

*Texas Forum on Self-Represented Litigants and the Courts*  
Dallas Bar Association Belo Pavilion, Dallas Texas  
April 8-9, 2010

Thursday, April 8

Moderator: Judge Lora Livingston

- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**
- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and introduction by Hon. Lora Livingston, Judge, 261<sup>st</sup> District Court, Travis County
- 10:15 – 10:30 Opening Remarks by Hon. Wallace Jefferson, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 10:30 – 11:15 Keynote by Hon. Jess Dickinson, Associate Justice, Mississippi Supreme Court
- 11:15– 12:15 Panel – *Issues, Problems, Challenges*
- Hon. Karen Pozza, Judge, 407<sup>th</sup> District Court, Bexar County
  - Hon. Dain Johnson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Williamson County
  - Hon. Judy Parker, County Court at Law No. 3, Lubbock County
  - Hon. Dianne Wilson, County Clerk, Fort Bend County
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch Buffet**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Panel Continues – *Issues, Problems, Challenges*
- Dinah Gaines, Staff Attorney, Bexar County Civil District Courts
  - Lisa Rush, Manager, Travis County Law Library & Courthouse Self-Help Center
  - Stewart Gagnon, Attorney, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.
  - Paul Furrh, Executive Director, Lone Star Legal Aid
- 2:00 – 2:45 Whole Group Discussion of Issues, Problems, Challenges
- 2:45 – 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 *Big Picture View of National Challenges and Strategies* by Richard Zorza, Self-Represented Litigation Network
- 3:30 – 5:30 Presentation of SRL Strategies
- *Working With Judges*, Hon. Linda Thomas, Chief Justice (Ret.), Fifth District Court of Appeals, Dallas
  - *Limited Scope Representation*, Sue Talia, Private Judge, Contra Costa, California
  - *Forms: Development, Plain Language & Automation*, Glenn Rawdon, Program Counsel for Technology, Legal Services Corporation
  - *Establishing Self-Help Centers*, Bonnie Rose Hough, Supervising Attorney, California Office of the Courts, Center for Families, Children, and the Courts
  - *Texas Self-Help Centers*, Karen Miller, Reference Attorney, Travis County Law Library

Friday, April 9

Moderator: Judge Lora Livingston

- 8:15 – 10:15 a.m. Presentation of SRL Strategies
- *Staff Training and Ethics*, Richard Zorza, Self-Represented Litigation Network
  - *Overcoming Political Hurdles*, Hon. Lora Livingston, Judge, 261<sup>st</sup> District Court  
Hon. John J. Specia, Judge (Ret.), 225<sup>th</sup> District Court, Bexar County
  - *Distance Services*, Bonnie Rose Hough
  - *Partnering with Justice Corps, Pro Bono and Other Volunteer Programs*, Bonnie Rose Hough, Supervising Attorney, California Office of the Courts,  
Alicia Hernandez, Director, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Dallas Bar Association
- 10:15– 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30– 10:45 Hon. Harriet O’Neill, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 10:45 – 1:45 p.m. Breakout into Planning Groups **Lunch while planning**
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Break**
- 2:00 – 3:00 Breakout Groups report back
- 3:00 – 3:30 Closing Remarks, Hon. Lora Livingston