

POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

FAX: (512) 477-8302 (credit card only)

MAIL: Texas Lawyers Care
Attention: Poverty Law Conference
PO Box 12487
Austin Texas 78711-2487
(Make checks payable to State Bar of Texas)

1 REGISTRATION: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Bar Card or State Bar Membership No.: _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address (City/Zip): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2 CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR FEE: (EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 20)

If you are:

- LSC funded program staff
- TAJF funded program staff
- Qualifying non-profit entity providing free legal services to low-income Texans staff/volunteer
- Domestic violence services program staff
- 2006 Pro Bono College Member

Your fee is:

- \$155** for full conference and materials
 - Subtract \$75** if registering and postmarked *before March 20*
- \$90** for one day tuition and materials
 - Subtract \$25** if registering and postmarked *before March 20*
- No charge** for LSC funded provider scholarship recipient
- No charge** for speaker, presenter, or panelist

If you are a private attorney, your fee is:

- \$525** for full conference and materials
 - Subtract \$75** if registering and postmarked *before March 20*
- \$185** for one day tuition and materials
 - Subtract \$25** if registering and postmarked *before March 20*

My registration fee after all calculations: \$ _____

3 I AM PAYING BY: (PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

- Check (attached) Visa Master Card
- AMEX Discover

Account No. _____

Expiration Date ____ / ____

Name on Card (please print): _____

Signature: _____

4 SELECT SESSIONS: (MARK SESSIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- Family Law Boot Camp (3.75)
- Housing Law Boot Camp (3.75)
- Public Benefits Boot Camp (3.75)
- Poverty Law Section Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

- Morning Plenary (1.5)
- Session 1A (.75) Session 1B (.75) Session 1C (.75)
- Session 2A (1.0) Session 2B (1.0) Session 2C (1.0)
- Task Force Meeting (lunch provided)
 - Family Law Task Force Vegetarian meal requested
 - Housing Law Task Force
 - Public Benefits Task Force
- I am not participating in a Task Force meeting (lunch on your own)
- Session 3A (1.0) Session 3B (1.0) Session 3C (1.0)
- Session 4A (.75) Session 4B (.75) Session 4C (.75)
- Afternoon Plenary (1.0)
- Meet and Greet Reception

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

- Session 5A (1.0) Session 5B (1.0) Session 5C (1.0)
- Session 6A (.75) Session 6B (.75) Session 6C (.75)
- Session 7A (1.0) Session 7B (1.0) Session 7C (1.0)
- Session 8A (1.0) Session 8B (1.0) Session 8C (1.0)

5 I AM APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP: (APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28)

A limited number of partial and full scholarships are available for advocates from a qualifying program who have a compelling need. If you apply and are awarded a scholarship, TLC will return your registration fee.

Qualifying Program:

- Staff for TAJF funded program
- Staff/volunteer for qualifying non-profit entity providing free legal services to low-income Texans
- Private attorney volunteer with organized pro bono program
- 2006 Pro Bono College Member

I request:

- Tuition Waiver Full Scholarship (tuition, lodging, and travel only)

Name of Qualifying Program: _____

City/ State: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Program Supervisor's Name: _____

Program Supervisor's Email: _____

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**THE TENTH ANNUAL
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APRIL 11-13, 2007**

