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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Pretend to be completely in control and people will assume that you are." Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson



It's fall in Texas and that means football, volleyball (in our house), fire pits, cooler weather, and the smell of apple spice in the air (I don't like pumpkin spice, so we won't talk about that today). Fall also means we are gearing up for "The Road to Waco" and the Fall Educational Conference. Waco has been working hard securing speakers and setting Texas ALP up to have a fabulous virtual conference on October 15-16. I am excited to hear from all the speakers that Waco has lined up, including the current President of NALS. Fall also means that NALS is preparing to host the Annual Conference. This year's conference is being held both live in Detroit starting on September 16 and virtually on October 2.

I know fall for our Chapters around Texas also includes membership drives and Day In Court CLEs. Please ensure that you are sending options for virtual CLE to our communications chair Helene Wood by the third Monday of each month so she can send it to our membership for the preceding month. If you have questions about how to get her that information, please ask and we would be glad to help. If you have information you want to share, or brags to post, or even pictures, please send them to Rachel Scott (marketing chair), and Sondra Heugatter (membership chair) for points on the membership game. Julie always needs updated information for the Texas ALP website, so please go on there and send me your suggestions on what you would like to see or to review and update sections, especially if you are a chair. We in Texas ALP are always looking to write our chapters as we grow our library. Let any chair or member of the Executive Committee know if you have new ways for us to grow.

I want to make sure to give you all a hearty Texas size hug as we have all gone through personal struggles this year. I pray for each of you and your families. Thank you to our Waco chapter for your hard work on the Fall Educational Conference, and thank you to my chairs this year who have been working so hard to help our association.

We will "see" you all on The Road To Waco!

"The question isn't who's going to let me;
it's who is going to stop me."-Ayn Rand

Emily D. Walterscheid PP, CLP
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October

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November

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*Renewal Month

Happy Birthday!*



2021

September

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- 10** — Lynn Broderick (San Antonio LSA)
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- 17** — Catarino Alvear (Corpus Christi ALP)
- 17** — Roseanne Cisneros de Chairez, CLP (Dallas ALP)
- 17** — Renae Hertel (Lubbock LPA)
- 18** — Laura DeLeon (Waco LPA)
- 19** — Mary H. Bullard, ACP Retired, TSC-RE (Waco LPA)
- 22** — Nita Whitener (Waco LPA)
- 24** — Maria Carlson, PLS (Houston ALP)
- 29** — Kelly S. Deaton (NALS of Amarillo)
- 29** — Dee Foley (Houston ALP)
- 29** — Ann Pettigrew, PP, PLS (Austin LPA)
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October

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

By: Barbara S. Akins, PLS

Failure leads to success. Have you heard this and only thought about your failures and not your successes? What does it mean? I believe it means we must challenge ourselves to be successful. My failures, if I believe in myself, could lead to success if I challenge myself. My success might not be like yours, but we can succeed. A perfect example is taking the PLS exam and failing. Does that mean your failures defines you? Not if you want to succeed. And you should. Just remember that “PLS” has no number behind the designation.

Do you know people who always succeed or is it perhaps only that part of that person you know? I have a friend who seemed to succeed in everything she did. She was a legal secretary/legal assistant/office manager who then became a very successful consultant in the legal field. She just seemed to always succeed; however, I also knew her failures. She was not the person who let failure stand in her way or define her. I’ve tried to emulate that person for more years than I can remember. I never had the successes she did but I had my own successes. And I believe they were right for me. I just failed more along the way.

