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<u>Dell DeHay Law Library</u> <u>Contact Information</u>

Hours:

Monday — Friday 8am — 4pm Note: Computers will automatically log off at 4pm.

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Tarrant County DRO Hosts Family Law Workshops

Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office (DRO) began hosting Family Law Workshops in March 2023. The DRO provides child support, legal support and family court services for Tarrant County. Texas A&M University School of Law in Downtown Ft. Worth will be co-hosting the workshops with the DRO beginning in 2024.

DRO staff are not able to provide legal advice, however, they are able to provide information in regard to court procedures. The staff can explain how a case starts, when it ends, answer questions about the child support process, explain conservatorship, explain possession and access, and what can happen in a case. They're also able to answer similar questions in regard to non-family civil cases. Workshops don't cover procedures for criminal cases.

Location: Tarrant County Courthouse on the 3rd floor in the Law Library's Conference room.

Beginning in January 2024, the workshops will be the <u>1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10am.</u> Exceptions: The months of July and November will each have only 1 workshop.

For more information, visit the Family Law Workshop website at https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/domestic-relations-office/legal-enforcement/family-law-workshop.html



Tarrant County Courthouse front steps decorated for the holidays, 2023.

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Happy 5 Year Work Anniversary, Cara!

The Dell DeHay Law Library staff wishes, Cara, the Law Library Director, a Happy 5 Year Work Anniversary at Tarrant County! Cara led the Law Library through numerous changes during COVID-19 and over her 4 years as Director. She oversaw improvements to electronic services during COVID, which meant creating a new email structure and working with vendors to create digital access for patrons. She also spearheaded the new-and-improved reference desk project — updating the desk for the 1st time since 1983. This allowed for a better floor layout and space for more furniture to make room for patron work tables and additional seating. May the library benefit from Cara's wisdom for many years to come!

Dell DeHay Law Library: New Print Resources (2023-2024)



O'Connor's Texas Estate Planning Forms, James' Texas Estate Planning, O'Connor's Texas Estates Codes Plus, Johanson's Texas Estates Code Annotated, Texas Estates Code, O'Connor's Texas Probate Forms, O'Connor's Texas Probate Law Handbook, Texas Collections Manual (2 vols.)



Texas Criminal and Motor Vehicle Code, Kinkeade & McColloch's Texas Penal Code Annotated, O'Connor's Texas Criminal Codes Plus, Texas Penal Code, O'Connor's Texas Crimes & Consequences



Texas Trial Handbook 3D, Roach's Texas Rules of Evidence Annotated, O'Connor's Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook



Texas Family Code, O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook, O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms, O'Connor's Texas Family Code Plus, Sampson, Tindall & England's Texas Family Code Annotated



O'Connor's Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Plus, O'Connor's Texas Rules: Civil Trials, Dorsaneo's Texas Civil Procedures: Trial & Appellate Practice, O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms, O'Connor's Causes of Action Pleadings, Dorsaneo's Texas Civil Procedures: Pretrial Litigation, and O'Connor's Texas Civil Appeals



O'Connor's Texas Property Code Plus, O'Connor's Texas Forms: Real Estate, Texas Real Estate Forms Manual (2 vols.), and Texas Foreclosure Manual

Holiday Celebrations at the Tarrant County Courthouse



Dell DeHay Law Library Staff and Tarrant County Facilities Staff in costumes at the potluck lunch.















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Tarrant County Courthouse Staff decorate the Christmas tree in the rotunda.





Dell DeHay Law Library Staff , Holiday 2023

Law Library Research Guides

Dell DeHay Law Library Research Guides are useful to patrons researching a specific topic. Access the alphabetical list of research guides by visiting www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/main/en/law-library/research-guides.html.

Online Access to Forms

Dell DeHay Law Library provides some fill-in-the-blank forms for commonly requested items. It is important to note that there are not fill-in-the-blank forms for every situation. Access the commonly requested forms page by visiting www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/law-library/forms.html.

Texas Legal Assistance

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas (LANWT) is income based legal aid for residents of Northwest Texas. Visit www.lanwt.org to apply online. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Call 817-336-3943 to apply if you are involved in a family law case, domestic violence situation, have a legal deadline, and/or have been served a lawsuit.
- Tarrant County Bar Association provides attorney referral services.
 Call 817-336-4101. The attorneys in this referral program have agreed to 30 minute consultations for \$20.00. You're not obligated to retain the attorney after the initial meeting.
- **Texas Lawyer's for Texas Veterans** provides legal aid for veterans. Visit the TLTV Tarrant County website at https://txltxv.org.



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About the Author

Brittany Schick has a background in academic libraries, most notably Dallas College, where she worked as a reference librarian. She graduated with her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas in 2009. She has worked at the Dell DeHay Law Library for two years. Some of her duties include providing reference services and assisting with compiling research guides. Her favorite hobbies are reading and writing. She is thankful for the opportunity to share her love of both with the community.