**STATE BAR OF TEXAS
TEXAS LAWYERS CARE
P.O. Box 12487
Austin, Texas 78711-2487**

**Texas Lawyers Care 25th Anniversary Celebration
October 4, 2007 in Austin**

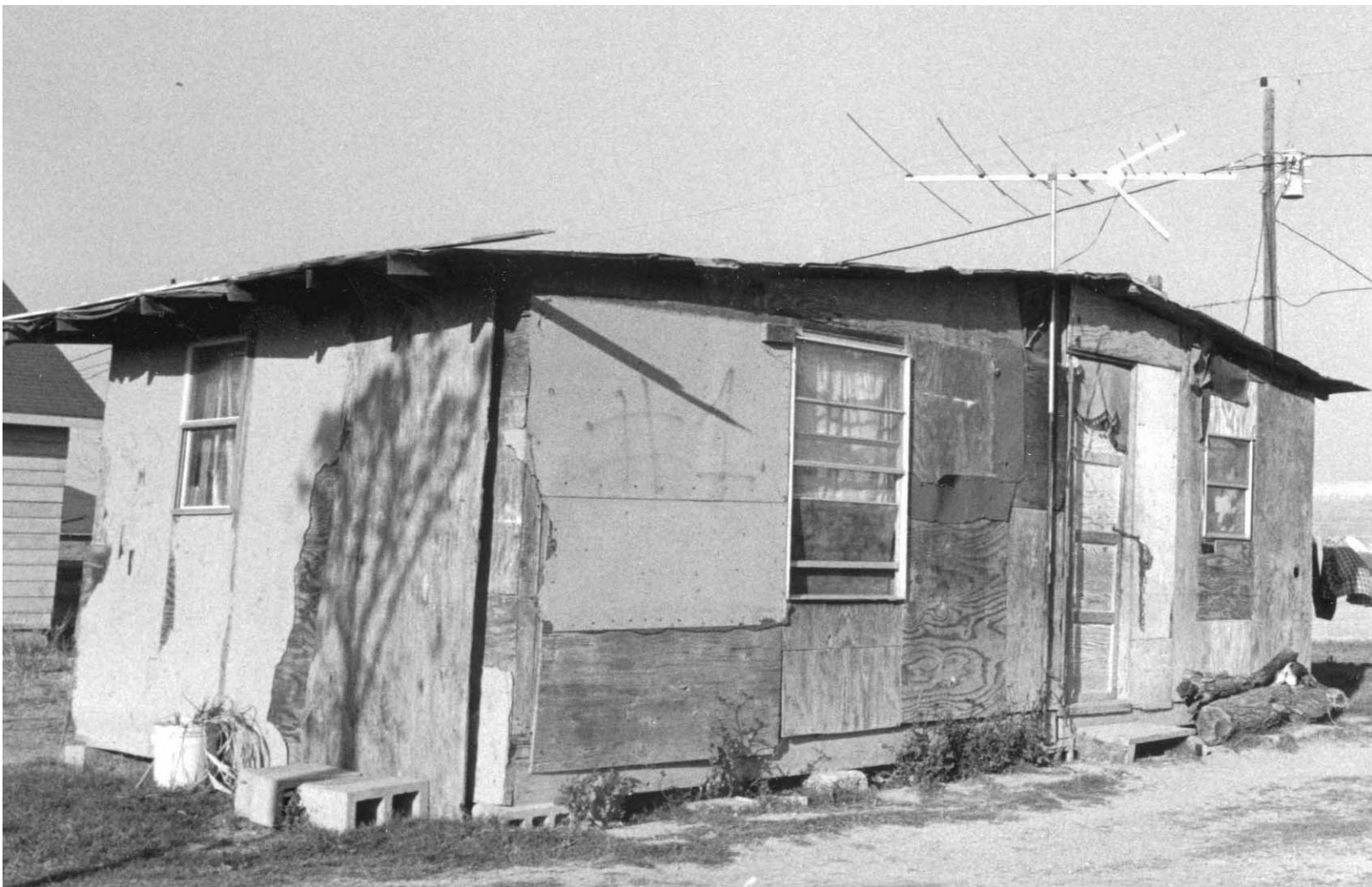
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2007 POVERTY LAW CONFERENCE

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, April 11

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Conference Registration

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Boot Camps

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Meeting for Poverty Law Section
(open to all – light refreshments)

Thursday, April 12

7:45 am – 3:00 pm
Conference Registration

8:00 am – 10:00 am
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am
Morning Plenary

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Topical Workshops

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Task Force Meetings
(open to all – lunch included)
or lunch on your own

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Topical Workshops

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Afternoon Plenary

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Meet and Greet Reception

Friday, April 13

7:45 am – 11:00 am
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TASK FORCE MEETINGS:

All interested legal services advocates are welcome to attend a Task Force meeting. Texas Lawyers Care sponsors quarterly Task Force meetings for legal services advocates to share updates in substantive law topics, such as family law, housing, and public benefits and health law, with an emphasis on low-income Texans. Lunch (by RSVP) and CLE credit is provided at these meetings.

Texas Lawyers Care is proud to sponsor the 10th annual Poverty Law Conference. Participants attending this conference will gain exposure to the latest information in substantive areas while learning from national and local experts. The conference affords an exciting opportunity for civil legal aid advocates to exchange ideas with colleagues from across Texas on issues of common concern while fulfilling continuing legal education requirements.

