

**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
Airport shuttle available to/from the McAllen Miller International Airport.
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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 Sister Norma Pimentel, <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 – 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!

	TRACK 1 - HAMILTON ROOM	TRACK 2 - JEFFERSON ROOM	TRACK 3 – HOUSTON ROOM
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>	Death, Divorce and Other Disasters: Legal, Practical, Ethical Advice Myra Kirkland JD, LMSW <i>Dallas County DRO</i>	Access & Visitation Leah Leone, Director of Access & Visitation, <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>
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>	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>	Access & Visitation 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 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	
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>	Continued, Anna Salter PhD DVD Presentation, Myra Kirkland, JD, LMSW, Facilitating	Access & Visitation Leah Leone, Director of Access & Visitation, <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>
2:00	Beyond Simple Docket Calls: Specialty Courts and Their Community Impact 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 OAG State Office Staff	
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		

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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 David Simpson JD, <i>Harris County DRO Executive Director, State Bar Representative</i> and Gene Valentini, <i>Lubbock County ADR and DRO Director</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 Hinajosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk and

Pablo Amaguer, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid,

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THANK YOU!