Have you had some failures along the way? In the last issue we challenged you to add professional and personal development to your life and step out of your comfort zone. Here are some thoughts to consider:

- Replace bad habits. Bad habits seem to sneak upon us. Gossip may make you feel better about yourself but it is a harmful and bad habit. Guard against gossip in the workplace. Only you can make yourself angry. Identify those bad habits first, then replace them.
- Learn to pace yourself. That can be achieved in a fast pace workplace. We are all asked to get projects done “asap.” We can do that if we learn how to pace ourselves and do the project right the first time.
- Avoid temptation. Taking short cuts at work never produces the results you should expect of yourself. Always produce professional work.
- Be clear about responsibilities in the workplace. If you have a coworker, work with that person to complete work timely.
- Do you hear what your supervisor is saying and are clear about your responsibilities? Or, are you just listening? There is a difference. Look at the speaker and you will learn to hear rather than listen. If you have to write instructions, learn how to look up and see the face of the supervisor.
- Show courage in meeting new challenges given to you. Do your best.
- Help make changes, and be courageous in your attitude in the workplace. Be willing to be wrong. Strive for peace.
- Don’t neglect being with friends. We all need social interaction. That social interaction should be outside the office or on the lunch break. And, always take advantage of the opportunity to attend association meetings. It’s great networking and a chance to widen your circle of friends.

Failure is sometimes followed by jealousy, then anger because you can’t. We learn lessons from failing. Be willing to make changes, to meet challenges like the PLS, to become more active in your professional association, and remember you are a professional. Now prove it!



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Texas Association of Legal Professionals 2021-2022 Membership Campaign

May 1, 2021, Through March 31, 2022
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2 Points

- Each new individual member recruited
- Each new student member recruited
 - Each past member reclaimed
- Acquiring a new advertiser for The Texas Docket
- Obtaining a CLE article for publication in The Texas Docket

5 BONUS POINTS

- Each article written and published in The Texas Docket
- Supporting a Literacy Program (such as the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation)
- Participation in a local reading program

20 SUPER BONUS POINTS

- Obtaining a new advertiser for The Texas Docket



PRIZES

Member Campaign Prizes

1st Place — \$75 • 2nd Place — \$50

Chapter Campaign

2 Points

- Each membership drive (in person or virtually) held
- Each new member the chapter or member brings into the Association
- Each past member the chapter or member reclaims

5 BONUS POINTS

- 100% retention of chapter membership
- Each brag written and published in The Texas Docket
- Support of a Literacy Program (such as the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation) by the chapter
- Participation in a local reading program by the chapter

20 SUPER BONUS POINTS

- Obtaining a new advertiser for The Texas Docket



PRIZES

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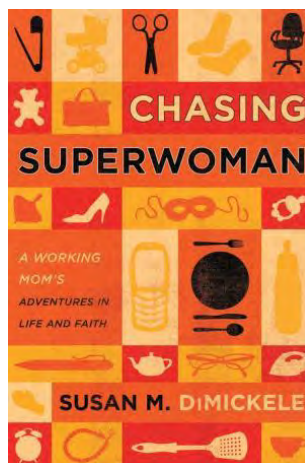
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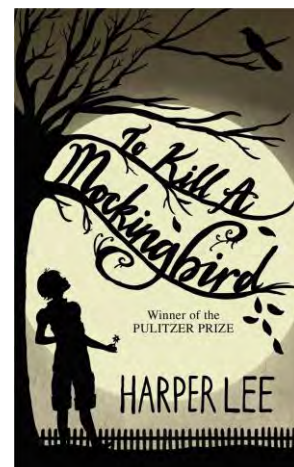
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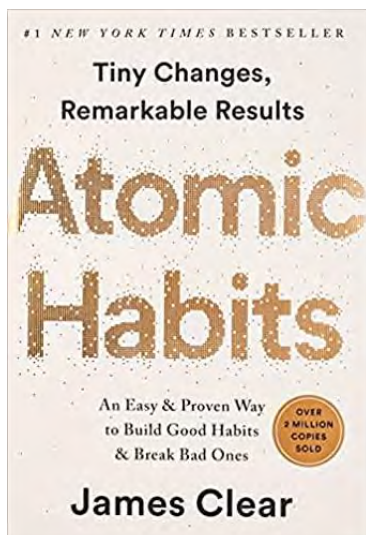


