

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Bannon & Associates is pleased to announce their seminar on the:

TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (FORMERLY THE TEXAS OPEN RECORDS ACT)

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2026

EMBASSY SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

The Texas Public Information Act (“TPIA”) is the vehicle through which members of the public and media access information in the hands of governmental bodies in Texas. State and local governments are the repository of a wide variety of information, and requests for copies of or access to that information are ever increasing. Whether a particular item of information can, may, or must be released or withheld can sometimes vary depending on the circumstances, and there are a myriad of rules, exceptions, presumptions and timelines which may apply. TPIA also contains civil and criminal penalties for violation of its provisions, so it is important that the officials responsible for processing of public information requests be familiar with the applicable TPIA provisions. This seminar is designed to provide instruction to law enforcement and administrative personnel on the operative provisions and requirements of TPIA, as well as practical guidance on how to prepare responses to frequently requested information, including the preparation of requests for open records opinions of the Texas Attorney General.

Seminar Topics will include:

- Historical overview of the origin and development of TPIA

Fundamental Concepts:

Who is subject to TPIA?

What is public information?

What constitutes a public information request? Who is responsible for responding? Presumption of openness
Permissible Communications with the Requestor
Timelines for gathering information and responding

Option for Responding

Exceptions to General Obligation to Disclose

Mandatory vs. Discretionary Exceptions

Discussion of Various Types of Information and Topics, including:

Requestor’s Special Right of Access to Certain Information

Information Protected by Rights of Privacy

Law-enforcement record relating to pending investigations

SPEAKER – LAURA MUELLER

The Speaker for this course is Laura Mueller, who has spent her legal career assisting Texas Cities including as Asst. General Counsel at the Texas Municipal League, City Attorney of Dripping Springs, and as outside counsel at an Austin municipal law firm. Laura has also spoken at events throughout the state on topics including land use, employment law, sign regulation, open meetings, public information, and other municipal topics. She has authored appellate briefs for the courts on numerous subjects including billboard regulation, reserved powers doctrine, civil service, elections, unions, takings, open meetings, public official liability, land use and annexation.

Laura received her undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma and earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin. In 2026, Laura transitioned from her position as the first City Attorney for Dripping Springs to Baker, Robertson and O’Brien Law Firm where she has expanded her practice. Laura still continues to assist cities and is currently acting as the Interim City Attorney for the City of Liberty Hill.

Laura has instructed this course for Bannon & Associates since 2016.

Driver's License and Motor Vehicle Records
 Social Security Numbers and Credit Card Information
 NCIC and TCIC Records
 Body Worn Cameras
 Photos of Police Officers
 Juvenile Records
 Public Employee Personnel Records
 Records relating to litigation
 Minutes/tapes of certain meetings
 Contracts and Purchasing Documents
 Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure
 Medical Records
 Emails
 Economic Development Information
 Requesting an Attorney General opinion
 When it is necessary
 What must it include
 Notifying the requestor
 Challenging an opinion of the Attorney General
 Charging for Public Information
 Penalties for non-compliance of TPIA

BASICS CLASS

Due to popular demand, Bannon & Associates is offers a two-hour Open Records Basics class prior to the actual seminar. The basics seminar will take place from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Nov 4, 2026 for the nominal cost of \$50.00 per participant. Our speaker, Laura Mueller, will be available to answer your individual questions and help you understand the whys and wherefores of the job. She will also discuss the history of the Open Records Act to give you some framework as to how we got to where we are today. The Basics class will take place at the same location as the seminar.



Time will be set aside in the seminar for questions and answers.

The seminar will start at 1:00 p.m. on NOVEMBER 4, 2026 and end at 5:00 p.m.
The seminar will start on NOVEMBER 5, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the seminar is \$325.00 per participant and includes all handout materials relative to the act and pertinent opinions from the office of the Attorney General.

Seminar registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Early registration is encouraged as it is anticipated that the course will be filled very quickly and enrollment is limited. Accommodations may be reserved at the **EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS** at the government rate of **\$167.00**. **This price includes a FULL hot breakfast for all attendees each morning AND a COMPLIMENTARY welcome happy hour each evening.** The Embassy Suites San Marcos is located

at 1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666. 512.392.6450. The Embassy Suites is also located adjacent to the Tanger Outlet Centers. There is a booking link on our website: bannonandassociates.com. **GOVERNMENT RATE IS**

★ GUARANTEED ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 21, 2026 MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

★ EARLY!!! ROOMS SOLD OUT LAST TIME! Registrations may be made by returning the attached registration form with registration fees, by telephone, or e-mail with billing instructions to Bannon & Associates. Registrations for the seminar may be made online by credit card at www.bannonandassociates.com (Click on upcoming events)

CLE CREDIT IS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE ATTENDEES. CLASS MUST BE ATTENDED IN WHOLE TO RECEIVE TCOLE OR CLE CREDIT.

Registration fees are non-refundable.

CC registrations will incur a 5% process and handling fee.

If you must cancel you may send someone in your place or move your attendance to any future Bannon & Associates class.

REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE CLASS OR ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Purchase orders ARE acceptable.

If you have a special circumstance please contact Kathleen Bannon directly.

If it is determined that an alternate will be sent in place of a registered participant, please notify Bannon & Associates of the change in advance, if possible, in order that name tags and certificates may be corrected.

DRESS CODE: NO SHORTS NO TANK TOPS

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register the following persons for the Texas Public Information Act seminar on NOVEMBER 4-5, 2026 in San Marcos, Texas:

AGENCY: _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHECK ONE: _____ \$325 SEMINAR ONLY _____ \$375 SEMINAR + BASICS CLASS

Return with registration fees or billing instructions to:

**BANNON & ASSOCIATES
2720 RIVER PATH COURT
BURLESON, TX 76028**



214.228.5782 (CELL)
Bannon.assoc@sbcglobal.net
Bannon.assoc@gmail.com
Bannonandassociates.com

BANNON & ASSOCIATES
2720 RIVER PATH COURT
BURLESON, TX 76028

TEXAS PUBLIC
INFORMATION ACT SEMINAR
(FORMERLY TEXAS OPEN RECORDS
ACT)