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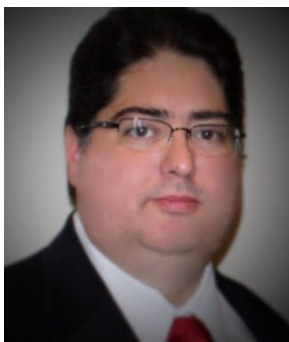
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Introduction Thomas B. Swanson, J.D., Academic Dean

Guest Speaker Ernesto A. González, E.A. González Consulting

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Distinguished Guest Speaker Ernesto A. González

Mr. Ernesto A. González graduated from Center for Advanced Legal Studies after studying Psychology at Texas Southmost College and Computer Maintenance at Texas State Technical Institute. He has furthered his legal education by completing 40 hours of Mediation training, and 30 hours of Advanced Family Mediation training. Mr. González is one of only 8 Paralegals to be Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Family Law (2002) and Civil Trial Law (2011). He is also a member of the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas, an Associate Member of the Texas Association of Family Law Specialists and the Texas Bar College.

Early in his career, he was fortunate to have been exposed to heavy civil trial litigation throughout the State of Texas including the areas of Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Premises Liability, Contract Disputes, and Business Torts. When the law office of Thomas B. Swanson expanded into his home town of Brownsville, Texas, Mr. González was given the opportunity to staff and run the day to day operations. After returning to Houston, his primary focus has been in Family Law working with high-conflict custody litigation and high-net-worth divorces.

With over 25 years' experience in Civil Trial and Family Law, presently, Mr. González is the owner and operator of E. A. González Consulting. His services include Paralegal, Litigation, and Consulting services to solo and small family law firms in Harris and surrounding counties.

Mr. González has been outspoken about the benefits of using technology in the courtroom. He has recently co-authored an article on the topic which appeared in the Fall 2017 issue of Texas Paralegal Journal.

In addition to his professional life, Mr. González has a wonderful family including his wife of 24 years, Dawn, his daughter, Emily, and their four chihuahuas (Paco, Toby, Zannie, and Fleek) who are the best deterrent against burglars and who viciously protect Mr. González when he is working in his home office.

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