



ELLIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

LIBRARY UPDATE

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Leanne Brindle, Law Librarian, has retired!

A retirement reception was held on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 for Leanne Brindle in the law library. She has left to pursue part-time contract work, take early Social Security and spend some time with her grandchildren. Leanne worked in the capacity of Law Librarian since February 2005 and thoroughly loved her job. She will be greatly missed by her staff member and the rest of the county employees. She had done a terrific job of taking the library to the next step and giving access to the entire Ellis County Bar Association and the general public as well as fulfilling the subscriptions of all the judges and constables in the county. We wish Leanne good fortune in all she has yet to accomplish.

Gretchen Kitzman, formerly Leanne's Assistant Law Librarian, has been promoted to Law Librarian and is working diligently to fill her shoes after her departure.

Navarro College needs Adjunct Professors

Navarro Community College is in need of adjunct professors for their Paralegal Studies program. The new semester starts on January 12th. The head of the department, Damara Watkins, requests any and all attorneys and paralegals who would be interested in teaching any of the lecture or internet classes to please contact her at: 903-872-6456. Classes can be viewed at: www.navarrocollege.edu/. She hopes that you will consider this as a part-time opportunity to share your legal knowledge with others.

Red Oak ISD Youth Grief Support Group

For students in 5th-12th grade

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. @ Acorn Academy

This is sponsored by Practical Parenting Education. Please call Jacque Morris at 972-617-5895 (x3526) to register or request more information about the group.

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The library is located
in Suite B105 in the
basement of the
Ellis Co. Courthouse.

Texas Criminal Jury Charges

Texas Criminal Jury Charges is in its ninth revision. This is a James Publishing product, and it is written by Judge Elizabeth Berry of the Criminal District Court #3 in Tarrant County and Judge George Gallagher of the 396th District Court in Tarrant County. It also has a searchable cd-rom with the entire contents of the book or, alternately, only the 750 forms that it contains.

The areas **updated** include Parties Test, Notes on Confessions, Fact Issues, Mistake of Fact: Evidentiary Support, Provoking the Difficulty and Necessity, Limitations on Self-Defense, Sufficiency of Evidence to Permit Instruction, Defense of Third Person, Lesser Included Offenses: Deadly Conduct, Lesser Included Offense and Barratry.

The **new** sections that have been added are Transferred Intent, Deadly Weapon Finding in Judgment, Mistake Must Go to Culpable Mental State, Drug-Free Zone Enhancement, Conspiracy to Commit Murder Not a Lesser, Violation of Civil Commitment Order of Sexually Violent Predator, Unanimous Jury Verdict, Enhanced Burglary of Vehicle, Prostitution Enhanced, Synergistic Effect vs. Concurrent Cause, Driving While Intoxicated—Enhanced and Quick-Reference Chart: Drug Free Zone Enhanced Punishments.



Texas Criminal Practice Guide

Updated discussions of appeal, arrest, capital punishment, double jeopardy, evidence, international treaty violations, jury instructions, jury selection, pleadings, search and seizure, and sentencing are included in the December Highlights.

There are six volumes in this set for you to peruse that is published by Matthew Bender & Company.

Dorsaneo, Texas Litigation Guide

The Litigation Guide, also published by Matthew Bender & Company, was updated in November. The highlights of Release 91 include Mandamus and Venue. Chapter 61 covers the Texas Supreme Court determination that mandamus was available to enforce a ruling transferring venue when a party seeks to circumvent that ruling by nonsuiting and filing in a different court. The same chapter as well as Chapter 103 addresses the Texas Supreme Court ruling that a party may not avoid the rule against subsequent motions to transfer venue by taking a nonsuit and refileing it in a different county once a court has ruled on venue.

This is a valuable tool for you and one of the library's most used resources.

Texas Transaction Guide

The Transaction Guide was updated in December. Chapter 78, *Curing Title Defects*, and Chapter 78A, *Title Opinions*, have been revised. The chapters on *Estate Planning*, *Commercial Transactions*, and *Real Estate Transactions* also have many updates.