



STATE BAR *of* TEXAS
Labor & Employment Law Section

36th ANNUAL
Labor and Employment Law Institute
Friday & Saturday, August 28-29, 2026

JW Marriott Hill Country Resort
23808 Resort Pkwy
San Antonio, TX 78261

EVENT PROGRAM

10 hours of MCLE credit, including 2.75 hours of ethics

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

6.25 hours MCLE credit, including 2.5 hour ethics

- 8:30 **Breakfast**
- 9:15 **Welcoming Remarks**
David Schlottman, Section Chair
- 9:30 **Federal Law Update** .75 hr
Elizabeth "BB" Sanford, Dallas
The Sanford Firm
- 10:15 **TRAP: Training Repayment** .5 hr
Ashley E. Tremain, Dallas
Tremain Artaza, PLLC
- 10:45 **State Law Update** .75 hr
Prof. Richard Carlson, Houston
South Texas College of Law
- 11:30 **Break – Lunch Provided**
- 12:15 **Mock Preliminary Injunction Hearing**
.75 hr / .25 ethics
Jason Boulette, Austin
Boulette Golden & Marin LLP
- Joseph Y. Ahmad, Houston
AZA
- Judge Stephanie Bascon, New Braunfels
466th Judicial District Court
- 1:00 **Litigation Mentor** .5 hr / .25 ethics
Lara Brock, San Antonio
Espinoza & Brock
- 1:30 **In-House Perspectives: Let's Not Fight**
.5 hr / .25 ethics
Ehsan Tabesh, Houston
WestRock Company
- Christopher H. Hahn, Round Rock
Attorney at Law
- 2:00 **Break**
- 2:15 **What's Up with McDonnell-Douglas** .5 hr
David L. Wiley, Dallas
Gibson Wiley PLLC
- 2:45 **Investigations** .5 hr / .25 ethics
Jennifer Trulock, Dallas
Bradley
- 3:15 **Perfectionism & Imposter Syndrome**
.75 hr / .75 ethics
Bobby Caine, Austin
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

- 4:00 **AI Practical Skills: Prompts & Don'ts** .75 hr / .75 ethics
Christopher McKinney, San Antonio
The McKinney Law Firm
- Judge Xavier Rodriguez, San Antonio
U.S. District Court Western District of Texas
- Christopher D. Lopez-Loftis, Irving
Flowserve Corporation

- 4:45 **Networking Reception**
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

3.75 Hours MCLE credit, including .25 hour ethics

- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Sexual Harassment: Individual Liability**
.5 hr
Jonathan Baeza, El Paso
J. Baeza Law Firm, PLLC
- 9:00 **SpaceX & the Constitutionality of ALJ** .5 hr
David Schlottman, Dallas
Jackson Walker
- 9:30 **PWFA: Two Years In** .5 hr
Allison Hartry, San Antonio
The Morales Firm, P.C.
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:15 **Deposition Skills: Objections** .75 hr / .25 ethics
Amy Stewart, Dallas
Fisher Phillips
- Amy Gibson, Dallas
Gibson Wiley PLLC
- 11:00 **Wage & Hour / FLSA Update** .75 hr
Aaron Johnson, Austin
Fair Labor Law
- Lawrence D. (Larry) Smith, San Antonio
Ogletree Deakins
- 11:45 **Retaliation / Whistleblower Update** .75 hr
Austin Kaplan, Austin
Kaplan Law Firm
- Brent Hockaday, Dallas
K&L Gates
- 12:30 **Adjourn**



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been blocked at a special rate on a space available basis.

Room rate: \$259 + resort fee + taxes.

The rate on the website is the total price per night for a Standard King or Double Queen.

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

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The hotel booking link will be in the registration confirmation email.

Only CLE registrants qualify for our discounted room rate.

EVENT REGISTRATION

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Registration Pricing:

\$415 Non-Members

\$345 Section Members

\$185 Legal Service Attorneys

(This discount applies to Section Members affiliated with LANWT, TRLA, Lone Star Legal Aid, or any of the current year's recipients of grant funds from the Texas Access to Justice Fund)

\$185 New Attorneys

(This discount applies to Section Members who are attorneys licensed 2 years or less)

Registration Information: Click the button above to register online using your credit card. **Register early, this course may sell out!** This is a live event only. No streaming option will be provided during or after the course. Purchase orders of 4 or more should be mailed or emailed to Marni Fidler in Accounting at the address below.

PURCHASE ORDER or REFUND REQUEST BY MAIL

Attn: Marni Fidler
State Bar of Texas, Accounting Dept.
P.O. Box 12487
Austin, TX 78711-2487

PURCHASE ORDER or REFUND REQUEST BY EMAIL

Marni.Fidler@TEXASBAR.COM

Refunds: If you register and are unable to attend, full refunds will be provided for requests received on or **before 5pm on August 6, 2026**. To request a refund, write or email Marni Fidler at the address above. Requests received after 5pm on August 6, 2026, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis which may result in a partial refund, as food guarantees will already have been confirmed with the hotel.

Event Terms & Conditions: Please review and acknowledge the State Bar's Terms & Conditions for live events found on the online registration page prior to attending. Also, if you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Special Accommodations: Please email Sections@TexasBar.com or call (512) 427-1420 if you need accommodations for a disability, and we will do our best to assist you.

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MCLE Accreditation: This course has been approved for **10 hours** MCLE accreditation, including **2.75 hours** of ethics credit. This course has also been accredited for **10 hours** of legal specialization in the Labor and Employment Law specialization area. For out of state credit, please request a Uniform Certificate of Attendance in person from the registration desk to fill out and send to out of state entities.

Materials: Bring your wireless device! There will be free wireless internet in the meeting room to access course materials that will be posted online. No hard-copy materials will be printed for this CLE.

Friday Networking Reception: Following Friday's CLE, the Labor & Employment Law Section is pleased to sponsor a free networking reception. Registrants are invited to join us for cocktails, mocktails, light appetizers, and fellowship.