



# NFPA 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!



**HOSTED BY THE DALLAS AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION  
FAIRMONT HOTEL  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### **What is it?**

NFPA is the “National Federation of Paralegal Associations,” and its membership base includes paralegal associations and individual sustaining members from around the United States and military paralegals based around the world. The Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA) has been an association member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) since 1976.

NFPA holds an annual convention, which is hosted by a local association, each year. DAPA last hosted an NFPA convention in 1997 in Fort Worth, Texas.

DAPA is proud to be once again chosen to host NFPA’s Annual Convention and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. During the convention, there will be a full-day of CLE for paralegals, several luncheons highlighting a keynote speaker, awards and recognitions, social events, and policy meetings. On Thursday, DAPA will host a full-day and four tracks of CLE and a student workshop. Friday will include NFPA Region meetings and a social event. NFPA is divided into 5 Regions. DAPA is in Region 2.

Saturday and Sunday are reserved for the policy meetings. The format of NFPA policy meetings are similar to congressional meetings where policies affecting the paralegal members and the paralegal convention are discussed, debated and potentially implemented, such as the PACE exam, the PCCE exam, legislative monitoring, ethical policies, educational policies, and more. Each association in attendance is represented by a delegate(s). These delegates are given voting rights by their associations to discuss, debate and vote on any given policy. Policy meetings are governed by the NFPA President and Board of Directors and a registered Parliamentarian.

Attending the NFPA Annual Convention is a great way to learn more about the paralegal profession, earn CLE, meet new colleagues, discuss issues and new ideas, and if that’s not enough, get involved. And don’t forget, Dallas is a great city to visit and enjoy. For more details on events, costs and times, please see the remaining FAQ’s.



## **When is it?**

The NFPA 2014 Annual Convention and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas from October 9-12, 2014.



## **Where is it?**

The NFPA 2014 Annual Convention will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The contact information for the Fairmont is:

Toll Free Phone Number: 866 540 4427

Physical Address: 1717 N. Akard Street Dallas Texas, 75201

Email address: [dallas@fairmont.com](mailto:dallas@fairmont.com)

Hotel Website: [www.fairmont.com/dallas](http://www.fairmont.com/dallas)

All guest rooms at The Fairmont Dallas offer the following amenities:

- Alarm clock-radio
- Cable television with in-room pay movies and video games
- Coffeemaker
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Refreshment center
- Keurig coffeemaker
- Safe (in-room)
- iHome docking station
- In-Room Business Amenities:
- Computer dataport
- Desk
- Telephone (wired and wireless)
- High Speed Internet connectivity in all guest rooms; Ethernet network connections in meeting rooms and wireless Internet access in public areas and guest rooms.

The following amenities may be available in selected guest rooms:

- Connecting rooms
- Crib
- Mini-refrigerator (extra \$25.00 per stay)
- Rollaway (extra \$25.00 per night)



## **How do I get there?**

### **Closest Airports**

*Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL)* = 5 miles  
[www.dallas-lovefield.com/](http://www.dallas-lovefield.com/)

*Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)* = 18 miles  
<http://www.dfwairport.com/>



## **What are transportation options to and from the airports?**

The Fairmont Dallas does not offer complimentary shuttle service but our Concierge would be pleased to assist you in making arrangements with other services.

### *Airport Shuttle*

Super Shuttle: (817) 329-3846

\$17 per person

### *Taxi*

- Yellow Cab: (214) 426-6262 (Check out Conv. link from Yellow Cab!)
  - [www.dallasyellowcab.com](http://www.dallasyellowcab.com)
- Cowboy Cab: (214) 428-0202

### *DART Light Rail*

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is the state's largest municipal rail system, serving Dallas and a dozen surrounding cities. DART's Orange Line will take you from Terminal A of DFW Airport to downtown Dallas.

