

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF
DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICES
35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 22-24, 2019**

Embassy Suites by Hilton McAllen Convention Center
800 Convention Center Blvd., McAllen, TX 78501
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Tuesday, October 22, 2019

11:00	Conference Registration Welcome Committee PRE FUNCTION GALLERY
12:30	Welcome Angela Igrisan, <i>Dallas County DRO Director</i> GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
12:45	Opening Remarks The Honorable Laura Hinojosa, <i>Hidalgo County District Clerk</i> GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
1:00	Introduction, DRO Establishment and Status Hidalgo County DRO Director GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
1:15	Rollcall Reports from All DRO Directors GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
2:00	Break <i>Chocoholic: Fondue with Fruit, Brownies, Cookies...</i>
2:15	Opening Session, Families in Crisis 1 CEU Sister Norma Pimentel, LPC, <i>Catholic Charities in the Rio Grande Valley</i> GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
3:15	Opening Session, "Angry Tias and Abuelas", Advocates for Dignity and Justice Susan Law, <i>Retired HR Director for Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid</i> and Nayelly Barrios, <i>Co-founder ATA</i> GENERAL SESSION, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS
4:15	Board Meeting HOUSTON ROOM
5:00	Adjourn to Social – Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres for TADRO at Embassy Suites Evening Reception 5-7:30!!! PRE FUNCTION GALLERY

- Try a Local Spot for Dinner! Check your McAllen Visitor's Guide, or ask a Local! ☺

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | Concurrent Sessions: Choose one track or mix-and-match 1 & 2.

Free Cooked-to-order breakfast!

8:00 am

DRO Directors Breakfast Meeting in Chavez Room

	TRACK 1 - HAMILTON ROOM 4.75/.75	TRACK 2 - JEFFERSON ROOM 4.75/.5	TRACK 3 – HOUSTON RM 4.75
9:00	Texas' Legislative Process: Input, Discussion and Ethical Considerations by Two Respected Leaders State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, JD, <i>District 20</i> and State Representative Oscar Longoria, JD, <i>District 35</i> 1 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics	Death, Divorce and Other Disasters: Legal, Practical, Ethical Advice Myra Kirkland JD, LMSW <i>Dallas County DRO</i> 1 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics	Access & Visitation Grantees Leah Leone, Director of Access & Visitation, <i>Office of the Attorney General</i> 1 CEU
10:00	Health Break - PRE FUNCTION GALLERY Fruit, Muffins, Yogurts and Toppings		
10:15	Hidalgo County's Title IV-D Master Courts and the Need for a DRO The Honorable Nereida Lopez-Singleterry, <i>Associate Judge Court #1</i> and the Honorable Ismael "Kino" Flores, Jr., <i>Associate Judge Court #2</i> 1 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics	Best Practices for Testifying in Family Court: Counselors, Investigators and Community Supervision Officers Panel: Myra Kirkland, JD LMSW, <i>Dallas County DRO</i> ; Barbara Schnack, JD LBSW, <i>Harris County DRO</i> ; Janet Denton, JD, <i>Tarrant County DRO</i> 1 CLE/CEU	Access & Visitation Grantees Leah Leone, Director of Access & Visitation, <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>
11:15	Panel Discussion and Ethical Considerations on Creating, and TADRO Assisting, the Hidalgo County DRO .75 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics Pablo Almaguer, JD, <i>Director of Private Bar and Government Relations, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc.</i> ; Angela Igrisan, <i>Director Dallas County DRO</i> ; David Simpson, JD, <i>Executive Director Harris Co DRO</i>	Truth, Lies and Sex Offenders Anna Salter PhD DVD Presentation Myra Kirkland, JD, LMSW Facilitating .75 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics	1.75 CEU
12:00	Lunch - Chinese Buffet - ADAMS & MADISON ROOMS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION		
1:00	Domestic Violence Training Update Kasheryl Sims, LMSW, <i>Dallas County DRO</i> 1 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics	Continued, Anna Salter PhD DVD Presentation, Myra Kirkland, JD, LMSW, Facilitating 1 CLE/CEU	Access & Visitation Grantees Leah Leone, Director of Access & Visitation, <i>Office of the Attorney General</i> 2 CEU
2:00	Beyond Simple Docket Calls: Specialty Courts and Their Community Impact 1 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics Judge Luis M. <i>Singleterry Drug Court</i> ; Judge Israel Ramon, Jr. <i>Veteran's Court</i> ; Judge Rodolfo Gonzalez <i>Domestic Violence Court</i>	OAG Update Matthew Block, <i>Deputy Division Chief of Field Legal Practice</i> 1 CLE/CEU	
3:00	Break - Carnival Break: Soft Pretzels, Mini Corn Dogs, Popcorn... - PRE FUNCTION GALLERY		
3:15 To 5:30	World Birding Center Tour, Thank you to the Hidalgo County Bar Association for their Sponsorship!!! Trolley Ride to Quinta Mazatlán, 600 SUNSET DR, MCALLEN, TX 78503		

- Embassy Suites Evening Reception 5-7:30 available - Try a Different Local Spot for Dinner!

Thursday, October 24, 2019 - WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON & HAMILTON ROOMS

Cooked-to-order breakfast, for early risers 😊

Food and Drink during morning session for the rest of us: Assortment of Fresh Donuts 😊

9:30	Panel Discussion: Legislative/CaseLaw Update with Ethics 1.5 CLE/CEU .25 Ethics David Simpson JD, <i>Harris County DRO Executive Director</i> , and Pablo Almaguer, JD, <i>Director of Private Bar and Government Relations, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc.</i>
11:00	Adjourn - SAFE TRAVELS EVERYONE!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

IN

AUSTIN 2020!

The Conference Committee would like to give special thanks to
the Honorable Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk and

Pablo Almaguer, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid,

For their tremendous assistance in making this

Conference possible!

THANK YOU!