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Law Day 2016— Miranda: More than Words

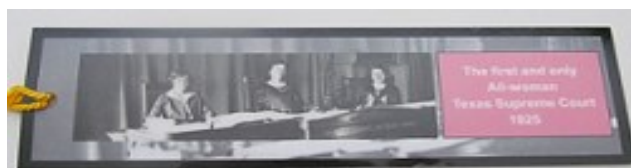
American Bar Association

President Eisenhower declared May 1 as Law Day in 1958. The idea came from Charles S. Rhyne, president of the American Bar Association (ABA). According to the U.S. Code, “Law Day, U.S.A., is a special day of celebration by the people of the United States—1) in appreciation of their liberties and their reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and other countries; and 2) for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of law” (36 U.S.C. §113). The theme for Law Day 2016 was Miranda: More than Words, marking the importance of [Miranda v. Arizona](#). This year is the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court opinion signed on June 13, 1966. Ernesto Miranda was a 23 year old man accused of rape and kidnapping. While interrogated, he was isolated and never informed of his [5th Amendment](#) rights. After only two hours, he gave up his claim of innocence and signed a confession. The Miranda opinion, delivered by Chief Justice Earl Warren, overturned Miranda’s conviction and held that statements made in response to police interrogation while in police custody are only admissible in court if the prosecution proves that the defendant was informed of his or her right to speak with an attorney before and during questioning and of his or her right to remain silent and that the defendant understood these rights and voluntarily waived them. Both the [ABA website](#) and the [Houston Law Library website](#) have more information about Law Day and links to more in-depth discussions about the impact of *Miranda v. Arizona*, historically, currently, and in pop culture.



Texas Supreme Court History

Texas Bar Journal, May 2016

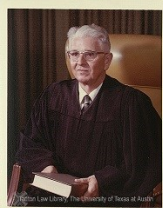


In 1922, there was a dispute about whether trustees of Woodmen of the World owned one or two tracts of land in El Paso. Following appeals, the case ended up in the Texas Supreme Court on February 18, 1924 where it stayed for almost a year because of the nature of the case. The male Supreme Court justices were members of this fraternal organization and as such, recused themselves. Governor Pat Neff appointed three women to what would be the first and only all women Texas Supreme Court. The three women ultimately chosen were: 1) Hortense Sparks Ward of Houston; 2) Ruth V. Brazzil of Galveston; and 3) Hattie L. Henenberg of Dallas. These women justices heard the arguments in *Johnson v. Darr* and affirmed the decision on May 23, 1925. Justice Ward wrote the opinion while Justices Brazzil and Henenberg wrote concurring opinions. On Thursday, June 16, 2016, the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and its journal will reenact this historic event. The reenactment will take place at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Fort Worth. Texas Supreme Court Justices Eva Guzman and Debra H. Lehrmann and Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit will play the role of the justices. A copy of the full article is available in the May 2016 edition of the *Texas Bar Journal*.

The bookmark pictured in this article is courtesy of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society.

Copies of these articles are available in the library, or from the law librarian via email:
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Spotlight on the Supremes



April 18, 2016, was declared “Jack Pope Day” in honor of Chief Justice Pope. Not only is Chief Justice Pope the oldest living former state chief justice at 103 years old, but he also holds the record for the longest judicial tenure of any Texas Supreme Court Justice in history. Chief Justice Pope served more than 38 continuous years on both the trial and appellate benches. He authored over one thousand opinions and helped establish formal judicial education for Texas judges. Chief Justice Pope retired in 1985. A full biography of Chief Justice Pope is available [here](#).

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Did You Know?

Texas State Law Library Expands Free Legal Research

Texas Bar Journal, April 2016

The Texas State Law Library recently redeveloped its website in order to expand free online legal research. This expansion, which took 16 months to complete, greatly increased the amount of free legal research registered Texans can access. The website allows users to access West’s Nutshell series, legal treatises that were previously only available by subscription or purchase, and multiple how-to practice series. There is no charge to sign up for a library card and that process is available under the “About Us” tab on the State Law Library [website](#).



Texas to Get it’s Own Version of PACER

Texas Lawyer, April 2016

Texas will be getting its own version of PACER, an online system that allows users to access court records nationwide. The Texas version will be called RACER, Registered Access to Court Electronic Records. The system will be available to judges beginning June 1, to attorneys in December, and to the public in summer 2017.

Library Reminders

As always, please remember to stop by the reference desk to find out whether or not you have an outstanding IOU balance. If a balance is outstanding for 6 months or more the library staff will not allow any prints or copies to be made until that balance is paid. Also, some of the library’s collections have been relocated to make better use of library space. If you are unable to find a book or section, please ask the librarians.



WestlawNext Tips

Join us for a WestlawNext Patron Training Class on June 15th at 3pm!

The Curt B. Henderson Law Library is providing a WestlawNext patron training class on June 15th free of charge. The class will be taught by Thomson Reuters employee Jeanette Alford and will be held at 3pm in the library in the lower level of the Collin County Courthouse. CLE credit is available for the course. If you have any questions about the course please contact the law library.



