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**TEXAS COURT CLERKS ASSOCIATION** 

#### **Letter from President**

#### Dear TCCA Members,

Thank you for your continued support of TCCA. I wanted to take this opportunity to announce a few changes to our Board of Directors and to let you know the changes to our bylaws passed in the recent election and are effective as of January 1, 2024. I appreciate everyone that put the effort into that massive project and those of you who assisted us by providing input.

The Education Committee has already started working on bringing education opportunities to your Regions. Notices will be going out soon to advertise these opportunities, please visit our website for updates.

I must start by saying the 2023 TCCA Conference Planning Committee gave us а Conference that won't soon be delegates forgotten. Many believed this was the best TCCA Conference we have ever had! If you were unable to attend, be sure to check out the TCCA Facebook page for the videos, interviews, and pictures of this year's event. The experience was truly "Out of this World!

The words "thank you" don't seem to be enough for outgoing Board Members. **Debbie** Landrum, Mara Dudley and Jennifer Bozorgnia.

While serving as Vice President and TML Representative, Jennifer has also chaired the Conference Planning Committee for the last several years. Her attention to detail and willingness to serve have taken the Association to a new level. Jennifer is a true leader and a consummate professional. Boz isn't going anywhere, she has agreed to Co-Chair the Education Committee beginning in January.

Debbie Landrum has been an asset to this Board during her years of service. She has stepped up on many different occasions and has been willing to take on several Committees to serve TCCA. More than once, she has served as the Membership Chair and most recently took on the challenge of the Exhibitor Committee. Debbie has а positive attitude and a true servant's heart. We will miss having her on the Board, but I am happy to say that she has agreed to provide contract services to us on an as needed basis. (She just thought she was getting rid of us!) Congratulations on your welldeserved retirement Debbie!

Mrs. Mara Dudley – the one and only Vanna White of TCCA! When Mara was elected to the Board, I thought she was quiet and shy... NOTHING is further from reality. Mrs. Mara brought a ton of energy and laughs to our Board Meetings. She is famous for Chairing the Merchandise Committee and her hilarious explanations of TCCA swag. In Conference Planning Committee Meetings, we all looked forward to her Committee Report, she has a special way of making everything fun. We will miss her energy on the Board.

I hope you will join me in welcoming first time Directors at Large, Place #1 Stacy Martin (San Antonio) and Place #3 Sonia Cates (Alvin). Heather Leonard (Mansfield) retained her seat as Place #5 and will be rejoining us for her first elected term as Director at Large.

Jeremy Leonard was elected as the TCCA Vice-President, effective January 1, 2024. Jeremy will do an amazing job as VP, and we are looking forward to him serving as our TML Representative.

Malia Elkins was successful in her bid to retain her seat as the TCCA Treasurer. Malia's attention to detail and dedication to TCCA is obvious in everything she does – we are blessed to have her.



#### **Letter from President**

With term limits, a retirement and a Director moving up in the Association, several appointments were made to fill positions. The TCCA Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the following appointments:

Sheli Masterson was appointed to fill the Place #3 (expires December 2023) term last year. We are not going to let her get away, she has accepted the appointment of Director at Large, Place #2 effective January 1, 2024, to fill the vacancy left by Debbie's retirement.

Jessica Ancira has agreed to fill the Place #4 Director at Large position left vacant as a result of Jeremy's move to the Executive Board.

I am excited to announce that Sheila Roach (Canyon) has the agreed to accept of Regional appointment Director for the West/Panhandle Hewett Kirby Region and (Longview) has accepted the appointment of Northeast Regional Director. We are very happy to have representation in those areas again!

I also want to give a very special shoutout to Pat Riffle! Pat has served as the Certification & Education Committee Chair for several years. She navigated the Certification Program through the unknown waters of the pandemic, while maintaining the integrity of the Program. She has been a true leader and mentor for many Clerks across the State. Pat will continue to serve as the Certification Program Financial Manager but will hand over the reins of the Committee to former "Delegate" ... and Madame #131, Tammy Odom. Tammy has already been working to ensure a smooth transition, I have no doubt she will go above and beyond to continue the amazing work the Education Committee is known for.

On a personal note, I want to send a special thank you to the Board Members and Committee volunteers who stepped in for me when I was unable to attend this year's Conference due to a medical emergency with my Husband. It is obvious to me that "One Team One Dream" is a perfect way to describe this TCCA Family. Your prayers, calls and support meant the world to us. I am happy to report that Joe is doing much better and is well on his way to a full recovery.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year!

