

# 2007 The Car Crash Seminar: From Sign-up to Settlement

## June 7-8, 2007 • Hyatt Regency Austin • Austin, TX

### Thursday Afternoon, June 7, 2007

#### Presiding Officer:

**Christopher L. Elliott**, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody - Austin, TX

1:00 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Running a Successful Motor Vehicle Accident Practice</b>  Tips on using creativity and common sense to avoid a financial crash.  Guy D. Choate, Webb, Stokes & Sparks, L.L.P. - San Angelo, TX Mary Alice McLarty, The McLarty Firm, P.C. - Dallas, TX Karen R. Roberts, Roberts Law Offices - Tyler, TX Shawn Nicole Thierry, Law Office Of Shawn Nicole Thierry - Houston, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Paralegals: What They Can and Cannot Do</b>  From gathering facts to trial preparation and organization along the way.  Sharon Russell, Dallas, TX
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Texas Standard Auto Policy</b>  General coverage issues.  Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
3:15 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Recent Developments in UM/UIM Litigation</b>  Analyzing <i>Trinity v. Brainard</i> and other recent decisions affecting coverage, recovery of attorney's fees, interest, and other damages.  Thomas A. Crosley, Attorney at Law - San Antonio, TX
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Truck Wrecks</b>  Anatomy of a truck wreck.  Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices Of Frank L. Branson PC - Dallas, TX
4:30 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Recognizing and Preserving Auto Product Liability Cases</b>  Nuts-and-bolts for handling auto product liability and crash-worthiness claims.  Michael R. Davis, Slack & Davis, LLP - Austin, TX
5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>  Adjourn

## Friday Morning, June 8, 2007

### Presiding Officer:

**Price Ainsworth**, Law Offices Of Price Ainsworth PC - Austin, TX

8:30 am 0.50 hr	<b>Evaluating Potential Cases: Asking the Right Questions</b>  This session gives a practical overview of the issues to address in determining whether to accept the representation of a client in a car crash.  Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd LLP - Houston, TX
9:00 am 0.50 hr	<b>Working Up the Case</b>  Developing and investigating the case including taking witness statements, obtaining police reports, driving records, and physical evidence. Includes handouts such as a checklist of what to order, litigation forms, police/doctor depo outlines, sample intake, and more.  Brent Carpenter, Carpenter & Carpenter PC - Sugar Land, TX
9:30 am 0.50 hr	<b>Proving Up Your Medical Records</b>  Problems and pitfalls.  Sonia M. Rodriguez, Branton & Hall PC - San Antonio, TX
10:00 am 0.75 hr	<b>Paid v. Incurred</b>  Perspectives from the bench and the bar and addressing TCPRC § 41.0105 and medical expense recoveries.  Jim Mac Perdue Jr., The Perdue Law Firm LLP - Houston, TX Hon. Stephen Yelenosky, 345th Judicial Civil District Court - Austin, TX
10:45 am	<b>Break</b>  Break
11:00 am 0.50 hr	<b>Understanding Medical Records</b>  Maximizing the value of your car wreck case by thoroughly reading and analyzing the medical records.  Lesley Howe Lorenz, Lorenz & Lorenz, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
11:30 am 0.50 hr	<b>Getting the Most from Doctor's Depositions</b>  Using technology, strategic planning, and preparation to effectively deliver the physician's message to the jury.  Leo Del Figueroa, Leo D. Figueroa, P.C. - San Antonio, TX

## Friday Afternoon, June 8, 2007

### Presiding Officer:

**Brent Carpenter**, Carpenter & Carpenter PC - Sugar Land, TX

12:15 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p><b>Common Ethical Pitfalls in Motor Vehicle Accident Cases</b></p> <p>Plaintiff Problems: Attorney fee agreements, conflicts of interest, letters of protection, and representing multiple clients. Defense Problems: Fee audits, coverage conflicts, and negotiating with the insured.</p> <p>Claude E. Ducloux, Hill, Ducloux, Carnes &amp; de la Garza - Austin, TX</p>
1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Negotiating with the Insurance Adjuster</b></p> <p>Effective methods for negotiating with the insurance adjuster and obtaining a pre-litigation settlement in "run-of-the-mill" car wreck cases. Co-Author Joe Pereccio.</p> <p>Christopher L. Elliott, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon &amp; Moody - Austin, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Subrogation and Liens</b></p> <p>Subrogation, liens, ERISA, Medicaid, Medicare, and other things that go bump in the night.</p> <p>Judith A. Kostura, Judge, Kostura &amp; Putman PC - Austin, TX</p>
2:45 pm	<p><b>Break</b></p> <p>Break</p>
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Voir Dire</b></p> <p>How to conduct an effective voir dire after the <i>Cortez</i> case.</p> <p>Stephen G. Boutros, Stephen Boutros, Ltd. - Houston, TX</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Damages</b></p> <p>Proof, problems and possibilities.</p> <p>Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices Of Frank L. Branson PC - Dallas, TX</p>
4:00 pm	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>Adjourn</p>