

APRIL 8 – 9, 2010

Texas Forum on Self-Represented Litigants and the Courts

Belo Mansion ★ Dallas, TX

- **REGISTRATION**

To register, please download form at www.TexasCourtForum.org

Please fax or e-mail to:

Texas Access to Justice Commission

Fax: (512) 427-4160

atjmail@texasbar.com

www.texasatj.org

- **SCHOLARSHIPS**

A limited number of scholarships will be available. Please see:

www.TexasCourtforum.org for details.

- **CANCELLATIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS**

Cancellation and substitution requests must be submitted in writing by March 12th to: atjmail@texasbar.com.

- **MCLE**

Organizers will apply for continuing education credit for qualifying sessions.

- **FORUM LOCATION**

Belo Mansion

2101 Ross Avenue
(214) 220-0239

www.belomansion.com

- **SUGGESTED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Fairmont Dallas

1717 N. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 720-2020

www.fairmont.com/dallas

The Westin

650 North Pearl Street
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 979-9000

www.westin.com

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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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OTHER QUESTIONS?

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2010 TEXAS FORUM ON SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS AND THE COURTS

The Forum will launch a statewide effort to provide Texas courts the tools to help pro se litigants navigate the court system. The Forum will bring together:

- Judges
- Court Administrators
- Law Librarians
- Court Clerks
- State Agencies
- Legal Aid
- Private Bar
- Pro Bono Organizations
- National Experts

With a **GOAL** to:

- Determine the impact self-represented litigants have on Texas courts.
- Learn about the ways courts, legal aid, court staff, and others are working with self-represented litigants around Texas and throughout the country.
- Develop strategies for interaction between self-represented litigants and the courts.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30-10:00** Registration
- 10:00-10:15** Welcome & Introduction
Hon. Lora Livingston
- 10:15-10:30** Opening Remarks
Hon. Wallace Jefferson
- 10:30-11:15** Keynote
Hon. Jess Dickinson
- 11:15-12:15** Panel: Issues, Problems & Challenges
- 12:15 - 1:00** **LUNCH BUFFET**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00-2:00** Panel Continues: Issues, Problems & Challenges
- 2:00-2:45** Whole Group Discussion of Issues, Problems & Challenges
- BREAK**
- 3:00-3:30** Overview of National Challenges and Strategies: *Richard Zorza*
- 3:30-5:30** Presentation of Strategies:
- ★ Working with Judges
 - ★ Developing Forms
 - ★ Establishing Self-Help Centers
 - ★ Limited Scope Representation

FRIDAY MORNING

- 8:15-10:15** Presentation of Strategies:
- ★ Staff Training and Ethics
 - ★ Partnering for Justice
 - ★ Providing Distance Services
 - ★ Overcoming Political Hurdles
- BREAK**
- 10:30-10:45** *Hon. Harriet O'Neill*
- 10:45-1:45** Breakout groups for planning
(LUNCH WHILE PLANNING)
- BREAK**
- 2:00-3:00** Breakout groups report
- 3:00-3:30** Wrap-up & Summary
Hon. Lora Livingston

PANELISTS

- Hon. Karen Pozza, 407th District Court, Bexar County
- Hon. Dain Johnson, Justice of the Peace, Williamson County
- David Slayton, Director of Court Administration, Lubbock County
- Dianne Wilson, County Clerk, Fort Bend County
- Dinah Gaines, Staff Attorney, Bexar County District Court
- Lisa Rush, Library & Self-Help Center Manager, Travis County
- Stewart Gagnon, Senior Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
- Paul Furrh, Chief Executive Officer, Lone Star Legal Aid



Forum Moderator
Hon. Lora Livingston
261st District Court
Travis County

STRATEGISTS

- Hon. Linda Thomas, Ret., Chief Justice, Fifth District Court of Appeals, Dallas
- Hon. John Specia, Ret., 225th District Court, Bexar County
- Glenn Rawdon, Program Counsel for Technology, Legal Services Corporation
- Bonnie Hough, Supervising Attorney, California Office of the Courts
- Karen Miller, Reference Attorney, Travis County Courthouse Self-Help Center
- Richard Zorza, Zorza & Associates, Self-Represented Litigation Network
- M. Sue Talia, Private Family Law Judge, Contra Costa County, Ca.
- Alicia Hernandez, Director of Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program & Community Services, Dallas Bar Association