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The Law Library has a New Employee!

Gina Zimmer has joined the Law Library as a part-time employee. Gina graduated from University of Minnesota Moorhead with a degree in Mass Communications. She made the move to Texas 6 years ago and has enjoyed the climate change tremendously. Gina has worked at the Allen Public Library for over 4 years and continues to work there as well. She has been married 15 years and has two children, ages 7 and 3.

**The Newsletter
of the
North Dallas Bar
Association
(NDBA)**

**is now linked from
the Law Library
Website.**

Check it out!

[http://www.co.collin.tx.us/
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ndba_newsletter.jsp](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/law_library/ndba_newsletter.jsp)

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Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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New on the Shelves...



**The following titles have been added to the
Collin County Law Library collection:**

- Collin County Cares: a directory of human services connecting people and their needs, 2008, Assistance Center of Collin County.
- Expunction & Nondisclosure, 2007, by Andrea Westerfeld and Katharine Decker.
- Federal Civil Judicial Procedures and Rules, 2008, Thomson West.
- Juvenile Justice in Dallas County: how to address mental illness issues in juvenile delinquency and CPS cases, 2007, Louis P. Anderson, et al.
- O'Connor's Family Code Plus, 2008, Joan Foote Jenkins.
- O'Connor's Federal Civil Forms, 2008, Michol O'Connor.
- O'Connor's Probate Code Plus, 2008 Suzanne E. Goss.
- Parole in Texas: answers to common questions, 2005, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles/Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Sampson & Tindall's Texas Family Code Annotated: with related state and federal statutes, 2008, John J. Sampson.
- Trying the Unsettled Case: CPS jury trials, 2007, Honorable Judge William Mazur, et al.

To find other titles in our collection:

Ask CLOEI



Our **online catalog** is searchable by Author, Title or Subject.
It can be accessed at <http://gateway.gscweb.com:84/>
or linked to from the Library website.



Courthouse Holiday Office Closures

The Collin County Courthouse (and the Law Library) will be closed on the following days:

**Thursday and Friday, November 27-28
for the Thanksgiving Holiday**

Spotlight on Our Collection

Texas Court Charges 1992-

Edited by Will Barber

Published by Butterworth Legal Publishers

This **compilation of jury instructions** in the Law Library's collection **contains court charges** from actual cases. The set is comprised of seven volumes, divided topically. Topics include Labor/Employees, Commercial Contracts, Commercial Torts/DTPA, Insurance, Negligence, Probate/Family, and Real Property/Landlord Tenant.

According to the introduction in each volume, the set is meant to augment, not compete with, the State Bar's *Pattern Jury Charges*. It is hoped that Texas Court Charges will help "flesh out" charges that don't exactly meet the circumstances of the situations described in the *Pattern Jury Charges*.



Prosecution and Defense of Forfeiture Cases 1985-

David B. Smith

Published by Matthew-Bender

Forfeiture cases can be time consuming and complex. **Prosecution and Defense of Forfeiture Cases** is a valuable resource when confronted with a forfeiture case. This comprehensive two-volume set covers civil and criminal forfeiture. Published by Matthew-Bender and updated with supplemental loose-leaf releases, the treatise provides useful suggestions and model forms and encompasses all the key forfeiture statutes, including the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, and the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000.

Texas Special Issues Forms, 2d ed., 1995-

Richard C. Robins

Published by Lexis

Using **special issues** rather than a general charge allows the court to direct a jury to make specific findings regarding the facts of the case. This allows attorneys to deduce what factual determinations a jury made in reaching a verdict. This two-volume manual is organized alphabetically by cause of action and provides special issues for a range of lawsuits from "Abuse of Process" to "Wrongful Foreclosure."

Although **Courts Charges** and **Special Issues** are not kept current, the information contained therein can help attorneys produce specific instructions pertinent to the facts of their case. These in turn will provide counsel with additional information regarding the jury's thought processes in reaching their verdict.

For more information about these or any other titles in our collection, just ask a law librarian!
Call 972-548-4255 or email: jmccullough@co.collin.tx.us

A Little Legal Humor...

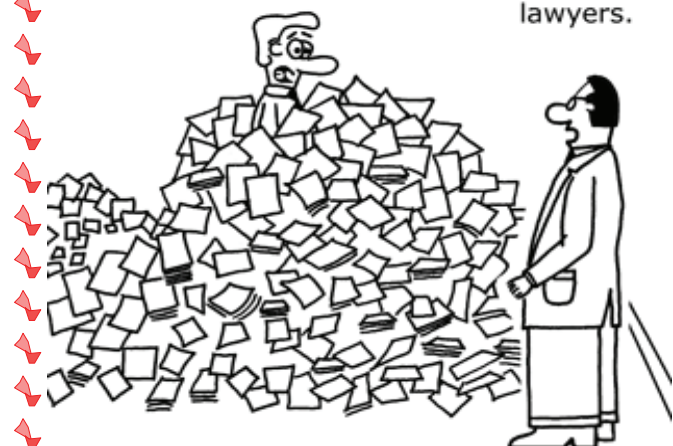
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Stu's Views

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Urgent? You say everything's "urgent". What isn't urgent?

Work you do for the other lawyers.



Local News of Interest



KATHY WARD NAMED COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR PRECINCT 4.

Ms. Ward's appointment fills the Commissioners Court seat until the November general election, which will decide who will serve out the remainder of the term for Precinct 4. The vacancy was created when Commissioner Jack Hatchell died on June 28. Ward, 41, is director of operations for a local financial consulting company and the current chairwoman of the Collin County Republican Party.

COLLIN COUNTY LEGAL AID CLINICS 2008 (Start times for both are 6:00 pm)

Allen

Oct. 9
Nov. 13
Dec. 11

Plano

Oct. 16
Nov. 20
Dec. 18

Clinic Locations:

Allen: First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Avenue

Plano: Salvation Army, 3528 E. 14th Street

**Congratulations to Grady Thompson,
2007-2008 Collin County Attorney of the Year!**

Mr. Thompson gave the largest number of pro bono hours from May 2007 to May 2008.

Tied for runners up were: **Steve Watson, Melanie Davis and Kathy Erickson.**

Volunteers recognized for superior support at the clinics were:

Mark Winnubst and Jerry Lipsich.

*For more information or to volunteer,
contact the McKinney office at (972) 542-9405 or (800) 906-3045.*

Assistant Law Librarian to Speak at TLA

The Assistant Law Librarian will be presenting "First Year in the Life of a Law Librarian" at the Texas Library Association 2008 District 5 Fall Meeting on October 18. The discussion will highlight the struggles undergone and the experience gained in this librarian's first twelve months of professional life. A big "thank you" goes out to all the attorneys, county personnel, and area librarians who have made my journey a fruitful one. My deepest gratitude goes to my director and mentor, Judy McCullough, without whom I would not have had the courage to step out of my comfort zone and attempt scary, but rewarding, projects so early in my career.