



# 38TH ANNUAL SCHOOL LAW RETREAT

JULY 19-20, 2024



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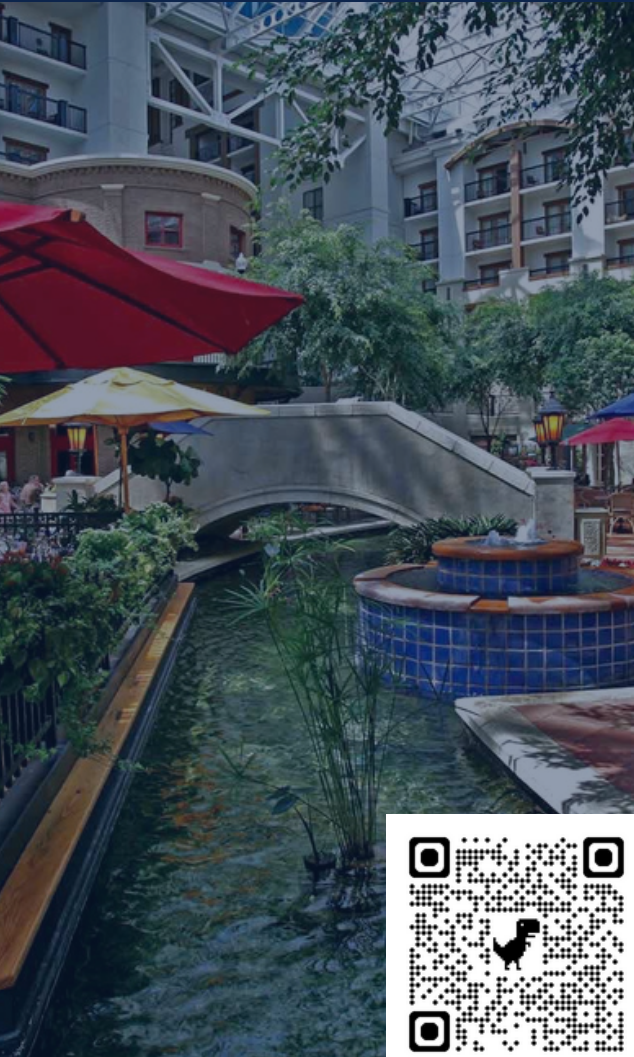
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## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms have been reserved at the resort for July 18 – 21, 2024, for rates starting at \$259 per night, plus tax and fees. The deadline for making reservations within the room block is June 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Please note, however, that the block of rooms reserved at the conference rate is limited, and these rooms will be filled at the conference rate on a first-come, first-served basis. In past years, rooms reserved under the block for this conference have sold out well before the deadline; attendees are encouraged to book rooms as soon as possible. Once the block of rooms at the conference rate is sold out, you will be charged the regular rate by the resort, subject to room availability. To make reservations, please contact the Gaylord Resort at 877-491-5138 and ask for the State Bar of Texas, School Law Section Summer Retreat 2024 rate, or book your room online at [book.passkey.com/go/SLSectionssummerretreat2024](http://book.passkey.com/go/SLSectionssummerretreat2024) or through the QR code on the left.

## EVENT REGISTRATION



To register with a credit card, use this link: [schollawretreatregistration20.redpodium.com/state-bar-of-texas-school-law-section-retreat-2024](https://schollawretreatregistration20.redpodium.com/state-bar-of-texas-school-law-section-retreat-2024) or scan the QR code on the right. On-site attendee registration must be paid with a purchase order or check; credit cards cannot be accepted on site. For questions regarding registration please contact Leticia McGowan at [Leticia.McGowan@risd.org](mailto:Leticia.McGowan@risd.org). The early bird registration fee is \$275 for online registration on or before June 28, 2024; registration increases to \$300 after June 28, 2024. Conference registration cancellations received by July 12, 2024, will receive a \$100 refund and all electronic materials. After July 12, 2024, no refund will be issued but registrants will receive a copy of the electronic materials.