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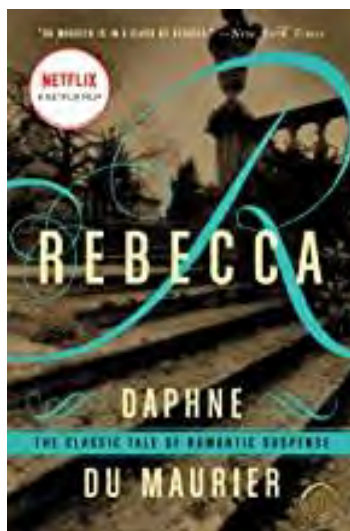


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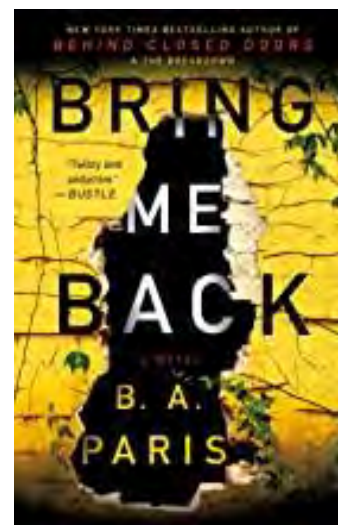
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I listened to all of these.



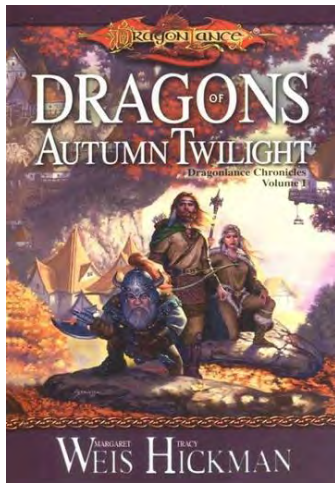
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Old favorite-read from a different perspective



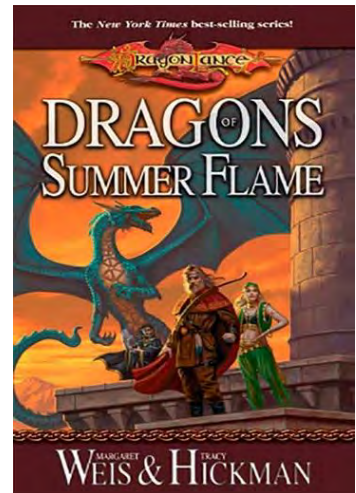
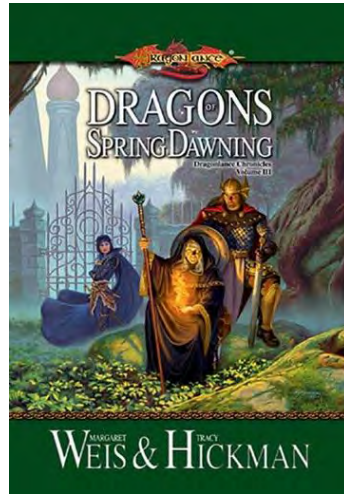
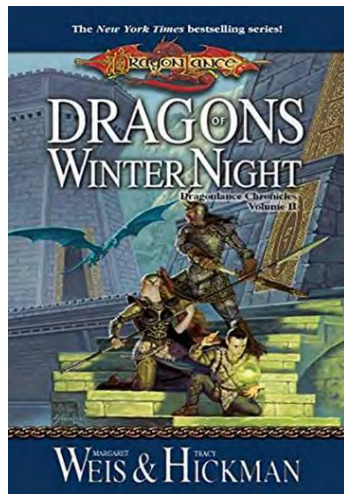
Thriller



From Blake Walterscheid:

The first series I will suggest is the Dragon Lance Chronicles. The Chronicles are a set of 4 by Margaret Weiss & Tracy Hickman.

