



TEXDRA AND EFS SEMINARS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central

ZOOM Webinar Platform

10 CE Hrs (2.5 ethics) APPROVED
JBCC and NCRA

While you're enjoying the summer, fall will be here before you know it. TEXDRA and EFS Seminars have come up with a fantastic agenda for you. This will be remote only and all in one day. And we're offering something new! We are offering the opportunity for reporters AND scopists and proofreaders to sign up for Margie Wakeman-Wells' session only and not attend the rest. Feel free to sponsor your scopist and/or proofreader for this very informative session.

We look forward to seeing you all on Zoom in the fall!

EARLY REGISTRATION:
(May 15, 2021 - August 15, 2021)
Members: \$185
Non-Members: \$200

REGULAR REGISTRATION:
(August 16, 2021 - September 15, 2021)
Members: \$200
Non-Members: \$220

STUDENT REGISTRATION
Flat All-day Fee: \$40
(Sponsors available if you need help)

MARGIE HOLDS COURT ONLY

EARLY REGISTRATION:
Firms and Reporters
Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$85

REGULAR REGISTRATION:
Firms and Reporters
Members: \$100
Non-Members: \$110

Scopists and Proofreaders:
Flat Fee: \$60

ETHICS ONLY (2.5 hrs)

EARLY REGISTRATION:
Members: \$75
Non-Members: \$85

REGULAR REGISTRATION:
Members: \$100
Non-Members: \$110





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AGENDA

8:00 am–9:30 am

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST?

The end of May 2021 wraps up another legislative year, and September 2021 is when any changes are to be implemented. Karen Usher, TEXDRA's incoming president, and Keith Oakley, TEXDRA's government relations consultant, will share with us the latest updates and changes for our profession, as well as discuss any goals and/or objectives to pursue for protecting our unique occupation. If you have questions about how the legislative process works, this is also your moment to get answers.

Presenters: Karen Usher and Keith Oakley (1.5 or .15 hr)

9:30 am–12:15 pm

MARGIE HOLDS COURT – BAD GRAMMAR/GOOD PUNCTUATION

“What do I do with this crazy, convoluted English in my transcript?” Do you find yourself still challenged at times punctuating conversational dialogue? Does there need to be a comma here, a semicolon, or dash it out? What about when to use quotations marks!? Margie will be bringing her court to us online, so don't miss out. Her definitive work on punctuating the transcript, *Court Reporting: Bad Grammar/ Good Punctuation*, has become the bible for court reporters across the country.

Presenter: Margie Wakeman-Wells (2.5 or .25 hrs)

**** 15-minute break included ****

12:15 pm–12:30 pm Lunch Break

12:30 pm–2:00 pm

THE ETHICAL APPROACH OF PROTECTING THE RECORD

Protecting the integrity of the record is extremely important. To do so, you must be equipped with our Code of Ethics and understand the applicable Texas Government Codes/Rules to successfully carry out your official and unique role in a somewhat demanding, challenging, and competitive environment. This will empower you to personally stand firm for our profession, as well as battle against all that is unethical.

Presenter: Vonda Treat (1.5 or .15 hrs Ethics)





2:00 pm-3:00 pm

ETHICS - KAHOOT!

It's game time! Let's make learning and/or reviewing fun through a game of Kahoot! Attendees will be asked (anonymously) a series of questions regarding their knowledge of the latest additions and/or changes within our profession and any real-life court reporting scenarios and other possible challenging situations a reporter might encounter. Thereafter, we will dive into our Governing Rules and Code of Ethics for answers. Have your smartphone or another device ready to play along.

Presenter: Terri Nelson (1.0 or .10 hrs Ethics)

3:00 pm-3:15 pm Break

3:15 pm-4:15 pm

PREPARING FOR THE BEST OUTCOME

Whether you are an owner or manager of a Court Reporting Firm (CRF), on your own as a Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR), or working simply as an independent contractor, are you legally prepared for what would happen to your business if your sudden death occurred? It's truly a tough reality to face, indeed, but a topic for discussion. From simple accounts receivables/accounts payables/estate taxes to who should be named to take over or to liquidate, discover ways to prepare and safeguard you and your business.

Presenter: Mark C. Mackie (1.0 or .10 hrs)

4:15 pm-5:15 pm

AUDIO CHECK: 1-2-3 ARE YOU GETTING THE BEST AUDIO?

Zoom depositions are here to stay, so you might as well get the best audio that you can. For the times you have a deposition in person, you also want the best audio. Tamara and Rene will walk you through how to accomplish both of these without a huge outlay on new equipment.

Presenters: Rene Moarefi and Tamara Chapman (1.0 or .10 hrs)

5:15 pm-5:30 pm Break

5:30 pm-7:00 pm

ATHENA'S STRATEGIES: SELF-DEFENSE 101

You've written all day long and are exhausted. As you walk in the dark to your car, out of nowhere someone grabs you. What do you do?

Presenter: Meg Hinkley (1.5 or .15 hours)

