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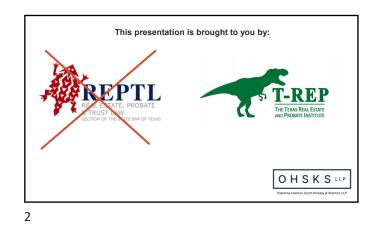
Professional Memberships

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- Member, American Bar Association
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- Member, International Bar Association
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Publications

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- Co-Author, "The Role of the Guardian Under Texas Law" University of Texas Law CLE, Estate Planning, Guardianship, and Elder Law Conference (2023, 2022)
- Co-Author, "Voiding Transactions: A Guide for Guardians" State Bar of Texas, Advanced Guardianship Law Course (2021)

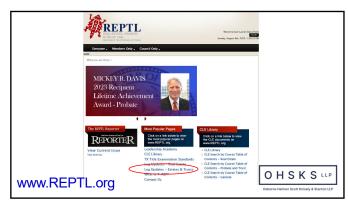




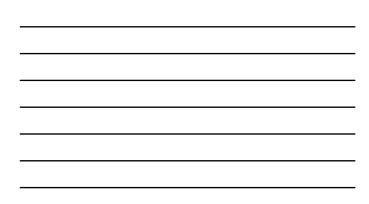








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T-REP 2023 DECEDENT'S ESTATES BILL – SB 1373

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T-REP's 2023 Decedents' Estates Bill: SB 1373

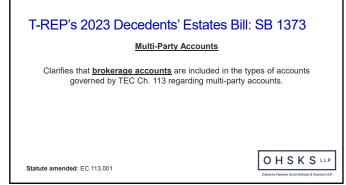
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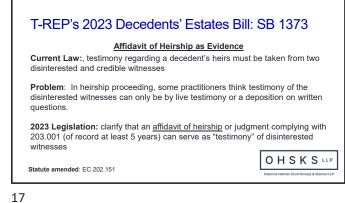


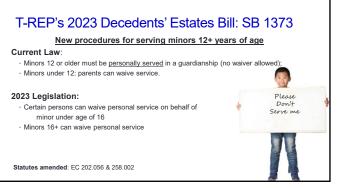
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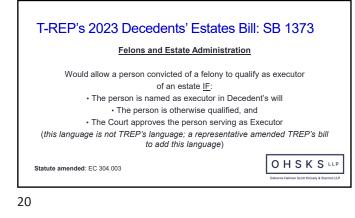


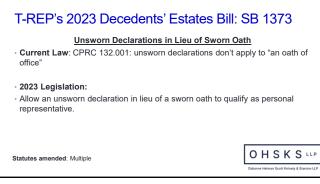


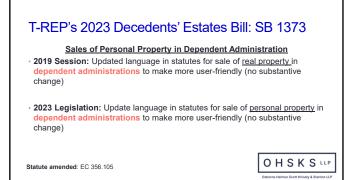


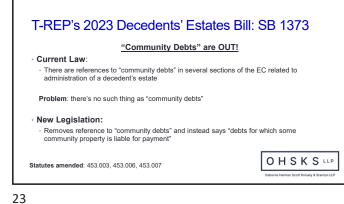


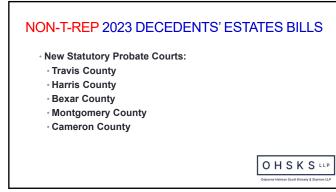












	County	Population	Probate Courts
	Harris County	4,731,145	4-5
Statutory	Dallas County	2,613,539	3
Statutory	Tarrant County	2,110,640	2
Probate Courts	Bexar County	2,009,324	2 3
	Travis County	1,290,188	1- 2
	Collin County	1,064,465	1
	Denton County	906,422	2
	Hidalgo County	870,781	1
2020 Census	El Paso County	865,657	2
	Fort Bend County	822,779	
Data	Montgomery County	620,443	1
	Williamson County	609,017	
https://demographics.texas.g ov/InteractiveTools/2021/CBR	Cameron County	421,017	1
	Brazoria County	372,031	
edistrictingCounty	Bell County	370,647	
	Nueces County	353,178	
	Galveston County	350,682	1
	Lubbock County	310,639	

NON-T-REP 2023 DECEDENTS' ESTATES BILLS: HB 3474

Emergency Intervention for Reimbursement of Funeral Expenses
Prior Law

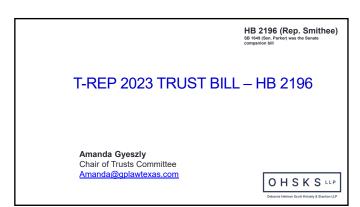
Apply for emergency order for <u>payment</u> of decedent's funeral/burial expense
 Must file application no later than <u>90 days</u> after death

