

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS 2015 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



TAPA 2015: Finding Your True North



April 10-11, 2015
Courtyard Marriott

2800 Colorado Blvd., Denton, TX 76210
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Finding your true north is symbolic in several ways since Denton County is located in the North Texas area and we are at the top of the “Golden Triangle” of the DFW Metroplex. It also stands for each paralegal association's orienting point, and members finding their internal compass - the force that pulls them toward leadership and the purpose or mission of their association.

True North is different than magnetic north because magnetic force varies and is constantly changing (like the law!).

TAPA was formed in 1982 by representatives of local paralegal associations throughout the state of Texas who joined together to exchange ideas regarding development of the paralegal profession. This annual conference is a much anticipated event that continues to inspire and encourage paralegals.

Join us at TAPA 2015 and find YOUR true north.



Hotel

The Courtyard by Marriott is a beautiful hotel located just off IH-35E in Denton, Texas. Denton sits at the top of the *Golden Triangle* of the DFW Metroplex and joins I-35E and I-35W northward through Oklahoma and beyond. Denton offers a wide variety of unique experiences, and is home to two universities – the University of North Texas and Texas Woman’s University, as well as North Central Texas College. There are several other hotels and restaurants located nearby on the same side of the highway (*Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, On the Border*), with *BJ’s Brewhouse & Chuy’s Mexican Restaurant* on the opposite side of IH-35E, along with *Cinemark* movie theater, *Beth Marie’s Ice Cream Parlor*, and various other bistros, restaurants, and businesses. Just north of the hotel (one exit up) off Loop 288 is the *Golden Triangle Mall, Corner Bakery*, and many other restaurants and businesses northward alongside Loop 288.

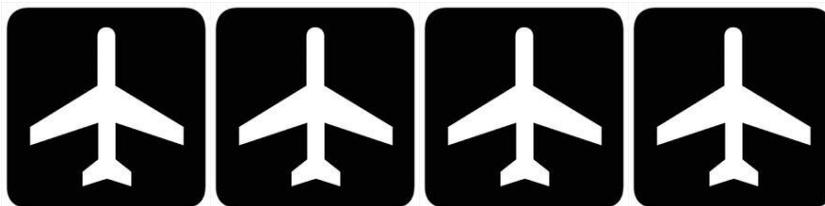
This hotel’s many amenities include complimentary shuttle service to anywhere within 5 miles of the hotel, complimentary high speed Wi-Fi internet access throughout the entire hotel, a fitness center, and pool. The Bistro offers a variety of breakfast and dinner options, an evening bar, and specialty beverages made with Starbucks coffee. The Bistro offers ‘made to order’ breakfasts on the weekends from 7-10 a. m.

A block of rooms has been reserved for us for Friday, April 10 - Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the reduced rate of \$92.00 per room per night, plus tax, for guest rooms with 2 queen sized beds. It is recommended that you reserve your room as soon as possible as we only have a limited number of rooms reserved. After the block of rooms are fully booked, prices and availability are subject to change. To reserve your room, call (940) 382-4600 and be sure to mention the **2015 TAPA Leadership Conference** to obtain the discounted rate. You may also register online using this link: [Book your group rate: TAPA Leadership Seminar >>](#). **The last day to book your room is March 10, 2015.** Ask to speak with Gina Atkinson in Sales if you experience any problems, or have questions.

For more information about the hotel: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwde-courtyard-denton/>

Transportation

Denton is just a short distance from DFW Airport and a bit further from Dallas Love Field.



Air travel:

The DFW area is serviced by two (2) major airports – DFW International Airport (DFW) and Dallas Love Field (DAL). DFW Airport services multiple major airlines such as American Airlines and Delta, but Southwest Airlines flies exclusively in and out of Dallas Love Field.

Transport from DFW International Airport (DFW):

The hotel is 21.9 miles (29 minutes) from the DFW International Airport (DFW). The hotel recommends A Style Limo Services. Call (972) 591-6237 to arrange transportation. They provide black town cars or black SUVs. Please be prepared to provide the representative with airline/terminal/gate location. The cost for transfer from DFW Airport is \$65.00, and there are, of course, other taxi services, and rental cars available.

Transport from Dallas Love Field (DAL):

The hotel is approximately 33.5 miles (43 minutes) from Dallas Love Field. A Style Limo Services charges \$75.00 for transfer from Love Field.



