

Program Agenda

CLE Credit Total: 12 CLE Hours (includes 4.0 Ethics Hours)

Thursday, May 19

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Conference Check-In** – *Pancho Villa Ballroom Foyer*

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Opening Reception** – *Paso del Norte Hotel Rooftop Terrace*

Friday, May 20

(6.25 CLE hrs, 2.0 ethics hrs) *All CLE programming will take place in the Pancho Villa Ballroom. Breakfast, lunch, and networking breaks are included in registration.*

7:30 a.m. **Conference Check-In** – *Pancho Villa Ballroom Foyer*

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** – *Henry Trost Boardroom*

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Sylvia Borunda Firth, President of the State Bar of Texas

Sara Anne Giddings, Chair of the Texas Young Lawyers Association

Jeanine Novosad Rispoli, President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association

Session One:

9:15 a.m. **Transitioning from Private Practice to Government (And Vice Versa)**

75 hr (.25 ethics)

Peter Handy, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Indigent Defense (Carson City, NV)

Billy J. Jimenez, Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, New Mexico Department of Health (Albuquerque, NM)

Laura Pratt, Associate, Brady & Hamilton, LLP (Lubbock, TX)

Holli Welch, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Wyoming Attorney General (Cheyenne, WY)

Session Two:

10:00 a.m. **Digital Impact: Key Legal Facets of Web3 and Blockchain** 1 hr

Carlos Garcia-Aguilar, Web3 Lawyers and C.A. Garcia Law Firm

11:00 a.m. **Morning Networking Break**

Session Three:

11:15 a.m. **International Business Immigration: The U.S.-Mexico Border Perspective** .75 hr
Andrea Moran, ScottHulse P.C. (El Paso, TX)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch – Henry Trost Boardroom**

Session Four:

1:00 p.m. **Introduction to Movement and Community Lawyering and Other
Community Driven Advocacy** .75hr (.25 ethics)
Abre' Conner, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley (Sacramento, CA)

Session Five:

1:45 p.m. **Sharpening Your Legal Writing Skills: A Workshop** 1 hr (.5 ethics)
Kirk Cooper, Chief Staff Attorney, Texas Eighth Court of Appeals (El Paso, TX)

2:45 p.m. **Afternoon Networking Break**

Session Six:

3:00 p.m. **Bankruptcy Law for Non-Bankruptcy Lawyers** 1 hr
Dylan Crouse, Crowley Fleck (Billings, MT)

Session Seven:

4:00 p.m. **Leadership Development: How Bar Leaders Today Build Diversity, Equity,
and Inclusion to Create Better Outcomes Tomorrow** 1 hr (1 hr ethics)
Dean Stephen Rispoli, Baylor University School of Law (Waco, TX)
Dean Patricia Wilson, Baylor University School of Law (Waco, TX)

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn for the day**

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Happy Hour, Lawteria, and Dinner – El Paso Chihuahuas Ballpark** (Included in
Registration)

Saturday, May 21

(5.75 CLE Hours; 2.75 Ethics Hours)

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Sunrise Alligator Yoga @ San Jacinto Plaza**

8:00 a.m. **Conference Check-in – Pancho Villa Ballroom Foyer**

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast – Henry Trost Boardroom**

Session Eight:

9:00 a.m. **Phishing, Hacking, Ransomware: How to Protect Yourself in the World Wide Web** 1hr (1 hr ethics)

Sara Anne Giddings, Law Offices of Trent Nichols, PLLC (Shiner, TX)

Session Nine:

10:00 a.m. **Making Networking Work for You: Expanding Beyond Client Connections** .75 hr

Cali Franks, Lawline (Dallas, TX)

10:45 a.m. **Morning Networking Break**

Session Ten:

11:00 a.m. **Tips for Building and Maintaining Resiliency in the Practice of Law** 1 hr (1 hr ethics)

Erica Grigg, Director, Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (Austin, TX)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch – Henry Trost Boardroom**

Session Eleven:

1:00 p.m. **Trial Perspectives: A Courtroom Roundtable** 1hr

Hon. Roy Ferguson, Judge of the 394th District Court/"Lawyer Cat" Judge (Alpine, TX)

Raleigh Hansman, Meierhenry Sargent, L.L.P. (Sioux Falls, SD)

Kylie Schmidt, Ogborn Mihm LLP (Denver, CO)

Kirk Cooper, Moderator, Chief Staff Attorney, Texas Eighth Court of Appeals (El Paso, TX)

Session Twelve:

2:00 p.m. **The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: Leadership from the Trenches** 1 hr

Sylvia Borunda Firth, President of the State Bar of Texas (El Paso, TX)

Sara Anne Giddings, Chair of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (Shiner, TX)

Shasta N. Inman, ABA YLD Assembly Clerk (Albuquerque, NM)

Jessica Perez, Chair of the State Bar of New Mexico Young Lawyers Division (Bernalillo, NM)

Hon. Lauren Renee Sepulveda, Moderator, Chair-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (McAllen, TX)

3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Networking Break

Session Thirteen:

3:15 p.m.

Employment Law for Remote Workers 1 hr

Richard L. Clifton, Jr., Schmoyer Reinhard (San Antonio, TX)

Michael Ritter, Schmoyer Reinhard (San Antonio, TX)

4:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Kirk Cooper, TYLA District 14 Director

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m

Closing Reception & Wine Under the Desert Sky (Ticketed Event)

Zin Valle Vineyards, Canutillo, TX



Artist Spotlight

“It is always about color”- Patrick Gabaldon

Patrick Gabaldon was born and raised in the Sun City of El Paso, Texas. His passion in art began after returning home after law school to the vibrant color and vast expanse of the desert sky. His time away gave him a new perspective on the often forgotten west Texas desert. Gabaldon took his new found inspiration and made it his quest to show others his colorful interpretation of the borderland.

Attorney by day and artist by night, Gabaldon’s colorful stylings drew public appreciation with multiple features in digital, print media, and on local airwaves.

Today, it is difficult not to find Gabaldon’s work on display across the city.

The bright tones that have become synonymous with Gabaldon’s work illuminate the cross border culture he attributes as the inspiration behind his painting. Find his work at www.gabaldonart.com or on Instagram [@GabaldonArt](https://www.instagram.com/GabaldonArt).

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