Amended law:

 Apply for emergency order for <u>reimbursement</u> of decedent's funeral/burial expense

• File application no later than <u>9 months after death</u>

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T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196 Revocable Trusts Qualifying as Home	steads
Benefits of homestead status:	
Creditor protection (Property Code)	
Tax exemption (Tax Code)	
Tex. Prop. Code 41.0021(a)(1)	OHSKS LLP
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T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196	
Revocable Trusts Qualifying as Homesteads	
Current statutes: To qualify as a homestead, Trust must say:	
 Prop Code 41.0021(a)(1): settlor/beneficiary has right to occupy property "<u>at</u> <u>no cost</u>" 	
Tax Code 11.13(j)(3)(A): settlor/beneficiary has right to occupy property "rent free and without charge."	
Tex. Prop. Code 41.0021(a)(1)	



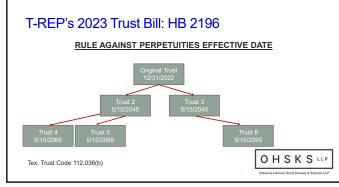
T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196		
Spendthrift Provisions and Testamentary GPOAs		
Trust beneficiary holds a testamentary general power of appointment over Trust property		
Question: Is the Trust property that is subject to the power of appointment subject to creditor's claims?		
Tex. Prop. Code 112.035		

T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196 Spendthrift Provisions and Testamentary GPOAs		
Restatement 2 nd : Property NOT subject to claims of creditors unless power is exercised		
Restatement 3 rd : Property IS ALWAYS subject to claims of creditors regardless whether power is exercised		
Tex. Prop. Code 112.035		

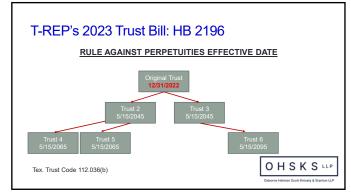
T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196		
Spendthrift Provisions and Testamentary GP	OAs	
Clarify the Law:		
Trust property subject to a testamentary general power of appointment		
is <u>not</u>		
subject to claims of the powerholder's credito	or,	
UNLESS		
the power is exercised.		
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Tex. Prop. Code 112.035	10110103	

T-REP's 2023 Trust Bill: HB 2196		
 (c) "an interest in a trust must vest, if at all, not later than 300 years after the <u>effective date</u> of the trust" (b) The effective date of a trust is the date the trust becomes irrevocable. 		
Tex. Trust Code 112.036(b)		

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NON-T-REP 2023 TRUST BILLS: HB 2333

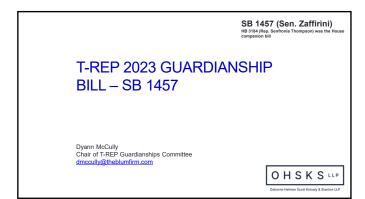
HB 2333 – Noncharitable Trust Without Ascertainable

Beneficiary

- Authorizes creation of a "purpose trust"
- Trust designed to accomplish a particular purpose
 - Preservation of collections
 - Maintenance of a family compound
 - Continuation of a business for employees
- No beneficiary to enforce its terms
- Trust enforcer(s) appointed to ensure purposes met







T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457

· Alternative to Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested

Solution: Replace "registered or certified mail" with "qualified delivery method





T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1	457
Appointment of Successor Guardian Current law: Surviving parent appointed guardian of adult can designate successor if surviving parent (1) dies, or (2)	<u>n</u> incapacitated child
* Current law only applies to parent appointed (a) guardian of the person, or (b) guardian of the person & estate, but not if only appointed guardian of estate	
2023 Legislation:	-
(1) Allow surviving parent solely serving as GE to ap(2) Allow surviving parent to appoint if they resign	· · ·
Statute Amended: EC 1104.103	OHSKS LLP

T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457		
Guardian of Person Access to up to \$20,000		
Change: allow guardian of person, upon motion and order of court, to manage and expend funds of ward up to \$20,000		
Purpose: avoid need for guardian of estate when limited funds		
Safety net: GP would file a bond and report annually each receipt/disbursement		
Statute Amended: EC 1151.051(c)	OHSKS LLP	

T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457

Notices to Unsecured Creditors

Amendment: A successor guardian would not have to publish another notice to unsecured creditors if a predecessor guardian already published notice

* This is already the law for notice to *secured* creditors.