**Friday, July 19**

**3.75 hours MCLE Credit, including 1 hour of ethics**  
**Presiding Officer: Giana Ortiz, Chair**

- 7:15-8:00**      **Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:00-8:30**      **School Law in the Courts** .5 hr  
David Holmes, Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson, P.C.
- 8:30-9:00**      **Assault Leave and Workers' Compensation** .5 hr  
Jason Stuart, United Educators Association
- 9:00-9:45**      **Parents Rights vs. Teachers Rights** .75 hr (.25 hr ethics)  
Brandon Barnett, Barnett Howard & Williams PLLC  
Angelica Sander, Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd, & Hullett, P.C.
- 9:45-10:00**      **Break**
- 10:00-10:45**      **Library Issues** .75 hr  
Jasmine Wightman, Texas Association of School Boards  
Mary Woodward, Texas Library Association
- 10:45-11:15**      **Take this Job and . . . [Fill] It** .5 hr  
Debra Esterak, Rogers, Morris & Grover LLP
- 11:15-12:00**      **Ethics Game Show** .75 hr (.75 hr ethics)  
Tiger Hanner, Tiger Hanner Law Office, Moderator  
Shellie Crow, Walsh Gallegos Kyle Robinson & Roalson, P.C.  
Michael Currie, Texas Classroom Teachers Association



**Saturday, July 20**

**3.5 hours MCLE Credit, including 1.25 hours of ethics**  
**Presiding Officer: Cory Rush, Chair-Elect**

- 7:30-8:15**      **Breakfast**
- 8:15-9:00**      **Lessons Learned from Years of Practice** .75 hr (.75 hr ethics)  
Ross Mitchell, Leasor Crass P.C., Moderator  
Kaye DeWalt, Aldine ISD  
Daniel Ortiz, The Ortiz Law Firm  
Jim Whitton, Brackett & Ellis, P.C.
- 9:00-9:30**      **Board of Managers Process** .5 hr  
Dr. Karen Wiesman, TEA-appointed Monitor
- 9:30-10:00**      **RIFs and Financial Cliffs** .5 hr  
Lynda Jackson, Fort Worth ISD
- 10:00-10:30**      **Business Meeting and Break**
- 10:30-11:00**      **ADA** .5 hr  
Kaylan Dixon Smith, Texas Classrooms Teachers Association  
Andrew Francis, Spalding Nichols Lamp Langlois
- 11:00-11:30**      **Title IX: Update to the Updates** .5 hr  
Jackie Wernz, ECR Solutions, LLC
- 11:30-12:15**      **What Superintendents Wished Their Lawyers Knew** .75 hr (.5 hr ethics)  
Deron Robinson, Denton ISD, Moderator  
Dr. Cody Abshier, Retired Superintendent, Anahuac ISD  
Tabitha Branum, Richardson ISD  
Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Retired Superintendent, Arlington ISD

**7.25 HOURS OF MCLE CREDIT, INCLUDING 2.25 HOUR OF ETHICS**

**EVENT PROGRAM**

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**Materials:** Registrants will be able to download conference materials electronically prior to and during the Retreat. Printed conference materials will not be available for the event. Attendees wanting hard copies of materials must print materials on their own prior to the event.

**Thursday Night “Tritico Rainey” Reception:** Continuing the tradition established by Chris Tritico over the years, a cocktail reception for Retreat attendees hosted by participating attorneys and firms, Chris Tritico, and the School Law Section, will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024. Please join us for this popular event!

**Friday Dinner and Kelly Frels Lifetime Achievement Award:** A casual dinner will be held Friday evening, July 19, 2024, at the resort; cash bar at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is complimentary for each registrant. Registrants may add dinner reservations for any additional adults (\$25 each) or children ages (12 and under) (\$15 each) during the registration process. The Kelly Frels Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented during the Friday Dinner. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate this prestigious Award and enjoy dinner and fellowship.

## Available Activities:

**Golf:** Tee times for golf are available at the nearby [Cowboys Golf Club](#).

**Spa:** Conference attendees that are guests of the Gaylord Hotel will receive a spa discount at [Relache Spa](#). Please book appointments directly through the hotel.



## SAFETY PROTOCOL, & CODE OF CONDUCT:

If you are not feeling well or believe you may have recently been directly exposed to someone with COVID, please do not attend. Please also review and acknowledge the State Bar’s Code of Conduct for live events, found on the online registration page prior to attending.

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