#### We are TCCA Strong!





#### Area 51: An Out of This World Experience

Jennifer Bozorgnia, Conference Planning Chair



### 2023 TCCA CONFERENCE

As the celestial dust settles on another spectacular year, we are over the moon to share the cosmic highlights from our 2023 Annual Conference, "Area 51: An Out of This World Experience." From October 29 to November 1, the City of Georgetown played host to an intergalactic gathering of court clerks, legal professionals, and exhibitors, making it an event that was truly out of this world!

1. Stellar Accommodations in Georgetown: After experiencing this location for the first time, let's tip our hats to the incredible venue that served as our terrestrial base throughout the conference - the stunning Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Georgetown. Attendees were treated to a blend of Southern hospitality and modern elegance, ensuring that comfort and convenience were always at the forefront. The welcoming atmosphere provided the perfect backdrop for forging new connections and strengthening existing ones.

#### 2. An Educational Odyssey:

Our journey into the cosmos was enriched by knowledgeable speakers and thought-provoking educational sessions. The conference featured luminaries in leadership and development, sharing their expertise and insights on the latest developments. Attendees had the opportunity to delve into topics ranging from "Sovereign Citizens" to personal growth, ensuring that everyone returned to their respective orbits with a wealth of knowledge.

#### 3. Celebrating in "InterGLOWactic" Style:

One of the pinnacles of our cosmic adventure was undoubtedly "InterGLOWactic," which left attendees starry-eyed. From the moment the doors opened, participants were treated to an immersive experience that transported them to another dimension. Thanks to our planning sub-committee for their vision and our Titanium Sponsor, Tyler Technologies, for partnering with us to make it happen. Karaoke music, celestial-themed decorations, and a stellar dance floor created an atmosphere that was truly out of this world! It was a night of laughter, camaraderie, and a shared appreciation for the stellar community that makes up the Texas Court Clerks Association!

#### 4. Universal Gratitude for Outstanding Leadership:

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of your TCCA Board, the invaluable contributions of our attendees, the unwavering support of our sponsors and exhibitors, and the meticulous planning of the Conference Planning Committee. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for helping us navigate the uncharted territories of "Area 51" and ensuring that this year's conference was an astronomical success!

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WEST/PANHANDLE REGIONAL DIRECTOR SHELIA ROACH-SEYMORE

Bylaw Results

Please refer to the Texas Court Clerks Association for the updated Bylaws As we bid farewell to Georgetown and the memories created during our time there, let's carry the spirit of unity and collaboration back to our individual courtrooms. The Texas Court Clerks Association looks forward to continuing its mission of providing exceptional resources, education, and networking opportunities in the years to come.

Here's to another year of celestial success and the promise of even greater adventures on the horizon. We sincerely hope TCCA's fifty-first annual conference was everything you hoped for and more! It takes a village and I'm so very thankful for ours.

A very special thank-you to the 2023 Conference Planning Committee members (below), and every volunteer that served on each of their associated sub-committees:

Jennifer Bozorgnia	Landra Solansky	Tammy Odom
Lisa Howard	Malia Elkins	Heather Leonard
Jennifer Dorsett	Pat Riffel	Andrea Goff
Debbie Landrum	Jeremy Leonard	Juan Paredes
Jennifer Huhn	Mara Dudley	Tiffany Totah
Tracy Ventura	Courtney Broussard	Sheli Masterson

We can't wait to see you again next year in Georgetown for TCCA's fifty-second annual conference as we STACK YOUR DECK FOR SUCCESS! SAVE THE DATE! October 27, 2024 through October 30, 2024





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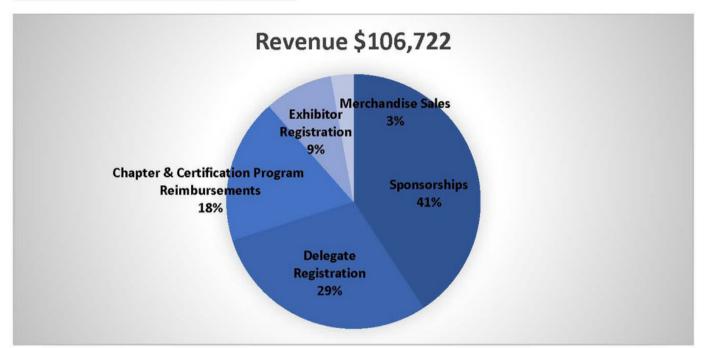