Book Corner

The Curt B. Henderson Law Library has nearly 1,000 books and publications in its collection. From time to time the newsletter will highlight various books or publications that our patrons may not realize we have or what information that book contains. The law library has a number of books in its collection published by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA). One of these books is the TCDLA Trial Notebook. This book is a step-by-step guide covering all elements of a criminal case from arrest to confessions and then walks the reader through a criminal trial, explaining voir dire, evidence, jury charges, direct and cross-examination and closing statements. This book is available to attorneys for 72 hour checkout.



Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Tech Tips: More Useful Apps and Law Blogs

- The Collin County Law Library subscribes to **Internet Law Researcher**, a monthly newsletter that focuses on legal apps, online blogs and useful tips for both factual and legal internet research. Each newsletter has the same eight features each month: 1) From the Editor; 2) The Internet Guide to... (this topic changes monthly); 3) Best of the Legal Blogs; 4) The Mailing List Review; 5) Search Engine Update; 6) The Blog Spot; 7) Legal App of the Month; and 8) The Internet Bibliography. The newsletters are available in the library's magazine and newspaper rack and are not available for checkout.
- Courtroom Objections—an Apple app developed by Texas attorney Anthony Short, who currently works as Texas Assistant Attorney General in the Child Support Division. The app is based on both the federal and state rules of evidence. The app shows suggested language for the selected objection and an explanation of the objection. Available for \$2.99 at the [iTunes Store](#).
- dLaw—a legal research and reference app available only for Droid devices. Formerly called DroidLaw, the app allows the user to search, bookmark, copy, share and annotate current versions of the FRCP, Federal Rules of Evidence, Appellate Procedure, Criminal Procedure and Bankruptcy. The app is free and can be downloaded from the [Google Play store](#).



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**Monday,
May 30th for
Memorial Day**

and on

**Monday,
July 4th for
Independence Day.**



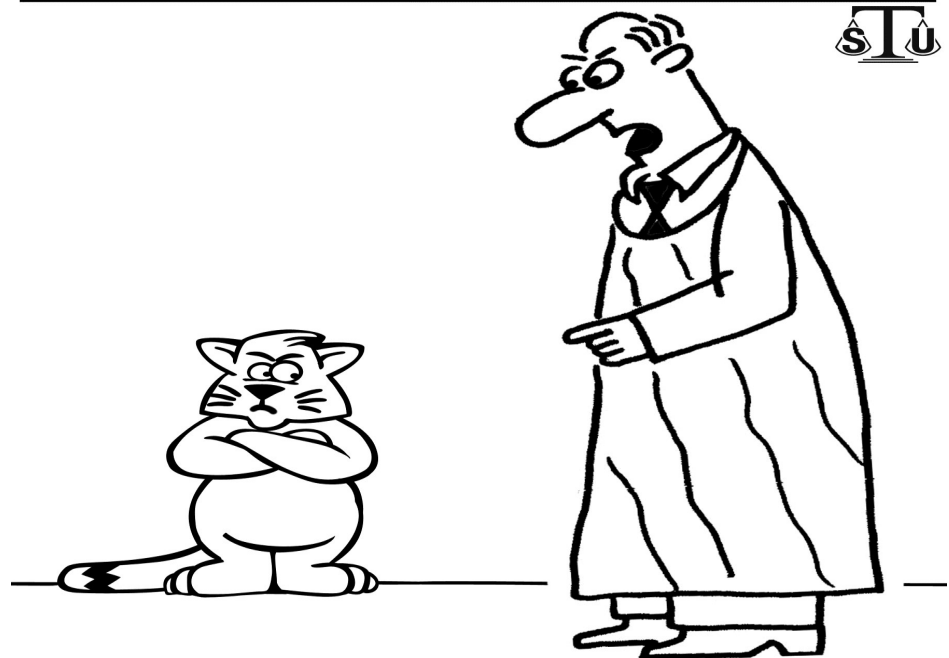
New on the Shelf:

- Federal Criminal Appeals, 2016 Edition
- Rights of Juveniles, 2016 Edition
- Basics of Immigration Law for Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys, 2015
- Search & Seizure: A Manual on State & Federal Law, 2015-2016
- Texas Criminal Jury Charges, Revision 16
- O'Connor's Texas Rules * Civil Trials, 2016
- Federal Criminal Code and Rules, 2016 Edition
- Federal Civil Procedure and Rules, 2016 Edition
- Criminal Law, a textbook by John L. Worrall and Jennifer L. Moore
- Criminal Law Today: An Introduction with Capstone Cases
- Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness, 5th ed.
- O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms, 2016
- Federal Postconviction Remedies and Relief Handbook, 2016
- Texas Practitioner's Guide to Civil Appeals, 2016
- Texas DTPA Forms & Practice, Revision 14

A Little Legal Humor

Stu's Views

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