This book series is actually based off of the Dungeons & Dragons table-top game. However, **don't let that scare you off, it is** actually a great fantasy book with a fully developed world, populated by personable and believable characters. There are many more books after this initial set that either follow or precede the same characters or create entirely new ones, all living in the same world dealing with the consequences of this initial band of "heroes."



I also like the Dresden files which is currently on Book 17 of a supposed 24 book series. This series follows a Wizard living in Chicago who is more of a smart-aleck, gun-for-hire than a guy in a pointy hat with a wand. This world is one that has had magic hidden from it and the general population has no idea about the existence of the supernatural or real magic. Think of an adult Harry Potter written by the writer/director of Deadpool.

The Dresden Files Book Order

The following is a list of only full novels in the Dresden Files book order if you're the type of person who only reads longer books. We'll go over the short stories a little later.

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| 1. Storm Front (2000) | 7. Dead Beat (2005) | 13. Ghost Story (2011) |
| 2. Fool Moon (2001) | 8. Proven Guilty (2006) | 14. Cold Days (2012) |
| 3. Grave Peril (2001) | 9. White Night (2007) | 15. Skin Game (2014) |
| 4. Summer Knight (2002) | 10. Small Favor (2008) | 16. Peace Talks (2020) |
| 5. Death Masks (2003) | 11. Turn Coat (2009) | 17. Battle Ground (2020) |
| 6. Blood Rites (2004) | 12. Changes (2010) | |

ETHICS

*By Diane M. Stanley, RP Emeritus
Texas ALP President-Elect*

“Breaking Up Is Hard to Do”

Preface: Mary and John have been married for many years.

Seven years ago, Mary was considering divorcing her husband, John. At the time, unbeknownst to John, Mary consulted with Johnson, a family law attorney with XYZ Law Firm. Mary wanted to know what her options were and how the property would be split if she were to go through with filing for divorce. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mary was still undecided, so Johnson prepared an engagement agreement and told Mary to sign and return if she decided to retain the XYZ Law Firm.

Conclusion: Mary decided not to go through with filing for divorce, and Johnson did not take any other steps to take her on as a client.

Seven years later, John decides to file for divorce. Unaware that Mary previously consulted with the XYZ Law Firm, John contacts and consults with Clayton, another attorney at the XYZ Law Firm. When Clayton does a conflict check, it turns up the single meeting with Johnson, who is still at the firm. Clayton talks to Johnson, who has no recollection of the meeting or of Mary at all, including anything that might have been discussed. Johnson also says that if any notes were taken, they would have been discarded years ago in accordance with firm policy regarding consultations that don't result in the firm being retained. When learning that John has retained the XYZ Law Firm, Mary makes it clear that she will not waive any conflict of the XYZ Law Firm or its attorneys.

Issue: As Attorney Clayton considers whether to take John as a client, which of the following is most accurate under a recent Ethics Opinion from the Professional Ethics Committee for the State Bar of Texas?

- A. Attorney Clayton cannot represent John.
- B. Attorney Clayton can represent John if Attorney Johnson is screened from the representation and does not participate in any way.
- C. Attorney Clayton can represent John if Attorney Johnson is screened *and* the firm has no files or notes related to Mary's consultation five years earlier.
- D. Attorney Clayton can represent John without screening Attorney Johnson because Mary never signed the engagement agreement and therefore never became a client of the firm.

Yes, I have the answer, but let's see who will do the research to find the correct answer! Feel free to send inquiries to me at dianetalp@gmail.com.

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Some Life Lessons and Stories to Guide Us Forward in Life

By: Patricia Nuhn, PLS

I recently came across an inspiring article by January Nelson ([Thought Catalog](#), January 7, 2019) which contained some life lesson statements with motivational stories. I thought they gave good “food for thought” and gave some perspective on what is important in our current time when events seem so out of control, and in turn lead to a happier life. I wanted to share a few, and maybe more in future editions of The Docket.