2007 CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEAKERS



Honorable Deborah Hankinson currently serves as the Chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense. She is a member of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation's Board of Directors and she is TAJF's representative on the Texas Access to Justice Commission. Hankinson also has her own appellate practice in Dallas. Hankinson is a former Justice on the Texas Supreme Court and she served as a Justice on the Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas. In 1999, the Texas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates honored Hankinson as the Texas Judge of the Year. In 1983, she graduated first in her law school class from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. Hankinson is a member of the American Law Institute and is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



John Tull owns a successful management consulting business providing support for non-profit legal services programs, policy and advocacy organizations, courts, bar associations, bar foundations, and other law related organizations regarding management and operations. Tull served as a Reporter for the American Bar Association's Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid. Tull has held numerous positions at the Legal Services Corporation such as Vice-President for Programs, Director of the Office of Program Operations, Regional Counsel for the Denver Regional Office, and Acting Associate Director for the LSC Office of Field Services in Washington D.C. Previously, Tull served as the Executive Director of Southern Arizona Legal Aid. Tull received his JD from Yale Law School in 1970.



Ross Dolloff is the Director of National Training at Legal Aid University. Dolloff began his legal services career as a staff attorney in the Selma office of the Legal Services Corporations of Alabama where his practice involved civil rights and discrimination, voting rights, public benefits entitlement, and transactional assistance to community based organizations throughout Alabama. More recently, after a stint as managing attorney of the Holyoke office of Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Ross spent the last fifteen years as the Director of Neighborhood Legal Services in Massachusetts. Throughout his career, Dolloff has been committed to writing extensively about legal services practice, delivery systems and program management and to the development of training for legal services staff. Dolloff received his JD from the American University's Washington College of Law in 1980.

TENTATIVE AGENDA *CONCURRENT SESSIONS: PLEASE SELECT ONE SESSION TO ATTEND PER TIME PERIOD

Wednesday, April 11 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm Family Law Boot Camp: The Beginning of a Family Lawsuit (1.0 hr) Julie Balovich, <i>Weslaco</i> Katherine Goebel, <i>Plainview</i>	Housing Law Boot Camp: Landlord / Tenant (1.0 hr) Rick McElvaney, <i>Houston</i>	Public Benefits Boot Camp: TANF/ Food Stamp Overview (1.0 hr) Martha Orozco, <i>Houston</i> René Treviño, <i>San Antonio</i>
2:00 pm Temporary Orders (.75 hr) Edwin Marino, <i>Weatherford</i> Erin Bowden, <i>Abilene</i>	Mobile Homes, Fair Housing, Property Taxes and Clearing Title (.75 hr) Carlos Aguinaga, <i>Corpus Christi</i> C. Ilene Garcia, <i>San Antonio</i> Tracey Whitley, <i>Austin</i>	Medicaid Nuts & Bolts (.75 hr) Beck Sanborn, <i>Austin</i>
2:50 pm AFTERNOON BREAK / HOTEL CHECK IN		
3:00 pm Litigating a Family Law Case (1.0 hr) Rebecca Flanigan, <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Public Housing (1.0 hr) Fred Fuchs, <i>Austin</i> Nelson Mock, <i>Austin</i>	SSI Primer (1.0 hr) Roger Gette, <i>Dallas</i>
4:00 pm Domestic Violence Issues (1.0 hr) Jeana Lungwitz, <i>Austin</i> Terry Secrest, <i>Austin</i>	Contracts for Deed (1.0 hr) Robert Doggett, <i>Austin</i>	Fair Hearing Rights (1.0 hr) Bruce Bower, <i>Austin</i>

5:00 pm Poverty Law Section's Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 12 7:45 am to 3:00 pm Registration

