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## COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERKS TAKE PART IN EDUCATION SEMINAR

**College Station** – **Laura Hinojosa**, Hidalgo County District Clerk, and **Arturo Guajardo, Jr.**, Hidalgo County Clerk, joined over 400 clerks for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual County & District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center January 12-15, 2009.

“Continuing education is key in keeping informed of any legislative updates or administrative changes that may be required of our respective offices,” said Hinojosa. “I welcome any education and networking opportunities that will allow me and my office to work more effectively to better serve the County of Hidalgo.”

The annual seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. The seminar offered 19 hours of credit to clerks attending all of the sessions.

“As one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits,” explained Richard Avery, Director of the Institute, “Texas county officials get an opportunity to learn new and vital information, so they can better serve the citizens of Texas. The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through various programs held across the State.”

Included in this year's program were:

- Legislative Updates
- Records Management
- Registry of the Court
- Unclaimed Property
- Exhibits and Evidence
- Personnel Issues
- Fraudulent Filings
- Elections

“The College Station Seminar is always very informative. Not only does it provide the opportunity for County and District Clerks to earn continuing education credits, it is also the perfect place to network with fellow clerks to share ideas and experiences as they pertain to their daily jobs,” said Guajardo.

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