Laziness won’t get you anywhere.

“In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king’s wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road.”

Don’t say out of anger something you will later regret.

“There once was a little boy who had a very bad temper. His father decided to hand him a bag of nails and said that every time the boy lost his temper, he had to hammer a nail into the fence.

On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into that fence.

The boy gradually began to control his temper over the next few weeks, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased. He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.

Finally, the day came when the boy didn’t lose his temper at all. He told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

‘You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won’t matter how many times you say I’m sorry, the wound is still there.’”

Stop wasting your time complaining.

“People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over again. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: ‘You can’t laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?’”

Damaged souls still have worth.

“A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said: ‘Puppies For Sale.’

Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children, and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner; ‘How much are you going to sell the puppies for?’ he asked.

The store owner replied, ‘Anywhere from \$30 to \$50.’

The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. ‘I have \$2.37,’ he said. ‘Can I please look at them?’

The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, ‘What’s wrong with that little dog?’

The shop owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn’t have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. ‘That is the puppy that I want to buy.’

The shop owner said, ‘No, you don’t want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I’ll just give him to you.’

The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner’s eyes, pointing his finger, and said;

‘I don’t want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I’ll pay full price. In fact, I’ll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for.’

The shop owner countered, ‘You really don’t want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies.’

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, ‘Well, I don’t run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!’”

Never let one failure from the past hold you back in the future.

“As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time, break away from their bonds, but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. ‘Well,’ the trainer said, ‘when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.’

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.”

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Last year during the midst of the Covid Pandemic, the Texas Secretary of State implemented a new way of filing documents. It is called: **SOSUpload**.

If you want to use the new SOSUpload, you must have a SOSDirect account. To set up an SOSDirect account contact: SOSDirect@sos.tex.gov.

To start, go to the Texas Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us>
On the righthand side under SOSDirect is another main heading called "Popular Links," the first listing is "New: SOSUpload" click on this.

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Filing Type: Certificate of Formation, Amendment, etc.

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Documents submitted for preclearance

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Turnaround Times:

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Expedited documents: 4-5 business days

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At a recent seminar put on the University of Texas School of Law a speaker from the Texas Secretary of State's Office said that SOSUpload is faster than fax filing and marking the document "Expedited."

For more information please contact the Texas Secretary of State's Office at corpinfo@sos.texas.gov

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**TEXAS ALP 2021 FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 15-16, 2021**

Waco LPA is excited to host the TALP 2021 Education Conference virtually. The theme is “Come Take a Look, It’s in a Book.” Mark your calendar now to attend this event! To get you excited about Waco, did you know?

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TEXAS ALP FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15-16, 2021

Waco LPA is excited to host the Fall Education Conference by Zoom. The legal education topics are as follows:

Ethics	Ben Selman, Esq., Adjunct Professor, Baylor Law School
Legal Writing	Gena Turner, Esq, Adjunct Professor, Baylor Law School
Patent Court & Procedures	Dave Deaconson, Esq., Pakis, Giotes, Page & Burleson, P.C.
How CASA Assists with Foster Children	Sonja Cooper, CASA
Veterans Court & Mental Illness	Honorable Gary Coley, District Judge, 74 th District Court

The Professional Development presentation will be goal setting, specifically for certification. This presentation will be by Donna Dendy, PP, PLS, and Julie Abernathy, PP, PLS, on Friday afternoon. We are excited that NALS President Nakia Bradley-Lawson will join us during the Open Forum.

Vendor spotlights will be given by:

Blend Litigation Support
Central Texas Litigation
Raising Wheels Foundation.

Waco has designated Raising Wheels Foundation as the charity for this meeting. This Foundation is dear to our hearts as it was founded by one of our former members, Melissa Copp, who has two children with a rare life-threatening disease. She formed this Foundation to help other families with challenges who are unable to obtain medical equipment and other services through insurance. Look for more information in the future on how you can support this Foundation.