Statute Amended: EC 1153.005

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Compensation to Guardian of Person

Amendment: a guardian of the person only could receive compensation the greater of $% \left({{{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{s}}}^{\mathrm{c}}}\right) = {\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{s}}}^{\mathrm{c}}$

· 5% of ward's annual income

 * This is the same amount allowed by 1155.202(a) for guardian of recipient of medical assistance

Statute Amended: EC 1155.002(a)

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T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457			
Sale & Mortgage of Real Property up to \$250,000			
Current law: permits sale and mortgage of real property by minors or wards without necessity of guardianship of the estate for property worth \$100,000 or less.			
Amendment: increases amount to \$250,000			
Statute Amended: EC 1351.001 et seq.	OHSKS LLP Osborne Helman Scott Knisely & Stanton LLP		

T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457

Orders re: Community Property

Solution: allow court to order third party in possession of such assets to deliver them to the guardian of the estate

Statute Amended: EC 1353.004

T-REP's 2023 Guardianship Bill: SB 1457			
Withdrawal of Funds by Non-Resident			
Issue : withdrawal of funds owing to a nonresident mi person	nor or incapacitated		
Statute Amended: EC 1355.002	OHSKSLLP Debates Helman Ecolt Knively & Elaterion LLP		

Non-T-REP 2023 Guardianship Bills: SB 1624

- Attorney ad Litem or Attorney retained by ward/proposed ward:
- Duty includes representing ward/proposed wards expressed wishes
 Has access to proposed ward's relevant records
- If ward/proposed ward retains an attorney
 - $^{\circ}$ On motion by any party, court can hold hearing to determine whether ward has capacity to retain attorney
- If ward does not have capacity, court can appoint attorney ad litem

Guardian ad Litem

- Must not be an interested person
- Can't be also be the attorney ad litem (with exceptions)



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Non-T-REP 2023 Guardianship Bills: SB 1624 con't

Examination of Proposed Ward: Sec 1101.103

 Psychologist can perform incapacity exam on adult proposed ward IF alleged incapacity results from a mental condition

- Ward's Bill of Rights: Sec 1151.351
 - Adds Ward's right to have private communication with medical professionals unless the court, after a hearing, orders private communications limited due to risk of substantial harm to ward, or unduly burdening medical professional
- Annual Report: Sec 1163.101
- GP's annual report must include:
- Description of supports & services ward receives, including action guardian is taking to encourage development of ward's maximum self-reliance and independence
- Guardian's opinion whether ward has sufficient capacity with supports and services to have capacity restored or guardianship modified

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Non-T-REP 2023 Guardianship Bills: SB 1624 con't Annual Review: Sec 1201.052 & 1201.053 • A court may conduct a hearing regarding an annual review • In a statutory probate court, the annual review should include a follow-up report by court investigator or court visitor at least every 3 years.

• Judicial, Investigator and Visitor Training: Gov't Code Sec. 22.0133 & TEC 1054.157

- At least every 2 years, every judge with jurisdiction over guardianship proceedings must have 1 hour training related to guardianship alternatives and supports and services.
 Court investinators and court visitors must also complete 2 hours of training including 1 hour
- Court investigators and court visitors must also complete 2 hours of training, including 1 hour training related to guardianship alternatives and supports and services.



Non-T-REP 2023 Guardianship Bills: SB 1624 con't

Restoration Proceedings: Evidence of Capacity With or Without Supports and Services: Secs 1202.152

- In a restoration proceeding, a court must consider:
- A letter signed by licensed physician or psychologist certified by HHSC
- Statement from local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability authority listing services received by ward and their effectiveness
- · Affidavits of treating physicians re: effectiveness of supports and services
- · Other documents listed in statute
- If incapacity based on intellectual disability, letter must instead provide:
- Physician/psychologist's opinion re: whether ward has capacity with supports & services to provide food, clothing, shelter, care for ward's physical health and manage financial affairs;
- How ward's ability to communicate decisions is affected by ward's mental capacity

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NON-T-REP 2023 GUARDIANSHIP BILLS: HB 266

Guardianship Application

 Applicant in guardianship proceeding <u>must</u> file an affidavit with <u>court</u> (not the clerk) containing known contact info for each person entitled to notice of proceeding

· Information remains confidential and privileged

· Copy of info goes to guardian on appointment

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NON-T-REP 2023 GUARDIANSHIP BILLS: HB 3009

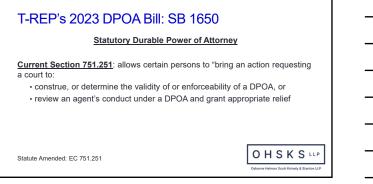
Guardianships & APRNs

- Authorizes Advanced Practice Registered Nurse acting under physician's supervision
- To prepare letter or certificate to the court re: proposed ward's incapacity or restoration of capacity
- · Opinion of APRN must be signed by supervising physician
- · Letter is considered opinion of the physician

