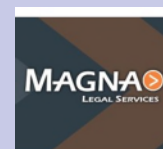
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2024 HPA CLE Conference Registration Form

EVENT EXTRAS

Casino Social - (5:30 PM – 8:00 PM) (\$45 per person)

Includes dinner buffet, cash bar, and chips to play casino games – Black Jack tables and Craps tables. Mingle with our High Roller Sponsors: **Legal Tech, Lexitas, Professional Civil Process (PCP), and Proof.**

Moody Gardens Discounted Value Pass – (\$45 per person)

Includes admission to the Aquarium Pyramid, Rainforest Pyramid, Discovery Pyramid, 4D Special FX Theater and Colonel Paddlewheel Boat. [*Palm Beach not included*]. **Discounted Value Passes must be purchased in advance through HPA and will be distributed on Friday, May 17, 2024. No passes will be sold on May 17, 2024. The Value Pass will allow admittance on the following days: May 17, 2024 and May 18, 2024.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, May 7, 2024

CLE Registration Fees

___ \$110 for HPA members

___ \$140 for non-members

___ \$65 for students

Event Extras: ___ \$45 for Casino Social (per person)

___ \$45 for Moody Gardens Discounted Value Pass (per person)

Early- Bird CLE Registration Fees (ends April 25, 2024)

___ \$95 for HPA members

___ \$125 for non-members

___ \$55 for students

Registration Deadline is May 7, 2024. Registrations after May 7, 2024, will incur a \$15 late fee

CLE Registration fee includes course materials in electronic format, light appetizers at Thursday Meet-n-Greet, continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack.

Name _____

Firm/School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

TO REGISTER, make your check payable to: **Houston Paralegal Association** and mail a completed registration form and payment to: Phillip Webb, **Treasurer, Houston Paralegal Association, P. O. Box 2466, Houston, Texas 77252** OR pay online by credit card, at www.hpatx.org. For questions, contact HPA at hpa.admin@hpatx.org. Walk-ins welcomed.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Registrants who cannot attend must request a refund in writing **by May 13, 2024**. **Tuition fee refund (less \$40 lunch/refreshment fee) will be granted, if received in writing by May 13, 2024.** Please email your requests to hpa.admin@hpatx.org.

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**Downloadable Course Materials will be emailed to
Attendees two days before the conference**

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Meet Our Speakers



Chris Dove, Locke Lord LLP - has been practicing in the areas of appellate and business litigation for over 19 years. He is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has solid experience before the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Courts of Appeal, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits. Chris has argued 30 appeals and has been counsel in many more, focusing on appeals in commercial and business litigation across several industries.



Kenneth Harder, Jackson Lewis PC – is a principal at the Houston Office of Jackson Lewis PC and is TBLS certified in Immigration and Nationality Law. He has contributed numerous articles on immigration and nationality law to legal journals and business publications and is a frequent speaker at national and international immigration law conferences. In 2023, he was recognized as a “Top 10 Trailblazing Texas Immigration Lawyer” by Business Today.



Chase Hardy, Griffin Purnell LLC – is a trial attorney at Griffin Purnell LLC, in San Antonio, TX and practices in the areas of mass tort, complex commercial litigation, product liability, premise liability, toxic tort defense, and Plaintiff's litigation. He earned his JD from Baylor University School of Law and received his provisional license at age 23 and, by age 25, he was first-chair in civil trials.



Michael Harrison, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP – is a civil rights trial attorney heading up his firm's civil rights and racial justice pro bono efforts. Michael was a chief assistant district attorney of the Harris County District Attorney's Office where he served as a Civil Rights Division prosecutor, investigating and prosecuting law enforcement excessive-force and corruption cases. He is an adjunct professor of law at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.



Brian S. Humphrey, II, Humphrey Law PC – is board certified in Civil Appellate Law by TBLS and was named to the Texas Super Lawyers Texas Rising Stars for five consecutive years. He practices in the areas of personal injury law, complex business litigation, and appellate law. He frequently speaks on issues related to personal injury and civil litigation and, along with colleague Jay Jackson, is co-author of a running Texas Supreme Court Update.



Wesley Lotz, Lotz Law Firm PLLC - is a trial lawyer who represents clients in business litigation and arbitration. Over the course of his career, Wes has litigated claims for breach of contract, fraud, fiduciary duty, theft of trade secrets, non-compete, partnership disputes, deceptive trade practices, patent, trademark, and copyright infringement, negligence, employment discrimination, securities litigation, shareholder disputes, industrial accidents, personal injury litigation, and financial disputes.



Charles Newton, Charles Newton & Associates – represents debtors whose rights gained in filing bankruptcy have been violated. While he handles litigation issues in the United States Bankruptcy Courts across Texas, his primary emphasis is prosecuting automatic stay and discharge injunction violations.



Donna Thomisee, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard - has focused primarily on the defense of personal injury/commercial claims in diverse industries such as auto/trucking, premises and construction. She is also skilled at unraveling all types of complicated insurance coverage claims. She also serves as Chairman of the Board for LINC Ministries Inc, a nonprofit that works to help empower local ministry leaders in multiple cities to help their communities thrive.