A program will be prepared for this meeting. If you would like to purchase an ad for the program, attached is the advertising form and rates. Please complete the form and send to the address indicated. For more information on the registration form and schedule of events, go to www.texasalp.org, conference tab, for the information.

We look forward to your joining us in October!

Donna K. Dendy, PP, PLS
Laura DeLeon
Co-Chairs

TEXAS ALP FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

"Come Take a Look, It's in a Book"

Waco, Texas ♦ October 15-16, 2021

Registration Deadline—September 30, 2021

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(Check all that apply)

Certifications:

☐ ALP ☐ PLS/CLP ☐ PP ☐ SC _____
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Other _____

☐ NALS Life Member
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☐ This is my first Texas ALP meeting

Local Chapter _____

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FULL REGISTRATION FEES

Note: Regular and Late Registrations include all events

☐ Board Meeting Only (Friday).....N/C
☐ Texas ALP Member\$ 75
☐ Texas ALP Chair.....\$ 25
☐ Nonmember\$125
☐ Student\$ 75
Late Fee (postmarked after September 30, 2021)\$ 25

CHARITY: Raising Wheels Foundation

Per Standing Rule No. 22, members are required to pay the full registration fee. Attending only the Board Meeting or Open Forum is at no charge.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(Please indicate each event you will attend)
(PLEASE NOTE: TIMES ARE CST)

Friday, October 15, 2021

☐ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PD – Goal Setting - Certification
☐ 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Open Forum/PYI – NALS President
☐ 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm Break-Vendor Spotlight
☐ 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm Board Meeting

(electronic link will be emailed to all members)

Saturday, October 16, 2021

☐ 9:00 am – 10:00 am **CLE-Ethics**
☐ 10:00 am – 11:00 am **CLE-Legal Writing, Gena Turner, Esq.**
☐ 11:00 am – 11:15 am **Break-Vendor Spotlight**
☐ 11:15 am – 12:15 pm **CLE-Patent Courts & Procedures**
☐ 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm **Lunch Break-Spotlight-Raising Wheels**
☐ 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm **CLE-CASA Assisting Foster Children**
☐ 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm **CLE-Veterans Court & Mental Illness**

(electronic link will be emailed to registrants after you have registered)

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Please make check payable to:

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Mail registration form to:

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5 Lake Stone Court
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Waco, Texas – October 15-16, 2021

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11:15 a.m.	to	12:15 p.m.	CLE-Patent Court & Procedures, David N. Deasonson, Esq.
12:15 p.m.	to	12:45 p.m.	Lunch - Break-Raising Wheels Foundation
12:45 p.m.	to	1:45 p.m.	CLE – How CASA Assists with Foster Children-Sonja Cooper
1:45 p.m.	to	2:45 p.m.	CLE – Veterans Court & Mental Illness. Honorable Gary Coley, District Judge, 74 th District Court

Electronic link will be emailed to registrants once registered

(CLE sessions will be recorded and available for purchase on the website after the conference and the Board Meeting will be live for those who cannot attend)





“Come Take a Look, It’s in a Book”

TEXAS ALP FALL BOARD MEETING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Waco, Texas – October 15-16, 2021

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Assisting parents to RAISE differently abled children to become enabled and empowered individuals and to RAISE the public's understanding of the need for accessibility.

WHY WE STARTED A FOUNDATION AFTER FIXER UPPER

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After years of trying to survive off less than adequate support, I learned that foundations and nonprofits are the key to assisting those who are raising differently abled children. After the birth of our second differently abled child, we quickly became proficient in grant writing and application submissions and got our children the equipment they needed to be mobile. However, there was a BIG problem that was not getting addressed. We have the equipment to help them succeed in mobility but NOT an **ACCESSIBLE** environment.



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