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	SB 1650 (Sen. Parker) HB 3562 (Rep. Smithee) was the House companion bill
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T-REP's 2023 DPOA Bill: SB 1650 Effect of Appointment of Guardian on Validity of DPOA				
		Temporary Guardian	Permanent Guardian	
	Authority of DPOA:	Automatically suspended	Automatically revoked	
		Unless court orders otherwise		
Amendment: adds "unless court orders that the powers of the agent be <u>suspended</u> during pendency of guardianship of the estate"				
Statute	Amended: EC 751.133(a)			HSKS LLP



T-REP's 2023 DPOA Bill: SB 1650

Statutory Durable Power of Attorney

Current Section 751.251: allows certain persons to "bring an action requesting a court to:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ construe, or determine the validity of or enforceability of a DPOA, or
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ review an agent's conduct under a DPOA and grant appropriate relief

Amended Section 751.251:

- \bullet Specifies that the TX Dept. of Family Protective Services is a person who can bring this type of action, and
- Allows a court to award reasonable and necessary costs and attorney's fees
 as deemed equitable and just
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T-REP's 2023 DPOA Bill: SB 1650

Statutory Durable Power of Attorney

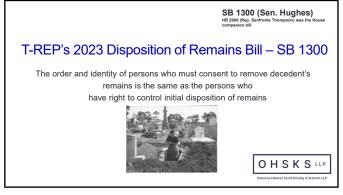
Clarifies that where an agent has power over "Business Operation Transactions," the agent can act with respect to business interests other than just partnerships

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T-REP's 2023 DPOA Bill: SB 1650		
Statutory Durable Power of Attorney		
Clarifies: a principal who signs a durable power of attorney must be an adult "individual" rather than a "person" (which can include a lot more than an adult "individual").		
Statute Amended: EC 751.002(5) O H S K S LL P Columne Helman Scott Enriety & Statemen LLP		







NON-T-REP BILLS IN 2023

HB 1547 – Reimbursement Claims

- Modifies Chapter 3 of Family Code (applies to probate)
- · Defines a claim for reimbursement
- · Addresses:
- Required proof
- · Calculation of the value of and offsets against benefit conferred
- . The court's determination of whether unjust enrichment will occur in absence of reimbursement.



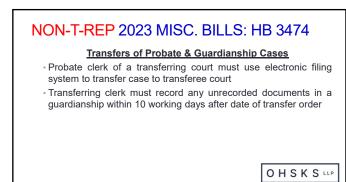
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NON-T-REP 2023 MISC. BILLS: HB 5010 Grievances Involving Guardianships, Estates & Trusts

"Complaints" - grievances that merit full investigation and disposition

"Inquiries" - grievances that on their face do not rise to the level of a complaint and do not receive same level of investigation

- · A grievance will only be classified as a "complaint" if it is submitted by:
- 1. person with a cognizable interest in the legal matter, or
 2. family member of ward in a guardianship proceeding that's subject of the grievance;
- 3. family member of a decedent in a probate matter that is subject of the grievance
 4. trustee of a trust or executor of an estate if the matter subject of the grievance relates to the trust or estate
- 5. the judge, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, court staff member or juror in the legal matter that is subject of the grievance; or
- 6. a trustee in a bankruptcy that is subject of the grievance



NON-T-REP 2023 MISC. BILLS: HB 525

<u>Delivery of Court Orders Through Electronic Filing System</u> Requires the following to deliver copies of orders to the parties

through the electronic filing system:

- Statutory County Courts
- District Courts
- Appellate Courts

Note - this does not apply to Statutory Probate Courts



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NON-T-REP 2023 GUARDIANSHIP BILLS: SB 944

Commitment of Individual with Intellectual Disability to State Supported Living Center

- A guardian or parent of a person with intellectual disability, or an interdisciplinary team recommending placement,
- $\,$ Can petition court to commit the person to long-term placement in a state supported living center $\underline{\mathsf{I\!F}}$
- the court determines beyond a reasonable doubt that proposed resident meets the requirements for commitment to a residential facility

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NON-T-REP 2023 GUARDIANSHIP BILLS: SB 1785 <u>Criminal History Records</u> • County clerk will be <u>liable</u> if damage results to a ward because of clerk's failure to obtain required criminal history record of

- proposed guardian • Court can use criminal record information <u>only</u> to determine whether to appoint, remove or continue the appointment of a
- guardian
 If JBCC obtained DPS criminal history, clerk does not have to get
 another one, but still is required to obtain an FBI criminal history
 for proposed guardian

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NON-T-REP BILLS IN 2023 <u>SB 1780 – Online Notaries</u> • Expands authority of online notaries (but <u>not</u> traditional notaries) to notarize wet ink signatures • REMINDER: the Covid-era ability to notarize documents with traditional notary appearing on Zoom <u>no longer exists</u> O H S K S LLP

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