<http://www.dart.org/maps/currentandfutureservicesmap.asp>

DART App - <http://www.dart.org/riding/traveltoolsandapps.asp>

### *Limousine*

Smith Limousine 214-951-0600

A to Z 214-637-5466

Execu Car 972-615-2410



## **What if I want to drive?**

### *Rental Car:*

- Hertz: 1 (800) 263-0600
- Enterprise: 1 (800) 261-7331

### *From Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Airport to the Fairmont Dallas Hotel:*

- Follow the signs to Dallas from either the North or South exits
- North exit is Hwy 114 to I-35E South
- South exit is 183 to I-35E South
- Continue on I-35E South; Exit 75/Sherman
- Take first exit, Field/Griffin
- Merge onto Griffin
- Continue straight to Ross and turn left
- Go 2 blocks to Akard and turn left
- The hotel is immediately on the left

*From Dallas Love Field (DAL) Airport to the Fairmont Dallas Hotel:*

- Exit airport turning right onto W. Mockingbird Lane
- Turn left at Maple
- Go 2 mi and turn right at Wycliff, then left at Harry Hines Blvd
- Take slight right at Field and then left at Woodall Rodgers Fwy (feeder street)
- The first light is Akard, turn right
- The hotel is past the first light on the right

*Tollways:*

North Texas Tollway Authority utilizes a pay by mail system or a toll tag. You can estimate your tolls at [www.ntta.org/custinfo/pages/tollmate.aspx](http://www.ntta.org/custinfo/pages/tollmate.aspx).

*Parking:*

Self-service covered and open parking lots and garages are available in the surrounding area or you can use the Pay by Phone App-

<http://www.dallascityhall.com/paybyphone.html#mobile>

*Valet Parking:*

Overnight Guest Rate

- \$25.00 (inclusive of tax) including in-and-out privileges per day

Daily Rates:

- \$13.00 for less than 6 hours (inclusive of tax); no in-and-out privileges
- \$19.00 for more than 6 hours (inclusive of tax); no in-and-out privileges



### **What is the Dress Code?**

The dress code is business casual for the CLE and business attire for the region and policy meetings. See below if you want to dress casual on Friday.



### **What Does “Denim Up” Mean?**

DAPA chose to support a charity during the convention, the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). Anyone who makes a donation to NTFB, either with their registration or at the convention, may dress casual and wear jeans on Friday to the Region Meetings. All of the donations will go to the North Texas Food Bank.



### **What is the Social Event Planned for Friday Night?**

DAPA and NFPA have planned an evening dinner and night at the museum . . . The Book Depository Museum. You will enjoy a networking dinner with door prizes, a margarita machine, and a photo booth. What's so special about the Book Depository building? You will find out as you roam the Sixth Floor museum where Oswald allegedly sat with a rifle as President Kennedy's motorcade traveled down Commerce Street that fateful day. Take in the stories and conspiracy theories behind one of the most pivotal moments in U.S. History.



### **What to Expect at the Convention?**

If you have never been to an NFPA convention, prepare for a positive, fun, and eye-opening experience. If you are coming to the Convention as a delegate, be sure to sign up for the "First-Timers Meeting."



### **What is the Weather like and What Should I Wear?**

October in Dallas can be warm during the day. Early October can be as hot as 90 degrees or as cool as 74 degrees, but usually averages in the high 70's to mid 80's. If you plan to do outdoor activities, we recommend that you bring clothing suitable for warm weather with a light jacket in case of a cold front or rain.

Here is a link to a guide of all things traffic, weather, and travel rolled into one:  
*For Android*

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.crystalconsulting.dallas>

*For iPhone*

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dallas-travel-traffic-noaa/id643060806?mt=8>



### **How do I Get Around Downtown and Uptown Dallas for Site Seeing?**

DART, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, has a bus system and an incredibly easy to use light rail system. There are also numerous cab companies. Most places for site seeing and restaurants downtown are within walking distance or a short light rail ride. There is also the McKinney Avenue Trolley close to the hotel with access to restaurants in "Uptown." **\*\* Please Note - Do not illegally cross the street - please use cross-walks.**

*D-Link (Downtown Bus)*

D-Link is a **FREE** way to destinations in downtown Dallas. Buses run every 15 minutes, 11 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday. [www.dart.org/dlink/dlink.asp](http://www.dart.org/dlink/dlink.asp). This does not run on Sundays.

*M-Line (Uptown Trolley)*

M-Line is **FREE** and takes you to destinations around Uptown. It stops around Pearl and Woodall Rogers, by Klyde Warren Park and is air-conditioned. Trolley runs every day of the week and takes about 55 minutes for a complete round trip.