8:00 am to 10:00 am Continental Breakfast		
8:20 am Welcome / Announcements		
8:30 am Morning Plenary: ABA Standards for Provision of Civil Legal Aid (1.5 hrs) Hon. Deborah Hankinson, <i>Dallas</i>; John Tull, <i>Nederland</i>		
*10:00 am SESSION 1A (.75 hr) Deconstructing ABA Standards <i>Moderator:</i> John Tull, <i>Nederland</i> <i>Panelists:</i> David Hall, <i>Weslaco</i> Dorothy Holguin, <i>Odessa</i> Jackie Pontello, <i>Houston</i>	SESSION 1B (.75 hr) Defending a Tenant with Mental Illness in an Eviction Lawsuit Kelli Howard, <i>Austin</i> Nelson Mock, <i>Austin</i>	SESSION 1C (.75 hr) Long-Term Care Medicaid Bruce Bower, <i>Austin</i>
10:45 am MID-MORNING BREAK		
*11:00 am SESSION 2A (1.0 hr) International Parental Abductions Pamela Brown, <i>Weslaco</i>	SESSION 2B (1.0 hr) Voucher Terminations Fred Fuchs, <i>Austin</i>	SESSION 2C (1.0 hr) LSC Immigrant Eligibility Rules and the Impact of Immigrant Status on Public Benefits Jeff Larsen, <i>Houston</i> Erica Schommer, <i>Weslaco</i>
*12:00 pm Please select one Task Force Meeting to attend. Lunch is provided for Task Force meeting participants who RSVP only. Lunch is on your own if you are not participating in a Task Force meeting.		
Family Law Task Force Meeting (lunch) Practical Tips on How to Handle a Family Law Case on a Limited Budget (1.0) Panelists TBA	Housing Law Task Force Meeting (lunch) Practical Tips on How to Handle a Property Case on a Limited Budget (1.0) Kervyn Altaffer, <i>Dallas</i> Nelson Mock, <i>Austin</i>	Public Benefits Task Force Meeting (lunch) Legislative Update (1.0) Celia Hagert, <i>Austin</i>
*2:00 pm SESSION 3A (1.0 hr) What Every Family Lawyer Should Know about Federal Tax Law Benefits Matt Mullins, <i>Dallas</i> Patty Rangel, <i>Dallas</i>	SESSION 3B (1.0 hr) Public Utility Allowances Roger Colton, <i>Boston</i> Carrie Tournillon, <i>Austin</i>	SESSION 3C (1.0 hr) Practical Tips for Conducting Efficient, Effective Legal Research using Lexis Trish Hessel, <i>Pearland</i>
*3:00 pm SESSION 4A (.75 hr) Proving Up a Default Speaker(s) TBA	SESSION 4B (.75 hr) Payday Loans Matthew Probus, <i>Sugar Land</i>	SESSION 4C (.75 hr) VAWA & U-Visa Update Speaker(s) TBA
3:45 pm AFTERNOON BREAK		
4:00 pm AFTERNOON PLENARY: Community Lawyering and Cultural Competency (1.0 hr) Ross Doloff, <i>Boston</i>		
5:00 pm MEET & GREET RECEPTION (poolside) <i>A reception featuring food, refreshments, and an opportunity to meet and greet legal services and pro bono advocates from all over Texas.</i>		

Friday, April 13 7:45 am to 11:00 am Registration

8:00 am to 10:00 am Continental Breakfast		
*8:00 am SESSION 5A (1.0 hr) Management Roundtable <i>Moderator:</i> Debra Wray, <i>Nacogdoches</i> <i>Panelists:</i> George Elliott, <i>Lubbock</i> Roslyn Jackson, <i>Houston</i> Carmen Rodriguez, <i>El Paso</i>	SESSION 5B (1.0 hr) Zombie Debt Collectors (and how to beat them) Amanda Chisholm, <i>Alpine</i> Tracey Whitley, <i>Austin</i>	SESSION 5C (1.0 hr) Relief From Federal Tax Levy on Social Security Benefits Matt Mullins, <i>Dallas</i> Patty Rangel, <i>Dallas</i>
*9:00 am SESSION 6A (.75 hr) Effective Advocacy in Parental Termination Cases Speaker(s) TBA	SESSION 6B (.75 hr) Consumer Collection Industry & Remedies for Debt Collection and Harassment Matthew Probus, <i>Sugar Land</i>	SESSION 6C (.75 hr) Overview of Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Speaker(s) TBA
9:45 am MORNING BREAK		
*10:00 am SESSION 7A (1.0 hr) Bankruptcy Nuts & Bolts St. Clair Newbern, III, <i>Ft. Worth</i>	SESSION 7B (1.0 hr) Suing Federal Agencies under the APA Jerry Wesevich, <i>El Paso</i>	SESSION 7C (1.0 hr) Special Immigrant Juvenile Visas Anne Chandler, <i>Houston</i> Pamela Parker, <i>Austin</i> Matthew Seymour, <i>Dallas</i>
*11:00 am SESSION 8A (1.0 hr) Community Lawyering Case Study Ross Doloff, <i>Boston</i>	SESSION 8B (1.0 hr) Housing Law Update Robert Doggett, <i>Austin</i>	SESSION 8C (1.0 hr) Implications of Criminal History on Immigration Status Jacqueline Watson, <i>Austin</i>
12:00 pm CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE / HOTEL CHECK OUT		

PLANNING AHEAD

PAYMENT:

Payment is due at time of registration or your conference registration will not be processed.