Driving:

From Ft. Worth:

If you're driving in from Fort Worth, you would travel north on IH-35W to Denton, exit on IH-35E southbound toward Dallas, take the State School/Mayhill Road exit, go left under the overpass, left on the northbound service road, pass Denton Regional Hospital, and the hotel is on your right, just past Brinker Road. The hotel sits up on the hill behind the Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse restaurants. You can either take a right on Brinker, a left on Colorado at the

light, and take the first left into the hotel parking lot (across from Sally Beauty Supply), or you can simply turn into the parking lot between Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse.

From Dallas:

If you're driving from Dallas, you would travel north on IH-35E toward Oklahoma, exit State School/Mayhill Road, stay on the service road through the light, pass Denton Regional Hospital, and the hotel is on your right, just past Brinker Road. The hotel sits up on the hill behind the Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse restaurants. You can either take a right on Brinker, a left on Colorado at the light, and take the first left into the hotel parking lot (across from Sally Beauty Supply), or you can simply turn into the parking lot between Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse to access the hotel.

From Highway 380 Eastbound:

Take IH-35 South and veer off on IH-35E toward Dallas. Take the State School/Mayhill Road exit, go left under the overpass, left on the northbound service road, pass Denton Regional Hospital, and the hotel is on your right, just past Brinker Road. The hotel sits up on the hill behind the Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse restaurants. You can either take a right on Brinker, a left on Colorado at the light, and take the first left into the hotel parking lot (across from Sally Beauty Supply), or you can simply turn into the parking lot between Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse.

From Highway 380 Westbound:

Take Loop 288 Southbound to IH-35E. Go under IH-35 and take a left on the service road. Stay on the service road and take a left on State School/Mayhill Road. Go left under the overpass, left on the northbound service road, pass Denton Regional Hospital, and the hotel is on your right, just past Brinker Road. The hotel sits up on the hill behind the Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse restaurants. You can either take a right on Brinker, a left on Colorado at the light, and take the first left into the hotel parking lot (across from Sally Beauty Supply), or you can simply turn into the parking lot between Olive Garden and Texas Roadhouse.





One of the highlights of the TAPA Conference are the outstanding speakers who inspire, educate, and motivate the conference attendees. We have 3 natural leaders slated to speak to us at the Leadership Seminar on Friday afternoon because we all know that great leaders are not necessarily born that way. Many famous leaders were the last to believe they were capable of the great things for which they have come to be known. Most of us are too busy in our personal and professional lives to seek out leadership training, and individual associations don't necessarily have the resources to develop leadership skills among members as they are too busy focusing on the day-to-day demands within their organization.

Leadership Seminar

Friday, April 10, 2015
1:00pm – 5:00pm

Courtyard by Marriott
Denton, Texas

Dianne Costa is a local businesswoman and civic leader whose resume is too long to fit on this page. She will share techniques necessary to motivate people to volunteer, to improve our interpersonal skills, and to grow us personally and professionally. Allen Mihecoby is one of our own and a member of multiple professional associations on a local and national level. Allen is very involved – civically and professionally. He will share his personal experiences with us which I am sure will motivate us all to be more “plugged in.” Bobbie Mitchell is Denton County Commissioner, Precinct 3, with an impressive resume of professional and civic experience. I know she will inspire you. Don't miss this unique opportunity to develop your leadership skills. You never know where they will take you.

1:00pm – 1:15pm

1:15pm – 3:00pm

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

3:45 pm – 3:50 pm

3:50 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration

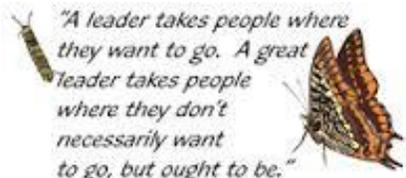
Dianne Costa – leadership training

Afternoon break and refreshments

Allen Mihecoby – How to “plug in” personally and professionally

Break

Bobbie Mitchell – leadership training



Friday Evening Dinner and Event

Discover Denton



LSA Burgers

Downtown Courthouse Square

Denton, Texas

Make plans to join us on the historic downtown Courthouse Square for dinner at the hottest spot in Denton. The open roof and bar offers an exciting view of the courthouse square and lights, and creates a unique dining experience unlike any other in Denton. On Friday nights, they host live music. We plan to have a Scavenger Hunt to help you “Discover Denton.”

After dinner, relax & enjoy live music on the rooftop of LSA Burgers, or stroll around the square and its surrounding area. Hickory Street has many different restaurants, shops, and hang outs.

Appetizers:

Each table will be provided an appetizer to share.

Main entree (choice of one):

LSA offers unique and Texas/musical styled choices of burgers, as well as chicken strips, soup, salad, and chili. Salmon choices available on menu are not included.