### **Where are all the Cowboys and Cowgirls and the Rodeo??**

The closest rodeo will be in the Fort Worth Stockyards at the Cowtown Coliseum, and is held every Friday and Saturday night at 8:00 pm. The rodeo is a Championship, indoor, rodeo that includes bull riding, broncs and barrel racing! Reserved VIP seats are \$22.50, general admission is \$17.50. You can call toll-free ★1-800-COWTOWN or 817-625-1025 for more information or to purchase tickets over the phone. For more information, you can visit [www.stockyardsrodeo.com](http://www.stockyardsrodeo.com). If you would like to plan an excursion to the rodeo with someone local, please contact Cynthia Minchillo, RP, the Host Coordinator.



### **What is there to do in Dallas, Texas near the Fairmont Dallas Hotel?**

Below is a list of several places you can visit close to the hotel. Please see the list of great sites to visit in and around Dallas, Texas featured in our film and otherwise.

#### **1. Where is the closest nightclub?**

##### **City Tavern**

1402 Main St, Dallas 75202 ★ 214-745-1402

**Distance:** ~0.40 mi \*

**Description:** DOWNTOWN. This Dallas bar is famous for its \"Dirty Dusty\" drink and live, local music Wednesday through Saturday nights.

##### **Sambuca Uptown**

(Nightlife - Lounge)

2120 McKinney Ave, Dallas 75201 ★ 214-744-0820 \$ 214-231-0048

**Distance:** ~0.46 mi \* **Description:** UPTOWN. Hip, popular supper-club feel means that you'll be comfortable nibbling and drinking, listening to live music, showing off your style on the dance floor, or just relaxing with friends while jazz suffuses the place. Among the dishes you'll want to try are miso-glazed sea bass, Asian-style shrimp fettuccine, and Jamaican pork tenderloin.

##### **Lizard Lounge**

(Nightlife - Dance Clubs)

2424 Swiss Ave, Dallas 75204 ★ 214-826-4768 \$ 214-826-4769

**Distance:** ~0.68 mi \* **Description:** DEEP ELLUM. Despite the name, you won't find lounge lizards holed up at this eclectic, high-energy club, where the weekend calendar depends on who's manning the DJ booth. One Friday, urban

and hip-hop may hold sway over dance-floor denizens; the following Sunday, the lounge may host a fetish ball. Indeed, all genres of music get the limelight. Goth, classic industrial, R&B, rock B if you're into it, Lizard Lounge is the place for you! And if the action inside gets too heavy, a rooftop deck is perfect for catching a quick breath.

### **Ginger Man**

(Nightlife - Bars)

2718 Boll St, Dallas 75204 ★ 214-754-8771

**Distance: ~0.86 mi \* Description:** UPTOWN. Set in a quaint house, the Ginger Man features an outstanding collection of over 70 tap and 100 bottled imported and domestic beers. An upstairs lounge, balcony and an inviting outdoor beer garden that often features live local talent give the place added appeal.

### **Stoneleigh P**

(Nightlife - Bars)

2926 Maple Ave, Dallas 75201 ★ 214-871-2346

**Distance: ~0.89 mi \*Description:** UPTOWN. Old pharmacy shelves and decades of charm serve as the calling cards for this old school Uptowner, which has been in operation since the early 70s and features excellent burgers and Sunday brunches. The bar was originally named the Stoneleigh Pharmacy but had to change handles due to an old city law requiring all pharmacies to be licensed.

## **2. Comedy Clubs Nearby.**

### **Ad-Libs**

(Nightlife - Comedy Club)

2626 Main St, Mouth, Dallas 75226 ★ 214-754-7050

**Distance: ~0.98 mi \*Description:** DEEP ELLUM. The folks who make up this professional comedy troupe never fail to leave audiences rolling, and their act is a terrific reason to go out for the evening. If you go (and you should), keep in mind that comedy isn't something done to you ... the cast needs and thrives on audience participation.

## **3. Is there Live Music Nearby?**

### **Adair's Saloon**

(Nightlife - Live Music)

2624 Commerce St, Dallas 75226 ★ 214-939-9900

**Distance: ~1.01 mi \*Description:** DEEP ELLUM. A Deep Ellum long-standing honky-tonk, which has been popular since 1963. Adair's remains a rustic haven for folks who like to swill brew, listen to live music, and munch on good

burgers. For history buffs, too, the joint holds an allure, courtesy of a jukebox loaded with classics by Hank Sr. and Bob Wills, along with hundreds of framed photos and graffiti.