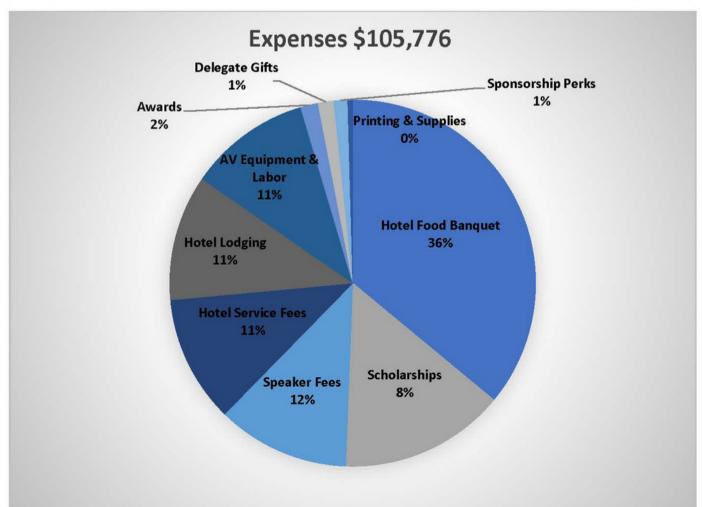
#### FOR THE SUPPORT AT THE TCCA CONFERENCE



#### **2023 CONFERENCE REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

The Conference was made possible and a success by the generous monetary funding from our loyal sponsors and exhibitors. Half of the revenue generated came from their dedicated support. To find out more how these vendors contribute to the efficiency of our courts, please take a look at the Exhibitor section of this newsletter. Members have access to detailed financial reports online at <a href="http://texascourtclerks.org/TCCA-Financials">http://texascourtclerks.org/TCCA-Financials</a>.





#### THANK YOU SPONSORS, EXHIBITORS, EXIBITOR COMMITTEE AND THE WHOLE TCCA BOARD!!!!!!

#### Hello to all,

TCCA Area 51 2023 Annual conference is in the books. and I hear it was a great time and fun had by all. You probably wonder why I say "I hear" well that is because I was so disappointed that I missed out on all the fun. The TCCA board and committee members worked very hard to make this such a fun experience and I was so sad I missed out.

I am so grateful to the all the exhibitor committee members who graciously stepped up and covered for me in my absence. This is the first time I have had to miss the TCCA conference, but I knew it was in very capable hands. I appreciate each of you and special thanks to Debbie Landrum, your past exhibitor committee chair who jumped to my rescue and made it all work. IWith all that said, how about the sponsors and exhibitors of this year's conference who without them TCCA would not be able to provide this very special and unique educational opportunity. We had many returning sponsors, and we gained some new sponsors this year.

A very special shout out and appreciation to our Titanium sponsor Tyler Technologies. Thank you very much for your continued support of our organization and we appreciate you for sponsoring the fun night of Halloween entertainment.

MVBA was our platinum sponsor this year and we appreciate your continued support of the annual conference. Welcome to our newest gold sponsor AllianceOne Receivable Solutions for their generous sponsorship. The board and committees welcome you and look forward to an ongoing relationship. Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott and Linebarger once again you both joined our conference as our silver sponsors, and we appreciate your continued support of TCCA. Finally last but surely not least the WIFI we sure could not operate without that tool and American Municipal sponsored our internet and we are grateful for your continued support.

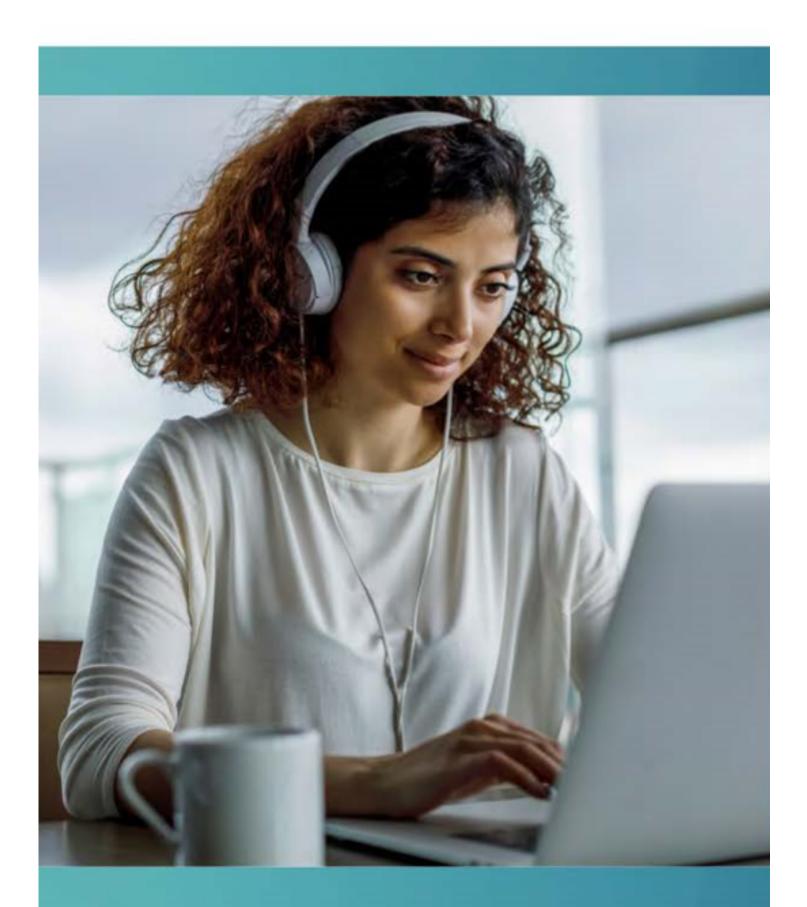
With the greatest appreciation our President Landra Solansky, conference planning chair Jennifer Bozorgnia and the whole TCCA board. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and I am blessed to work alongside such a fantastic hard-working group of people, and I so look forward to what 2024 has to bring.

