

# The TASC Connection



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## TASC 2020 Conference & NADCP Webinars

The TASC board was very sad to not have seen our TASC members in Dallas this month for the 2020 Conference. We hope everyone is staying safe and caring for their families during these trying times.

Much appreciation goes out to NADCP for continuing to provide ZOOM webinars over the topics that were planned at the conference. Topics and information for these webinars are listed below. Please keep a look out in your email for registration details. Details are also posted on the TASC website, <http://tasctx.org/webinars.html>.

### *Drug Testing MythBusters*

Apr 22, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_suk0KjFzRwirIb3NMZh00A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_suk0KjFzRwirIb3NMZh00A)

### *Equity and Inclusion*

Apr 22, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eNRH-Ty6SUCVNPdHk7cDzg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eNRH-Ty6SUCVNPdHk7cDzg)

### *The Intersection of CBD and Therapeutic Courts*

Apr 22, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MgjBTrEQTUer5ymZrqAo7Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MgjBTrEQTUer5ymZrqAo7Q)

### *So, We're Not Supposed to use Jail: What do we do instead? Alternatives to Incarceration as a Sanction.*

Apr 23, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hccSPz07RnKCPJaiXVtmmQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hccSPz07RnKCPJaiXVtmmQ)

### *Alternative Tracks*

Apr 23, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_OI5RqTMrTp-LuSSkxD9YRw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OI5RqTMrTp-LuSSkxD9YRw)

[After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.](#)

## NADCP COVID-19 April Series Webinars

As part of NADCP's response to restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic, NADCP has assembled experts from a variety of disciplines to offer guidance on how to adapt for best best outcomes. Learn from some of the nation's foremost experts while remaining socially distant!

April series webinars include the following:

- *Tracking Participant Progress During COVID-19: What Data to Collect and Why?*
- *Calming Practices During Trying Times: Maintaining the Best Version of Yourself*
- *Using Remote Technology to Enhance Criminal Justice Outcomes: Bringing Treatment Courts, Probation, and Parole into the 21st Century*
- *Pandemic Responses for Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts*

For registration information visit NADCP website,

<https://www.nadcp.org/covid-19-resources/>

## TASC 2020-2021 New Board of Directors

One of the many complications resulting from our 2020 conference being cancelled was the inability of our membership to vote on the 2020-2021 Slate of Officers. Per the TASC bylaws, the Slate of Officers is determined by the Nominations Committee, sent out to the membership 90 days in advance of the conference, and is voted on during the annual business meeting that is scheduled during the conference. Although the Slate was sent out to the membership timely, we were unable to have an in-person vote of the membership. Our bylaws do not currently allow for electronic votes on such matters. This issue will be revisited at our annual strategic planning retreat to determine if a revision of the bylaws is necessary to account for unforeseen circumstances such as the COVID-19 crisis.

In order to continue the TASC efforts uninterrupted, the 2019-2020 President, Honorable B. Michael Chitty, tendered his resignation at the monthly teleconference on April 1, 2020. The following members of the Board also resigned, either due to their terms expiring or their being on the Slate to assume a different position for 2020-2021: Hank Judin (President Elect), Judge Peter Sakai (Vice President), Mary Covington (Treasurer), Erin Morgan (Secretary), Lesli Fitzpatrick (Region 1), Judge Ernie Glenn (Bexar County), Kim Duran (Dallas County), Jeannette Kolarik (Harris County), Faustino Lopez (Region 5), and Judge Paul White (Region 6). These positions were then filled by a vote of the Board to appoint the following:

*Hank Judin: President*

*Judge Peter Sakai: President Elect*

*Lesli Fitzpatrick: Vice President*

*Mary Covington: Treasurer*

*Erin Morgan: Secretary*

*Judge Ernie Glenn: Bexar County*

*Judge Hector Garza: Dallas County*

*Jeannette Kolarik: Harris County*

*Faustino Lopez: Region 5*

*Judge Paul White: Region 6*

*Judge Elizabeth Rainer: Region 7 (which was previously vacant)*

The Region 1 Director position vacated by Lesli Fitzpatrick remains unfilled until a replacement is found. Director positions for Regions 2, 3, and 4, as well as both At-Large Director positions remain unexpired.

Congratulations to the newly appointed members! We look forward to getting to know you this year!

### ***Mission:***

*The Texas Association of Specialty Court Courts (TASC) builds and strengthens Texas specialty courts through collaboration, advocacy and education.*

## 2020 TASC Conference Award Recipients

TASC is proud to announce the following recipients of this year's TASC Conference Awards. Please join us in congratulating the following well-deserved individuals for their hard work in the specialty court field! We will also be recognizing their accomplishment during next year's conference in Corpus Christi.

*Judge John C. Creuzot Award for Judicial Vision and Leadership*

*"For Courage, Vision and Conviction in the Justice System"*

**Judge Robert Anchondo**

**El Paso**

*The Joel Bennett Recovery Award:*

*"For Outstanding Commitment to Helping Those in the Recovery Community"*

**Javier Rene Soto**

**Georgetown**

*Mary Covington Outstanding Specialty Court Team Member Award:*

*"Demonstrating Passion for the Specialty Court Team, Client and Recovery"*

**Sylvia Araiza**

**Dallas**

*Judge Ruben G. Reyes Outstanding Specialty Court Team Award:*

*"For Effective Teamwork & Utilizing Best Practice Standards to Save Souls"*

**Bexar County Felony Drug Court**

**San Antonio**

*The Judge Rusty Ladd Scholarship Award:*

*"For Charity, Courage, Heart and Hope"*

**Brad Clark**

**Fort Worth**

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