### **Gilley's Dallas**

(Nightlife - Live Music)

1135 S Lamar St, Dallas 75215 ★ 214-421-2021 ★ 888-445-5397

**Distance: ~1.20 mi \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. In addition to live Country-Western acts, this spacious honky-tonk books everything from boxing to fashion shows. Owned by the award-winning entertainer and recording artist, this enormous venue was modeled after the equally Texas-sized original in the Houston suburb of Pasadena featured in *Urban Cowboy*.

#### **4. Good Places to Eat Nearby.**

### **Zodiac Restaurant (located inside Neiman Marcus)**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

1618 Main Street, Dallas 75201 ★ 214-573-5800

**Distance: ~.5 Miles \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Located on the Sixth Floor of the flagship Neiman Marcus store, the Zodiac Restaurant claims over 50 years of fine dining experience. It is described as a venerable dining destination.

### **Pyramid Restaurant & Bar**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

1717 N Akard St, The Fairmont Dallas, Dallas 75201 ★ 214-720-5249

**Distance: ~137 ft \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Applauded for many years for its incredible cuisine and serene environment, The Fairmont's Pyramid Restaurant is better than ever. Outfitted with bronze, glass, walnut, mahogany, and lush fabrics, the contemporary Arts District restaurant gains added texture and form from dramatic organic art. The menu takes advantage of house-grown produce and homemade sauces, showcasing them in dishes like scallops with pancetta and chanterelles, a chili-rubbed rib-eye, Canadian lobster mac 'n cheese, and a West Texas antelope chop with butternut-and-mascarpone tortellini and a mushroom fricassee. A stylish bar and a chef's tasting room provide other venues for entertaining.

### **Dakota's Steakhouse**

(Restaurants - American)

600 N Akard St, Dallas 75201 ★ 214-740-4001

**Distance: ~544 ft \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Undergrown and legendary steak house with tender, juicy, dry-aged cuts such as the bone-in filet, Kansas City cut and porterhouse. Rounding out the exceptional steak offerings are small and large plates of seafood, pork and chicken. Much of the international



wine list is available by the glass, half bottle and full bottle. Extremely popular is the subterranean patio with its enchanting waterfall, outdoor bar, fire pit and gas heaters.

### **The Palm**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

701 Ross Ave, Dallas 75202 ★ 214-698-0470

**Distance: ~0.38 mi \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. The legend lives on in Dallas's version of the famous New York Palm Restaurant. This family-run Italian steakhouse prepares generous portions of tender USDA Prime aged steak, jumbo Nova Scotia lobster, and traditional Italian fare. Menu items like veal marsala, veal piccata, New York strip, and prime rib of beef are all worthy options. Favored by business executives and players from the Mavericks and Cowboys, The Palm offers a casual yet refined atmosphere. The decor is unique: walls adorned with hundreds of caricatures of the rich, famous, and well-loved who've patronized the restaurant over the years.

### **Dick's Last Resort**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

2211 N Lamar St, Dallas 75202 ★ 214-747-0001

**Distance: ~0.39 mi \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Expect some good-natured ribbing from your server when you walk through the doors of this BBQ spot. The wait staff is known for its funny comments and sly jibes. It's also good to know that, if they can dish it out, they can also take some of the same! In addition to the rudely funny jokes and puns, these servers also dish up tasty fried catfish and tangy BBQ, as well as burgers, steaks, and seafood. Rinse it all down with a cold beer B they have plenty to choose from! Reservations accepted for group of 10 or more.