CANCELLATION/SUBSTITUTION POLICY:

Registration cancellations must be received in writing at the Texas Lawyers Care office **no later than April 4, 2007**. Substitutions may be made at any time prior to event. Please notify Lori DeLeon of substitutions in writing at lori.deleon@texasbar.com.

On-site registration will be limited, so please notify TLC if any changes occur before April 4, 2007.

LODGING:

The official conference hotel is the Omni Austin Hotel Southpark located at 4140 Governor's Row Austin, Texas 78744. Poverty Law Conference attendees staying at the Omni Southpark will receive a special discounted room rate of \$109 (single) or \$129 (double) per night, exclusive of taxes, if you reference the "**SBOT 2007 Poverty Law Conference**" by the reservation deadline of **March 20**.

After March 20, requests for reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit. Reservations may be canceled 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. Check-in is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 pm. Reserve your room by calling: 512-448-2222 or 1-800-THE-OMNI(6664) or 1-888-444-OMNI(6664).

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AustinSouthpark.aspx>

TRAVEL:

If flying, we encourage participants to fly directly into the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Major carriers include, but are not limited to, Southwest and Continental.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

The Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark is 10 minutes from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle from 7 am – 10 pm to and from the airport. Pickup will not occur without a phone request. Please use the courtesy phone located in the baggage claim area of the airport or call directly to the hotel at 512-448-2222. You may also contact SuperShuttle at 1-800-258-3826 or <http://www.supershuttle.com/hm/cities/aus.htm> to arrange for shuttle service. The cost for one-way travel is \$14 plus gratuity.

CLE:

Texas Lawyers Care has applied for continuing legal education for all qualifying conference sessions. Complete information will be available in the registration packet you receive at check-in.

WEATHER:

During April, Austin temperatures range from the low 60s to the low 80s. Please dress in layers because meeting room temperatures fluctuate.

ACCESSIBILITY:

The Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark is fully accessible. Guest rooms adapted for wheelchair users are available upon request. Please make your request directly when making your reservation for the conference. Be sure to specify your needs, such as a roll-in shower, when making your reservation.

DINING:

The Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark provides guest room dining from 6 am – 11 pm. Additionally, the hotel has two restaurants and one lounge on site; Onion Creek Grille (open 6:30 am – 10 pm), Sweetwater's Bar, and the Lobby Lounge. Poolside Service is available from 8 am – 10 pm.

CHILD CARE:

If child care is necessary, call the concierge at the Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark for referrals. TLC does not endorse their referrals. You are responsible for investigating child care providers.

RECREATION:

A number of attractions are within a few miles of the Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark, including, but not limited to, Downtown Austin (3 miles), Governor's Mansion (4 miles), 6th Street Entertainment District (restaurants and clubs - 4 miles), Texas State Capitol (5 miles), Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum (5 miles), Warehouse Entertainment Center (upscale restaurants & clubs - 4 miles), Austin Children's Museum (5 miles), Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum (5 miles), 9 city parks and more than 7,700 acres of parkland and Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail (5 miles), Barton Springs, a natural limestone pool (6 miles), Austin History Museum (6 miles), Barton Creek Mall (6 miles), Austin Museum of Art (7 miles), and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (10 miles). If you are interested in seeing the local attractions, be sure to visit <http://www.austintexas.org> for more information on Austin.

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL EARLY:

Rooms have been blocked at the Omni Austin Hotel Southpark at special rates until **March 20th**, or until room block is full. To make a reservation, please call 1-800-THE-OMNI or 512-448-2222 and reference the "*SBOT 2007 Poverty Law Conference*" to receive the special rate of \$109 plus tax (single) or \$129 plus tax (double).

CONFERENCE MATERIALS:

Conference materials are not guaranteed to persons registering after **March 20th** or to persons arriving late to presentations. All conference registrants will receive a CD of all materials provided by speakers, regardless of whether they attended a specific session.

BOOT CAMPS:

New this year, Texas Lawyers Care is introducing boot camps for family law, housing, and public benefits practitioners. These boot camps are designed for newer legal services advocates or attorneys who want to learn the basics about a new area of law.

POVERTY LAW SECTION:

The Poverty Law Section is composed of attorneys who practice or have an interest in poverty law, whether housing, family, benefits, healthcare access, consumer, or the various other areas of law that affect the poor in our communities. Members include a diverse group ranging from private attorneys to legal services attorneys to the academic community. Contact Nelson Mock, chair, at nmock@trla.org if you are interested in the Poverty Law Section.