Side (choice of one):

French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Beans, Rice, Salad, or Veggie

Beverage (choice of one):

Beer, wine, margarita, soft drink, tea, or water

Dessert:

Beth Marie's Old Fashioned Ice Cream (next door to LSA Burgers).

You will be given \$5 in Beth Marie Bucks for your choice of a sweet treat.



TAPA Leadership Conference
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:00am – 3:00pm

7:00 – 8:00	<i>Registration/Breakfast</i>
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome by DCPA President Cheryl Cooper
8:15 – 8:30	Houston Metropolitan Paralegal Association
8:30 – 8:45	West Texas Association of Legal Assistants
8:45 – 9:00	Houston Corporate Paralegal Association
9:00 – 9:15	Northeast Texas Association of Paralegals
9:15-9:30	Paralegal Committee of the State Bar of Texas
9:30 – 9:45	Alamo Area Paralegal Association
9:45 -10:00	South Texas Organization of Paralegals, Inc.
10:00-10:15	<i>Morning Break</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Bell County Bar Association – Paralegal Division
10:30 – 10:45	Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas
10:45 – 11:00	Dallas Area Paralegal Association
11:00 – 11:15	Houston Paralegal Association
11:15 – 11:30	Fort Worth Paralegal Association
11:30 – 11:45	Paralegal Association/Permian Basin
11:45 – 12:00	Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
12:30 - 12:45	Capital Area Paralegal Association
12:45 – 1:00	Texarkana Association of Legal Assistants
1:00 – 1:15	Southeast Texas Association of Paralegals
1:15 – 1:30	Texas Panhandle Paralegal Association
1:30 -1:45	El Paso Paralegal Association
1:45 – 2:00	North Texas Paralegal Association
2:00 – 2:15	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
2:15 – 2:30	Corpus Christi Association of Legal Professionals
2:30 – 2:45	Denton County Paralegal Association
2:45 – 3:00	Questions/Open Discussion



TAPA 2015 Registration Form

Please use one registration form for each attendee. Please print or type.

Name: _____

Firm or Company Name: _____

Name of Paralegal Association: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Leadership Training Seminar Friday, April 10, 2015 Fee includes refreshments

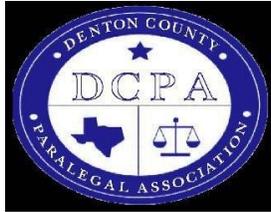
(\$10.00 late fee if registration and payment are not received by March 20, 2015)

_____ Yes, I will attend the Leadership Seminar \$30.00 per attendee
_____ No, I will not attend the Leadership Training

Friday Night Social Friday, April 10, 2015 Fee includes dinner and activity

(\$10.00 late fee if registration and payment are not received by March 20, 2015)

_____ Yes, I will attend the Social \$25.00 per attendee
_____ No, I will not attend the Social



**TAPA 2015
Registration Form**

**Leadership Conference
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m.**

Fee includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
(\$10.00 late fee if registration and payment are not received by March 20, 2015)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Local Association Name: _____

Phone number: _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the Saturday Leadership Conference

NOTE: Each local association is allowed one (1) complimentary registration for the Saturday Leadership Conference.

All complimentary registrations must be completed and emailed to Lisa Pittman at lpittman@hbwvlaw.com or Cheryl Cooper at mlj@steelelawfirm.com.

_____ Yes, the following person(s) will attend at a cost of **\$35.00** for each additional attendee.

Additional attendees:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____



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Registration Checklist

Event	Fee	No. of Attendees	Sub-Total
Leadership Seminar (if paid on or before 3/20/15)	\$30.00	_____	_____
Leadership Seminar (if paid on or after 3/20/15)	\$40.00	_____	_____
Friday Night Dinner/Social (if paid on or before 3/20/15)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Friday night Dinner/Social (if paid after 3/20/15)	\$35.00	_____	_____
TAPA Leadership Conference – Saturday, April 11	1 st attendee	<u> 1 </u> *	<u> Free </u>
Leadership Conference (for each additional attendee, if paid before 3/20/15)	\$35.00	_____	_____
TAPA Leadership Conference (if paid after 3/20/15)	\$40.00	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	_____

Note: Saturday Leadership Conference fee includes breakfast, lunch, and refreshments

*One attendee from each association is allowed free entry to the Leadership Conference held on Saturday

PLEASE NOTE: NO CASH is accepted and checks should be payable to the **Denton County Paralegal Association**; personal checks should have a driver's license number. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee shall be charged for all checks written to DCPA that are returned by the bank for insufficient funds or on closed accounts.

Registration forms and payment should be mailed to:

Lisa Pittman, DCPA Treasurer
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Questions:

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