If you were not able to attend, we missed you and it is my hope you will have the opportunity to join us in Georgetown in 2024!!!! Thank you again to all those that make this such a successful event and see you in 2024!!!!

Tracy Ventura Exhibitor Committee Chair







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Jennifer Bozorgnia presents Kimberly Kierce with the Lorna Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2023 Annual Conference

Jennifer Bozorgnia presents Jeremy Leonard with the Board of Directors Award during the 2023 Annual Conference

### **2023 AWARDS RECIPIENTS**



Tammy Odom, Education Award Receipient



Technology Committee Award Recipient

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!





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#### **A Regional Education Roadshow** Tammy Odom, Education Chair

#### Hello TCCA Family,

I hope this finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the new year. Like most of you, I have made a resolution for 2024. I have resolved to take better care of my mental health this year. If you know me, you know I am going to need lots of help.

Your TCCA Board of Directors has also made a resolution to provide 8 hours of live training in six regions across the state. This one-day training will be a great opportunity to receive continuing education hours and network with peers from your region. Certification exams will also be offered at each training site the day after the training. Space is limited at each event so be sure to register early to secure your seat.

Location	Training Date	Exam Date
New Braunfels	March 18	March 19
Arlington	April 29	April 30
Longview	May 13	May 14
Pearland	June 24	June 25
Abilene	July 29	July 30
Corpus Christi	August 5	August 6

Hope to see you all soon! Tammy Odom, Chair TCCA Education and Certification Committee

Texas Court Clerks Association Regional Training Agenda

#### 8 hours education credit

#### Day 1:

All About Certification - ABC's of Municipal Court Presented by Tammy Odom, CMCC (Texas City)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye - Types of Hearings in Municipal Court Presented by Pat Riffel, CMCC (Friendswood)

Practical Applications of Legislation Presented by Landra Solansky, CMCC (Seguin)

Lunch Provided Panel Discussion - All Attendees Practical Applications of Legislation Continued Presented by Landra Solansky, CMCC (Sequin)

Fundamental Reporting Presented by Tammy Odom, CMCC (Texas City)

Lady Justice - Self Care for Cou Personnel Presented by Pat Riffel, CMCC (Friendswood)

Day 2:

**Clerk Certification Exams** (optional)





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#### FOR MAKING EDUCATION ENGAGING!











### THANK YOU TCCA MEMBERS





#### FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!

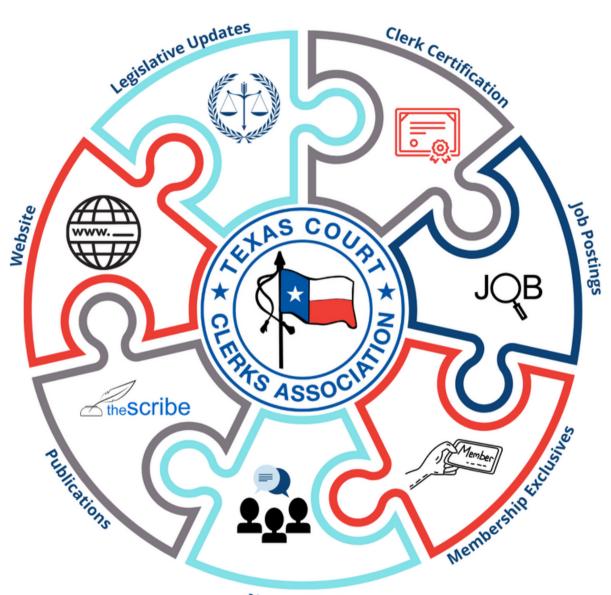






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