### **Stephan Pyles**

(Restaurants - Dinner)

1807 Ross Avenue at St. Paul, Dallas ★ 214-580-7000

### **Luna de Noche**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

2300 Victory Park Ln, Dallas 75219 ★ 214-420-3050

**Distance: ~0.41 mi \* Description:** VICTORY PARK. Widely applauded for its well-executed Tex-Mex fare, Luna de Noche has a reputation for offering heaping portions. The restaurant, one of several in the area, tempts diners' resolve with dishes like jalapeno meatloaf, beef short ribs, tuna tacos, and a variety of grilled chicken selections. You can also stick to classics, like enchiladas, fajitas, or combination plates that let you sample a little of many things. In the mood for a little culinary drama? Take advantage of tableside preparations of guacamole or queso flameado, where chorizo, cheese,

mushrooms, and onions are ignited before your eyes. Luna de Noche also serves an appealing

### **Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse**

(Restaurants - Lunch)

302 N Market St, Dallas 75202 ★ 214-744-1610

**Distance: ~0.42 mi \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Around since 1910, this legendary BBQ spot serves large portions of melt-in-your-mouth barbecue topped with savory sauces that'll have you toting your own jar home. Choose from pulled pork or chicken, brisket, ribs, sausage, ham or turkey. Sides come in hearty portions and include coleslaw, potato salad and green bean casserole. Fried onion rings have a following all their own, and local and national celebs make sure to visit Sonny Bryan's whenever they can. **User Rating: 8 / 10**

### **Afternoon Tea at the Adolphus**

(Restaurants - American)

1321 Commerce St, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas 75202 ★ 214-742-8200

**Distance: ~0.43 mi \* Description:** DOWNTOWN. Baroque architecture and opulent decor are trademarks of this classic hotel, which serves afternoon tea in elegant, luxurious surroundings. Darjeeling, Earl Grey, Russian Country Blend, and a selection of decaffeinated and spiced teas are among the many selections. With an equally impressive list of sandwiches, scones, and pastries, the menu promises that tea isn't all you'll enjoy! Be sure to try petit fours, chocolate truffles, and fresh fruit tarts, all served on fine china and silver. For added class, a pianist entertains on an 1893 Steinway that once belonged to the Robert Guggenheim family.

Keep Reading for More Fun Sites!



## Other Fun Things to do in Dallas and Informative Websites

Below is a list of places featured in the promotional video and some great places to visit while you are in Big D!

### DALLAS FEATURED LANDMARKS

1. **Hyatt Regency / Reunion Tower** (<http://bit.ly/1byxVHP> with new Geo Deck, downtown)
2. **The Old Red Courthouse and Museum** ([oldred.org](http://oldred.org))
3. **Southfork Ranch** (Parker, Texas, Northeast of downtown Dallas, [southforkranch.com](http://southforkranch.com))
4. **Cowboy Stadium** (Arlington, Texas, West of downtown, [stadium.dallascowboys.com](http://stadium.dallascowboys.com))
5. **Rangers Ballpark in Arlington** (Arlington, Texas, West of downtown, <http://atmlb.com/2q2Gru>)
6. **American Airlines Center** (Victory Plaza, downtown, [americanairlinescenter.com](http://americanairlinescenter.com) and [victorypark.com](http://victorypark.com))
7. **Texas Motor Speedway** (Fort Worth, Texas, [texasmotorspeedway.com](http://texasmotorspeedway.com))
8. **McKinney Avenue Trolley** (connects Uptown with downtown, [mata.org](http://mata.org))
9. **Galleria Mall** (northwest Dallas, [galleriadallas.com](http://galleriadallas.com))
10. **Wild Bill's Western Store** (West End downtown, [wildbillswestern.com](http://wildbillswestern.com))
11. **Dallas Zoo** (South of downtown available by rail, [dallaszoo.com](http://dallaszoo.com))
12. **Neiman Marcus** (Main and Elm Streets, downtown, [neimanmarcus.com](http://neimanmarcus.com))
13. **George L. Allen, Sr. Courts building** (Commerce Street, downtown)
14. **Majestic Theater** (Elm Street, downtown, <http://bit.ly/16y0o9L>)
15. **Perot Museum** (N. Field Street, west side of downtown, [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org))
16. **Kennedy Memorial** (between Commerce and Main Street, [jfk.org](http://jfk.org))
17. **The Nasher Sculpture Center** (Flora St., downtown, [nashersculpturecenter.org](http://nashersculpturecenter.org))
18. **The State Fair of Texas** (east of downtown, I-30 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, [bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com))
19. **Klyde Warren Park** (over Woodall Rogers Frwy, west side of downtown, [klydewarrenpark.org](http://klydewarrenpark.org))
20. **Pioneer Plaza Cattle Drive** (Young Street, Dallas Convention District)