

2004 The Car Crash Seminar: From Sign-up to Settlement
December 16-17, 2004 • Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa • San Antonio, TX
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Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 16, 2004

Presiding Officer:

Angel Luis Reyes III, Heygood, Orr & Reyes, L.L.P. - Irving, TX

2:00 pm In San Antonio Only 0.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Advertising Regulations, Plus the New Rules An overview of ethical requirements of lawyer advertising, including a discussion of the current rules and proposed changes. Ray Cantu, The State Bar of Texas - Austin, TX
2:30 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Evaluating Potential Cases: Asking the Right Questions This session addresses the issues that arise when faced with a potential client. Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd LLP - Houston, TX
3:15 pm In San Antonio Only 0.75 hr	Litigating Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Insurance Claims in Texas An overview and update of UM/UIM insurance coverage in Texas and the effect of the Texas insurance code on UM/UIM insurance claims. John Steven Mostyn, Mostyn Law Firm - Houston, TX
4:00 pm In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	Preparing for and Trying the \$5K-\$50K Car Crash Case This lecture addresses: (1) financially affordable ways to try cases; (2) preparation tips before trying cases; and (3) how to maximize the value of cases. Luis Pedro Bartolomei, Heygood, Orr & Reyes, L.L.P. - Irving, TX Daniel John Christensen, Smith & Carlson PC - Austin, TX

Friday Morning, Dec. 17, 2004

Presiding Officer:

Lesley Ann Howe Lorenz, Lorenz & Lorenz, L.L.P. - Austin, TX

8:30 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>What's in an Insurance Policy?</p> <p>So, you think you know what “full coverage” means? Exactly what coverage is required under Texas law these days? Or what kind of coverage is available when a teenager delivers pizzas (or goes joyriding) in the family vehicle? Think again. Although the Texas Department of Insurance now permits insurers to vary their policies from the TDI form, the Texas Personal Automobile Insurance Policy is still the policy that is used by a vast majority of insurers. What we call a “policy,” or an insurance contract, actually consists of five separate contracts. What are these contracts, and what kind of litigation can arise from them? When a prospective client walks in the door with an auto claim, where do you start? And where do you finish? What have Texas courts done lately with the Stowers Doctrine, bad faith, and Insurance Code claims? How do insurance companies decide what to do with liability and UIM limits in a multiple-car accident? Attend this informative session to learn how these and other issues will affect your practice—and your bottom line.</p> <p>Bobbi Sheahan, Attorney at Law - Stanford, CA</p>
9:00 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>Recognizing the Auto Product Liability Case</p> <p>A roadmap for the car crash lawyer to recognize the auto product liability case when evaluating a typical car wreck case. Crashworthiness, Roof Crush, Defective Seatbelt, Seatback Failure, Power Window Death, Stability/Rollover, Airbag Failure and more.</p> <p>Michelle L. Mears, Angel Reyes & Associates And Michelle Me - Houston, TX</p>
9:30 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>Accident Reconstruction</p> <p>This seminar will offer information on accident reconstruction and investigation techniques and highlight state-of-the-art technology used in analysis and presentation.</p> <p>Steve Irwin, The Irwin Company - Dallas, TX</p>
10:15 am In San Antonio Only 0.00 hr 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Subrogation Issues</p> <p>The private and governmental entities who have legitimate claims to settlement funds and boundaries on those claims.</p> <p>Quentin Brogdon, Law Offices Of Frank Branson PC - Dallas, TX</p>
11:00 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>Effective Mediation Strategies</p> <p>What lawyers should and should not do when mediating personal injury claims in the tort reform era.</p> <p>Gary G. Berman, Dallas, TX Stephen John Vacek Jr., San Antonio, TX</p>

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12:00 pm In San Antonio Only 0.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Communicating with Clients How to communicate effectively with your clients and establish reasonable expectations for the client and attorney. From the initial interview, during the client's treatment, when the demand letter is done, in negotiations, prior to mediation, and at settlement. Judith Ann Kostura, Austin, TX
12:45 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Biomechanics of Injury Discussion of the biomechanics of injury to people, including the pathology and types of biomechanical effects, injuries and complications. Don C. Dunlap, Emergency and Medical Trauma - Southlake, TX
1:15 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Interpreting Medical Records and Performing Medical Research Hear from an expert on how to analyze medical records, and research potential claims utilizing Internet resources. Janabeth Fleming Taylor, Attorneys Medical Services, Inc. - Corpus Christi, TX
2:00 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	HB 4 Strategies Offers of settlement and proportionate responsibility from a plaintiff and defense perspective. Randy Howry, Herman, Howry & Breen, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
2:30 pm In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	How to Bring in Business and Make It Rain Angel Luis Reyes III, Heygood, Orr & Reyes, L.L.P. - Irving, TX